

# The sheet

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## 1-2-3, LET'S LOPE!

Sallie Joseph, 1951-2020

She was the most wonderful kind of contradiction.

She loved people. And she loved her solitude.

Perhaps she needed the bouts of solitude simply because her love for all other living beings was so intense.

Dena Joseph recalls of her mother Sallie, "At family gatherings, she'd get overwhelmed and have to walk off into the sage and look for arrowheads."

There wasn't a stray person, horse or dog Sallie Joseph wouldn't invite in and take care of - whether it be for an evening or a lifetime.

Son Jay recalls days where he'd leave for school in the morning and by the time he returned home, there was another family under their roof, pets included. Or really, pets

preferred.

Her acts of kindness were legion.

As Dena says, "People keep coming up to me, telling me about things she made for them, gave to them ... I didn't realize her network was as vast as it was, the number of people she's touched, the number who have a story to tell."

Sallie Joseph, horseman, poet, artist, iconoclast, died in the Walker fire in November. She was 69.

Sallie was born in Santa Barbara into a ranching family.

Her mother had an uncle, Bill Walker, who owned a ranch at the north end of Smith Valley.

The family would drive north to help Bill during certain times

see JOSEPH, page 8

## SHOTS ALL AROUND!

Inyo, Mono begin sticking it (Covid vaccine) to seniors

By Page

As the Covid-19 pandemic continues to spread around the country, it has become increasingly clear that the United States' way out of this pandemic is tied to vaccination. After nearly a year of lockdowns, quarantine, and restrictions, things have only gotten worse.

So when it was announced that vaccines were going to be available to specific groups of the public, local folks like Randy Short naturally wanted to know how to get one.

Short, who is 75 years old and has a history of lung issues,

and his wife Mickey, 78 and a cancer survivor, had been told that it would be a serious problem if they contracted Covid-19.

With Mono and Inyo counties announcing that they would be expanding vaccinations to those 75 and over, the Shorts figured that they would receive some sort of notification about when they'd be getting vaccinated.

But they heard nothing. Calls to the local health department led to a call to their doctor, who hadn't heard anything about setting up vaccinations, and

calls to the Veterans Affairs office (Randy served in Vietnam) yielded more dead ends.

For Short, the frustration lay in the planning; with months to figure out how to do rollout a vaccine, why has there been lag time in arranging shots? The State of California has lagged behind many other states in getting shots in arms for a variety of reasons, including people turning down the vaccine, a rigid prioritization process, and a large general population.

Short referenced a situation in Ukiah, in which a freezer see SHOTS, page 9

## WINK AND A NOD

If you think you're essential, we think you're essential

By Lunch

Shhhh ... So here's the open secret.

Mammoth is open to visitation.

But only tell that to the people who support that position. And deny it to the people who don't.

On Friday, January 8, the Town of Mammoth Lakes made a minor yet significant "adjustment" to its enforcement efforts of the current Public Health order as it relates to lodging.

Old standard: Essential workers must provide proof they are essential.

New standard: If you tell us you're essential, we take your word for it.

The Mammoth Lakes Lodging Association met via Zoom on Monday, January 11 to talk about the new rules. This is how Lodging Association Chairman John Morris laid it out:

-Lodging operators can host up to 30% occupandy. Or sibgle units can rent up to 10 days per month.

-Owner/guests are not

included as part of this calculation.

-Each unit is subject to a 48-hour blackout between stays.

-Guests must fill out an essential worker form when they arrive, asserting they are essential.

Essential is defined as filling out any box on the form.

One of the boxes on the form states "other."

"It's equally important to read what the form does not say as much as it does say," advised Morris.

Sierra Nevada Resort General Manawer Brent Truax chimed in, "Follow the instructions as given."

"Your conversation with your guest is your conversation with your guest," piggybacked Morris, who added, "We need to be careful on this. We are not open for rentals. That is inaccurate. We are open to essential travelers with restrictions."

Ralph Lockhart, owner of Double Eagle Resort and Spa, was more direct.

"It appears to be a wink and a

nod," he said.

"You can look at it that way if you wish," replied Morris.

A full shutdown will happen if we get out of control, Morris said in warning to the 83 people on the call. "If you go over the percentage, they'll [Town enforcement staff] more than likely ask for your calendar.

The existing fine/penalty structure remains in place.

On the restaurant side, Mammoth Restaurant Association co-chair Brandon Brocia said in that group's Monday afternoon meeting that "There's a clear expectation from Town Manager Dan Holler that we're not opening dining rooms ... anything with a boundary attached to a restaurant is considered off-limits.

Stand-alone tables are permitted, with the wink and nod that these tables are public tables open to all - not just diners from the nearest physical establishment.

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Is that seat taken?

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Stop shopping!

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# WHO LEFT WHOM?

When the late Ronald Reagan so famously switched political parties back in the early 1960s, he said in explanation, "I didn't leave the Democratic party. The Democratic party left me."

Which is likely, in reverse, what many Republicans are thinking these days.

At a certain point, it would seem improbable to suggest that America would retain a two-party political system in perpetuity. If there's an abundance of choice in every other realm (I mean, when I was growing up, there were only three television stations!), it's difficult to imagine folks will accept just the two existing, overarching and rickety political tents.

The mob that attacked the Capitol on January 6 can have their own political party. Instead of the logo being a donkey or an elephant, I think it should be the guy who wore the face paint and the horns.

And this way, poor Donald will have a political home to retreat to on January 20, surrounded by all the people he would otherwise never invite to Mar-a-Lago.

Interesting that one of the clowns who voted not to certify the presidential election results represents Inyo and Mono Counties. Congressman Jay Obernolte take a bow.

The current issue of the New Yorker features a forty-page story entitled "The Plague Year" talking about Covid and the timeline of what happened and profiles some of the players and what they did right or wrong. Really a must read. Meaning virtually no one will read it - or at least it won't be read by those who would rather be geniuses in their ignorance versus conflicted in their knowledge.

I know the rationalizations. It's the New Yorker. They're out to blame Trump, etc. But there are heroes in this story who served in the Trump Administration. Who understood the science and what was happening.

They were unfortunately ignored.

Matthew Pottinger served as deputy national security adviser. He lobbied the president to shut down foreign travel in late January of last year. He was overruled by the economic wing, principally Larry Kudlow, the president's chief economic adviser.

This paragraph provides a telling encapsulation of Mr. Pottinger's experience:

"Pottinger's White House experience has made him acutely aware of what he calls 'the fading art of leadership.' It's not a failure of one party or another; it's more of a generational decline of good judgement.

'The elites think it's all about expertise,' he said. It's important to have experts,



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-Bill S. Preston, Esq.

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but they aren't always right: they can be hampered by their own orthodoxies, their own egos, their own narrow approach to the world.

Pottinger went on. 'You need broad-minded leaders who know how to hold people accountable, who know how to delegate, who know a good chain of command and know how to make hard judgements.'

Other findings: Of 14 advanced countries, the United States and United Kingdom represent the only two where its citizens are less unified now than before the pandemic hit.

Why basic protocols like masks and distancing matter: The starkest example occurred in Kansas, when the governor issued an executive order to wear masks in public but allowed counties to opt out. It was as if Kansas were performing a clinical trial on itself. Within two months, infections in mask-wearing counties had fallen by 6%; elsewhere, infections rose 100%.

In reference to the page one story where the Town has opted to wink and nod and open some lodging, I've covered this town for twenty years. And while people always chirp about "out of the box" thinking, this represents the most out of the box decision (perhaps along with gutting the police department as part of the bankruptcy fallout a decade ago) I've ever witnessed around here.

Congratulations to Jen McGuire and the Tri-County Fairgrounds for winning a Merrill Award, basically the Oscar/Emmy within that industry. Bishop had never been nominated/won before. The Tri-County Fairgrounds was recognized for its unique drive-in entertainment venue which it put together last summer and fall.

From the annals of disastrous public appearances came this gem from the January 5 Inyo County Supervisors meeting.

The Supes had several housekeeping items on the agenda related to extending commercial cannabis business licenses.

First three applications sail by. Maybe five minutes apiece. Each potential cultivation site located in the Olancho area or Pearsonville. Each applicant has paid their annual license fee. They're just at different stages of the approval/application process. Each is asking for a one-year extension. The conversation is professional and cordial between applicants, staff and Supervisors. All approved.

Then the fourth applicant gets on the line. Old Spanish Cannabis and Commercial Park to be located in Charleston View. The guy's name is David Saccullo and oh, he thought he was a big shot. Tossed big numbers around. \$3 million invested of his own money. 80-acre site. 2.1 million square foot facility. 220-acres devoted to solar and a microgrid. Anticipating \$800 million in investment.

Just one little sticky thing. Big shot hadn't paid his \$9,000 annual fee.

Further, he suggested that he might only deign to pay the fee if he got his extension first.

New Supervisor Jen Roeser was unimpressed. "I don't care for the position of 'I'll pay my fee if I get an extension,'" she said. "As a business owner, you need to be above reproach," she added. "I don't think you hold municipal governments hostage to make a business model work."

Then it got embarrassing. Mr. Saccullo couldn't be bothered to do a little homework before the meeting to recognize who Roeser was or the title she held. In his reply, he referred to her as "The Gal."

Board Chairman Jeff Griffiths then attempted to save the man from himself.

Griffiths: Are you going to pay the fee?

Saccullo: Yes.

Griffiths: Good. Any more and you're going to be digging a bigger hole.

Supervisor Rick Pucci, as animated as I've ever seen him, reminded Mr. Saccullo of Roeser's job title and basically said, look, there's a public hearing scheduled later to discuss revocation of your license because you haven't paid the fee.

Let's continue the hearing two weeks and give you time to pay the fee before we discuss any further extensions.

As of this writing, Saccullo still hasn't paid. Further, a simple Google search of Saccullo yields a colorful litigation history.



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# Preinscripción para la Vacuna

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Safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines will be essential tools to end the pandemic. Mono County will follow all federal and state guidance for prioritizing persons to be vaccinated, and in partnership with Mammoth Hospital, will be transparent, strategic, and equitable in its vaccine distribution. Vaccinations are underway, however, it will take some time before the vaccine is readily available to everyone in Mono County who wants one.

Vacunas contra el COVID-19 que son seguras y efectivas serán herramientas esenciales para frenar la pandemia. El condado de Mono seguirá todas las pautas federales y estatal para priorizar a las personas que se vacunarán, y en asociación con el hospital Mammoth y la distribución de las vacunas será transparente, estratégico y equitativo. Las vacunas están en curso, sin embargo, tomará un poco de tiempo antes de que la vacuna esté disponible para todos los que la deseen en el condado de Mono.

While public health experts learn more about the protection vaccines provide, it's important to keep using all proven health measures available to us to help slow the transmission of this deadly virus. This includes wearing masks, washing hands, staying 6 feet apart, and not gathering indoors with those outside of your immediate household unit. **#StaySafetoStayOpen**

Mientras que los expertos en salud pública aprenden más acerca de la protección que brindan las vacunas, Es importante seguir utilizando todas las medidas de salud comprobadas disponibles para ayudar a retrasar la transmisión de este virus mortal. Esto incluye usando las mascarillas, lavarse las manos, manteniéndose 6 pies de distancia, y no reunirse adentro con personas que no sean parte de su hogar inmediato.

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## VACCINATE MONO PRE-REGISTRATION

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The questionnaire will assist the Mono County Public Health Department prioritize COVID-19

immunizations per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and California Department of Public Health guidelines. **Simply hold your camera to the QR code and complete the online form.**



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## VACCINATE MONO WEBSITE

For updated Mono County COVID-19 vaccination information, community resources, a vaccine dashboard, immunization schedule, Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ), informative videos and more, please visit [coronavirus.monocounty.ca.gov/pages/vaccinations](http://coronavirus.monocounty.ca.gov/pages/vaccinations), or click on the Vaccinations graphic on the homepage of the Mono County COVID-19 Portal.

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a priorizar las inmunizaciones de COVID-19 por las pautas de los Centros para el Control y la Prevención de Enfermedades y el Departamento de Salud Pública de California. **Simplemente coloque su cámara en el código QR y complete el formulario en línea.**



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# LOCAL NEWS

## THE THIN SNOW LINE

By Page

It's no great secret that winter '20-'21 has been a bit of a bust so far. One only has to go outside during the day, when it's sunny and the temperature hovers in the mid-to-upper 40's, to understand why.

Mammoth Mountain currently reports a season total of 56 inches, with base depth of 27-40 inches, varying throughout the mountain.

The National Weather Service Office in Reno released its monthly newsletter this week, providing a look back at recent months, an update on current conditions, and an outlook for the next few months.

October-December 2020 ranked in the bottom third in terms of precipitation as compared to the same time period during previous years. Some storms in December helped move the needle a bit more towards normal.

The newsletter reports that while December started with minimal snowpack accumulation, storms mid-December through January brought the overall snowpack closer to normal.

Snowpack for Lake Tahoe and Alpine county was at 70% of the median as of January 9, but Mono County was sitting at 46% of the median on the same date.

Overall, reservoirs are below normal levels, with those in the Northern Sierra the most affected.

Looking ahead, NWS Reno anticipates that precipitation will remain low for both the short and long term (1-3 months out), with temperatures above average during that timeframe.

The likelihood of snowpack clocking in at even 75% of normal is quite low.

Soil moisture is also lower than average; some of the snowmelt will be absorbed in the spring to compensate for this, further lowering the amount of water that can be expected this spring.

The Sheet spoke with NWS Reno Meteorologist and Public Information Officer Chris Smallcomb about the NWS projections and why they are what they are.

"Obviously the storms have underperformed so far, to say it mildly," Smallcomb said, "[But] there is some hope on the way."

According to Smallcomb, the region was supposed to get some good snow last week but the storms were either pushed to the north or mostly fell on the western slopes of the Sierra.

"Right now, based on the snowfall data in the Eastern Sierra, we're generally running about 25-40% of normal in terms of snowpack for this time of year," he said, "Definitely way below

where we should be right now."

He was optimistic in one way; winter so far has not been as dry as it was during the 2014-2015 winter season, which was the peak of the drought in California.

Things can also change very quickly in the Sierra; Smallcomb said that local winters "go from bust to boom quickly," referencing February and March 2019, when a ton of snow fell after a drier-than-normal season to that point.

More good news: Smallcomb reported a potential pressure change on the horizon, taking place towards the end of next week.

There's currently a ridge of high pressure sitting over California and Nevada, which is pushing storms out of the area to the north. As a result, the Pacific Northwest is getting a lot of that precipitation.

Smallcomb said that colder storms coming out of the Gulf of Alaska could bring more snow than rain to the region soon; simulations show a more active weather pattern coming into the area around January 22.

None of that is to say that the snowpack will be back to 100%. "We'll take anything at this point," Smallcomb said.

As for forward projections, it's hard to tell. Another forecaster that the Sheet spoke with at NWS Reno said that while things are expected to be drier than normal for the next few months, there's not much that can be said beyond that. Smallcomb agreed, saying that there's no clear signal for longer-term weather.

In La Nina years, he said, weather tends to be drier in Southern California but due to the Eastside's location at the edge of that region, the effect is not as great.

The area is already in a drought situation, he said, thanks to last year's drier winter and a lack of major rainfall events in the summer.

The drought scale runs from a 1-4 (four being highest); the Eastern Sierra is currently at a 2. A year ago, Smallcomb said, we were at 0.

If the winter does end up drier than usual, that drought number could be bumped up. At that point, water supply could become an issue.

"We want the ridge of high pressure to move to the west over the Pacific Ocean, that will open the storm door," Smallcomb said.

"We're at a deficit ... but we've still got quite a bit of time until we get desperate"

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# HOP ON THE BUS, GUS

So long as there aren't 20 people already on it

By Page

The Sheet spoke with Eastern Sierra Transit Authority (ESTA) Executive Director Phil Moores this week about how the pandemic has affected bus operations in the past year and what may be on the horizon for 2021.

Moores said that March "is when [the pandemic] started to really affect u s... we had a lot of vulnerable folks go home for a period of time to be safe and so we had to cancel some service for lack of bus operators."

Bringing back services, he said, has been difficult, with the loss in ridership proving to be a substantial problem. In

some months, ridership has dipped as low as 90% from the year before.

That dip, in turn, "affects fare revenue, which is very low," said Moores, who added that the organization had received some CARES Act funding which helped to alleviate some of the losses.

One of the biggest losses for ESTA in 2020 was the Red's Meadow shuttle service, which takes riders to Devil's Postpile and Rainbow Falls. The shuttle was cancelled because social distancing requirements on the bus would've rendered the service financially unviable. The cancellation represents an

approximate \$500,000 loss.

And there's no certainty that it will be back in 2021. Moores wasn't sure if vaccines will have reached enough of the population by that time for the state to consider lifting seating restrictions.

"We're fortunate that we've only had one case of Covid at ESTA," Moores said, "It represents how careful everyone's been and the mitigations of cleaning and social distancing."

That is helped by strong compliance on the part of the riders, who have "been very respectful of the requirements to date, I haven't had to suspend

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**"[The public] shouldn't be concerned that public transit is any more likely to spread infection than any other store or any other place."**

-Phil Moores

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any passengers for failure to comply, I haven't warned anyone."

Moores expressed some optimism for the future. Ridership, while still much lower than averaged, had increased to 56% of the previous year in October, up from being down nearly 90% earlier in the year.

It would be difficult for ESTA to see ridership much closer to the previous year for the time being, Moores said, because the buses have a capacity of 50-55 riders. Social distancing requirements have cut that number closer to 20, less than half of original intended occupancy.

He also said that reserves and CARES Act funding will help ESTA get through the remainder of the fiscal year.

Karie Bentley, Administration Manager, wrote in a staff report for ESTA's December 2020 board meeting that operating revenue is forecast to be just under \$5.3 million while expenses are projected to clock in around \$4.54 million.

This leaves the organization with a surplus of about \$595,000 due to unexpected funding from Mono County (\$117,000 saved), decreases in health insurance premiums - \$83,000, availability of toll credits on the Reno route (\$44,000), unused contingency funds (\$75,000), and low fuel prices (\$223,000).

Moores did project that ridership might be down again at the beginning of the new year. "I would expect to be down yet again maybe at 70%," he said, "December and January is typically high ridership for us."

In spite of the decrease in revenue and ridership, Moores said, ESTA has been able to return nearly all of its services with the exception of post-midnight bus routes in Mammoth Lakes.

"The curfew kind of made the 12-2 not necessary," he said, "We're still operating until midnight though, for folks working at restaurants and hotels."

"I hope that people don't consider public transit to be particularly [stressful]," Moores said, "They shouldn't be concerned that public transit is any more likely to spread infection than any other store or any other place."

"There's always a period of recovery," he continued, "people will be cautious ... I'm hoping that we can get to at least 75% of normal sometime this summer."



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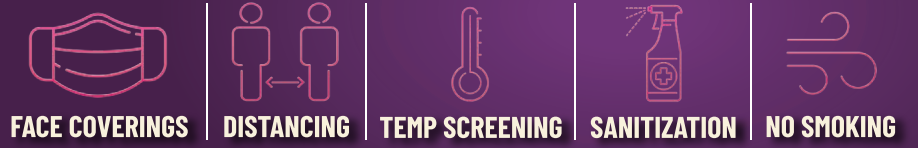
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of year.

One day, Sallie's parents decided to drive back around through Antelope Valley instead of the usual straight shot down to Bridgeport. They fell in love with the A.V. instantly, and bought a ranch in Coleville in 1959.

Sallie graduated Coleville High School in 1969.

She then attended one community college, and after taking all the arts classes it had to offer, enrolled in a second school to take all of its arts classes - Feather River College in Quincy.

She met her husband, Dennis Joseph, because her best friend was dating Dennis's twin brother.

Dennis was enrolled at Chico State at the time.

In an instance of romantic symmetry which would be impossible to duplicate in the modern era (damn cellphones, damn internet), he dropped out of Chico to be nearer to her at the same time she transferred to Chico to be closer to him.

They eventually figured it out, married, and then moved to Idaho where the Joseph family had bought a big-game hunting outfit based in Riggins.

That's how they spent their autumns.

In the summers, Sallie would work at Hunewill Guest Ranch at Twin Lakes in Bridgeport. She was initially hired as a kids wrangler and taught riding. And save for a few gaps, spent the next four decades of summers there.

It was one of her home places, safe places. When the marriage went south in the mid-1980s, Megan Hunewill said



her grandmother told Sallie, "Just come on down. We'll put you to work."

Her other home was, of course, the ranch in Coleville. Her first job when she moved home: She opened "Burlap and Blossoms," a flower shop and feed store.

But her true love was art. In all its forms. "She saw art in whatever she looked at," said close friend Leslie Scott.

Sallie's son Jay is a ranch manager in Smith Valley. When we visited him last week, he set out his mother's varied artwork like a gallery display.

She made wind chimes which she called "boogie bells" to keep the boogeyman away - out of various artifacts from her father's junk collection.

She had a leather shop in the garage and made horse-related gear.

She was an accomplished quilter.

And painter. She painted everything - canvas, tiles, old pieces of wood, even lampshades.

At the time of her death, she was taking a silversmithing class and getting into making jewelry.

She published a book of poetry in 2003 called "Rain on the Sage" with Ken Gardner.

She published calendars, first with her sister Donna and then later with Dwayne Leonard, the Hunewill Ranch photographer.

Many of these above items she'd sell at the Hunewill gift shop. But most things she simply gave away.

And the giving created a momentum of its own.

Son Jay talked about a saddle she gave to a little girl in Oregon who'd been a visitor at Hunewill.

When the little girl outgrew the saddle, she gave it back.

Sallie then gave that saddle to a little boy in San Diego and made a new saddle for the Oregon girl to grow into.

Where it says "go forth and multiply" in The Book of Genesis - that was an apt description for Sallie's creations, which had a way of circulating.

"She'd do 14 different things in a day," said Jay. Perhaps a few hours painting, a few hours working on a boogie bell, an hour riding, an hour helping a friend. Never mind the various odd jobs to make ends meet, driving a school-bus and the like. "She always said she would've been a greater success if she could have stuck to one thing," says Jay.

But how do you stick to one thing when you're good at so many?

One claim to fame: The Bowden Saddle Tree Company of Canutillo, Texas at one time sold a Sajoca (Sallie Joseph California) saddle tree of her own design.

She may have been best at being a mother. Perhaps because she was not stuck in a particular dynamic with her children, who both described her as a best friend.

A parent, a person who doesn't continue to evolve can't pull off that trick.

A key attribute was how observant she was. As Jay said, if you mentioned something you wanted, look out. You might come home and find it sitting there. Without a note. Without a clue who'd dropped it off, or built it, or installed it. Until you'd eventually figure it out by power of deduction. There are only so many people like that.

Dena mentioned a time where mom drove over to Yerington in the middle of the night because one of the grandchildren was sick. She must've heard something in Dena's voice. Just a slight something which told her to get in the car.

It was cruel fate, therefore, for one so observant to be blindsided two months ago by a fire she didn't see coming (her home was orientated in such a way that it faced away from the fire's path) and couldn't hear coming because of the powerful wind event that day.

Wind that carried fire 10 miles in the span of 15 minutes.

Her son says he spoke to his mother at 12:20 p.m. During the call, she told him she noticed a glow in the distance.

They spoke again at 12:22 p.m. Her house was on fire. She was set to flee.

He tried her again to get an update at 12:25 p.m. No answer. There would be no more answers. No more daily phone calls.

Her children discovered her remains in the middle of the driveway.



Leslie Scott lives in Alamo (East Bay) with her husband. She first visited Hunewill Ranch when she was nine years old.

She met Sallie when she was visiting the ranch with her family about 25 years ago.

Their shared interests, values, and understanding of what's important drew them together.

Drawing on the ranch theme, Leslie said, "We all have one great horse in our lives, or one great dog. This was my one great friend."

"She was strong, sensible, sincere, explicit, generous ... and gifted with words to describe the Sierra, open spaces and life's predicaments."

Leslie says Sallie knew all her poetry by heart and could recite it from memory. "She was most comfortable reciting poetry in a pasture on horseback with all the feeling that fit into that space."

She was far less comfortable reciting it in front of a room full of people.

As Megan Hunewill said, "She was a unique individual. Did her own thing. Said what she thought. She was one of a kind in a great way. She revamped our kids program. Guests loved her. She was a great teacher of horses and children."

All those students over the years are like seeds scattered over a grand pasture. Students who can't help but mimic a beloved instructor.

So the next time you hear the cry 1-2-3 Let's Lope! echoing over the western range, that's not only a call to get moving (and as Leslie Scott says, that's exactly what Sallie would be saying right now. Keep going. Keep creating. Don't mope around) but it's a call to memory, a call to the heavens, a call to remind us that it's never too late to inhabit our best selves.

She is survived by her son Jay, 41, of Smith Valley and daughter Dena, 43, of Yerington.

Jay manages a ranch while Dena works as a state nurse. Dena and husband John have two children, Ian and Josie.

She is also survived by her brother Bill Knowles (Bev) and their children Lindsey and David, and her sister Donna Hustace (Dusty) and their children Jaime (Erik LeFeldt) and Jeff (Jen).

A celebration of life is planned for March 13. Details to follow.



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## SHOTS

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failure left the local government with two hours to administer its stock of 600 vaccines. After organizing a team of medical professionals to administer the shots, the government put out a notice to the community that they had vaccines available and were able to administer the entire stock before the two hours were up.

If you can make that happen in two hours, how come you can put a prioritization list together in nine months?

The Sheet spoke with Short on the morning of Tuesday, January 12, the same morning that both Inyo and Mono County Supervisors met for their respective regular meetings to hear updates from health officials about vaccine rollouts.

Mono County Public Health Director Bryan Wheeler said at the Mono Supervisors meeting that the county has nearly finished with the entirety of Tier 1a vaccinations and is beginning to move into the 1b, which includes those ages 75+, food and agriculture workers, education and childcare professionals, and emergency service personnel not already covered.

Part of what is enabling Mono County to move forward with its vaccine campaign is the expected arrival of nearly 3,000 doses of vaccine, the result of communication by Wheeler to the state that previous allocations have proven insufficient - that we're ready and hungry for more.

Beginning next week, and pending the arrival of the new doses, Wheeler said the county will attempt to have clinics 4-5 days/week in Mammoth Lakes as well as in communities in the unincorporated parts of the county.

"It is a huge game changer for us in Public Health and for the health and well-being of citizens in the county," Wheeler said of the vaccine boon. If the county continues to receive a steady and sizeable amount of vaccine from the state, the vaccine may become available to the general public at a much earlier time than in other parts of the state.

Residents are encouraged to pre-register on the county's vaccine portal, accessible through the Covid-19 page, at <https://coronavirus.monocounty.ca.gov/pages/vaccinations>. The 211 nurses hotline will also help people to get registered if need be, with a dedicated phone line for vaccine registration in the works.

"Our goal is we'd like to be in phase 2-3 if not completed by the end of spring," Wheeler said, "Hopefully I can secure enough vaccine commitment from the state."

"We hope to be ahead of the curve or the trend because we are ready to vaccinate," he continued.

When asked if non-county residents who work in Mono County would be eligible to receive the vaccine as part of the tier system, Wheeler said "Absolutely," stating that county paramedics who live in Nevada have already been given their first dose.

Wheeler also said that county residents will be eligible for vaccine clinics all over the county, not just within their own communities. If someone from Walker cannot make it to a local clinic, they can sign up for a clinic in Bridgeport or Mammoth Lakes on another day.



Mono County Sheriff Ingrid Braun receives her first dose of the Covid-19 vaccine. Photo Courtesy of the Mono County Sheriff's Department

At the Inyo County Supervisors meeting Tuesday, county officials announced the launch of a vaccination page on the county website, with information about the vaccine, process, and how to register for shots. Residents are advised not to call the county Department of Health and Human Services hoping to get a name on a list, as it is currently swamped with other responsibilities.

One of the key issues that the county is working through is vaccinating communities in the more outlying areas of the county. Some people can have adverse reactions to vaccines as the result of an allergy or medical complications, which necessitates having emergency medical providers on hand. This makes setting up effective mobile clinics difficult.

"I've gotten a lot of calls," said Supervisor Rick Pucci, "and I don't really know what to tell 'em ... the answers people are getting are not clear. There are a ton of people who want to get on a list and get scheduled."

Supervisor Jeff Griffiths urged residents to be patient.

Inyo County currently has 196 active Covid-19 cases, with a grand total 882 since the pandemic began. The vast majority of those cases have been recorded in the past six weeks. 27 county residents have died from the virus.

Northern Inyo Hospital held a press conference on Wednesday, January 13, in which Dr. Stacey Brown announced that the hospital would be working in tandem with Inyo County to distribute vaccines to individuals in the 1b tier; the hospital will vaccinate those 75 and older while the county will handle workers in prioritized industries.

Brown said that the hospital has targeted 1,375 individuals for the initial vaccine rollout, most of whom are already patients in the Northern Inyo Healthcare District (NIHD). He also announced that eligible Mono County residents may receive their vaccine from the hospital.

The hospital is setting up a phone line specifically to help get people registered, operating 9-4, Monday through Friday. Those looking to register for a time slot give their name and date of birth to be registered with the hospital. They are then given two appointment times, one for each injection; Pfizer vaccine is given 21 days apart, Moderna vaccine is given 28 days apart.

Brown said that supply will dictate

how many vaccines are given. If there are 300 vaccines, 300 people will be scheduled. Anyone who calls after that mark will be added to a waiting list to be notified when more shots are available.

While the meeting was taking place, the state of California announced it was lowering the age restriction for Tier 1b to 65 and over, allowing for many more people to be vaccinated.

As for the realities of Covid-19, Brown said that in the twenty years he's been working for Northern Inyo Hospital, "the number of sick people in the unit as well as the level of care they require has been the most acute I've seen in those 20 years."

The Sheet spoke with Short again on Thursday morning, after the vaccine announcements from prior days. He said that Mickey had been on the phone since 8:30 a.m. trying to get a vaccine appointment. The line had been busy every time she called so far.

During the call, Mickey came into the room. She'd gotten through, and Randy stepped away from the phone to give his information to the person on the other end.

"You can't imagine [how it feels] for somebody who's 75 years old," Short told The Sheet after confirming his appointments, "I mean we literally locked the gate to our place on March 13, [2020]."



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# SCIENCE

## Olé Olé/Olé Olé

By Zachary Hite

COVID-19, presidential impeachment, a country divided, and more doom-scrolling have probably made this country feel small while most Americans have an undercurrent of yearning for regularly scheduled programming/news.

So how's this for a comfy retreat of a news story: global warming is still happening.

On January 14, NOAA (National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration) and NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration), hosted an annual teleconference on 2020 global temperatures and climate conditions.

The presenters were Gavin Schmidt, Director of NASA's Goddard Institute for Space Studies, and Russell Voss, Chief of the Analysis and Synthesis Branch of NOAA's National Center for Environmental Information.

Voss (NOAA) started by saying that 2020 was the second hottest year on record closely behind 2016. "Having said that, the ranks are a little bit like clickbait. They don't tell the whole story. What is more striking is that the last 6-7 years have really stood out above the rest of the record... going back further, each of the last four decades has been warmer than the decade that preceded it."

Schmidt confirmed these findings while saying NASA measured this year's global temperature as the same as 2016, meaning it was tied for the hottest year on record.

The data was sourced from sea surface temperature buoys and air temperature from air service weather stations.

In a year of record warmth on land, Voss explained some unexpected results, "While the Northern Coast of Russia finally froze shut in early November, it [the passage] was open over 100 days. I thought I read somewhere that 2020 was the busiest season ever for natural gas tankers in the arctic."

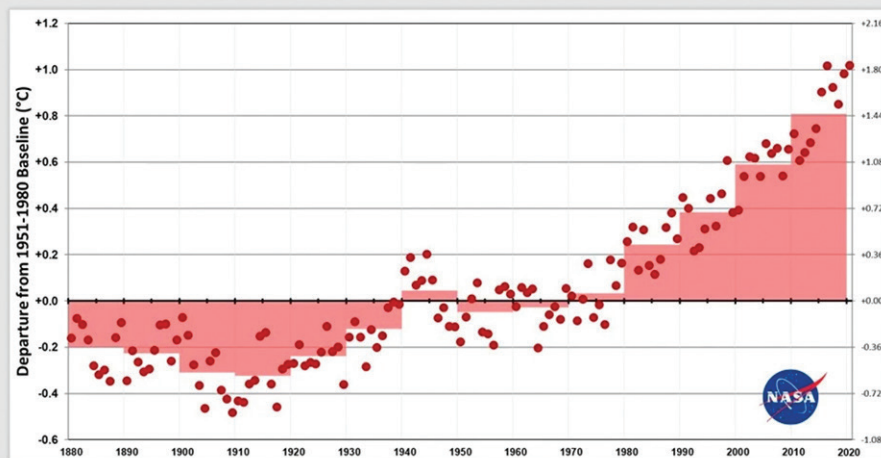
### A sliver of optimism

Obviously, the next question was why? As part of the question and answer portion, Schmidt was asked, "Can either of you speak to why earth temperatures are going up?"

**Schmidt:** So that's a question about attribution. As we know, many things have caused climate to change in the past from asteroids, movements in the earth's orbit, moving continents. When we look at the 20th century we can see, very clearly, what has been happening. As we know the continents have not been moving very much, we know the

## NASA: 2020 Tied for Warmest Year

1.02°C (1.84°F) above 1951-1980 baseline, matching 2016



earth's orbit isn't moving very much, we know when volcanos [erupted], we know what the sun has been doing and we know what we have been doing. We know that we have been increasing the amount of greenhouse gases. More than doubling the amount of methane, almost 50% increase in the amount of carbon dioxide, increases in COCs (contaminants of concern) versus years before. And we know there are more pollutants in the atmosphere ... When we do an attribution-blind driver of climate change, over the 20th century, what we find is that the overwhelming cause of the warming that we have seen

is the increase in greenhouse gases. And when you add in all of the things that humans have done, almost all the trends, in fact all of the trends in this period are attributable to human activity.

So basically, it's us. Unequivocally. Another impact of climate change mentioned was the receding arctic sea ice. "When we look at the temperatures in the arctic, the arctic is warming at roughly 3 times the rate at which the global mean is warming," said Schmidt, "It seems pretty clear the arctic amplification is a pretty serious and dramatic consequence of the global

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# FOR THOSE ABOUT TO ROCK ...

By Page

Some business ideas rock. In the case of the Maura's Mineral Treasures, the idea is literally rocks.

The store, situated in the Main Street Marketplace (Luxury Outlet Mall), has been open for about a month and a half.

But the concept for the store, the work behind it, and its contents, have all been around much longer than that.

The idea was the dream of store manager Chris Getz's mother Mara, who was a lifelong collector of minerals, crystals, fossils, and much more, and her partner, Patrick Redmond, a geologist.

Mara passed away in February, 2020, and "we still wanted to continue the shop in her honor," Getz said. "We're doing it for her."

A large placard about Mara's life stands at the front desk of the shop, telling her story to patrons.

"She was always into jewelry, crystals, rocks," Getz told The Sheet, "It was a really nice fun job for her ... a hobby to the point where she was able to travel the world."

"The shop is a collection of that," he explained. The shop's catalog consists of pieces from both Mara and Redmond's collections acquired over the years.

Getz worked as a restaurant manager in Southern California before moving part-time to Mammoth to manage the store.

Patrick Redmond, speaking over the phone from Montana, explained that he and Mara had run into each other over the years at the Tuscon Gem and Mineral Show and became close, bonding over their passion for crystals and minerals. "We were just like two peas in a pod," he said.

Both wanted to operate a mineral store and Redmond, who had taken numerous ski trips to Mammoth Lakes, suggested setting up shop in the Eastern Sierra. They began the process in the fall of 2019 before Mara became ill. After she passed, and Covid-19 began making the rounds, the plans were shuttered until Fall 2020.

"I wanted to dedicate this store to her because it was her dream for 25 years to open a store and I wanted that to happen," Redmond said.

"It's all kind of related to nature," Getz said of the store's catalog, "everything that's coming out of the ground."

Massive geodes sit upright on the floor and shelves, their deep purple crystal interiors exposed to the sunlight. Polished stones of all sizes, shapes, and colors fill trays, with certain items nestled in velvet

and displayed underneath the glass counter. A fossilized crocodile jawbone sits in a crate and surrounded by straw, giving the impression that of having just arrived from a dig in a far-flung locale.

"[The store] is more of a labor of love, just my whole career I've been collecting rocks and minerals," Redmond said, "You can't die with them so I thought 'well, I'll just start sharing them.'"

Getz, who is studying to be a gemologist, talked about how rocks, crystals, and minerals, can have metaphysical properties for people. Beyond the aesthetic and physical properties, some stones are used for healing, clarity, calm, and a variety of other purposes.

Getz explained: "Start off with what catches your eye ... ask, 'is the crystal attracting me, am I attracted to this crystal?'"

"You notice something different about it [every time you look at it] and you notice something different about yourself ... it's the continual discovery of the stone and yourself."

To that effect, Getz says, the shop has something for everyone, whether it be an avid collector of minerals and rocks to a casual shopper, small or large, and at a variety of price points.

Opening during the Covid-19 pandemic, while not the easiest thing to do, has not been too much of an issue for the store. Assistant manager Maurice Cooper described business as a "ripple effect,"



Maura's shop owner Chris Getz

saying that customers will often return to the store with others in tow.

"It hasn't really affected us too much," Getz said, "We have to constantly go and clean crystals anyway." The limited occupancy, he said, has allowed the store to grow and fine tune aspects of the business.

"For us, it's more a personable approach," he said; employees will help customers find what they're looking for or explain more about the items that they may be interested in.

Although still in its relative infancy, Getz and Redmond are already working on plans to expand into the community at large and continually develop the interior.

Getz plans to make the store into a mini museum of sorts, with excavation/digging tools hanging from the walls, local geological maps on display, and infor-

mational plaques about geology, stones, and local geological history.

Redmond expressed a desire to get in touch with the United States Geological Service and set up some informal talks and presentations on geology at venues around town (Covid willing of course) to expand local interest in the topic.

"I do want it to be a fun place to go where it's relaxed," Redmond said, "and right now we're just trying to feel it out and see what works but we've had a really good positive response from people, they love the store."

"It's a new beginning," Getz said, "but it also helps to confirm and fulfill a loved one's dream."

The shop currently maintains an instagram page @paleo\_treasures that highlights pieces in their collection, with an online store projected to open in the near future.

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# LETTERS

Re: Going (Semi) Rogue (Jan. 9 issue)

Dear Editor:

You can add my name to the list of disgruntled Mammoth Lakes small business owners described in your article Going (Semi) Rogue (January 9, 2021). I own a single condo in Mammoth Lakes, that I operate as a short term rental. This rental is managed by one of the reputable local rental management companies.

On January 8, 2021, I received a citation issued by Town of Mammoth Lakes Tax Collector Ben Manning asserting that I, together with the management company, had violated "Clarification of CDPH "Regional Stay-at-Home" Order as Related to Lodging Facilities". The fine associated with this violation was \$1000, which was paid this morning. The strange aspect of this supposed violation was that I had no rentals between December 8, 2020 and January 8, 2021. All reservations had been postponed or cancelled because of the Stay-at-Home Order. Ben Manning, Town Manager Rob Patterson and Town staff person Kimberlee Getchell have failed to explain why I was cited when no renting had occurred. I have written numerous email requests asking for an explanation.

Perhaps this is the work the temporary task force hired to 'go after' rental operators noted in your article. In any case, the Town of Mammoth Lakes Tax Collector behavior appears to amount to extortion. Tax Collector Ben Manning is manufacturing false citations to obtain income from fines, that should otherwise be provided by Transient Occupancy Taxes.

My experience suggests that owners of rental units and their management companies, even those who have complied with the Stay-at-Home Order, should be wary of Town Tax Collector behavior.

Jeffrey R. Alger  
Mammoth Lakes

*Editor's note: The Sheet called Mr. Alger upon receipt of his letter, because it seemed strange to pay a fine if you'd done nothing wrong.*

*Mr. Alger explained that the reservations were made through a local management company in November.*

*When the stay-at-home order became effective in early December, the management company called all those who had booked, and the bookings were all transferred to a later date at no additional charge.*

*When the stay-at-home order was extended, the management company contacted the final reservation (booked for Jan. 8th). But the final reservation didn't reply. The person simply cancelled and then called the Town to file a complaint.*

*The Town, said Alger, accuses him of operating illegally because he/the management company didn't ask for essential worker documentation (for the reservation that was cancelled and didn't even occur!).*

*The irony is that the Town just changed up its enforcement policy on Friday (see story page one). But not before dinging Mr. Alger for a \$1,000 fine (which he plans to appeal). He said he paid up because the threat was an additional \$1,000/day for every day he didn't.*

*Hmmm. Maybe Town employees are starting to get a little nervous about job security seeing as room tax revenue has slowed to a trickle. But nervousness and insecurity is no excuse for bullying.*

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**Friday, January 15/ Sierra Classic Theatre presents an original one-act comedy** written by Allison McDonnell Page titled, "It's a Thing." Time: 7 p.m. Free. *Attend via Zoom.* [www.sierraclassictheatre.org](http://www.sierraclassictheatre.org).

**Saturday, January 16/ Virtual Childbirth Education Class** hosted by Northern Inyo Hospital. This is the second class in a two-part series. Time: 9:30-11:30 a.m. *Please contact 760-873-2138 or e-mail: [communityeducation@nih.org](mailto:communityeducation@nih.org) for more information.*

**January 17-23/ Sage to Summit Virtual 5k Race Series** hosted by Inyo Search and Rescue. This is the first race in the series, to be run any time during the week from Sunday-Saturday. *Registration and information available at <http://inyosar.com/winter-race-series/>, suggested donation is \$20.*

**January 18-22/ Mono Makes Art: Theater with Deja.** Hosted by the Mono Arts Council. 1/18: grades K-5, 1/20: grades 6-8, 1/22: grades 9-12. Times: 4-5 p.m. *Classes are free, register at [monoarts.org](http://monoarts.org)*

**Monday, January 18/ Mammoth Lakes Lodging Round Table** meets 9:30-11 a.m. <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88670501007>

**Tuesday, January 19/ Inyo County Supervisors meet.** Public session begins 9 a.m. *Log on via the County website @ [www.inyocounty.us](http://www.inyocounty.us).*  
**Mono County Supervisors meet.** Time: 9 a.m. *Visit <https://monocounty.zoom.us/j/94524614373> or visit <https://www.zoom.us/> click on "Join A Meeting" and use the Zoom Meeting ID 945 2461 4373.*

**Wednesday, January 20/ Mammoth Lakes Town Council** meets. Public session begins 4 p.m. *Log in via the Town website [www.townofmammothlakes.gov](http://www.townofmammothlakes.gov).*

**Thursday, January 21/ Minaret Skies with Miguel** hosted by the Mono Arts Council. Registration is \$15. 5:30-8:30 p.m. *Go to [monoarts.org](http://monoarts.org) to register and to purchase supplies if needed.*

**Friday, January 22/ Sierra Classic Theatre presents an original one-act comedy** written by

## TOWN STUFF

Jesse Steele titled, "Church of Bob" Time: 7 p.m. Free. *Attend via Zoom.* [www.sierraclassictheatre.org](http://www.sierraclassictheatre.org) or *Sierra Classic Theatre's Facebook page.*

**Ongoing Mono County Libraries - Winter Reading Challenge.** From January 1-31. Mono County Libraries will participate in Beanstack's Fourth Annual Winter Reading Challenge. The theme is Book Like Us, encouraging participants to find a book in which they see a reflection of themselves. Participants can log their reading on our Beanstack site at [monocolibraries.beanstack.org](http://monocolibraries.beanstack.org). #WinterRead2021 #BooksLikeUs #MonoReads

**Laws Museum,** located just outside Bishop off Highway 6, is open Friday-Monday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. *Info: [www.lawsmuseum.org/760.873.5950](http://www.lawsmuseum.org/760.873.5950).*

**Mono County Libraries Storytime Live!** Join Ms. Chelsea for a story and fun activities on the Mammoth Lakes Library Facebook page. Time: 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays. Or start your week off with a community storytelling. Mondays at 10:30 a.m. on the Mono County Libraries Facebook page.

**All Visitor Centers (Mono Basin, Mammoth, White Mountain, Lone Pine) are closed,** but visitor questions are being answered via phone daily, 8-4:30.

Mono Basin: 760.647.3044  
Mammoth: 760.924.5502  
White Mountain: 760.873.2500  
Lone Pine: 760.876.6200

**Mono County Libraries** currently operating under Call Ahead for Pickup Service. Patrons not permitted inside library facilities.

**Covid testing/ Bishop:** Tri-County Fairgrounds, Tallman Pavillion on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday - participants must be in a vehicle to get tested.  
**Mammoth Lakes** testing Tuesdays and Fridays at Sierra Star Golf Course 9 am-12:45 pm and Monday, Wednesday and Thursday at the Mammoth Lakes Foundation. 11 am-3 pm.  
**Walker/Coleville** testing Fridays at Walker Community Center 9 am-12:45pm.

**Covid Vaccination Pre-register for your Covid-19 vaccination in Mono County.** Go to [coronavirus.monocounty.ca.gov](http://coronavirus.monocounty.ca.gov), call 211 or see ad P. 3 for more information.



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# PUBLIC NOTICES

## Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, January 20, 2021, beginning at 4:00 p.m. and continuing until finished, at Town Council Chambers, Suite Z within the Minaret Village Shopping Center, 437 Old Mammoth Road and via Zoom online, the Mammoth Lakes Town Council will discuss the following:

The Community and Economic Development Department, on behalf of the Town of Mammoth Lakes, is considering a funding application under the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program in response to the Coronavirus Response Rounds 2 and 3 (CDBG-CV2 and CV3) Notice of Funding Availability and solicits citizen input on possible activities to be included in the application.

The California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) receives funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) program and allocates funds to CDBG eligible non-entitlement jurisdictions. The California State CDBG Program published a "Notice of Funding Availability" (NOFA) on December 18, 2020, announcing the availability of approximately \$77,100,000 in new CDBG Coronavirus Response Rounds 2 and 3 (CDBG-CV2 and CV3) federal funds authorized by the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act. The CARES Act provides extra CDBG funds specifically targeted to prevent, prepare for, and respond to COVID-19. Eligible jurisdictions may submit applications for CDBG funds under the NOFA. The Town of Mammoth Lakes anticipates submitting an application under the NOFA by the "Public Services" application due date of February 12, 2021.

The NOFA indicates that the Town of Mammoth Lakes is allocated \$248,809 in funding and the funding can only be used for the following activities: (1) Assistance to businesses and microenterprises impacted by COVID-19 stay-at-home orders and shut downs; (2) Public services related to COVID-19 support; (3) Facility improvements related to COVID-19 healthcare and homeless housing needs; and/or (4) Acquisition of real property to be used for the treatment or recovery of infectious diseases in response to COVID-19.

At least 70% of the funds awarded are required to meet the national objective of benefiting low- to moderate-income individuals or households and the remaining allocation may be used to meet the urgent needs national objective.

The purpose of this public hearing is to give citizens an opportunity to make their comments known regarding what types of eligible activities the Town of Mammoth Lakes should apply for under the State CDBG program in response to the CDBG-CV2 and CV3 NOFA. A separate public hearing will be held to discuss and approve the application prior to submittal to the State.

All persons having an interest in the proposed activities / applications may appear before the Town Council either in person or represented by counsel and present testimony or may, prior to said hearing, file with the Executive Secretary written correspondence pertaining thereto. If you require special accommodations to participate in the public hearing, please contact Jamie Gray, Town Clerk, Town of Mammoth Lakes at (760) 965-3602.

For additional information, or to obtain a copy of the staff report which will be published no later than January 15, 2021, contact Nolan Bobroff, Associate Planner - Housing Coordinator, at (760) 965-3631. Facsimiles may be sent to (760) 934-7493 or email at: nbobroff@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov. In addition, a Public Information File on the CDBG program and the NOFA is available for review at the Town offices located at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 230, between the hours of 8:00am - 12:00pm and 1:00pm - 5:00pm, Mondays through Thursdays.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes promotes fair housing and makes all its programs available to low- and moderate-income families regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual preference, marital status or handicap.

**ZOOM WEBINAR INFORMATION**  
Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device: Please visit this URL to join. <https://monocounty.zoom.us/j/94467884456>  
Webinar ID: 944 6788 4456  
Or join by phone: (669) 900-6833 Callers - To Raise your hand press \*9, To Unmute/Mute press \*6

Mammoth Lakes Town Council  
P.O. Box 1609  
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TS #2021-0002

## Notice of Ordinance Adoption

Notice of Ordinance Adoption  
The Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District has updated its schedule of fees, which will be adopted in MLFPD Ordinance 2021-01 at the regular Board of Commissioners meeting to be held at 12:00PM on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at Fire Station 1, 3150 Main Street, Mammoth Lakes.

The first and second readings of MLFPD Ordinance 2021-01 will take place at 12:00PM on Tuesday, January 19, 2021 and Tuesday, February 16, 2021, respectively.

Any person may appear and be heard regarding any item in the draft ordinance by attending the January and/or February meeting via Zoom. Zoom details may be requested by emailing [caroline@mlfd.ca.gov](mailto:caroline@mlfd.ca.gov) or by calling (760) 934-2300.

A copy of the draft ordinance and fee schedule is available to the public and may be requested via the same email address and phone number.

TS #2021-0001

## Notice of Ordinance

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES  
Notice is hereby given that on January 6, 2021 the Town Council introduced an Ordinance entitled:

An Ordinance Of The Town Council Of The Town Of Mammoth Lakes, State Of California, Approving District Zoning Code Amendment 20-001 To Adopt The 2021 Parcel Master Plan And Zoning Code Amendment 20-005 To Repeal Municipal Code Section 17.32.020, Affordable Housing Overlay Zone (Ah), For Properties Located At 1699 Tavern And 33 Center Street (Apns: 035-010-020-000 And 035-100-003-000) And Making Findings Under The California Environmental Quality Act (Ceqa) Pursuant To State Ceqa Guidelines Section 15183.3.

A copy of the complete text of the Ordinance is posted and may be read at the Town Offices, Minaret Mall, Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, and/or a copy may be obtained from the office of the Town Clerk at a nominal charge.

Dated: January 7, 2021  
JAMIE GRAY, Town Clerk  
Town of Mammoth Lakes

TS #2021-0003

## Notice of Cancellation

NOTICE OF CANCELLATION  
Of The Regular Meeting Of The  
Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control  
Governing Board

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the regular meeting of the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District Governing Board scheduled for March 4, 2021 has been cancelled.

A special meeting of the Governing Board will be held on March 11, 2021 at 10:00 am via teleconference (in light of COVID-19 concerns and in response to Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-29-20 dated March 17, 2020), with details to be announced.

This notice of cancellation was posted at the District offices of the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District, 157 Short Street, Bishop CA 93514 on January 11, 2021 as well as the District's website ([www.gbuapcd.org](http://www.gbuapcd.org)).

DATE: January 11, 2021  
Tori DeHaven  
Clerk of the Board

TS #2021-0004

## Notice of Vacancy

MAMMOTH LAKES TOURISM BOARD  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board has a vacated Retail representative seat open. The remainder of the current term will expire on June 30, 2022. Candidates must be in the Retail category in the Town of Mammoth Lakes, live in the Mammoth Lakes area, represent a strong presence in the Town's tourism ecosystem, and be in good standing with all business licenses, taxes, and assessments.

The Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board meetings are scheduled at 1:00 p.m. on the first Wednesday of every month. Interested parties should file a letter of interest with the Mammoth Lakes Tourism Office Manager, Emily Bryant, via email at [ebryant@visitmammoth.com](mailto:ebryant@visitmammoth.com) by Friday, February 5, 2021.

Applicant interviews will be conducted by the MLT nominating committee in February. Recommendations and Board vote will take place in March and the newly appointed Board Member will take their seat at the April 7th regularly scheduled Board meeting.  
Dated: January 11, 2021  
Angela Plaisted, Assistant Clerk

TS #2021-0005

**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
The Following Person  
Is Doing Business As:

**Yama Ramen**

**MMSA Food & Beverage, LLC.**  
10001 Minaret Rd. , P.O. Box 24  
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by an Limited Liability Co. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on November 14, 2020. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on Dec. 8, 2020.  
File Number 20-209  
2020-0210 (12/26, 1/2, 1/9, 1/16)

**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
The Following Person  
Is Doing Business As:

**Mammoth Luxury Home Rentals**

**Mammoth Hospitality Management, LLC.**  
10001 Minaret Rd. , P.O. Box 24  
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by an Limited Liability Co. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed above on January, 2020. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on Dec. 8, 2020.  
File Number 20-208  
2020-0209 (12/26, 1/2, 1/9, 1/16)

## Olé

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[temperature] mean that is ongoing."

That has impacts on the ice. 2020 was the second lowest ice minimum, which occurs in September, on record. Schmidt said this is about a 50% decline in September sea ice since the 1980s.

Voss mentioned that occasionally people will question how NASA and NOAA can get different results. "That isn't really the message, the message is that the analyses really track each other over time despite differences in collection and coverage." Voss then showed data from five different sources that tracked each other nearly perfectly.

### Other highlights include:

-North America had it's 10th warmest year on record

-For the 48 continental states, it was the fifth hottest year on record.

-Europe and Asia had the highest average temperatures in the 111 years of NOAA's data collection

-Global Tropical Cyclones with 103 storms and 45 hurricanes ties the record for named storms in a year, tying 2018.

Finally, in another attempt to make it political, a meeting attendee asked, "North America having only it's 10th warmest year ... does it make it harder to have a sense of urgency?"

Voss eloquently answered, "I don't know that we are here to convey a sense of urgency or non urgency. We are here to share numbers with the American public and beyond. That is our mission here, to get information into the hands of people who make decisions."

### Reporter asks decent question

The Sheet asked a question in the chat, perhaps not so eloquently put, "Is there a known lag effect to things that are happening on the ground and things that we are measuring. That is to say, if all human activity that affected climate change were to cease, how quickly would this show up in the measurements?"

And Schmidt, recognizing some genius reporter asked this question, responded, "That is actually quite a good question. For instance, if we were to cease things that produce carbon we would start to see changes in the carbon concentration immediately. If we cease doing things that produce aerosol or smog, we see the changes very quickly, within a couple of weeks. But we don't see a change so much in the temperature. As [Voss] mentioned earlier, the Ocean has a massive effect on heat capacity so even if we ceased all of our effect on the climate tomorrow, we wouldn't actually see a decrease in temperatures for many, many decades. So it kind of depends on what you are looking at. Take the ozone hole. We started to curtail the use of CFCs in the late '80s/early '90s and we have seen changes in the concentration of CFCs, but the recovery of the ozone hole is kind of imminent but hasn't really happened yet. That is like a 20 year lag."

*\*He actually did say it was a good question. Score one for Hite and The Sheet's intellectual firepower!*

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# HORRORSCOPES

By Clouds McCloud

**Capricorn:** This should be a very good year for you as every challenge will lead to a reward, and maybe if you're lucky, a happy ending. To help keep you positive, your birthday words of wisdom come from fellow Cap, Stephen Hawking. A) "Intelligence is the ability to adapt to change." B) "The thing about smart people is that they seem like crazy people to dumb people." G) "Not only does God play dice but ... he sometimes throws them where they cannot be seen."

**Aquarius:** Conservative political commentator Charlie Sykes called Senator Lindsey Graham "Trump's fluffer" on national television recently. Please let this remind you that even a raving lunatic like Donald Trump has his own fluffer. So you deserve one, too, even if you have to play that role sometimes. Therefore, do whatever you've got to do to keep standing strong, upright and flashing a healthy, rosy glow.

**Pisces:** As winter carries on and keeps us indoors more often, this would be a great time to work on a project. It could be something you've been meaning to do, or always wanted to try - something as simple as making a quilt out of your old t-shirts. It's really more about the creative activity than it is the finished product. Adopting this motto from author Augusten Burroughs should help, "I myself am made entirely of flaws, stitched together with good intentions."

**Aries:** Life can be confusing. For example, many parents tell their children that "alcohol is the enemy." Meanwhile, Jesus is telling everyone to "Love your enemy." Sometimes love is best shared from a distance. Sometimes the best answer is whatever you tell yourself. The real key this winter for Aries is to simply be yourself, and accept that it's more than enough to be happy.

**Taurus:** Right now there are a few things we all should be trying to do. 1) Be good Americans and that means being kind to people of different opinions, looks or religion—unless they believe in QAnon. 2) Stay positive, test negative. 3) Accept that the best self-defense instructor is a spider web to the face.

**Gemini:** With lots of challenges still overwhelming so many of us right now, keeping a positive attitude has never been more important. That's because a negative mindset will never lead to positive life. But helping other people stay positive helps us feel that way. To help you keep dreaming and believing never forget that doubt kills more dreams than failure does.

**Cancer:** As a Water sign, you should never forget these things. 1) Water is the most important element in life, because without it you can't go fishing. 2) Never feel bad about cutting people out of your life who handed you the scissors. 3) In life it always comes down to: You've either got to fish or cut

bait, unless you're fly fishing.

**Leo:** As 2021 gets underway, these things we know are true: Some people would love to have your bad days. You control your life and have the power to manifest anything. Roald Dahl was right, "Those who don't believe in magic will never find it."

**Virgo:** Virgos sometimes get stuck on trying to achieve perfection. The inherent problem with this is that, one on hand, nothing is perfect. On the other hand, everything is. It's really up to you, so try accepting that perfection is really just a feeling, like love or hunger or horniness. You can feel like everything is perfect anytime, especially if you're fulfilling all three of the aforementioned feelings at once.

**Libra:** There's an old theory about life that says, "You're either Mary Ann or you're Ginger." Basically, you're cute, smart and friendly or sexy, dumb and lazy. The "Gilligan's Island" beauties were certainly a bit different, but the truth is, it's okay to be a little bit of both, as well as some Skipper, Professor and Lovey. So embrace these lines Gilligan's Island lines: "Anyone who says money can't buy happiness doesn't know where to shop." "No one can pull the wool over my eyes. Cashmere maybe, but not wool." "Gilligan's Island is wherever you want it to be in your mind."

**Scorpio:** For reasons the world's finest psychologists could never understand,

Clouds always thinks of Scorpios when the old Steve Winwood song, "Arc of a Diver," comes on. But most of the world's finest psychologists can't tell the real difference between Freud's ego, Jung's archetype and Pavlov's puppy. It's because of these lines, "With you my love we're going to raid the future. With you my love, we're going to stick up the past. We'll hold today to ransom, 'til our quartz clock stops."

**Sagittarius:** As 2021 gets off to a chaotic start, perhaps you should take some time to get your head straight. Shots of whiskey, tequila or Jager may help, but not as much as this shot from F. Scott Fitzgerald, "For what it's worth: it's never too late or, in my case, too early to be whoever you want to be. There's no time limit, stop whenever you want. You can change or stay the same, there are no rules to this thing. We can make the best or the worst of it. I hope you make the best of it."

## PERSONALS

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