

What's Up, Up Here?

The bear that was tagged in Yosemite but wandered over to the Eastside has an amazing range. He's been spotted in Lundy Canyon, Twin Lakes, June Lake and around Mammoth. He's easy to spot because of a yellow tag on his ear. He's been well behaved say wildlife specialists and has earned the nickname "Yosemite Sam." ...

Says Dan Dawson of the Valentine Reserve: "There is an abundance of natural food this year." Berries and currants abound and the bears are lovin' it. ...

Mammoth Councilman Skip Harvey, who has a chair on the Town Council's Wildlife subcommittee, wandered into the meeting earlier this week and said, "What meeting is this?" ...

Happy Birthday, Stacy Corless! ...

Yesterday's book signing at Footloose (Nate Greenberg, Jim Barnes, "Road Biking California's Sierra Nevada") was characterized by Footloose pal Shirley Seydel as "Book Signing, Party and Celebration of Spandex." ...

Is it really Oktober already? Well, then, let's fest today and tomorrow at The Village. ...

Those busy bees at VisitMammoth are relentless with their stickers. There's a new one making the rounds. This one is to stick to the inside of your rental property door. It's the usual blue Mammoth Lakes logo with a big, bold THANK YOU on the bottom. ...

Whitney Lennon, also of VisitMammoth, reports that Devils Postpile station halted folks entering the monument last Saturday because the park was at capacity. Whitney says that the Postpile staff doesn't remember this ever happening during the low season. "Also, I think we are going to see record numbers in our Visitor Center this



Mammoth Huskies Football held a Tri-Tip dinner fundraiser last Friday. Delicious, hot meals were brought straight to supporter's cars. Photo/Jesse Barlet

month," she reports.

That was a righteous fundraiser at the Auld Dubliner Wednesday evening. It supported victims of the Wyoming traffic accident that claimed the life of Mammoth resident William "Billy" Krawisz. Travis Mann, Chris Ricci and Ashley Hailey suffered extensive injuries. Mann's dog Nova also died in the crash. Lava Moon led a host of musi-

cians in the effort. Donations may also be mailed to Chris Camilli, P.O. Box 8381, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. ...

This week, the trail stewards of MLTPA and Friends of the Inyo are doing their good works at Panorama Dome. Help with trail construction! Pre-registration required — go to mltpa.org. ...

That rustling noise and the chill in

the air mean it's the autumnal equinox, which happened at 2:05 a.m. PDT today (Friday). So says Paul A. Heckert, a professor of physics and astronomy at Western Carolina University. ...

Of the four (of seven) Bell-Shaped Parcel bucks that have died on Minaret Boulevard so far this summer, all of them were hit by traffic right at the point where Minaret turns to the East. "That's ground zero for them as they try to the golf course, says Bear Whisperer Steve Searles. ...

It was a short, but entirely enjoyable season at the bike park this summer. Thanks Dave Geirman and Mark Hendrickson. You rocked. Now it's time to turn it back into a ski area! ...

Speaking of which, Mammoth Mountain is sticking with Nov. 2 for Opening Day, with a weekend loaded with parties, snow or no snow. ...

We'd like to welcome Nellie to Swall Meadows, and that hound could not have found better companions than Stephen Ingram and Karen Ferrell-Ingram. ...

Nice feature on Mammoth Track Club's Morgan Uceny in the latest issue of Track & Field News: "This year is in many respects a practice for next year and the Olympics," she said. "Knowing that we did the right things this year really gets my confidence going for that. Next year at the Olympics, one of those medals will be for me."

"The Monolith" is done on Pipeline at the Bike Park. Cool downhill boardwalk. ...

Truck backs into truck in Vons parking lot. Joe Parrino runs down the tarmac yelling, stops the driver. The damaged truck was not Parrino's. He's just a good Joe.

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