calendar of events

SOS: LAKE GEORGE

In partnership with MLTPA, this Summer of Stewardship event, next Saturday, July 28, will be organized a bit differently than other SOS volunteer trail days in the Lakes Basin. Begin with a bagel & orange juice breakfast at Lake George, followed by trail maintenance and lakeshore cleanup. The free lunch after will be at Pokonobe at 1:30 p.m. (rather than the usual 12:30 p.m.), making for a slightly longer day of work.

Appetizers and drinks will be on hand at Pokonobe as of 1 p.m., followed by lunch and giveaways!

Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Lake George parking lot. Dress for trail work with sturdy, close-toed shoes, hat, long pants and a long-sleeve shirt. Gloves and tools provided. Volunteers of all ages and abilities are welcome!

More info: Visit www.mltpa.org, email drew@friendsoftheinyo.org, or call 760.873.6500.

JUNE LAKE LOOP MUSIC FESTIVAL

"Something Magic Happens Here" is the slogan for this year's Fourth Annual June Lake Loop Mountain Music Festival, July 26-29. And when you're there you'll not only know why, you'll be part of that magic.

Take in some of the best in mountain music by the world's best performers, including emerging artists and local favorites. Scheduled to play: The Core Shots, Heart Full of Soul, Beth Fitchet & Steve Wood, Mark Turnbull, The Northstar Session, The Greg Felden Band, Cliff Wagner and the Old #7, and many, many more.

This year's four day, boutique festival will be at five venues around the Loop, and features a four-day kids music camp July 24-28.

Remember the June Lake Loop offers fishing, hiking, horse-back riding, swimming, fine dinning, two famous pubs and a world class spa - all in a stunning environment. .

Tickets range from \$10-\$20 and are available on the day of the show at each venue. All-event passes are also available online amd for sale in June Lake at the General Store, Ernie's Tackle, and Gnome Hollow Gallery. All-event pass holders will also receive local discounts.

A portion of the proceeds will support "The June Lake Loop Women's Club Scholarship Fund".

Tickets and full schedules: www. junelakemusic.com.

VILLAGEFEST TICKLES YOUR RIBS

Mammoth Lakes' 9th Annual Villagefest is California's Highest Rib & Chili Cookoff competition, and it gets

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Monday, July 23/

Royce Gracie Jiu-Jitsiu @ Snowcreek Athletic Club. Monday and Wednesday nights from 7-8:30 p.m.

Kids summer tennis lessons and tennis camps have begun, but it's early. Enroll your child now. For more Information please call Snowcreek Athletic Club at 760.934.8511 or visit www.mammothtennis.com.

Mammoth Lakes Music Festival continues unique chamber music programs (through Aug. 3), Monday-Wednesday-Friday evenings at 7:30 p.m. @ Cerro Coso Community College. Details: see the story in this issue. Visit www.chambermusicunbound.org.

Bishop City Council meets, 7 p.m. in City Hall, 377 West Line St. Agenda posted @ www.ca-bishop.us. **DSES Sierra Cycle Challenge Celebratory Welcome Home lunch** for the riders at Burger's, 1 p.m.

Tuesday, July 24/
Mammoth Lakes Chamber of
Commmerce Monthly Luncheon,
noon-1 p.m. @ the Java Joint. Guest
speakers: Mayor Matthew Lehman
& our newest Town Council member,
Michael Raimondo will discuss details
about our town! Info: 760.934.6717.
High Sierra Striders Speed Interval
Sessions, 7 a.m. @ Shady Rest Park.
Info: www.highsierrastriders.org.
Comfort Shawl Knitters meet, 11 a.m.
in the Mammoth Library.

Wednesday, July 25/ Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra might be washing your car for FREE in the Footloose Sports parking lot from 10 a.m.-2 p.m., if they reach a fundraising goal of \$30,000, so keep an eye out! Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Com-

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merce presents "How to Get Google to LOVE you & Customers to FIND you," a FREE educational training cosponsored by Mammoth Lakes Tourism. Christie Osborne teaches about increasing your "SEO." If you don't know what that means, you should be there! If you do know what that means, you should still be there! Edison Theatre, across from Cerro Coso College. Info: Quart, 760.934.6717.

Bishop Chamber of Commerce and Our Savior Lutheran Church Ice Cream Social! Family friendly event! 5-7 p.m. Stop by and have an ice cream or root beer float with the Chamber and the Lutheran Church, located at 162 Sneden St. in Bishop.

Thursday, July 26/ Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce Ribbon Cutting & Grand Opening @ Bleu Handcrafted Foods 3225 Main Street, Unit C, in Mammoth (between P3 & Base Camp), 6-8 p.m. Info: 760.934.6717.

Sierra Club Fun & Discovery Hike. Explore local trails every Thursday on moderate to easy hikes for fun and fitness. Meet @ Mammoth Union Bank parking lot at 5:30 p.m. Back by dark. Dogs okay.

Village Summer Movie Series: Footloose (PG) 1984. Accept no remakes, the Kevin Bacon original is the bomb. With John Lithgow. At dusk in the Events Plaza. Free.

Mono County Collaborative Planning Team meeting, 9 a.m. at the Town/ County Conference Room above Giovanni's.

June Lake Loop Mountain Music Festival kicks off. See sidebar for more info. cookin' next weekend, July 27-28, in the Village at Mammoth. Along with mouth-watering great food, you'll get lots of live, free music from Pink Froyd, classic rock from Street Heart and country-rock-blues-roots from Dave Bernal's Just Dave Band. Bring your dancing shoes to do some shuffling and country line dancing!

More info: www.mammothvillage-fest.com.

MONO KIDS FISHING FESTIVAL

Mono Council for the Arts presents the 25th Annual Kids Fishing Festival next Saturday, July 28, in collaboration with the Eastern Sierra Fishing Guides Association at the Snowcreek Ponds from 8 a.m.-3 p.m. for kids up to age 15. The event is FREE. Rods and reels provided, as are catch and release/fly fishing lessons, Dept of Fish and Game programs, art activities, lots of free raffle prizes. For more info: visit www.kidsfishfest.com!

FIREMEN'S PICNIC, CANOE RACES

Mammoth Lakes Fire Department hosts its 42nd Annual Picnic & Canoe Races next Saturday and Sunday, July 28-29. Money raised goes to support community projects, such as Wounded Warriors events and high school graduate scholarships.

Canoe Races will be Saturday at Horseshoe Lake from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Food and beverages available. Racing starts at noon.

Picnic will be Sunday at Shady Rest Park, same times. Food and beverages there, too. Also fair-style games all day.

Raffle prizes will be given out both days.

AT THE MOVIES

Minaret Cinemas

Ice Age 4: Continental Drift (PG): Scrat's nutty quest for the cursed acorn, his goal since the dawn of time, could generate a continental cataclysm!

The Dark Knight Rises (PG): In the all-star, epic conclusion to Christopher Nolan's trilogy, Bruce Wayne (Christian Bale) takes on Catwoman (Anne Hathaway) and Bane (Tom Hardy), a masked terrorist with ruthless plans for Gotham! With Michael Caine, Morgan Freeman, Gary Oldman and Marion Cotillard.

(Special Engagements: Customer Appreciation Day doesn't apply.)
Info & snack specials: www.mammothlakesmovies.com or call 760.934.3131.

ON DVD & BLU-RAY

Take 2 Video ... in the Rite Aid/Do-It Center Mall 760.924.8124

Three Stooges (PG): While trying to save their childhood orphanage, Moe, Larry and Curly stumble into a murder plot and wind up starring in a reality TV show.

Lockout (PG-13): An ex-government agent must rescue the President's daughter from rioting convicts at an outer space prison to erase a false conviction.

Coming July 24: Treasure Island, Age of the Dragons and Silent House!

BARCROFT OPEN HOUSE UPDATE

White Mountain Research Center announced this week that it will NOT hold its annual Barcroft Open House event in 2012, and apologized for the inconvenience. WMRS will still hold an OPEN GATE DAY on Sunday, September 2.

The station itself will NOT be open to the public on this day and we ask that you do not disturb staff or researchers at the station.

OBSERVE AND FOLLOW ANY PARKING RESTRICTIONS AT THE BARCROFT STATION.

NOTE: Barcroft Station is located at 12,500 feet elevation. Discomfort and altitude sickness can happen to anyone regardless of age or physical condition. If you question your reaction to high-altitude environments, consult your physician before attempting to drive to the Barcroft Station.

More info: www.wmrs.edu.