

AT A GLANCE

Golf tournament

LONE PINE – Lone Pine VFW Post 8036 will host a golf tournament Saturday at Mt. Whitney Golf Club in Lone Pine as a fundraiser for the Post's building fund. The tournament is a four-person scramble, \$50 per person, and includes green fees, cart and lunch. Sign up is at 8 a.m. with tee off at 9 a.m. Prizes will be awarded in a variety of categories. Lunch will feature barbecue tri-tip, deep pit turkey, beans and a variety of salads. Lunch only will be available for \$12. For more information call (760) 876-4423, or (760) 702-1713.

Lone Pine market

BISHOP – The Local Artisan's Association will be holding their weekly sale from 4 - 7 p.m. Friday at the Lone Pine Paiute/Shoshone Cultural Center on U.S. Highway 395 across from the Best Western Motel in Lone Pine. The market will be offering fresh veggies like squash, peppers and tomatoes, ranch eggs, baked goods including cream puffs, fruit pies, cookies, fudge and brownies. Also there will be De La Cour ranch lavender plants, cactus and succulent plants, homemade wood products, firewood and Huffy Dogs and lemonade for sustenance.

Vendors needed

BISHOP – Eastern Sierra Artists are looking for vendors for First Friday Night Markets to be held in downtown Bishop July 6, Aug. 3 and Sept. 7, from 6-9 p.m. A 10 foot by 10 foot booth space is \$20.

This is a non-certified market and vendors are welcome to sell handcrafted items, local produce, flowers, food, and more.

Local bands will entertain, beer and wine will be available.

The markets will take place on Academy Street from N. Main Street to Warren Street. For vendor inquiries call Gave Mueller at (760) 937-2942 or EasternSierraArtist@gmail.com.

Bishop Swim Team

BISHOP – Bishop Swim Team is looking for local high school students who need community service hours to come out and lend a hand.

Volunteers are needed mainly Saturday afternoon and Sunday roughly 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. each day. Those who are interested, or know someone who is interested, pass this message on and have them contact Jana Currie at JCurrie@icloud.com or send a text to (805) 794-1144.

Healthy Communities

LONE PINE – Healthy Communities summer clinics starting this week are gymnastics, summer reading and crafts. Gymnastics is full, but the instructor will be contacting some of you that are on the waiting list to fill in. She will also be reminding you what time you are signed up for and what to bring and wear.

Crafts clinic will be starting Thursdays at 9:30 a.m. at Lo Inyo. This clinic is still open.

Release forms and the calendar of activities for June and July can be picked up in the office at Lo Inyo or at LPHS or just come to an open clinic and fill out the form. For questions, contact HealthyCommunities2018@gmail.com or text to (760) 920-5816. Bishop.

County supervisors

INDEPENDENCE – The Inyo County Board of Supervisors meet in regular session at 10 a.m. Tuesday. The meeting will be held in the Board Chambers at the County Administrative Center in Independence, 224 N. Edwards St.

Tribe celebrates solar job training through futures program

Recognition ceremony for youth is planned for noon today in Bishop

Register Staff

Nonprofit GRID Alternatives Inland Empire will join the Bishop Paiute Tribe at a celebratory event recognizing the skills development of local tribal youth participating in GRID's Solar Futures initiative.

The celebration will be noon today at 298 N Winuba Lane, Bishop.

The students are learning about solar energy by attending training sessions designed to build the knowledge necessary to obtain employment in one of the fastest growing segments of the economy. The program is sponsored through grants from the Department of Energy and the California Public Utilities Commission's Single-family Affordable Solar Housing (SASH) program. The primary goal is to provide work experience and education using a "classroom in the field" for job trainees, giving them hands-on experience in the field of solar installation.

The comprehensive learn and earn skills development opportunity has three distinct phases. In phase one at least 10 individuals will spend a minimum of 46 hours attending workshops focused on building experience in every aspect of the solar industry. Then in phase two, three young adults will put skills learned to work during a three-month paid internship installing solar electric systems. Phase three will see one participant hired as a SolarCorps Construction Fellow, a 12-month fellowship working for a solar construction company.

Students will step away from the program with hands-on experience, a certificate authenticating their skills



In the GRID Alternative Solar Futures program, youth are able to obtain skills related to solar installation.

Photo submitted

learned and a professionally reviewed resume. Those who progress through phase two will complete the Installation Basic Training program and begin the process to take the North American Board of Certified Energy Practitioners (NABCEP) solar installer exam. "The classroom training was interesting as we learned about system design essentials as well as how much solar can save homeowners on their electric bill," said job trainee Ashlyn Hess. "We are now

actually installing a system. I am impressed with GRID as the staff is patient and always willing to answer questions as the job progresses."

The tribe's self-sufficiency, strategic plan and environmental stewardship will be advanced through this job training program. It is a very unique, detailed job training opportunity, the first offered by the solar industry to Native American youth. Training programs are held in high regard within the Bishop Paiute com-

munity. There is abundant sunshine and opening career choices in a field that is growing closely to the Tribe's employment goals.

Over the last five years GRID Alternatives has partnered with more than 30 tribes nationally to install solar electric systems for nearly 600 tribal member families - 2.8 MW of clean power - saving

them up to 75 percent on electricity costs, and trained tribal members in solar installation. GRID Alternatives formally launched its national tribal program in 2014 with a long-term goal of building permanent infrastructure to make solar power and job training accessible to tribal governments throughout the United States.

FIRE

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2601 junction, and 2601 from the boundary of the Inyo NF and Devils Postpile National Monument (King Creek Trail).

The Lions Fire was ignited by a lightning strike, according to the Forest Service, that was detected in early June. The fire is burning in rugged terrain primarily in the Stairway Creek drainage, north and west of the Middle

Fork of the San Joaquin River.

Fire activity moderated in recent days as the fire reached previously burned areas, including the 2017 Butte Fire footprint to the west, and the 1992 Rainbow Fire footprint to the east.

Tuesday's firefighting efforts were focused on the southwest side of the fire, north of the Middle Fork of the San Joaquin River, and

the northeast side, near Summit Meadow.

The fire is currently staffed by 266 people, including seven crews of firefighters and eight helicopters. Aircraft is providing logistical support to firefighters and cooling hot spots near fire-line construction.

For more information, see <https://inciweb.nwccg.gov/incident/news/5850/> or call (760) 582-5203.

COOK

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extensively for their suitability as wilderness. This bill will designate some of these areas as wilderness, primarily within these wilderness study areas and Death Valley National Park, while releasing other lands from wilderness study that were found to be unsuitable for a wilderness designation.

The bill also designates approximately 18,000 acres of existing federal land as the Alabama Hills National Scenic Area. This would restrict large-scale projects such as renewable energy generation, while preserving all existing recreational and commercial uses of the Alabama Hills. Activities such as filming, hiking, mountain biking, rock climbing, hunting, fishing, and authorized motorized vehicle use would be unaffected.

Lastly, HR 857 adds approximately 39,000 acres of land to the National Park System including significant acreage at both Joshua Tree National Park and Death Valley National Park.

The California Off-Road Recreation and Conservation Act has the support of San Bernardino and Inyo counties, the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, local cities, virtually every major off-road vehicle group, environmental groups such as the California Wilderness Coalition and the Pew Charitable Trusts, local chambers of commerce, and the Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Reservation.

Rep. Cook said, "This bill is the product of years of outreach to local governments, tribes, off-highway vehicle users, conservation groups,

Chambers of Commerce, miners, and other stakeholders. The bill protects recreational and OHV areas, makes crucial expansions to our national park lands, and represents a consensus on how to manage our public lands in the California desert. This is one of the most significant pieces of conservation and recreation legislation to pass the House of Representatives in decades and I thank my colleagues in the House for passing this important piece of legislation today."

A member of the House Natural Resources, Armed Services, and Foreign Affairs Committees, Cook served as an infantry officer and retired after 26 years as a Colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps. During his time in combat, he was awarded the Bronze Star and two Purple Hearts.

Local Girl Comes Home To Get Married

The families of **Karly Laughon & Joshua Ibrahim** are happy to announce their upcoming **Wedding on June 30.**

ROAD CLOSURE INFORMATION

The following roads will be CLOSED on Saturday, July 14th, 2018 for the 2018 Tour of the California Alps – Death Ride®

STATE ROUTE 89 MONITOR PASS
From 5:00 a.m. – 12 Noon

STATE ROUTE 4 EBBETTS PASS
From 5:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

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