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To our readers:
Sierra Views offers a view of the events, activities, and fun up and down the Eastern Sierra and beyond. In this issue, we feature the upcoming Lake Isabella Fishing Derby, browse through artifacts at the Eastern California Museum, and what the town of Bishop has in store for the late winter and beyond.

On the cover:
The Eastern California Museum in Independence tells a tale of history in the Eastern Sierras with historic artifacts both in and outside its location.
Lake Isabella Fishing Derby celebrates 30 years

The 30th annual Isabella Lake Fishing Derby will take place from April 13-15, 2019.
A popular event in the Kern River Valley, the derby is introducing three divisions this year: men, women and youth. The men’s and women’s divisions will pay up to $2,000 for first place, and the youth division up to $1,000 for first place. All five positions in all three divisions pay double if a 2019 Derby T-shirt or hoodie were purchased.
Also new this year, the Derby will be stepping it up in the raffle department. The first grand prize raffle will be a Sundolphin Boss SS 12-foot-4-inch...
fishing kayak fully rigged with a Lawrence Hook2 4x with a Ram mounting system, 12-volt battery in a sealed water-tight case in hall; a Lawrence through-hull scupper mount with bullet transducer; a set of trout rods and other items.

Second grand prize raffle will be a Honda Eu 2200i, 2200-watt Honda generator. The third grand prize raffle will be cash, two separate drawings for $500 cash each.

There will still be the popular fishnet raffle.

Raffle tickets are sold at the derby headquarters this year, at Lake Isabella Senior Center (6405 Lake Isabella Blvd.). They are also sold, along with merchandise, online at https://www.kernrivervalley.com/2018-isabella-lake-fishing-derby.

The first trout were delivered to the fish pens at Red’s Marina in November. They are growing fast, as they are fed three times a day by an all-volunteer crew set up by Mark Chambers of the Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce. ♦
After a two year hiatus, the internationally acclaimed Annual Fruitcake Festival returned to the American Legion Hall of the Inyo County Seat at Independence, California on December 15, 2018.

The theme this time as “When You Wish Upon a Fruitcake.” Previous themes have included everything from “Fruitcakes in Space,” “Food of the Pharaohs” and, of course, “Peace, Love and Fruitcakes.”

Under the direction of emcee Michael Pietrobon, the event included all the traditional elements, including the Festival Convocation by way of Clanging of the Flatware, the lip-synch contest (won by 93 year old Norma), the ceremonial tasting of the archival 14-year-old fruitcake, the crowning of Fruitcake King Bryan Kosters, and of course the judging of various edible...
Two important parts of the Fruitcake Festival: the lip-sync contest (left) and the judges’ deliberation over the various fruitcakes.

The judging is a serious business. Fruitcakes were honored in the following categories: fruitcake that travelled farthest, oldest fruitcake, most solids, the judges award and, of course, best of theme.

Fruitcake judges included Inyo County Superior Court Judges Brian Lamb and Steven Place with technician/librarian Joe Frankel wielding something called the nut-o-meter to measure the density of nuts in each entry.

The list of 2018 winners is as follows:

- Most Solids – Rich and Kathy White, Independence, California. A judge's comment was “Minimal cake, mostly solids.” Honorable mention went to an alleged fruitcake named Plumbum which weighed 25 lbs.
- Traveled Farthest – Ed Pittman, Bishop, California. The cake came from Summerton, South Carolina.
- Oldest – Judy and Sue Palmer, Shoshone, California. The cake was made in 2013 from their mother Ruth’s recipe.
- Best of Theme – Waucoba and Tsiava Hunter for their fruitcake named Asteroid, which was a gluten-free fruitcake. Honorable mention - Lynn and Steve Church, Independence, California for their Fruitcake with a shooting star.
- Judges Award – Annika Foote, Bishop, California for her “Rum Keep” cake, a fortified tower within a castle.

The event was dreamed up by Nancy Masters and a group of friends in 2005 and has been held 14 times since then. Admission was either $5 or a fruitcake for the judging this year.

It is fervently hoped the festival will be back in 2019.
Now is a great time to visit!

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EASTSIDE ADVENTURES

Fish, ski, climb, moto, bike, rest, relax and eat your way through the High Sierra during this epic road trip. Experience a night inside one of the many renovated hotel rooms inside Bishop, California’s unique lodging options. A major perk of visiting in the winter and spring allows you to enjoy lower rates at hotels, making for an all-around inexpensive vacation. Pack some adventure gear and don’t forget to bring the camera! Start your day an hour north of Ridgecrest with a hearty breakfast in Lone Pine at the Alabama Hills Cafe. This family-owned restaurant serves skillets, scrambles and a cinnamon French toast that will start your day out right! Be sure to grab a homemade dessert or pie for the road.

If you’re up for an intriguing short detour, take a drive through Hollywood’s largest backlot. The Museum of Western Film History offers a fascinating look at the history of Western movies, with so much of it filmed right here in the Alabama Hills. Ask for brochures on the self-guided tours and wind your way through the magnificent rocky outcrops of these hills. See the locations that have remained unchanged, where so many movie scenes were set. Stretch your legs with a short hike to the Mobius Arch and snap one of the most iconic images in the region. It’s Mt. Whitney (the highest peak in the contiguous USA) framed by a natural rock arch.

Continue north on Highway 395 towards Independence. Be sure to stop at the Manzanar National Historical Site and discover the dark history of the military internment camps that housed nearly 120,000 Japanese families during World War II. The historic Eastern California Museum in Independence explores the lifestyles of the Paiute and Shoshone Indians and the early cowboys who settled in the area.

If you’re on the “relax” tour, then Keough’s Hot Springs Resort located just south of Bishop provides the opportunity to soak. Float your way through these rejuvenating pools. The next stop and your destination, is Bishop.

Keough’s Hot Springs Resort was built in 1919 and harks back to its heyday of the 1920s & 30s when it was a first-class health resort. Much of the original wooden structure is still intact and the two pools, a large warm swimming and a smaller hot soaking pool, are the original ones built in 1919. A constant flow of hot, fresh mineral water fills the pools, making this a wonderful place to languish in the restorative waters. Enclosed on all four sides the pools are protected from the desert wind, but open to the sky above. Keough’s was conceived as a place to get away and get close to nature. Almost 100 years later it still delivers on that promise.

If you’re on the “eat” tour, driving into Bishop from the south, kick off your long weekend with a late lunch at the 19th Hole Bar & Grill. Lunch is served until 3pm and the full bar offers an excellent complement to your meal. This place has one of the best views that you’ll find anywhere. The fairways and greens, which are ready for your drives, chips and puts in winter, are accent by the snowy peaks of the Sierra Nevada. It’s majestic outside and quaint and comfy inside.

If you’re on the “epic adventure” tour, then be sure to stop into Eastside Sports for the locals scoop on the area and any gear rentals one may need. If you’re on any adventure, call or stop into the Bishop Visitor Center and find out how much there is to do. The friendly, knowledgeable staff can give you directions, maps, and information to help you plan your wonderful women’s weekend. Whatever you do and wherever you go, tell the Bishop business owners the Chamber sent you. You’ll be treated like family!

EXPLORE DOWNTOWN BISHOP

Murals and More

With the slogan “Small Town with a Big Backyard,” Bishop makes the perfect year-round home base for exploring the Eastern Sierra. Bishop has 21 lodging options ranging from quite luxurious to quaint & budget friendly. Dine around the world in Bishop – restaurants feature American, Japanese, Chinese, Mexican and Thai cuisine. If shopping is your thing, you’ll love the dozens of unique galleries, antique stores, shops & boutiques. Bishop has an easily walkable downtown with numerous independent shops, restaurants, cafes, bakeries, bars, plus a brewery, a new wine shop, a new distillery, a new climbing gym, and so much more. You can explore by foot or even rent a bike at the city park, courtesy of the Zagster bike share.

With the last glow daylight take an easy walk around town and learn a little of its history from the beautiful murals that tell of the old stories. On buildings throughout Bishop, the history of the Owens Valley is depicted on the exterior walls in the form of historically accurate and visually beautiful murals. The Bishop Mural Society was established in 1997 “to display our heritage in a spectacular outdoor art gallery surrounded by natural beauty.” Today there are fifteen murals, the most recent of which is made up of 421 sculpted ceramic tiles and...
mosaic, created by 216 community members.

Relax with a local brew at the Mountain Rambler Brewery with happy hour specials including Parmesan polenta tots and sriracha ginger Chex mix. Stay for dinner and enjoy a completo burger or a spicy bratwurst with homemade sauerkraut.

**Wonderful Winter Women’s Weekend in Bishop**

When it’s time to get the girlfriends together for a long weekend of play and pampering, head for the hills. The mountains ... actually!

Bishop is bounded by two magnificent mountain ranges, the Sierra Nevada and the White and Inyo Mountains. We call this incredible space in and around our sweet town our ‘big backyard’ and there is so much to do here that you’ll want to come every season.

A winter weekend getaway is wildly wonderful here and we suggest you reward yourself with 4 days from Thursday through Sunday. Here’s what we suggest you do to get a good deal of recreation and relaxation. Get the day moving with brisk walk through the beautiful Bishop City Park. Start at Main Street and follow the path along the creek eastward towards the back of the park where you will find a fantastic pond teeming with Rainbow Trout. A wide variety of ducks and other waterfowl float here year-round. Just east of the pond, you’ll find an outdoor gym – free for anyone to use.

Winter day adventures are most pleasant when done during the warmer part of the day. So, go grab a bag of goodies to stay satisfied and hydrated while you play for a day in our big backyard. Eastside Juice Bar has great smoothies packed with protein and fresh, organic ingredients. Get wraps, salads, and snacks and you’re set.

**OPTION #1**

**Fish the Lower Owens River**

The Eastern Sierra is world famous for ... well, a lot of things and ... fishing is what put Bishop on the map. Learn and enjoy the basics of fly fishing with some of the best guides in the business. Bishop Fly Fishing and Guide Service can take you out for an amazing half day wade or drift trip on the Lower Owens River. The river is only a few miles from town, but you’ll feel like you’re worlds away. The snowy mountain ranges rise up on either side of the valley and the quiet, secluded sections of the winding river are blissful. You’ll be catching fish in no time and, if you’ve never fly fished before, you’ll probably be hooked too.

**OPTION #2**

**Bouldering the Buttermilks**

Our big backyard is also world renown for bouldering and rock climbing and, believe it or not, winter is the perfect season for it. Buttermilk Country is fondly called the “Buttermilks” by climbers and is considered by many to be the best bouldering area in the country. It is certainly California’s premier bouldering spot. The huge boulders that dot the area were pushed out across this landscape by glaciers some 2.5 million years ago and some of these giants are more than 40 feet tall. The Buttermilks, however, are not just for experienced climbers and there are numerous smaller rocks where beginner and intermediate climbers can experience the thrill and feel of rock climbing.

Many city gym climbers get their start on real rock right here in Bishop. A great place to get the beta on where, when and what to climb is at Sage to Summit. This is the store for great outdoor gear combined with an indoor climbing gym. You could get warmed up on the indoor wall, then rent a crash pad and make your way to the ‘milks’. Now, go climb. Head west on Highway 168 (W. Line St.) for 13 miles to the junction of

Settle in ... Bishop has a wide variety of lodging options ranging from quite luxurious (Creekside Inn or Holiday Inn Express) to very budget-friendly (Red Roof Inn, Travelodge or Comfort Inn). There are many “name brand” hotels as well as several quaint “mom & pop” style motor lodges, even a hostel. Check out the lodging page on www.bishopvisitor.com for a complete list. The Bishop Chamber recommends booking directly with your hotel for best price and room selection.

Ready for some nightlife? Make it a party night. Start at Yamatani Japanese Restaurant and Sushi Bar with cocktails at the bar and dinner in the restaurant. Follow it up with fro-yo at Good Earth Yogurt Pie & Wine Bar. Now here’s when it gets ridiculously good – a truly locals experience... is Rusty’s Saloon! This is a lively locals bar that’s been serving up fun in Bishop for over 50 years.

Photo by Dave McCoy
BLAKE JONES TROUT DERBY: Save the Date for March 16th, 2019

The Blake Jones Trout Derby is one of the largest single-day fishing events in California. The 51st edition is coming soon – March 16, 2019. Nearly 700 anglers of all ages are expected to fish Pleasant Valley Reservoir and the Owens River near for their share of more than $10,000 in prizes. In 2018, more than 1,300 fish were weighed-in, with several lunkers over 5 pounds. It’s important to note that the Bishop Chamber of Commerce always purchases extra fish and has them planted prior to the derby to make sure there will be plenty of fish to go around.

March is springtime in Bishop! That means you can expect almost any kind of weather, as you know – from hot and sunny to cold and windy, perhaps some snow or a little rain, and sometimes all of it in the same day. Wildflowers could be in bloom and the waters of the Owens River can run high if winter snowfall has been good or low if winter has been dry. Nevertheless it’s always beautiful and wild!

Registration, check-in, weigh station, and prize giving is at the conveniently located Tri-County Fairgrounds in downtown Bishop. There is plenty of parking and on-site RV camping may be available – contact Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fairgrounds at 760-873-3588 for reservations. The Pleasant Valley Reservoir is a 6-mile drive from downtown Bishop North on HWY 395 to Pleasant Valley Road. Turn right and follow the road to the closure at the base of the dam.

Online registration for the derby is open now at www.bishopvisitor.com. Fee is only $20 for adults & $10 for kids. You may also call (760) 873-8405 to request a derby entry form by mail or email.

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WEEKEND TRADITIONS

Bishop is renowned for excellent trout fishing. Did you know certain waters near Bishop remain open all year for fishing? That’s right, Pleasant Valley Reservoir and the Owens River are open and stocked year-round! Higher elevation lakes & streams are frozen & blanketed with snow; however, PVR and Owens River remain open and easy to access. Many people say winter and spring are the best times to fish here because fish are hungry and crowds are light. Daytime temps are often in the mid-sixties and days are generally sunny. It’s a little too cold to tent camp, but that’s okay because hotels offer great off-season rates.

FISHING OPEN ALL YEAR

The Owens River runs north and east of downtown Bishop. It’s easy to access from HWY 395 by driving a few miles north on HWY 6 or east on Line Street or Warm Springs Road. The gentle flowing and truly scenic Owens River offers great opportunity for any angling pursuit, flies, lure or bait. A favorite spot for fly-anglers is just below Pleasant Valley Campground about six miles north of Bishop.

Note: there is a posted barbless, catch & release only area below Pleasant Valley Campground so please check CDFW regulation book.

Pleasant Valley Reservoir is an outstanding year-round fishery, located in a canyon along the Chalk Bluff six miles north of Bishop off Hwy 395. Turn north at Pleasant Valley Road and follow the paved road for about 1.5 miles to the reservoir just past the campground. Many anglers drive to the gate then load their bicycles with tackle and pedal up the 2 mile paved road (closed to motor vehicles) that lines the reservoir until they find the perfect spot.

Boats are not allowed in PVR, but float-tubing is fine.

You may also enter PVR from the north end at Gorge Road, 9 miles north of Bishop, at the bottom of Sherwin Grade on HWY 395. Turn east, drive a short way up to the pipeline then turn right, this will take you to the power plant where there is plenty of parking. Here you will find the Owens River coming out of the power plant and slowly widening into the reservoir. Excellent stream fishing conditions are found here.

Fishmas

OPEN LAST SATURDAY IN APRIL UNTIL NOVEMBER 15:

Bishop Creek Canyon is a short drive west of Bishop along State Route 168. The environment changes quickly from high desert sage and arid climate of Owens Valley floor to an alpine wonderland of pine forest, rushing streams and gorgeous deep-blue lakes surrounded by mountain peaks. These lakes and streams are really close - in less than a half hour drive from downtown Bishop, you’ll have your line in the water!

Intake II is heavily planted during the season by CDFW with both pan-size rainbows and large trout. This lake is known as a great lake for both shore and float tube fishing. Intake II also provides wheelchair access for fishing with great opportunities for catching a big one!

At nearly 10,000 feet, South Lake offers breathtaking scenes and cold mountain water loaded with quality trout. The road to the lake is lined with pine and aspen and meanders along the south fork of Bishop Creek. South Lake is also popular with hikers, backpackers, horse packers and photographer; it’s the trailhead for Bishop Pass leading to hundreds of high-mountain lakes in the John Muir Wilderness.
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*A Cultural Tour of the High Sierra*

Bishop has a burgeoning art community that is steeped in the cultural traditions of the American West and those early intrepid adventurers who wrote about, charted and photographed this beautiful region – one of the most photographed in California. There is a common thread that blends the outdoor lifestyle, natural beauty, and old-world charm of Bishop that is inspiration for much of the art produced here.

Plan your weekend getaways around Bishop’s annual art events, or just make sure to be on the lookout and save some time for an Eastside art adventure.

**Paiute Shoshone Cultural Center:** Well before explorers and settlers ventured into what is now called the Owens Valley, early Native American people were living, thriving and producing works of art according to age-old cultural traditions. The history of the first people of this land can be seen in the wonderful displays of art and craft at the Paiute Shoshone Cultural Center on West Line Street.

The center is a ‘living center’ that serves as a showcase for historical archives, artifacts and media as well as a place to gather, teach and continue the traditional ways. Tip: be sure to check out the gift shop for beautiful handmade items created by local artisans.

“We Honor our Past, Share for the Present, and Preserve for the Future.” Stop in and say,

**“Manahuu” (Hello).**

**Independent Project Press:** Born from a desire to “transform ‘Product’ into ‘Art’” this locally owned and operated design and printing firm specializes in high quality, hand-fed, letterpress products printed on vintage equipment.

Translating art from digital files to analog processes is also an art form they have mastered. Their skill and experience as designers and printmakers spans the decades from pre-digital to current technology and the blend is more than retro, it is timeless.

**Laws Railroad Museum and Historic Site:** Take trip back in time and experience the daily life of the early settlers of the Owens Valley. The Museum celebrates the rich history of the period and tells of a time when the railroad station was the heart of a bustling western town. The museum is a window to the past that can be enjoyed by folks of all ages and all walks of life. Train buffs will be enchanted by it. Historians will relish it. Kids will love it. Families will rejoice in a shared experience of hands-on learning and fun activities. Six miles north of Bishop on US Highway 6, Laws Railroad Museum and Historic Site is not just another theme park, it is a beautifully preserved reminder of the small, once lively town of Laws and the railroad station it served. The museum is open daily from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Bishop has so much to offer. Whether you’re here for a few days or a full week, be sure to stop in the Bishop Area Chamber of Commerce & Visitors Center for friendly, knowledgeable advice on things to do and places to visit. They’re located right next to the beautiful Bishop City Park at 690 N. Main Street. They’re open Monday – Friday 10am – 5pm and Saturday 10am-4pm. Check out www.bishopvisitor.com for online travel planning resources.
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The Daily Independent

A woman ahead of her time, Mary Hunter Austin was a writer, schoolteacher, self-taught naturalist and feminist who lived from 1868 to 1934. She wrote her classic book “Land of Little Rain” in 1903 while living in her home in Independence. She left the area after the success of that book and moved to an artist colony in Carmel, California. She later lived in New York, Europe and Santa Fe, New Mexico. Austin wrote 27 books in all and more than 250 short works including short stories, poems, plays and articles.

Austin’s former home is located at 253 Market Street in Independence. It is a California State Park Commission Historical Landmark and is down the street from the Eastern California Museum. The museum also features an exhibit of her work.

Mary Hunter Austin’s historic home in Independence

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The Eastern California Museum has been around since 1928. The mission of the museum is “to collect, preserve, and interpret objects and information related to the cultural and natural history of Inyo County and the Eastern Sierra, from Death Valley to Mono Lake,” according to its website.

The museum also houses about 27,000 historic photographs of the Eastern Sierra region and typically handles about 200 requests for information or photo reprints per year.

The museum includes permanent exhibits include the Norman Clyde Exhibit, which spotlights “The Pack with legs;” Baskets and American Life; Water (on the Owens Valley water story); General History/Geology/Oddities; Pioneering Women of Inyo County; the Virtual Transportation Museum; Farming and Ranching and an exhibit on 20th century writer Mary Austin – whose historic home is located nearby.

The permanent exhibit on Manzanar includes artifacts, photos and original art from the Manzanar World War II Internment Center, which was located six miles south of Independence. Manzanar is also a U.S. National Park Service Historic Site.

A special exhibit at the Eastern California Museum features Photogravures by Edward S. Curtis.

The museum also has a popular bookstore.

The Eastern California Museum is located at 155 N. Grant Street in Independence, California. The museum is open 10 a.m. – 5 p.m., seven days a week.

No entrance fee is required, although donations are appreciated. The museum asks that
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Mark your calendars - here’s what to do in the Eastern Sierra!

**Whiskey Flat Days**

California’s Whiskey Flat Days is a long-standing Southern California tradition and one of the most popular festivals in the area. The festival invites guests to step back in time to the days of the Wild West with attractions like a rodeo, parade, carnival rides, a Wild birding in Southern California, and is in the Top 10 for the state. This is due to several manmade migrant traps. Central Park, and the surrounding golf courses, and Silver Saddle, a private club, at the base of Galileo Hill were built 40-50 years ago.

**Wildflower season at Red Rock Canyon State Park**

Wildflower season at Red Rock Canyon can be a spectacular thing to behold. During a good season — meaning ample rains during the fall and the lack of a sudden heat wave; Red Rock is painted with purples, yellows, golds, pinks, and a variety of other colors.

Commonly, you can find many species of desert wildflowers in the area; such as, Mojave Aster, Monkey Flowers, Yellow Primrose, Indigo Bush, and the exotic looking Desert Trumpet, to just name a few.

Wildflower season is generally from mid-March through April and into May. Occasionally, on really good years it can extend into June if weather is still mild.

During this time you can find flowers throughout all of the park. Some areas are often better for wildflower viewing than others, it is strictly dependent on weather and pollination restrictions. It is always a good idea to check in with the Visitor Center, or the Wildflower Hotline at 661-724-1180, to determine the best viewing areas of the season.
Wintertime in Mammoth

While the winter is winding down, due to a recent Southern California storm, Mammoth Lakes has plenty of powder, and there is still time to hit the slopes.

Mammoth Lakes is famous for its winter sports, and the snowboarding lives up to its world-class reputation.

The area boasts two major resorts, as well as unlimited opportunity for back-country exploration.

Where to go Snowboarding

Mammoth Mountain Ski Area – This is the largest resort in the area, and the hub of winter activity in Mammoth Lakes.

At 11,053 feet, Mammoth is the tallest ski resort in California. The resort boasts over 3,500 acres of rideable terrain, and over 150 named trails.

June Mountain

June Mountain is a great place to escape the crowds. For beginner and intermediate riders, June is ideal, as almost half of the mountain is rated intermediate. The resort has 35 named trails, its summit tops out at 10,090 feet, and has a capacity to service 10,000 rides per hour.

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• It’s not too late to get a flu shot! Getting vaccinated is the best way to prevent getting the flu.
• Wash your hands OFTEN with soap and water.
• Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth; and avoid contact with sick people.

• If you become sick, practice “social distancing”.
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Rural Health Clinic: (760) 499-3855
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ALL NEW PATIENTS, PLEASE SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT