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MAMMOTH IS CERTIFIABLE

By Milender

I believe it was one G.K. Chesterton that said, "I regard golf as an expensive way of playing marbles."

And for all you betting that Snowcreek Golf Course would be knocked out of the Mammoth summer season, think again.

As reported by John Morris—Director of Operations at Snowcreek—to the Mammoth Lakes Lodging Association on Monday Morning, the golf course is targeting an opening date circa Memorial Day weekend. Snowcreek will be partnering with Mammoth Mountain and

Sierra Star to run operations for the coming season.

However, to those golfers who are already dreaming of the year's first tee shot, Morris cautioned that last weekend's inclement weather may push back an open green.

"Snow's good water," said Morris, "but it's hard to work on the course when it's covered ... Stay tuned."

With golf through, it was back to business.

Newly minted Mammoth Lakes Town Manager, Rob Patterson, gave a brief update on lodging rules and standards

- to promote consistency with recommendations made by the Short Term Rental (STR) Advisory Committee. These changes, according to Patterson, while new in appearance, aim to refine rather than redefine existing frameworks and practices.

"This is new in as far as look and feel," Patterson said of the Certified Properties Program, "But we're all still doing the same business that we've done before... with improvements to administration."

What it boils down to, said
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MASTERS OF THE LIBRARYVERSE

By Lunch

It happens at virtually every meeting of the Inyo County Supervisors - there's a part of the agenda where county employees are recognized for service tenure milestones; five years, ten years, etc.

But this past Tuesday, the room kind of stood still when Inyo County Librarian Nancy Masters was recognized for her forty years of service.

But, she clarified, that's merely forty years of continuous service. She actually took her first job with the county



Masters in her element

in 1974-1975. She was on a leave term from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo (where she was a biochemistry major) and told those in the Supervisors' chambers that she took a job stocking shelves at the library for \$1.90 an hour - but you could make \$2.75 an hour if assigned to work in the law library!

And then she pivoted and told a story about running out of gas (probably because she was making \$1.90 an hour) and hitchhiking home in the dead of night and getting a ride from two Mormon missionaries who suggested that a single woman hitchhiking in the dead of night may not be a great idea.

But you get the sense that Nancy Masters just does what Nancy Masters does - and does it resolutely.

So I called her up and asked if I could drive down to Independence that afternoon and interview her (because the rest of the meeting featured nothing more than Supervisors declaring they're so upset by the local deer herd getting slaughtered by protected Mountain Lions that dammit, they're gonna send a letter to Fish and Game about it!)

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HOME SWEET HOME



It is arguably one of the most exciting plays in sports - a straight steal of home in a baseball game. But Mammoth High School Senior Mason Georgeson pulled it off during Wednesday's weather-resumed contest versus Bishop (postponed mid-game on April 26). Lunch's favorite part of the sequence - just look at MHS Baseball Coach (and Mason's dad) Lance Georgeson in the 3rd base coaching box. His arms remain crossed the whole time - the guy must be a good poker player. Bishop prevailed on Wednesday 9-7. Both teams have finished their regular seasons. Playoffs begin Tuesday, May 14. Mammoth's record as of Thursday: 11-10 (7-6 league). Bishop: 14-3-1 (12-1 league).

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As Gayla Wolf's photo from last weekend aptly demonstrates, you can never start 'em too early at the Choo Choo Swap Meet.

Milender, meanwhile, has photos from Chili and Monster Trucks on p. 12



MASTERS

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I found Masters in the Inyo County Free Library, located in the basement of the courthouse.

I've lived on the Eastside almost a quarter-century. I'm a big fan of books and a big fan of libraries. And am embarrassed to say I'd never visited the Independence library.

Perhaps because the Bishop branch of the county's library system ... has never really dazzled me. The stacks at the Bishop branch felt (and I admit, I haven't been in since before the pandemic so things may have changed) like a time capsule - like they hadn't been touched since 1974.

But you walk into Masters' domain in the basement of the courthouse and it feels ... current. She has a good feel, good taste. She rattles off the Dewey Decimal classifications as I wander the rows. 973 - U.S. History. 979 - California history.

She pauses as she spies a Fukuyama title (ancient Chinese history) on the shelves. She had tried to read it, she explains, but the brutality of it was so severe she had to put it down.

After we wandered the stacks, a woman poked her head in the door. She was carrying a tray of plants - African violets, I'm told.

Would I like one? Sure.

Masters then instructs me on how to care for it - no direct sunlight, wicks in water but plants not. She offhandedly remarks that African violets were a thing in the '50s.

This is kind of how it goes when you talk to a librarian. The late Claiborne Mitchell said then mark of a good librarian was what she called "VGK" - shorthand for "vast general knowledge."

This is what Masters possesses in spades.

When I told Jon Klusmire I'd gone down to interview Masters, I texted him the following: "I don't really know how to write up her stream-of-consciousness but I suppose I'll figure it out."

Klusmire: "She meanders into everything. Good luck. Maybe just admit up front that talking with her is like getting intelligent shotgun blasts of info and opinion."

And maybe that's really it. Masters is the embodiment of what has become a dirty little word. She is (*pssst*) an unabashed intellectual.

Born in 1953, she grew up in La Habra Heights, the daughter of a businessman (her father was a principal in a drilling mud company) and a geologist (mom).

At the time, La Habra Heights was rural. So when her father bought a ranch in the Owens Valley in 1962 and eventually moved the family here full-time in 1968, Nancy "liked it immediately. Moving here felt normal."

Even if the educational experience was a bit of a culture shock, moving to a place where her high school graduating class numbered 25.

Of course, now the entire high school in Independence might have 25 students.

What she liked about the high school in those days was that it featured an extensive library - geared to adults. That's how you were treated - as an adult - and what you were expected to be.

A pause as we stopped in our tracks. In the stacks. At Orwell.

"Keep the Aspidistra Flying," she remarked. "One of my favorite titles ever."

Aspidistra being a plant. There's a theme going here. This is a person who is rooted.

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"These are people of the land. The common clay of the New West. You know ... morons."

-The Waco Kid
from Blazing Saddles

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Then she points out the next title: "The Moral Obligation to be Intelligent" by Lionel Trilling.

Masters doesn't 'do' pop culture. She doesn't watch television. "Other staff members know more about that," she says.

She tried to be 'normal' once. She bought two Crosby Stills & Nash albums.

But there was always a new album and a new artist and a new thing to keep up with - but really, a new thing to spend money on. "I felt it was overwhelming and consumeristic," she said.

And expensive.

Though she will admit to her habit in the '80s of checking out so many books from the library that she would rack up fines.

"I'd just give them \$5 a month as a deposit [on the fines she would accrue]."

It was at grad school in Scotland when she decided she wanted to live in the Owens Valley for the rest of her life. "Anyone who lives in the Owens Valley yearns to return," she says.

"I never thought I'd end up a county worker ... it seemed boring when I saw those ladies [heading to their county jobs] in high school. But government is extremely valuable and important. You see it when you work elections. Public service needs to be inculcated [to young people]."

She rattles off names of those who came before her - a Miss Ann Margrave. A Miss Cavett. A Jeanette Glynn. I have no idea if these are the proper spellings.

She sees she gets a lot of inquiries from researchers regarding family history, water history. She wants to establish a dedicated county archive. "We've been working toward that since I started."

I broach the subject of retirement. But retirement seems almost implausible to me for a person whose brain doesn't turn off.

"I can't retire until I have a physical place for everything," she says.

Phew, sigh the citizens of Inyo County. Because we know that'll never happen.

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HILDE RULES



91-year old Hilde Ruland (center) was in attendance at the Schaubmayer memorial last Saturday in snowy Mammoth. She's flanked by her daughter Miriam. Back left to right: Craig and Tina Schrager and Debbie and Karl Teller. Hilde, profiled in the July 28, 2018 edition of The Sheet, moved to Mammoth in 1970, opened the Swiis cafe with husband Max and Miriam in 1977, and later was the proprietor of the Joseph House in Bishop for many years



Pet of the Week!!





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Since 2024



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XT - Since 2003



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CSCS, OTC - Since 2016



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MHA, ATC - Since 2013



Heather Roberts, CNA,
XT - Since 2018



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LODGING

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Patterson, is leveling the playing field amongst operators in town.

Safety improvements are to be a chief focus of the Town's new protocols. Patterson highlighted updates to the inspection processes for lodging-oriented businesses, which are set to increase in frequency—the idea being to ensure higher and more consistent standards of compliance across the board. That includes properties that had been exempt from inspections due to previous guidelines.

"[There were] a number of businesses that were not inspected because they were grandfathered in back in the day," said Patterson. "We've got that, sort of, out of the way."

The official licensing of emergency contact information has also become a priority for best practice, as to better support those lodging properties lacking built-in management services and ensure responsiveness in case of an emergency.

The interactive map for short-term rentals though, is what Patterson referred to as "the biggest challenge."

"Folks that are sole proprietors ... their information will probably be more information than they want displayed out there," Patterson acknowledged. However, he also noted that implementing the tool aligns with practices observed in many other peer municipalities. These kinds of maps, according to the Town Manager, are meant to mitigate community con-

cerns about short-term rental activity.

Or, says Patterson, "to smooth out and calm down how people are reacting to rentals in their area."

Cleaning services, a sector that has seen significant growth due in the wake of the pandemic, are also to receive substantial updates. With 25 new cleaning businesses established in the last two

months alone, the Town is working to strengthen its capacity to maintain high standards of cleanliness and, again, safety. Not to mention, foster the boon in local entrepreneurship.

"Cleaning up the business, if you will, that are actually functioning in town," Patterson chortled.

Patterson then discussed revisions to occupancy request approval, and updated parameters of compliance for property owners.

These measures, he said, aim to mitigate the impact of short-term rentals on the quality of life for local residents, addressing concerns about noise, traffic, and community disruption. Patterson expressed his

commitment to balancing economic benefits with community well-being, stating, "We understand it does sort of reduce the marketability, perhaps,

of some units. But what we're trying to do is maybe soften the blow and allow folks to continue to operate without further restrictions."

Acknowledging the presence of bad operators who frequently ignore

regulations, the town has revamped its penalty system to ensure better compliance.

"We really cleaned up that process to say here's some minor violations. You know, you can address those and get those fixed. It really will not incur any long-lasting aspect," said Patterson. More severe infractions—such as falsifying records or unauthorized construction—will incur more serious penalties, such as a pause on business operation.

To support these regulatory changes, the town has expanded its administrative capacity. The two new roles—a record specialist and an enforcement review officer—will bolster

the town's ability to monitor compliance and enforce the updated rules effectively.

"But don't worry, the Town can afford it. Its 'Certified Properties Program' expects to collect \$900,000 in new revenue the first year, based upon new fees approved by Town Council."

What Patterson stressed was an emphasis, moving forward, on direct accountability from property owners rather than solely on management companies. The introduction of the Certified Properties program, as a cornerstone of that accountability, requires property owners to directly engage with the town's regulatory framework, ensuring their properties meet specific safety and operational standards. Under the new system, it will be mandatory for property owners to obtain a certification and subsequent inspection that verifies their compliance with local regulations.

The Town is working to integrate the inspection, certification, and payment aspects of property management into one cohesive process to effectively implement these new policies.

"I think there will be some modifications as we learn more and run the system," Patterson assured the Lodging Association. "Through time, it'll get a little bit better. A little bit more streamlined. And the feedback you all can provide will be very helpful in telling us where the highest pain points are."

This is new in so far as look and feel... But we're all still doing the same business that we've done before.

- Rob Patterson, Town Manager



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CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS®

Dear Californians,

If you've been reading about real estate lately, you've no doubt heard about antitrust lawsuits and settlements by real estate brokerages and the National Association of REALTORS®. You've also heard about the settlements resulting in certain changes in how agents will be compensated for their work. Recent coverage by media entities, industry insiders and anyone with an opinion and a smartphone have offered up a mix of fact and fiction. All this noise has caused confusion, fear and, in some instances, panic about the process of buying and selling a home.

We thought it time to speak directly to you. We're California REALTORS®, and we know a thing or two about real estate. In fact, it's precisely because of our knowledge about the complexities of what is arguably the most important purchase people make in their lives that we want to say this first: It'll be okay. Yes, some real estate practices will change as a result of these settlements, but California REALTORS® know how to adapt to changing market realities. We always have. And, while we understand that uncertainty can be deeply unsettling, especially when there are few answers and many opinions, we know we'll figure it out together, as an industry and with our clients.

Here's the bottom line: The two major changes resulting from this litigation are 1. Properties listed in databases known as the multiple listing service (MLS) will no longer be allowed to include an offer of compensation to buyer's agents and 2. Homebuyers who want to work with an agent will need to sign a written agreement with that agent prior to touring a home. This means before you start your home search, you'll need to discuss and agree with your agent what the agent will do on your behalf, and you'll need to decide how much and how to pay that agent.

Of course, it's not that simple. How consumers work with agents in this new environment will need to work itself out, and there will be differing approaches between agents and their clients. Many in the industry, and we at the CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS® (C.A.R.), are currently working on sorting through and articulating those new practices as quickly as possible. Moreover, in California, we have supported transparency with respect to how buyer's agents get compensated for more than two decades, since C.A.R. introduced its first buyer representation agreement in 1999. So, while the implementation of practice changes resulting from this settlement may be new, the spirit behind them is not — at least not in California. We're all for transparency because we believe it's in our clients' best interests and we know the value we bring to the transaction.

We're in this business because we believe in putting people not just in houses, but in homes. You may regard us as the organization that fights to protect homeowners' rights. That's true. But more likely, you know us because we're your neighbors. We live in the same communities as you. We volunteer alongside you at our kids' schools, we show up to serve at local civic and charitable organizations, and we sit on city councils to make our communities better. And while we're known as the neighborhood experts, we're also trained in all facets of a real estate transaction, meaning we know what it takes to successfully conduct a home purchase or sale. Our jobs are far more involved — and far less glamorous — than what you see on real estate "reality" shows. The truth is that real estate transactions are complicated. That's why we have to be well-versed in myriad financial and legal requirements in order to guide you through such a complex process. We negotiate on our buyers' behalf to get them the right home at the right price, and we help sellers determine the best listing price based on market and neighborhood fundamentals. We guide our clients through the nitty-gritty of home inspections and innumerable other details, and we support our clients through what can be a stressful time. We come to this job because we love putting people in homes. We stay in this job because we love working with our clients, who become our friends and neighbors.

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Melanie Barker
2024 President
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CALTRANS TO INSTALL WILDLIFE CROSSINGS

Press Release

The Sonora Junction Shoulders Project is set to begin construction on U.S. 395 in northern Mono County next week. As part of the project, Caltrans is installing two under-highway wildlife crossings, providing safe and sustainable passage for mule deer and other area wildlife.

Construction is set to begin Tuesday, May 14, on U.S. 395 between Burcham Flat Road and State Route 108 north of Bridgeport. The project will widen the shoulders of the highway to 8 feet, install rail-element retaining walls, stabilize cut slopes with anchored wire mesh, and place two wildlife crossings under the highway.

The project is expected to require 160 working days to complete.

Each "plate pipe" archway under-crossing will measure more than 70 feet in length and stand between 9.5 feet and 11 feet high.

With 69 reported collisions since 2002 (many more incidents go unreported), Caltrans biologists identified this stretch of U.S. 395 as a crossing hotspot for the West Walker herd of mule deer. The addition of two oversized culverts and fencing to direct animals away from traffic aims to reduce wildlife mortality rates on this stretch of U.S. 395.

Other species native to the area that could use the underpass include sage grouse, badgers, wolverines, and red foxes.

Above the crossings, construction crews will widen the embankments and shoulders, and apply a new six-inch layer of hot mix asphalt. Other project details include: Installation of rumble strips, replacing and extending existing

drainage infrastructure and new guard rails.

"By widening the paved shoulders and constructing wildlife crossings on this stretch of U.S. 395 in Mono County, Caltrans is continuing its commitment to safety and improving habitat connectivity," Caltrans District 9 Director Ryan Dermody said about the project.

The \$16.8 million Sonora Junction Shoulders Project was funded by the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act of 2021 (IIJA) – also known as the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. Under IIJA, California will receive an estimated \$41.9 billion over five years. IIJA provides significant funding to rebuild California's transportation system, including support to improve roadways, bridges, freight projects, public transportation, infrastructure safety enhancements, and to increase infrastructure resiliency to the impacts of severe weather and climate change. For more information about IIJA, visit <http://rebuildingca.ca.gov/iija-by-the-numbers>.

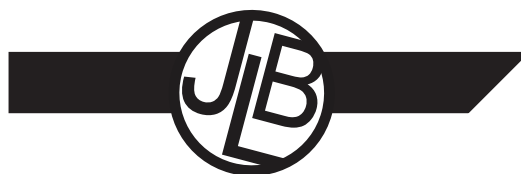
Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m. there will be one-way traffic control and drivers may experience 20-minute delays. Work is anticipated to conclude in fall 2025.

Travelers are advised that there will also be two full closures of U.S 395 through the project area scheduled for late summer.

To get the latest information on conditions on the State Highway System, visit the Caltrans QuickMap site at quickmap.dot.ca.gov or download the app to your smartphone. You can also call the Road Condition Hotline at 1-800-427-ROAD (7623).



One of the archways, to get an idea of size.



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LOCAL BRIEFS

Sustainability Fair this Saturday

The Mono County Sustainability Fair will be held at the Mammoth Library on Saturday, May 11 from 10am - 3pm.

The event is free and open to all, with kid-friendly upcycled art activities, an electric vehicle showcase, and local organizations sharing their current projects and programs.

The first 25 attendees will receive a \$15 voucher for lunch at the Rolling Chef 395 which will be stationed in the library parking lot during the event.

The event is brought to you by the Mono County Free Library and the High Sierra Energy Foundation with support from California Sustainable Libraries and Mono County.

INF seeks input on Red's

Inyo National Forest is seeking public input on proposed renovations and ecological restoration to recreation sites within Reds Meadow Valley.

The Forest is partnering with the John Muir Trail Wilderness Conservancy to assess, plan and implement renovations at seven recreation sites in the Reds Meadow Valley: Upper Soda Springs Campground; Pumice Flat Campground; Pumice Flat Group Campground; Minaret Falls Campground; Reds Meadow Campground; Pumice Flat Amphitheater; and Agnew Meadows Parking Area.

Reds Meadow Valley is one of the most popular access points to the John Muir Trail backcountry and can see upwards of 2,500 visitors per day during peak summer season. The current condition of several recreation sites are negatively impacting both visitor experience and riparian conservation areas of the San Joaquin River watershed.

The proposal is available at: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=66145>

Stakeholders are encouraged to provide input at any point during the planning process; however, written comments received prior to June 6, 2024 will be most useful for consideration.

Written comments can be submitted electronically at: <https://cara.fs2c.usda.gov/Public/CommentInput?project=66145>

OR, mailed or hand-delivered during business hours to: Mammoth Ranger District, Attn: Chris Buehrer, PO Box 148, 2510 Main Street, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Chamber provides Compass

The Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce (MLCC) recently held a workforce development program called Career Compass at multiple school sites. This program focused on career readiness by educating local youth on resume building, professional presentation, and application completion. Chamber members and local business leaders volunteered their time to conduct workshops

in the classrooms of all ninth through eleventh grade students at Mammoth High School, Sierra High School and Jan Works Community School.

Following the workshops, the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce hosted a Student Job Fair on Thursday, May 2 at the Mammoth High School MPR. Nearly 250 students visited booths of more than 20 different business within Mammoth Lakes. Students had the opportunity to explore various entry level positions and meet with prospective employers.

For local business, employing local youth is essential to maintaining business operations at a time when housing availability is low and therefore, workforce recruitment and retention is challenging.



The Chamber's well-attended, May 2 job fair.

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BECOME A RESOURCE

Press Release

As part of National Foster Care Month, Mono County Health and Human Services (HHS) celebrates the dedication of resource families and emphasizes the need for new resource families to provide nurturing, and permanent homes for children in foster care.

Resource Families, as defined in California, include individuals, couples, and families who may be related to the child, have a familiar or mentoring relationship, or no prior relationship at all. The term encompasses all caregiving arrangements previously known as foster parents, adoptive parents, relatives, or non-related extended family members.



Once approved, Resource Families may be considered for short and long term foster care, guardianship, and adoption placements.

Krista Cooper, Program Manager at Mono County Health and Human Services overseeing Resource Family Approval and recruitment, stated, "Each foster child comes with their unique story and dreams. It is crucial we provide them with a place where they can feel safe, loved, and supported. During National Foster Care Month, we invite the community of Mono County to step forward and consider becoming a resource family. There is a need for emergency placement, placement while the parent works to reunify with their child and permanent placement. The impact you can make on a child's life is both profound and lasting."

Mono County HHS offers comprehensive training and support to all potential and current resource families to ensure they are equipped to meet the needs of the children in their care.

For more information about becoming a resource family, please contact Mono County Health and Human Services at 760-924-1770 or visit our website at <https://monocounty.ca.gov/social-services/page/resource-family-approval>

Contact: Krista Cooper, Mono County HHS, 760.924.1762/kcooper@mono.ca.gov

MLFD OUTREACH



Mammoth Lakes Fire Dept. hosted an outreach event and fire protection demonstration outside Vons for Wildfire Community Preparedness Day on Saturday, May 4

LUNCH

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In other news ... there's been recent buzz about the "Paradise Paradox" film. We reviewed it in our Dec.15 issue and Minaret Cinemas is offering another chance to see it, free, on May 14.

I was turned onto another film chronicling the decline and fall of the ski town dream this week by a friend of mine. "How Corporate Consolidation is Killing Ski Towns" by Wendover Productions.

I don't think anyone around here will be particularly blown away by some of the observations/conclusions made, but sometimes it's helpful to at least hear someone else say it.

The advantage the consolidators have over mom & pop is pretty simple - once they get you in the tent with an Ikon or Epic pass, they can offer discounts on every service (lodging, retail, food) to keep you in that tent.

*And real estate. By the way, the largest real estate brokerage in the Vail Valley is owned by ... Vail.

Meanwhile, the good administrative jobs keep getting shipped elsewhere as corporate gets centralized.

Because, "It's cheaper to run Vail away from [somewhere other than] Vail."

"Therefore, in sum," intones the narrator, "What happens when Vail buys a resort is simple. Income potential lowers as jobs get slashed and cost-of-living rockets skyward as the volume of visitors (and therefore demand) does too."

The sad conclusion being that while skiing was supposed to represent the way to have it all, it's really just a Devil's bargain where you can have the nature and the income, but you lose the town.

The comparison is, naturally, to the extractive industry which begat many ski towns - mining.

The film references Crested Butte locals who suggest that the plot of the film "Avatar" is based upon the recent history of the town.

*Crap. Will I now have to go back and watch Avatar?

The Sheet turns 21 on Tuesday. The above makes me reflect upon the ski industry book which grabbed everyone's attention at that time (2003), Hal Clifford's "Downhill Slide."

So in essence, we've been talking about the decline of the ski town ever since I moved to the ski town.

Which is hardly surprising. I've spent my entire life being late to the party. Maybe it's because people never give me the right address.

But remember, even if you're late to the party, you can still Spaulding the drinks.

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A day in the life of Rasheed, a homeless stand-up comedian living out of his car in Los Angeles, doing everything he can to make each day the best day of his life, one day closer to accomplishing his dream. Based on a true story.

Spotlight Feature / Thursday May 23, 5:30pm



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Filmmakers!**

In the not-too-distant future/parallel universe/dream, Guy finds himself at a film festival for a movie that may or may not exist, that he has allegedly made. A paranoid and disorienting quest for identity leads him into a world of V.R. video games, and other-worldly entities.

Narrative Feature / Saturday May 25, 12:30pm



Psykhodrame

Five actor friends take a trip to work on Chekhov scenes and revitalize their friendships, but the scenes take on a life of their own in a fractured and dreamlike psychodrama.

Narrative Feature / Saturday May 25, 5:00pm



Atikamekw-Suns

On June 26, 1977, a vehicle drives into a river outside the Atikamekw community of Manawan in northern Québec. Two Whites survive the accident, but five Atikamekw lose their lives. The police conclude it was an accident, but for the victims' families, many questions remain.

www.mammothlakesfilmfestival.com

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A COMPLICATED INHERITANCE

By Milender

The Mammoth Lakes Film Festival returns for a tenth year over Memorial Day weekend, and once again, there's a lineup of moving, powerful films.

Substance abuse disorder has become vernacular in our country. It has become the polite way of referring to an illness, beyond the hill and beneath the tent, when headlines spread over train-tracked inner arms on the evening news, or the pharmaceutical conglomerates make apologies for mistakes long past.

What that politically-correct phrase for addiction fails to turn our chins to is what "disorder" means to a family. It means an addict acquiescing to that which they're reliant on, ahead of those who rely on them. It means the dislocation of all permanence, and the disruption of love's expression. It means the clinical improbability that one can escape the fate prescribed by his own genetics.

That is substance abuse disorder. That is Inheritance.

Inheritance, the latest documentary from husband and wife team, Matt Moyer and Amy Toensing, lends both a compassionate ear to opioid abuse in the Ohio River Valley and credence to the notion that staying power is crucial for telling a complex narrative.

Moyer and Toensing filmed Inheri-

tance over the course of 11 years, following young Curtis (the film's central subject) from ages 12 to 18.

Curtis is curious. Articulate. Smart. Maybe, too smart for his own good. While Curtis explains the hibernation patterns of a yellowjacket, or confesses his college aspirations to the documenting camera, chaos unfolds around him. We watch, as Curtis does, while five generations of the boy's family succumb to their individual experiences of addiction. There are colostomy bags and atrophic scars. There are kitchen counter effigies to family members since passed. And even as some members of Curtis's extended family seek God, mortgages, and therapy, the certain truth of the documentary (and hope for Curtis's future) is this: the best way of curing a disease is not to get it in the first place.

Here's a scene I can't stop thinking about: Curtis is in the backseat of his grandmother's car. His brother is in the seat beside him. Outside the window, tufts of smoke are blowing out from an industrial chimney, somewhere in Ohio. If you didn't know it was sinister, the image in the sky would be beautiful.

Curtis's brother doesn't know. And so he asks, "Is this where clouds come from?" (Curtis, clearly, is the lamppost by which his younger siblings find direction).

"No," says Curtis, before qualifying the truth. "This is where bad clouds come from."

That breaks my heart, six ways to bible-thumping Sunday. Curtis is surrounded by family who love him and will play with him and will dote on him when they are not tying tourniquets around their arms. He is a child. But already, he knows that things are not always as they seem. Curtis, at 12, has lost any and all sense of childlike wonder. We wonder how much more he will have to lose, over the course of the documentary. We wonder when his brother, in the seat beside him, will lose just as much.

After all, that's the inevitability of the film. That's what it means to belong to a family, and inherit what it has to offer. The good and bad—we don't have a choice.

If there is a purpose to the pain of Inheritance's subject matter—the poor fates of its cast, the Confederate Flag mural of Curtis's foster home, and an injection needle occurring in the same frame as his youngest sister's pink tutu dress—it is this: There is no such thing as a person born bad, or born without control. People, rather, are born into bad situations rendered by forces greater than themselves; rendered out of their control.

Curtis, at film's end, says it better than I could ever could:



"Living is different, everywhere ... Our standards, sometimes, aren't set by ourselves. They're set by the world we live in, the money we can make ... It's selfish for me to say [my family] are bad people. They were all just a person, just like me, at one point. The life that they lived is what made them make the choices that they did."

It's a self-fulfilling prophecy, he says of addiction. Of the cycles that addiction implies, in one's own life and the generations that come after.

"Your brain is focused on it. Try telling your brain not to do something. Like, 'don't think of a cow.' It doesn't work. You see the cow."

On May 23rd, 8:00 p.m., Inheritance is screening in the U.S. Forest Service Auditorium. Tickets can be purchased at <https://www.mammothlakesfilmfestival.com/tickets-and-passes>. Go see it, and think about it for a while. Even if you don't want to.

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By Milender



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Rosie Taylor poses with her chili verde



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First 5 Mono County está actualizando su Plan Estratégico. Este plan impulsa las prioridades y asignaciones de financiación de la Comisión.

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Upcoming Strategic Planning Focus Groups

Grupo focal de planificación estratégica

Coleville Library - 111569 Hwy. #395
Wednesday, May 15, 2024 / Miércoles, 15 de mayo de 2024
1pm-2pm

Bridgeport Community Center - 73 N. School Street
Thursday, May 16, 2024 / Jueves, 16 de mayo de 2024
2pm-3pm

Lee Vining Community Center - 296 Mattly Ave.
Thursday, May 23, 2024 / Jueves, 23 de mayo de 2024
10:30am-11:30am

First 5 Mono County is updating its strategic plan. This plan drives the funding priorities and allocations made by the Commission. First 5 Mono invites parents and other community members to be part of this strategic planning process. We need diverse community involvement to help shape the funding choices that will provide a better future for children ages birth to 5 in Mono County.

During the Focus Group, First 5 will listen to comments and suggestions from community members regarding the draft 2025-2030 Strategic Plan.

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Durante el Grupo Focal, First 5 escuchará comentarios y sugerencias de miembros de la comunidad sobre el borrador del Plan Estratégico 2025-2030.

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Friday, May 10/
Joey Splenderson plays June Lake Brewing. Starts 5 p.m.
Laurie Morvan Killer Blues Guitar plays **Liberty**. "Bonnie Raitt meets SRV." *See ad p. 18.

Saturday, May 11/
Live music @ Stellar Brew in Mammoth. Time: 2:30-5 p.m.

May 11-12/
Rambling Peaks Festival both days in the Mtn. Rambler parking lot - Bishop. Info: ramblingpeaksfestival.com

Wednesday, May 15/
Trivia Night @ Main Street Pizza and Tap. Starts 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 16/
The Sheet and Lakanuki celebrate their adulthood. 21st anniversary cocktails @ **Lakanuki** with Lunch and Stu starting 5 p.m.

TOWN STUFF

May 10-11/
Eastern Sierra Chamber Orchestra
FREE spring concerts! Friday eve at St. Joseph's in Mammoth and Saturday eve at Bishop's Cerro Coso campus. Time: 7:30 p.m. both shows.

Saturday, May 11/
Mono County Sustainability Fair @ the Mammoth Lakes Library. Time: 10 a.m. 'til 3 p.m. *More info: See ad p. x*
The event of the season in Walker/ Coleville! The annual **Antelope Valley Lions Club Cow Pasture Golf Tourney**. It's just what you think it is: 9 holes in a cow pasture. Play it as it lies! Blind draw teams. 10 a.m. shotgun start. Irons only. A benefit for the Lions scholarship fund in memory of Javkie Georgi. Info: Dave Murray at 530.495.2822.
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Sunday, May 12/
Don't forget **Mother's Day**, you clod!

Tuesday, May 14/
Inyo County Supervisors meet. Time: 10 a.m. Location: Board Chambers, 224 N. Edwards in Independence or online via inyocounty.us.
Mono County Supervisors meet. Time: 9 a.m. Location: Bridgeport Courthouse or online via monocounty.ca.gov.
Free screening of the "Paradise Paradox" at Minaret Cinemas in the Minaret Mall. Time: 6 p.m.

TOWN STUFF

Mammoth Lakes Chamber meets **"After Hours" @ Ridge Merino**. Time: 5-7 p.m. Location: 4 Alpine Circle (the old Gomez A-Frame).
The SNARL (Sierra Nevada Aquatic Research Lab) lecture series continues @ the Page Center, 1016 Mt. Morrison Rd. off Hw. 395 roughly across from Benton Crossing. Tonight: Dr. Bonnie Burati of JPL lectures on "Europa Clipper: A Detailed Exploration of an Ocean World." Time: 7 p.m.

Wednesday, May 15/
Mammoth Lakes Town Council meets. Time: 4 p.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall. Or online via townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

May 15-16/
First Five Mono County Strategic Planning Focus Groups in Coleville and Bridgeport. More info, see ad p. 12

May 15-19/
Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theater in conjunction with **Mammoth High School** presents **"Little Women"** for a five-day run. Time: 7 p.m. Wed-Sat. and 4 p.m. Sunday. Tix: \$15 gen. admission and \$10 students.

Thursday, May 16/
Mono County hosts a special budget workshop starting 9 a.m. @ the Bridgeport Courthouse or online via monocounty.ca.gov.

TOWN STUFF

Friday, May 17/
Julie Faber leads **"Beer Yoga"** at the **Eastside Guesthouse and Bivy**. Time: 5:30 p.m. Donations appreciated.

May 17-18/
Town of Mammoth Lakes hosts its annual **Defensible Space and Community Clean-up event**. For more info, see ad p. 17.

Saturday, May 18/
Bishop Ultras - running races from distances of **6k-100K**. All races start and finish at Millpond County Park. More info: bishopultras.com.
Eastern Sierra Interpretive Assn. hosts another **Wildlife Tracking Workshop** with **Phil Johnston**. Time: 9 a.m. 'til 3 p.m. \$\$\$ *Register at sierraforever.org.*

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice Inviting Bids

NOTICE INVITING BIDS FOR PUBLICATION OF LEGAL NOTICES

The Town of Mammoth Lakes is inviting bids from newspapers of general circulation in Mammoth Lakes for a contract for publication of all legal notices from July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.

The Town Clerk will email the bid proposal packet to those that request it at jgray@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov. SEALED BIDS can be delivered to the Town Offices at Minaret Village Mall, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 230; or mailed to the Town Clerk at Post Office Box 1609, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. Bids must be clearly marked "SEALED BID: Bid for publication of legal notices" on the front of the envelope. Bids will be accepted until 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 16, 2024.

Dated: May 4, 2024
Jamie Gray, Town Clerk
TS #2024-0057

Notice Inviting Bids

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Mammoth Lakes ("Town") invites and will receive sealed Bids up to but not later than 4:00p.m. on Friday, May 24, 2024 through the Town's Online Bid Portal at <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids> ("Online Bid Portal"), for the furnishing to Town of all labor, equipment, materials, tools, services, transportation, permits, utilities, and all other items necessary for the **TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES NEW CIVIC CENTER** (the "Project"). After said time, Bids will be publicly posted on the Online Bid Portal. Bids received after said time shall be returned unopened. Bids shall be valid for a period of 90 calendar days after the Bid opening date.

This project includes site development and construction of a new Town Civic Center building. The engineer's estimate for the project is \$23,000,000.

Bids must be submitted on the Town's Bid Forms. Bidders may obtain a copy of the Contract Documents by registering on the Town's Online Bid Portal located at <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids>. To the extent required by section 20103.7 of the Public Contract Code, upon request from a contractor plan room service, the Town shall provide an electronic copy of the Contract Documents at no charge to the contractor plan room.

It is the responsibility of each prospective Bidder to download and print all Contract Documents for review and to verify the completeness of Contract Documents before submitting a bid. Any Addenda will be posted on the Online Bid Portal. It is the responsibility of each pro-

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spective Bidder to check the Online Bid Portal on a daily basis through the close of Bids for any applicable addenda or updates. The Town does not assume any liability or responsibility based on any defective or incomplete copying, excerpting, scanning, faxing, downloading or printing of the Contract Documents. Information on the Online Bid Portal may change without notice to prospective Bidders.

The California Air Resources Board ("CARB") implemented amendments to the In-Use Off-Road Diesel-Fueled Fleets Regulations ("Regulation") which are effective on January 1, 2024, and apply broadly to all self-propelled off road diesel vehicles 25 horsepower or greater and other forms of equipment used in California. A copy of the Regulation is available at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/barcu/regact/2022/off-roaddiesel/appa-1.pdf>. Bidders are required to comply with all CARB and Regulation requirements, including, without limitation, all applicable sections of the Regulation, as codified in Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations section 2449 et seq. throughout the duration of the Project. Bidders must provide, with their Bid, copies of Bidder's and all listed subcontractors' most recent, valid Certificate of Reported Compliance ("CRC") issued by CARB. Failure to provide valid CRCs as required herein may render the Bid non-responsive.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by a bid security in the form of cash, a certified or cashier's check, or Bid Bond secured from a surety company satisfactory to the Town, the amount of which shall not be less than ten percent (10%) of the submitted Total Bid Price, made payable to Town of Mammoth Lakes. The bid security must be submitted in original hard copy directly to the Town prior to the specified date and time for bid opening as set forth in the Instructions to Bidders. The bid security shall be provided as a guarantee that within ten (10) working days after the Town provides the Successful Bidder the Notice of Award, the Successful Bidder will enter into a contract and provide the necessary bonds and certificates of insurance. The bid security will be declared forfeited if the Successful Bidder fails to comply within said time. No interest will be paid on any cash deposited with Town as bid security.

Bidders are advised that mail going to and/or coming from the Town may be slower than the Bidder anticipates, particularly during inclement weather. Accordingly, Bidders sending documents by mail are advised to send any required documents as soon as reasonably possible to avoid late submissions. The Town is not responsible for the Bidder's late submissions of Bids, Bid securities or any other required Bid Forms or other required documentation.

A NON MANDATORY Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13 at 1:00pm at a conference room at the Town of Mammoth Lakes office located at 437 Old Mammoth Rd Suite 230, Mammoth Lakes, California, to review

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the Project's existing conditions.

The Pre-Bid Meeting is also available for participation via Zoom, as follows:
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://monocounty.zoom.us/j/89886086565?pwd=GFX4PvOj05JDJ5XbZVkfUqJuOH0Tr7C.1>
Meeting ID: 898 8608 6565
Passcode: 93546

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Representatives of the Town and consulting engineers, if any, will be present. Questions asked by Bidders at the Pre-Bid Meeting not specifically addressed within the Contract Documents shall be answered via addendum posted on the Town's Online Bid Portal. Oral statements regarding this Bid made at the Pre-Bid Meeting should be considered unverified information unless confirmed in writing.

The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Faithful Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Payment Bond each in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price. Each bond shall be in the forms set forth herein, shall be secured from a surety company that meets all State of California bonding requirements, as defined in California Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120, and that is a California admitted surety insurer.

Pursuant to Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code of the State of California, the Successful Bidder may substitute certain securities for funds withheld by the Town to ensure its performance under the contract.

Pursuant to Labor Code Section 1773, Town has obtained the prevailing rate of per diem wages and the prevailing wage rate for holiday and overtime work applicable in Mono County from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute this contract. A copy of these prevailing wage rates may be obtained via the internet at: www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr/.

In addition, a copy of the prevailing rate of per diem wages is available at the Town's Public Works Department Engineering Division and shall be made available to interested parties upon request. The Successful Bidder shall post a copy of the prevailing wage rates at each job site. It shall be mandatory that the Successful Bidder, and any subcontractors, comply with all Labor Code provisions, which include but are not limited to the payment of not less than the specified prevailing wage rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the Contract, employment of apprentices, hours of labor and debarment of contractors and subcontractors.

Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, all contractors and subcontractors that wish to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, or enter into a contract to perform public work must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. No Bid will be accepted nor will any contract entered into without proof of the contractor's and subcontractors' current registration with the Department of Industrial Relations to perform public work. If awarded a contract, the Bidder and its subcontractors, of any tier, shall maintain active registration with the Department of Industrial Relations for the duration of the Project. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the contractor registration requirements mandated by Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 shall not apply to work performed on a public works project that is exempt pursuant to the small project exemption specified in Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1.

This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. In bidding on this Project, it shall be the Bidder's sole responsibility to evaluate and include the cost of complying with all labor compliance requirements under this contract and applicable law in its Bid.

Each Bidder shall be a licensed contractor pursuant to sections 7000 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code in the following classification(s) throughout the time it submits its Bid and for the duration of the contract: Class B – General Building. The Contractor, and all subcontractors will be required to procure and maintain a valid Town of Mammoth Lakes Business Tax Certificate.

Town shall award the contract for the Project to the lowest responsive, responsible Bidder as determined by the Town from the BASE BID ALONE. Town reserves the right to reject any or all Bids or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any Bids or in the bidding process.

For further information, contact Haislip Hayes, PE, Public Works Director at hhayes@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov or 760-965-3652.

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA
Jamie Gray, TOWN CLERK
DATED: April 30, 2024
TS #2024-0059

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

Functional Medicine Healing Center

Jennie Walker, MD Inc.
306 Laurel Mtn. Road, Suite 203
P.O. Box 2485
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious name listed herein on Nov. 1, 2018. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on March 15, 2024. File Number 24-021 (4/20, 4/27, 5/4, 5/11)
TS: 2024-0051

Notice of Summons

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT: J. H. MARTIN, Deceased; THE TESTATE AND INTESSTATE SUCCESSORS OF J.H. MARTIN, DECEASED, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, OR UNDER SUCH DECEDENT; H.C. BLANCHARD, Deceased; THE TESTATE AND INTES-TATE SUCCESSORS OF H.C. BLANCHARD, DECEASED, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, OR UNDER SUCH DECEDENT; N.W. BOYD, Deceased; THE TESTATE AND INTESSTATE SUCCESSORS OF N.W. BOYD, DECEASED, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIM-ING BY, THROUGH, OR UNDER SUCH DECEDENT; T.H. MOYLE, Deceased; THE TESTATE AND INTES-TATE SUCCESSORS OF T. H. MOYLE, DECEASED, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, OR UNDER SUCH DECEDENT; C. R. GILKEY, Deceased; THE TESTATE AND INTESSTATE SUCCESSORS OF C.R. GILKEY, DECEASED, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, OR UNDER SUCH DECEDENT; MARK SHERMAN, Deceased; THE TESTATE AND INTESSTATE SUCCESSORS OF MARK SHERMAN, DECEASED, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, OR UNDER SUCH DECEDENT; R. S. HOLDEN, Deceased; THE TES-TATE AND INTESSTATE SUCCESSORS OF R.S. HOLDEN, DECEASED, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, OR UNDER SUCH DECEDENT; GILBERT C. WEDERTZ, Deceased; THE TESTATE AND INTESSTATE SUCCESSORS OF GILBERT C. WEDERTZ, DECEASED, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH, OR UNDER SUCH DECEDENT; ALL OTHER PERSONS UNKNOWN, CLAIMING ANY LEGAL OR EQUITABLE RIGHT, TITLE, ESTATE, LIEN, OR INTEREST IN THE PROPERTY ADVERSE TO PLAINTIFF'S TITLE, OR ANY CLOUD ON PLAINTIFF'S TITLE TO THE PROPERTY; and DOES 1-50, Inclusive.

The property that is the subject of this action is real property commonly known as 4654 Dobie Meadows Road, Bridgeport, California 93517, Mono County, Assessors Parcel Number 013-160-001-000 and legally described as: "THE SOUTHEAST QUARTER OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER, SECTION 1, TOWNSHIP 3 NORTH, RANGE 27 EAST, M.D.B. & M. IN THE COUNTY OF MONO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, ACCORDING TO THE OFFICIAL PLAT THEREOF. "YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF: CHARLES T. SEARS, TRUSTEE OF THE SEARS LOVING TRUST DATED APRIL 6, 1992. NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you.

If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court. There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Website (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association.

NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case. The name and address of the court is: Superior Court of California, County of Mono, 100 Thompson Way, PO Box 1037, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93514. The case number is 24UCM37. The name, address, and telephone number of Plaintiff's attorney is: Gian Carlo Simonetti, Esq., Wood Law Group PC, 126 Old Mammoth Road Suite 203, P.O. Box 3837, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546; (760) 934-5821; Gian@woodlawgroup.com.

TS #2024-0050

Notice of Free Stuff!

Free Classroom

The Governing Board ("Board") of the Mono County Office of Education ("COE") has found one (1) portable classroom known as the Mammoth Lakes Preschool Building ("Portable") owned by COE and located at Mammoth High School to be of insufficient value to the COE to defray the cost of a sale. It has authorized the COE to either donate the Portable to a charitable organization, or dispose of the Portable. (Ed. Code, § 17546(c).)

The COE invites any and all non-profits or other qualifying charitable organizations to accept the Portable from the COE. Any qualifying organization must arrange for the removal of the Portable at its sole cost and expense. The COE makes no representations or warranties about the condition or suitability for use of the Portable. Any agreement to take the Portable shall be in its current condition, as-is.

Any interested organization shall contact Didi Tergesen at 760-934-0031 ext. 109 or dtergesen@monocoe.org for information by Friday, May 24, 2024. This advertisement does not constitute a formal offer or contract for the Portable. The COE reserves the right to donate the Portable to any organization accepting the Portable, and to set the terms of any such donation. The Board authorized and empowered the Superintendent of Schools Dr. Stacey Adler to dispose of the Portable in the local public dump in the event that any proposal by a charitable organization is not acceptable for any reason including but not limited to potential costs or risks to the COE. (pending Board approval on May 23rd)

TS #2024-0060

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MAMMOTH LAKES RECREATION BOARD will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Tuesday, May 14, 2024, beginning at 5:00 p.m. and continuing until finished, at the Mammoth Lakes Town Council Chamber, Suite Z within the Minaret Village Shopping Center, 437 Old Mammoth Road, to consider the following:

Allocation of Measure U Funding Recommendations for Fiscal Year 2024/25.

Per Municipal Code: Section 3.44.210: The tourism and recreation commission, or such other commission or committee as is hereafter designated by the town council, shall annually conduct at least one public hearing where it takes public testimony as to how tax revenues collected under the Mammoth Lakes Mobility, Recreation, and Arts and Culture Utility Users Tax Ordinance (Measure U) should be expended.

All persons having an interest in the proposed resolution request may appear before The Mammoth Lakes Recreation Board either in person or represented by counsel and present testimony or may, prior to said hearing, file with Mammoth Lakes Recreation written correspondence pertaining thereto. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to Mammoth Lakes Recreation at, or prior to, the public hearing. For additional information, please contact Kim Anaclerio, Program Director by telephone at 760.660.4948 or email at kim@mammothlakesrecreation.org.

PUBLIC HEARING ZOOM INFORMATION: Join from a PC, Mac, iPad, iPhone or Android device: <https://monocounty.zoom.us/j/95249139779>
Webinar ID: 952 4913 9779

Or join by phone: Dial (for higher quality, dial a number based on your current location): US: +1 669 900 6833 or +1 346 248 7799 or +1 253 215 8782 or +1 312 626 6799 or +1 646 876 9923 or +1 301 715 8592

Callers: To Raise your hand Press *9, to Unmute/Mute Press *6International numbers available: <https://monocounty.zoom.us/j/95249139779>Public comments can also be given through Zoom by logging in and raising your hand.

BY ORDER OF THE MAMMOTH LAKES RECREATION BOARD

Dated: April 25, 2024

Kim Anaclerio, Program Director

TS #2024-0058



2024 DEFENSIBLE SPACE & COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP

The Town, in partnership with Mammoth Disposal, Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce and Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, has scheduled a Defensible Space and Community Clean-Up event on May 17 & 18. **Town staff/volunteers will NOT be collecting yard waste or household trash from properties.**

FREE BAG PICK UP DETAILS

- **Town of Mammoth Lakes Office:** May 1-17, Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm (Minaret Village Mall, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Ste. 230)
- **Mammoth Disposal Office:** May 1-17, Mon-Fri, 8am-4pm (59 Commerce Drive)
- **Community Recreation Center:** May 18, 9am-12pm (686 Old Mammoth Road)

DEFENSIBLE SPACE CLEAN-UP EVENT

Dates: Friday, May 17 & Saturday, May 18
Time: 8:00am – 3:30pm daily

All Green Waste & Trash Drop-off: 299 Commerce Drive (Town Yard)
NOT at the Mammoth Disposal Transfer Station

Bring your green waste to the Town Yard for chipping or to place in the green waste bin. Defensible space is the buffer between your property and the grass, trees, shrubs, or any wildland area that surrounds your home. This 100-foot space from your home or to your property line (whichever is closer) is needed to slow or stop the spread of wildfire and to protect your home from catching fire. You can promote a healthy defensible space zone by removing ground litter and trimming up trees to 15 feet (not to exceed one-third of the tree).

What you CAN drop off:

- **For MLFD chipper:** clean branches and tree limbs less than 12" in diameter and greater than 18" in length only.
- **For Town Yard bins:** Pine cones/needles, grass clippings, leaf debris, root balls, construction lumber, fence posts, pallets, dog waste and community trash; large bulky items (furniture, appliances, mattresses); metal objects (refrigerators, snow stakes, motorized equipment – no vehicles, all fluids must be removed); recyclable materials, food waste, and e-waste (TV's and electronics).
- **For Mammoth Disposal Transfer Station:** Household Hazardous Waste (HHW): paint (max. 5 gallons/day), antifreeze, oil, paint, etc.

What you CANNOT drop off:

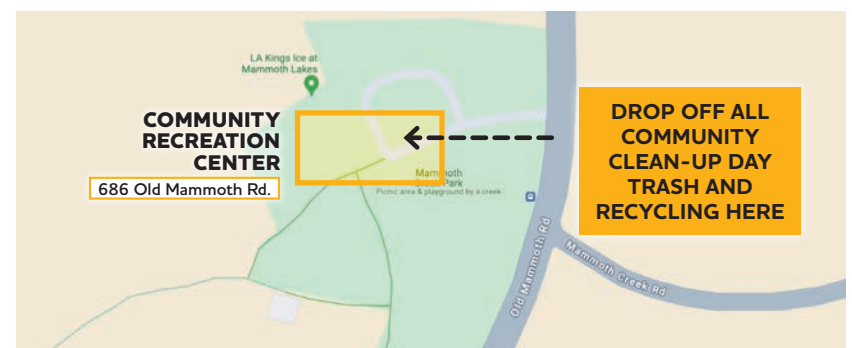
- No tires or railroad ties with oil will be accepted.



COMMUNITY CLEAN-UP EVENT

Date: Saturday, May 18
Time: 9:00am – 12:00pm
Location: Community Recreation Center (CRC)
(686 Old Mammoth Road)

Grab a bag...or two on Saturday, May 18 to clean up our streets, parks, trails, multi-use paths, neighborhoods and public spaces. Meet at the Community Recreation Center (CRC) on Saturday, May 18 at 9:00am to grab trash bags, bagels & coffee. Head out from 9am-12pm to clean up our Town! **Return your trash and recycling to the CRC by 12pm**, tally the weight and enter the Community Clean-Up Day raffle to win some great local prizes!



OTHER CLEAN-UP EVENTS

Mark your calendars for our FREE green waste and e-waste collection day events at the Mammoth Disposal transfer station!

All materials will be recycled FREE of charge.

Dates: May 4 & October 12

Electronic waste (TVs, computers, etc.) and pine needles/pine cones (yard waste) accepted.

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR TIME TO HELP MAKE MAMMOTH LAKES A GREAT PLACE TO LIVE, WORK AND PLAY!



Contact Mike Martyr, Code Compliance Officer at 760-965-3636 or scan the QR code for additional information about the event.

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CHEWING OVER BREADCRUMBS

Mike Smith seems like a nice enough guy. Comes across as an earnest, enthusiastic East Coast outdoor type. A straight shooter in a plaid shirt. The kind of guy I might want to meet in person to ask one quick question: why in God’s name do you, Mike Smith, think I am dying to buy a pair of Darn Tough Socks – still made in Vermont? Mike’s wholehearted endorsement of Darn Tough Vermont Socks has been popping up on my social media feeds in recent days. Not sure why. I don’t shop for socks online and have never Googled “socks,” so there should be no breadcrumbs from Google or Amazon leading Mike and his favorite socks to me.

Unfortunately, ads seemingly coming out of the blue either seems to be a trend in the advanced online age, so who knows what crafty algorithm or chain of digital tracks or artificial intelligence made Darn Tough Socks think I would be a prospective customer.

In the old days (2010?) it was pretty simple to figure out what ads landed in your inbox or on Facebook, which was still sort of cool back then. When you Googled “cheap Mother’s Day gifts” you quickly received a string of mostly shabby looking online ads about fake diamonds, some roses, a box of See’s Candy, books of mushy poetry about

Moms, and offers to deliver Mom eight pounds of prime rib.

It seems the old internet is gone, though. I think AI has a hand in this evolving online spy state. Now things just pop up at random. Like ads for socks. Or do they? To determine if I had simply forgotten my latest search history, I ran through my social media stuff and tried to decipher the why and wherefore of the numerous ads begging for my attention and my money.

The ad from My Irish Jeweler wants me to buy Brigid’s Cross, a fetching stone cross on a necklace commemorating St. Brigid, the female patron saint of Ireland. Never heard of her. And I didn’t realize I had an Irish Jeweler. Nor did I realize My Irish Jeweler thinks we need to celebrate the first day of Spring on Feb. 1. Why me? Not sure. I’m a mutt with some Irish blood, I think, but not sure since we never looked too closely in the family tree, if you know what I mean. A mystery, like all the saints.

Another mystery is why I saw an ad for “The Power of the Crone,” a book containing “myths and stories of the wise women archetype.” As a wise man, I know enough not to comment on any aspect of this ad or why it targeted me.

As an occasional traveler, I’m used to ads touting various destinations. But Visit Utah is wearing me out. Dozens of ads

with beautiful photos of red rock cliffs, spires and peaks, countless mentions and stunning photos of the Big Five National Parks, endless little tips on best hikes, best towns, best hidden gems. Maybe I should quit “liking” nasty quotes about the human vermin trashing the sacred, once pristine, now overrun Southern Utah red rock county penned by crabby old Ed Abbey.

This one is easy: I always “like” and comment on the photos from the Owens Lake Bird Festival, which just wrapped up. So what do I get as a reward? A plea to buy binoculars from Nocs Provisions (horrible name, by the way). And not just any binoculars. No sireee, Bob. These have been “voted the best binoculars for bird watching by National Geographic.” Side note: National Geographic is still old school and mails me at least two pitch letters a month, or membership updates, or something needing my “urgent attention.” They are real letters on real paper and they are confusing. I just send in a check every now and then (yes, a paper check, sent via the US Postal Service). For all I know, my membership won’t expire until 2045 and will be one of the most valuable assets I leave my kids. Anyway, that just proves old school techniques still work on the gullible.

Back to the mysteries of the online world. Fairly regularly I get a pitch from Franciscan Media, offering a number of books by Fr. Richard Rohr, one of those wonderfully cheery Franciscan thinkers and writers. I did meet him once, in the late 1980s, and probably bought one of his books, but that was way before I even had email. Maybe my sin is “liking” quotes from the radical Christian Dorothy Day, co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement.

Regardless of how they found me, maybe those ads are attempts to help me “proclaim the mystery of faith,” as

the priests sort of say. Adding in the St. Brigid ad and it appears the World Wide Web thinks my spiritual operation needs a tune up. Probably. But I would prefer a lightning bolt revelation, or some instructions on a stone tablet, or even a revelation and a vision. Some drama, in other words, instead of a tepid online ad.

Another book pitch came from the Book of the Month. It was shocking. I thought Amazon put the whole array of Book of the Month operations out of business. I bought lots of books via the History Book Club (where else can you get a 600-page hardcover book, with photos, covering in numbing detail the three-day Battle of the Wilderness – that’s a Civil War battle in 1864, not the fight over the 1964 Wilderness Act). Again, that was years before I had email. The top-drawer, cutting computing edge technology in that ancient era was Compuserve and dial-up modems that I used to send freelance news stories to the Denver Post. Pretty sure dial-up modems didn’t leave any digital breadcrumbs.

Both those ads make me wonder what other ancient little life details from my foggy past are being mined, dug up and fed into the maw of Google and Facebook by AI geeks with digital picks and shovels. Scary. My ancient history does explain, however, why I also get ads for Fytoo Eyeglasses (another horrible name).

Wrapping up this trauma session is this heartwarming little notice: “Better Help ... Makes Starting Therapy Easy.”

I guess that’s a response to what I thought were my almost daily silent screams for help rumbling out from deep in my tortured soul as it seeks to battle anxiety, disillusionment and a sense of helplessness.

Guess they were louder than I thought.

Jon Klusmire of Bishop will post this little breadcrumb extravaganza online and see what pops up.



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