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The whole town pretty much came out for Bobby Tanner's memorial last Sunday @ Laws Museum. Gayla Wolf's photos appear on p. 19

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LION KINGS

By Klusmire

Hunters, ranchers, pet owners, hobby farmers, packers and old-timers fired their best shots but mostly missed their targets last Thursday, Oct. 10 during a public meeting on mountain lion management and, in many attendees' eyes, mismanagement of the big cats in the Eastern Sierra.

Nine staffers from the Bishop office of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife absorbed the anger, suggestions and accusations and countered with a barrage of answers based on statistics, biology, mountain lion tracking data and field observations.

Most of the public comments centered on the perception that mountain lion populations are

"out of control" and the cats are decimating populations of deer, rabbits, quail and chewing up domestic cats, goats, and sheep. Thus, DFW needs to "do something" to reduce mountain lion numbers by unleashing hunters to kill more lions, or capturing and relocating voracious mountain lions, or simply having DFW officers shoot and kill more "problem" mountain lions.

After two hours of questions and answers, here's the bottom line: DFW will not be taking preemptive action to reduce the number of lions preying on wildlife, particularly deer, or to save anyone's cat, chickens, goats or livestock from a mountain lion attack.

The reason DFW has been

legislatively outgunned regarding mountain lions is California voters' approval of Prop. 117 in 1990. That outlawed "sport hunting" of mountain lions and gave the big cats "specially protected" status. It did, however, allow DFW to issue "depredation permits" that allow livestock owners to kill lions preying on their stock. Irony Alert: Gov. Gavin Newsom's dad, William, a state judge, was a primary driver of the initiative.

Because of that statute, "our hands are tied" when it comes to increasing mountain lion hunting, said Russell Black, DFW senior environmental scientist supervisor.

So, just unleashing more

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MAMMOTH GETS WISE

By Fisher

Three communities in the Town of Mammoth Lakes have begun the process for jointly mitigating wildfire risk in hopes of reducing fire insurance costs and minimizing the chance of losing their properties to flames.

The Mammoth Lakes Holiday Knolls neighborhood, the Juniper Springs Homeowners Association and the Midtown neighborhoods are on their way to earning Firewise USA distinctions. Firewise USA is a national program implemented by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) to help reduce wildfire damage through mitigation techniques.

The Firewise distinction is awarded to individual homes, but to acquire that distinction homeowners must show they've taken voluntary steps with their local community to reduce their collective risk.

Because Mammoth Lakes shares its borders with the densely wooded Inyo National Forest, resident homes are at higher risk for spot fires caused by ember ignition. This risk also means homeowners are unlikely to receive private coverage or their coverage comes at an extremely high rate.

The California Department of Insurance (CDI) 'Safer From Wildfires' regulations state property owners in communities designated as Firewise USA may be eligible for wildfire insurance discounts.

Communities, to qualify, must first create a committee of volunteers and appoint a resident leader to represent them. Communities can be as small as eight homes. Then, they must conduct a Community Wildfire Risk Assessment alongside Mammoth Lakes Fire Department (MLFD).

The Community Wildfire Risk

Assessment must be updated every 5 years.

The community must create a 3-year Action Plan about how the community will address areas of concern specific to their communities using their Community Wildfire Risk Assessment.

Each year, the community needs to show they've been working towards the goals in the Action Plan but they don't necessarily need to achieve their goals every year. Not every house needs to contribute, but each community is required to collectively contribute an hour of service for each house within their boundaries towards mitigation techniques.

Those volunteer hours can be as simple as raking up pine needles, and can be substituted with monetary contributions.

"It's a pretty simple list, and it's not hard to achieve," said MLFD District Chief Bob Rooks.

The mitigation techniques outlined in Firewise are already mandated by the fire codes in the state of California and the Town of Mammoth lakes. They are called "Defensible Space Codes" and require annual maintenance such as the removal of litter and pine needles.

These codes are actually stricter than the Firewise USA requirements, but they're hard to enforce and thus often ignored, Rooks said.

People can ask for a personal home risk evaluation from the MLFD directly, but the MLFD has struggled to get the word out to people about mitigation techniques because their only way of messaging is through postal notices.

"We totally support what [Firewise USA] is doing

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OTIS, MY MAN



Otis (owner Abraham Menzie in background) is loving the new Mammoth Dog Park located on College Parkway. The park opened Wednesday. For more, see p. 8

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BOONDOGGLE LIGHT

I'm one of those annoying parents who takes photos of stories and sends them to my eldest daughter with pithy commentary.

There was a story in the Journal about the latest data on credit card debt, entitled "Credit Card Balances Have Become Costlier."

The story reported that the average card balance that people carry is approximately \$6,300. And the average interest rate? A whopping 21.5%.

I'm a fierce proponent of financial literacy. The accompanying text to my daughter: "If you ever carry a balance at 21.5%, I may threaten to disown you. Carrying a balance ... is a sign of profligacy and lack of discipline."

My daughter reined me in on the reply:

"Some of it may be profligacy and lack of discipline ... but I think others are genuinely struggling in this economy and have to survive off putting things on their credit card."

With that as prologue ...

We often hear people say (particularly aspiring politicians) that they want

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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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government to be run like a business. Message being, they're gonna spend money responsibly.

But we know government. We know that with prevailing wage laws and union rules, it's not going to be that efficient. The general hope is for Boondoggle Light - which strikes me as a good name for a beer. JLB and Distant take note.

In regard to the Town's housing program, it's taken me awhile to wrap my head around what Boondoggle Light might represent.

And now that I understand the numbers, I sure wish we'd had more of a conversation about it.

You see, the Town is operating on the premise that every unit of housing in the 100-150% AMI range will cost approximately \$150,000-\$250,000 to provide.

Take the four-unit complex the Town is building at 60 Joaquin Street. The Town spent about \$250,000 on the land. And will spend another \$2.75 million on the construction.

So \$3 million in the deal.

According to Town Manager Rob Patterson, the Town will then sell those units (with deed restrictions) at prices in the \$500,000 range - targeting those who make between 120-150% of AMI (Area Median Income).

That's a recoup of \$2 million.

3-2 = 1 (math wiz!). So, establishing those four new households costs \$1 million to the taxpayer.

Now take Phase III of the Parcel, which is targeted as an ownership phase consisting of about 43 units.

Patterson said the Town is willing to spend about \$7 million bridging the gap between cost of construction and cost of selling units at a 100-150% AMI deed restriction.

\$7m divided by 43 = approx. \$163,000/unit.

*If you want to buy friends, that sure sounds like a good starting number.

A philosophical question we've never even addressed is ... geez, if the Town has experienced a great TOT windfall over the past decade (see numbers on the jump page - 11), would we better off paying down debt versus finding new ways to accrue it?

And I know I appear like an alien in saying this, given that the federal government added another \$1.8 trillion in debt this year and now pays more in interest serving that debt than it pays for the entire defense budget, but ... stay with me here.

The Town lost a lawsuit and incurred a \$23.9 million airport litigation judgment in the 2000s. It was ordered to pay \$2 million/year for 23 years,

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DISTANT BREWING HAS BEER AND CIDER AND SELTZER AND KOMBUCHA AND WINE AND BEER AND SODA AND SOUPS AND SALADS AND PIZZAS AND COOKIES AND SANDWICHES AND APPETIZERS AND BEER AND COFFEE AND LIVE MUSIC TWICE A WEEK AND AN OPEN MIC EVERY MONDAY AND BEER AND A POOL TOURNAMENT EVERY WEDNESDAY AND A MONTHLY VINYL NIGHT AND OH YEAD DID WE FORGET TO MENTION ALL THE BEER?



One Tequila, Two Tequila, Three Tequila Poor?

Town of Mammoth Lakes TOT (bed tax) budget for fiscal year 2023-2024:
\$18 million

Town of Mammoth Lakes actual TOT revenue for 2023-2024:
\$27.4 million

So with all the excess revenue (\$9.4 million!), why is Mammoth's Town Council pushing **Measure L, a two-point (15.3%) increase** in the Town's TOT rate?

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throughout the house. Every lightbulb in the house was out and our brand new stove appeared to have been left on and the electric of an entire wall had failed. A hole had been burned in our brand new deck by placing hot ashes on it. As the snow melted, we found bags and bags of garbage that the Superintendent for Pacific West Builders had thrown outside. There were numerous other issues.

When we pointed this all out to Pacific West and asked them to reimburse us for the thousands of dollars in damage, they ignored our calls and emails.

The point of this story is that the company that the Town hired to build housing for some of our most vulnerable citizens are crooked. If they cannot be trusted to care for a home of longtime locals then how can they be trusted to build a daycare for our children? How can they be trusted to build homes for our friends and their families? This is not the type of company we should be doing business with as a Town. I am writing this letter as a warning to our local government.

Brad eventually got his lawyer involved. Once she contacted me and I sent her all the invoices and photos of damage she offered to let us keep the deposit. That deposit covered about 20% of the damages. After that conversation I have never been able to get a call back from Brad or his Attorney Sarah McCormick.

I am sure we will be hearing more to come from Brad and Pacific Builders.

Daniel Ransom
Mammoth Lakes

Support Measure M

Dear Mammoth Community,

I was your fire chief from 2013 to 2023, managing wildfires, an Emergency Operations Center through COVID, and your fire district. Additionally, I've worked in city, county, state, and federal fire services since 1979. Presently I am the Director of the WUI (Wildland-Urban Interface) Fire Institute at Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. The Fire Institute's goal is to help create the most fire resilient communities in the world.

My national efforts within the last 18 months spanned California, Oregon, Washington, Nevada, Colorado, Idaho, and Arizona; internationally it included Chile, South Korea, and Japan. My work at Cal Poly squarely focuses on making the efficacy and value of parcel and community level wildfire mitigations (an explicit purpose of Measure M funds) actuarially visible to the insurance industry (to verify, Google Frank Frievault Wildfire Insurance).

Upon that foundation know this: 1) The cost to service ratio of your fire district is unsurpassed in my professional experience; 2) Local business growth,

public and private, are running away from the capacity of your fire district (limited solely to property tax); and 3) If you fail to close that gap through Measure M, and your fire district is left behind to wither and inevitably die, your options are three: resurrect something similar to your present fire district (which I've never seen elsewhere, and you'll need to properly fund later anyway), have the Town create a new fire department at triple the expense, or contract your local fire service to the state fire protection service (CalFIRE), over which you will have no control to contain future costs.

The consequences of degraded/collapsed fire services, or a conflagration wildfire in Mammoth Lakes (think Creek

Fire), are theoretical, while an increase in property tax is certain ... as certain as the increases you are experiencing with your property insurance (if you can keep/find it) ... as certain as what you are experiencing with the FAIR Plan.

Certain too are the implications to property values, and therefore property taxes, as insurance premiums approach the level of a second mortgage payment, reducing qualifying lending amounts. Fannie Mae & Freddie Mac are paying close attention (think mortgage-backed securities & 2007). Credit rating downgrades to the property insurance market increased by 60% last year; it's only a matter of time until the municipal bond market follows suit because servicing bond debt relies heavily on property

taxes ... from properties that are becoming increasingly underinsured or uninsurable.

We cannot suppress, price, or regulate our way out of this. Only additional mitigations against wildfire can make Mammoth Lakes resilient to what is coming. If that sounds alarmist, look up "vapor pressure deficit, wildfire" and draw your own conclusions. We are about to enter several decades of wildfire activity where the average wildfire acreage and correlating property losses will be 2-3 times our peak lived experience (Cary Institute). Don't fall victim to the Lucretius Problem (thinking the worst-case event that has happened in the past is the worst-case event that can happen);

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changes are coming without our permission.

Voting Yes on M is an investment in yourselves, your property, and your budget (\$.27/day for improved survivability & insurability). The men and women of the MLFPD serve you well and dutifully in the prevention, mitigation, and response to wildfire, structure fires, rescues, medical emergencies, and crushing winter building damage & LPG leaks/explosions. Your fire district has sought only one previous supplemental revenue measure, decades ago, which it paid off early. They have been and will continue to be good stewards of your tax dollars, and protectors of your lives and property; I implore you to support them through Measure M.

Frank Frievalt
Fmr. Mammoth Fire Chief

Yes on L

Editor,

This my 50th year living in Mammoth. During the '70s, '80s and even early '90s, a ski patroller, waiter, construction worke, etc. could afford to buy a home here. Recently, three restaurant owners told me they closed in part because of employee problems – good employees are hard to find and keep. Housing is just too expensive.

The Parcel affordable housing was almost entirely paid for by the State and Feds, with a requirement that only

low-income residents can live there. Meaning, many locals make too much to be able to rent there. These are our middle-income neighbors who work in sports shops, construction, Vons, the mountain, etc. If Mammoth wants to help provide housing for middle income locals, there are no funds available. We're on our own and it's expensive.

California law says a tax measure dedicated to one cause (housing) takes 67% of voters to pass it. A general tax measure not dedicated to anything specifically takes a simple majority, 51%. Therefore, there is a need to structure this as a general tax. Local government needs to do everything it can to help provide medium income housing and this measure will help tremendously.

My wife and I own an Airbnb. The increased cost of Measure L, (the 2 % proposed transient tax increase), will cost renters paying \$130/night, \$2.60. Less than the cost of a beer. Absolutely meaningless and will not stop anyone from coming to Mammoth but will raise \$3 to \$4 million a year for housing. It even sunsets in 10 years, not permanent without another vote. We desperately need middle income housing to attract and retain neighbors and employees.

Residents need affordable housing. They need to be our neighbors and friends; they are the fabric and soul of our community – a fabric that is unraveling. Join me in voting for measure L.

Greg Newbry
Mammoth Lakes

LIONS

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hunters on the big cats is off the table.

Killing mountain lions is still an option. It just involves some paperwork.

It is legal for people to kill a mountain lion to "defend life, health and property," said Black. But there is a process. Lion attacks on livestock, for example, have to be reported to DFW. A "hazing" permit is issued, but if the mountain lion continues its attacks a "depredation permit" is issued allowing the cat to be killed, with the body presented to DFW.

As far as rampaging swarms of mountain lions chewing through the Eastern Sierra, DFW's Phil Johnston said surveys and radio tracking show there are about 56 mountain lions roaming the Eastern Sierra from Sonora Pass to Coso Junction. The department put collars on 40 lions last year, he said, and routinely puts collars on between 40-80 lions a year, since the collars can be knocked off, batteries go dead, etc.

Regarding lions' appetite for deer, Johnston said a mature mountain lion kills and eats about 35 deer a year. (That comes to about 2,000 deer meals a year in the Sierra.) Goats and sheep account for the most kills by mountain lions. Sheep herds probably appear like "a smorgasbord" to lions since "all their defensive instincts have been bred out of them," Johnston said.

Females have a litter every two years and moms hunt for their cubs until they are up to two years old. Females' "range" is between 80 and 200 square miles, said Johnston, with males roaming from 200 to 400 square miles.

Once established in a territory, lions

have an uncanny ability to come back home. Take a lion from virtually anywhere in the Eastern Sierra and move him/her to another Eastern Sierra location and the cat will be back "home" in a day or two, he said.

There were several claims that mountain lions are also depleting populations of small game, rabbits in particular, and quail and other birds. A DFW scientist replied that a "hemorrhagic disease" has reduced the rabbit population in Inyo and Mono counties.

Drought and heavy winters have a larger role in limiting populations of game birds and other small animals than mountain lions, while more regular winters and water years can spark population increases.

The evening ended with notes from the fringe. Is Nevada dropping off bears on the California state line? That would be a firm "no." Finally, for the second time, a woman who didn't give her name, said DFW should relocate some mountain lions to the Mono Lake area so they can kill and eat the area's wild horses, which she said would be a better solution than the planned wild horse roundup using helicopters and wranglers. The DFW staff offered rational reasons that won't work and finally shot down the idea with a single blast: "No."

Jon Klusmire of Bishop is always amazed that some Inyo County folks forget they live in California, probably the most liberal, massively regulated state in the US, especially when it comes to hunting and wildlife.



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ZIP-A-DEE-DOO-DAH

By Fisher

One predictable aspect of our world is how history repeats itself, particularly when it comes to the trials of middle schoolers. No generation escapes the torment and confusion that define this pivotal stage in life.

Middle school is often the first time young people confront the more complicated aspects of existence: power, prestige, attraction, personal identity, and, importantly, humiliation. It's a time when bodies ache for no reason, hormones surge uncontrollably, and the struggle to communicate can be overwhelming.

So, when I read a notice about Home Street Middle School students stealing zipper pulls and vandalizing each other's backpacks as part of a TikTok trend, I couldn't help but feel sympathy for the kids. Principal David Kalk posted the notice "with great frustration" last Tuesday, Sept 8, stating what began as a harmless trend had escalated into a serious issue.

"Today the problem reached a point where student safety was at risk when two students nearly fought over the theft," Kalk wrote in the notice. "While this may seem like a relatively harmless trend, students' backpack zippers have been broken or left in a manner in which the zipper can no longer be moved leading to costly replacement."

To understand how this trend emerged and gained momentum, we have to look at the culture surrounding middle school

backpacks and . Every generation has its "cool" backpack — when I was in school, it was The North Face brand. Today, it's the Nike Elite backpack, priced at \$87 and typically worn by student athletes.

The zipper pulls on these backpacks have become coveted items in the middle school black market. Dubbed as "dreads" for their resemblance to hair, these pulls can be easily collected, traded, and stolen.

Kids showcase their daily hauls online, often styling their "dreads" to the tune of "Hold Me Down" by Hunxho.

Prolific collectors display their trophies on the front loops of their backpacks. The goal is to possess both the Nike Elite backpack and its corresponding zipper pulls, with rarity determining value — yellow and rose-striped pulls are rare, while green ones are more common, akin to collecting Pokémon or baseball cards in the olden (Lunch's childhood) days.

"I'm more worried about my elite zip-pers than school," joked TikTok user @iahwz.ig, whose post showcasing their collection garnered over 500,000 likes as of October 10.

However, this trend has evolved. Non-Nike Elite zipper pulls have become just as desirable. As @ohiwhatupdog commented on a TikTok tagged #nikeelitezip-pers, "no backpack is safe." As access to Nike Elite backpacks dwindles, pulls from other brands like Jansport and North Face have surged in popularity.

But now, according to Principal Kalk's notice, trading and stealing any pull is now banned at Home Street Middle School.

"Although the value of the pull itself is small, taking property from another person without permission IS STILL THEFT and can be treated as such by administration," Kalk wrote. "To be completely safe, students should not even ask other students for the pulls as those conversations can be intimidating if the individual does not want to give it up."

Most of the students who have reported loss of a pull have said that it was taken without their permission, typically while the backpack is unattended, he wrote. Students are encouraged to use their lockers to prevent further vulnerability.

Once again, history has shown its cyclical nature. I recall my own principal banning Silly Bandz — colorful, shaped bracelets that served as status symbols — during my middle school years. These cycles highlight a fundamental aspect of human nature: the desire to attain wealth and social standing based on what is valued in our community.

However, while these trends repeat, social media and technology have revolutionized how we define value. Children across the country now assess wealth using the same criteria, thanks to the rapid spread of information.

My own middle school years from 2014

to 2017 were shaped by the presence of smartphones. The iPhone had recently made its debut, and many of us accessed the internet without parental oversight via devices like the iPod Touch and iPad. Vine and Instagram dominated social media, while TikTok (then known as Musical.ly) was just beginning to capture our attention, inspiring countless trends that we all felt compelled to follow. Born in 2001, I've never known life without the internet.

Though older technologies like TV ads have influenced perceptions of value for years, none have done so at such speed or with such active participation from youth. TikTok represents a platform where young people are not just consumers but also the driving force behind trends. Even I, at 22, find myself aging out of TikTok's lexicon and culture.

As a result, kids today are at the forefront of modern marketing, navigating a landscape where trends like the stealing of zipper pulls reflect broader societal values. What may seem like just another passing trend offers insight into the intricate web of youth culture.

Perhaps that's the reason I find these trends so fascinating — they reveal not just the challenges of youth but also the unchanging nature of our pursuit of belonging and identity.



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LYRA MANNING

Introducing the Husky of the Week, Junior, Lyra Manning. Lyra just had her best match of the season against Kern Valley, with whom MHS was tied for the league lead. It was Lyra's birthday, and she celebrated with several key blocks against Kern's best hitters and several kills of her own, helping to lead her team to a 3-0 victory at Kern Valley and put us in the first place position in the High Desert League.

Lyra has been a consistent force in the front row for the Huskies this season, and her high energy and great spirit makes her a great teammate and player.

Lyra is a 3 sport Husky, she also represents the MHS Huskies on the Ski team and in Beach Volleyball. Congratulations Lyra, we look forward to all your success in all your sports!

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Dog Heaven

This week, the Town of Mammoth Lakes rolled out the red carpet (or should we say green turf?) for its new community dog park.

Located on a one-acre plot at 190 College Parkway, the dog park is now open for four-legged play. It's lined with a 5-foot perimeter fence and a double-entry gate system with separate small and large dog areas.

There are 5,000 square feet of custom dog turf, four benches, water spouts and leash posts. There's parking for about 40 vehicles, plus a restroom featuring water fountains and bottle filling stations.

Initiated in 2021, the project aims to promote community inclusion, foster connections, and encourage responsible dog ownership. Funding was sourced from the Town's general fund and a \$50,000 grant from the T-Mobile Home-town Grant Program.

A community dog park was identified in the 2021/22 Town of Mammoth Lakes Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and the 2021 Parks and Recreation Department



Strategic Work Plan.

Haislip Hayes gave a presentation on the Dog Park and other CIP measures at Wednesday's Planning and Economic Development meeting.

"I have a feeling this will be another town amenity that people were not really in favor of but will really rally around and enjoy taking their dogs to," PEDC Chair Michael Vanderhurst said at the meeting. "It'll be an improvement on local and visitor's experience"

Thursday was the park's soft opening. Some elements of the park are still in the works, such as adding electricity to the bathrooms, Hayes said.

The Mammoth Lakes Town Council will hold a ribbon cutting ceremony at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, November 6, 2024.

Meeting on Measure J

HMC Architects, a school bond consultant, is hosting a community meeting to discuss Mammoth Unified School District's Measure J, which appears on the November ballot.

The meeting will be held in the MHS MPR and starts at 6 p.m.

Measure J requires a 55% vote for passage.

The measure's ballot language states the money would be used for the construction of classrooms; upgrade heating, air conditioning and ventilation systems; improve school facilities; and construct teacher/staff housing to attract and retain qualified employees.

The measure would authorize \$70

RUNNING ON FULL



Mammoth Middle School won its XC dual meet against Bishop's Home Street Middle School on Wednesday. Mammoth girls had a sweep with Abigail Landsteiner leading the way with a 15.04. She was followed by Sierra Londsedale 16.27, Morea Perry 17.14, and Piper Kastor 17.15! In the boys race, Caleb Chytka from Home Middle School, Bishop came in 1st at 14:53, followed by Mammoth's Eli Perry 15.2, Bishop's Dominic S 15.27, and Mammoth's Finn Donovan 15.28! The Mountain Lions race Home Street again on October 21 @ Millpond County Park. Time: 4 p.m.

Pictured from left: Morea Perry, Abigail Landsteiner, Sierra Londsedale, Dominic S., Caleb Chytka and Eli Perry.

million in bonds, levying approximately \$37 per \$100,000 of assessed valuation (raising \$4.5 million annually).

School Board member Marty Thompson, who plans to attend Monday, is in strong support of Measure J, for several reasons.

For one, the Measure won't increase existing MUSD bond obligations. Rather, he said, it will replace a 1999 bond which is sunsetting this year.

MUSD, he said, will be losing 40% of its teachers to retirement over the next five years and needs to recruit a new generation.

MUSD owns land to site housing, and desires to build 15 units - units which would aid in teacher recruitment.

He said new TK mandates also mean that the District needs to build more classrooms.

As for HVAC upgrades, "The planet is getting hotter," he said

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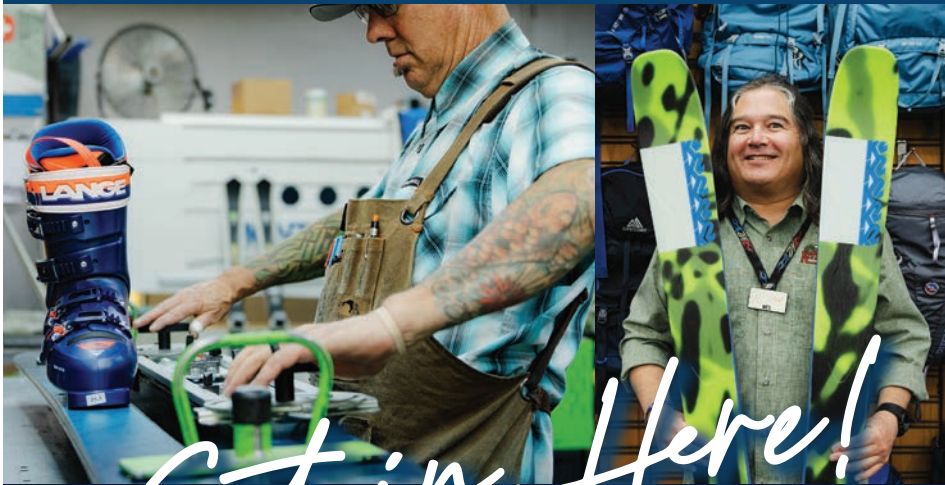
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FIREWISE

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Both enforcing the fire code and inspiring a community effort is specifically challenging in Mammoth because there are so many part-time residents and property owners who don't live in town, Rooks said.

"I think that one of the goals with just forming these neighborhoods is to create more camaraderie with your neighbors that maybe you don't know quite as well," said Crystal Medhurst, Outreach and Education Coordinator at the Whitebark Institute.

Each of the communities has approached these requirements differently, said Beth Burnam, the Firewise USA Regional Coordinator for Mono and Inyo counties. Burnam calls herself a "professional volunteer," meaning she doesn't make any money from the work she does. She took on the role "voluntarily and a bit reluctantly" in 2023.

She had worked on other fire mitigation projects in Topanga and became interested in helping Mono and Inyo counties after reading a newspaper article, but didn't know if she wanted to take on the full responsibility.

"I'd always taken on my community organizing a little bit rogue" she said. "But then as I started working within Mono and Inyo counties, I realized having this title was going to be important."

The Mammoth Lakes Knolls neighborhood, made up of about 250 homes, has made the furthest progress of the three communities. They have already completed a Community Wildfire Risk Assessment with Mammoth Lakes Fire Department and plan to complete their Action Plan in the coming weeks.

The neighborhood started organizing within its Homeowners Association, which allowed people who were on the HOA list to voluntarily join a separate newsletter, and then extended outside of the HOA through word of mouth to other nearby homeowners, Burnam said.

While completing their Community

Wildfire Risk Assessment, the community called the MLFD's attention to a neglected vacant lot near the Community Center owned by the town, Burnam said. According to Mammoth Lakes' fire code, all vacant lots must also comply with the defensible space requirements.

"We ended up going over there and we worked on it for a week and a half and we took out 30,000 pounds of green waste, and most of that was raking," Rooks said. "We dropped a couple of dead trees and we did a little bit of limbing, but most of it was just litter on the ground that's collected over 30 years."

Collecting and hauling away green waste is one of the most challenging and expensive parts of wildfire mitigation, and the MLFD is working to brainstorm ways to make disposal easier, Rooks said.

The Juniper Springs community has also made good progress, but they're a unique community because all of the residents involved live in the same building and are members of the HOA.

The building also has a commercial component, which makes Juniper ineligible for any potential insurance discounts.

"They haven't really been asking for much help, partly because the woman who's heading that one up started one at her other home in Tahoe so she kind of knows how it goes," Medhurst said.

Their primary goal is to spread the word about Firewise, especially since many residents there own homes elsewhere in California, Burnam said.

Sierra Valley Sites has received the least support and made the least progress, Burnam said.

There are eight other communities across Mono County and two communities in Inyo county working towards the distinction, Medhurst said.

Swall Meadows, which had forty structures burn in 2015's Round Fire, has successfully been granted the distinction.



A neighborhood Firewise meeting held with members of the Mammoth Lakes Fire Dept. in the Mammoth Knolls

LUNCH

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Fiscal Year	TOT Budget	Actual	Overage
2015-2016	\$11,600,000	\$15,734,000	\$4,134,000
2016-2017	\$11,650,000	\$18,091,000	\$6,441,000
2017-2018	\$12,500,000	\$17,867,000	\$5,367,000
2018-2019	\$13,500,000	\$20,211,000	\$6,711,000
2019-2020	\$13,500,000	\$15,974,000	\$2,474,000
2020-2021	\$11,200,000	\$16,510,000	\$5,310,000
2021-2022	\$14,500,000	\$26,669,000	\$12,169,000
2022-2023	\$16,000,000	\$29,521,000	\$13,521,000
2023-2024	\$18,000,000	\$27,401,000	\$9,401,000

Total Overage of TOT Revenue to Budget in the past 9 years:
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from 2012-2013 through 2035-2036. We still owe \$19.8 million in principal on this judgment. After twelve years! Given the above chart detailing the TOT overage realized over the past nine years, how come paying off this debt never even rose to a level of consideration?

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Peter Christodoulo is trying to build a new ski resort outside Elko, Nevada. Originally from Boston, he grew up skiing all over New England and now works in the technology industry in San Francisco.

About a year ago he purchased property that covers nearly 2,300 acres that stretch up the Ruby Mountains starting from around 6,100 feet in elevation and going to about 9,400 feet. He is currently working with the Forest Service to get a land swap, easement, or lease to get the land to the top of the mountain at 10,350 feet.

The plan is to put in at least three lifts to access the bowls and upper moun-

tain.

The prospective land is about 20 minutes from the town of Elko, with a population of 20,756 as of the 2022 census, and is the gold mining capital of North America. So far this year, 82% of the gold mined in North America has been mined here. The ski resort is being pitched as economic diversification. "What's really interesting is when you drive into Elko, there is a sign that says 'Elko, Nevada, gateway to the Ruby Mountains,'" Christodoulo said. "Except there is no ski resort. Elko and Spring Creek residents drive to Utah to go skiing and they have amazing mountains and terrain right in front of their noses."

Currently, Christodoulo is trying to rezone the land from Open Space to Agricultural Recreation. Based on surveys, there is a small minority of people in the area who oppose the project.

**Here's the key paragraph. Begs a John Mellencamp lyric. I fight exploitation/ exploitations always wins (oh no)*

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ELECTION

HEALTH CARE DISTRICTS ARE MORE POWERFUL THAN YOU THINK

Here's what to know before you vote
By Lauren DeLaunay Miller

In the first week of 1945, Dr. Lloyd Bambauer announced that the Bishop Community Hospital was in trouble. Set in a small house on the corner of Grove and Fowler streets, the hospital was struggling to meet the rural community's needs, and its finances were suffering. Worried its closure was imminent, a committee of 11 residents tasked themselves with finding a solution.

Over the next few months, the Bishop Community Hospital Association raised money and support and weathered the crisis, but it needed a long-term solution. That September, the association came up with a new idea: It would petition to create a hospital district. Such a thing did not yet exist, but special districts were gaining popularity across the state as communities voted to form local entities to manage irrigation, mosquito abatement, fire protection and recreation. Why not create a district to oversee their community's health care needs?

Bishop community members pushed for the passage of the Local Hospital District Law, or S.B. 586, and soon after, Northern Inyo Hospital District became one of the first two hospital districts in

the state. By 1994, there were dozens of districts across the state, and they were renamed health care districts to emphasize the importance of care outside of hospitals. Today, there are 77 health care districts across California, providing care for tens of millions of people, mostly in rural areas. Inyo County, where Bishop is located, now has two: Northern Inyo and Southern Inyo Healthcare District. Mono County has the Southern Mono Healthcare District.

Each of the state's 77 health care districts is governed by a five-member board of directors, and this election cycle, candidates will seek these seats all over the state. The board of directors oversees the district's finances, the hiring of a CEO, the policies and procedures of employees at the district and, perhaps most importantly, how the district should meet the needs of the community. It is the board's responsibility to assess the community's health care needs and implement services to address them, which is what the Association of California Healthcare Districts said makes health care districts unique.

"They are the most accountable form of health care that a community could have," ACHD (Association of California



Healthcare Districts) Senior Legislative Advocate Sarah Bridge said. Unlike private hospitals or clinics, each district's finances must be made publicly available, and if a community member wants to voice their opinion about the services of their health care district, they can attend a monthly public board meeting. Those living within the district's boundaries can also make their priorities known at the ballot box.

But few community members attend these meetings, and many do not know these districts exist or that they may be governing health care in their region.

Ted Gardner is the secretary of the Northern Inyo Health Care District board of directors, and he is seeking reelection this fall after rejoining the board as a mid-term appointment. He also served on the board for two terms

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DISTRICTS

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beginning in 1990, and in his experience, it has always been difficult to get the community to engage with the board, both as meeting attendees or as board members. He said that while meetings are sometimes attended by employees or volunteers of the district, it's rare to see people who are highly engaged.

There's even less interest in running for office, he said. "There does not seem to be as much interest in being a hospital board member as there might be in running for some of the other offices," Gardner said, noting the relatively large number of school board electoral candidates. Of the three zones with open seats this election, only Zone 3 — covering the city of Bishop, where Gardner lives — is holding a contested election. Gardner is running against Laura Smith (who did not respond to interview requests), while David McCoy Barrett, in Zone 1, and David Lent, in Zone 4, are running unopposed.

The Southern Mono Healthcare District does have a competitive election this fall, with four candidates vying for three seats.

Gardner was appointed to the board in early 2023, and is baffled by the lack of interest. "The health care district is a very important aspect of the entire county, ranging for a couple hundred miles," he said. Gardner wonders if most district residents are even aware of the impact the hospital has on their property taxes. For those within the district boundaries, one of the largest charges

on their annual property tax assessment is to pay for the bond measure funding renovations to Northern Inyo Hospital.

Voters passed this measure in 2005, affirming what Bridge sees as one of the strengths of health care districts. "We're willing to band together, draw these boundaries, and essentially tax ourselves to provide this service," she said. For those within the boundaries of the Northern Inyo district, the bond is charged in addition to the small percentage that the county collects and passes on to the district. According to Inyo County Auditor-Controller Amy Shepherd, approximately 60 percent of a household's property taxes go to schools, 30 percent go to the county, and 10 percent go to the city and special districts, including, but not limited to, the health care district. Taxpayers can refer to their property tax assessment to see the charge from the bond, and can calculate that a few percentage points of their total property tax will be allotted to the district automatically.

"They're almost like boots on the ground for hearing what their neighbors want and what the folks that they're representing want and then get to reflect

that in the strategic plan," Bridge said. In 2022, the Northern Inyo Healthcare District commissioned a community needs assessment which identified behavioral health, access to health care services and chronic disease management as top priorities. Checking in with the community is a key part of the role, along with less glamorous duties like overseeing budgets and confirming policies.

The power board members hold becomes more apparent when districts face challenges. In nearby Southern Mono Healthcare District, the board voted in June 2023 to close Mammoth Hospital's labor and delivery unit, forcing many pregnant patients to seek care at Northern Inyo. While providers have reported adjusting well to the added patients, no challenge has proven as difficult for Northern Inyo in recent years than its finances.

While health care board seats are not inherently political offices, the Health Care Districts association has seen the motivations behind these elections change in recent years. "We've seen the contention and the politicization of health care districts, particularly in their boards, in a way I've never seen," Bridge

said. Whether the discussions center on vaccine and mask mandates or the availability of reproductive health care, board members today are being tasked with making decisions that have become highly politicized.

Gardner said that while he hasn't seen that at Northern Inyo, he still believes that the ability to listen and keep an open mind is a key attribute to serving on the board. "You need to learn to count to three," he said, referring to the three-member majority needed for the board to pass any vote. And while board members aren't compensated much for their service on the board — they receive just \$100 per meeting — he sees participation as an important way to be involved in a critical community service.

"Times change," said Gardner, and being willing to adapt to the community's evolving needs is crucial, in his opinion. He knows those changes better than most: his family first moved to Bishop in 1958, when Gardner was just 10 years old.

After decades of working for his late-wife's physical therapy practice, Gardner is happy to be back on the board supporting the community, and he welcomes the competition for the position. "What's important," he said, "is that there's people interested in being a board candidate in the first place."

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-Ted Gardner

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Monday, October 14/
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Tuesday, October 15/
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Wednesday, October 16/
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Weekly trivia @ Main Street Pizza and Tap. Time: 6:30 p.m.

Thursday, October 17/
Alex Woodfolk plays Distant Brewing. Time: 7-9 p.m.

TOWN STUFF

October 11-13/
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Finance & Administration Director
Whitebark Institute seeks a Finance Director to oversee strategy, grants, policy, and fiscal planning for wildfire resilience programs. An opportunity for a finance leader to boost a growing organization and its network addressing climate change in Eastern Sierra Communities. Apply at www.whitebarkinstitute.org/get-involved/employment.



Mammoth Mountain Reservations is Looking for a part time office help in Mammoth. Must live in Mammoth. At least 20 hours/week. Please email resume/work experience to info@mammothres.com.



Black Tie Ski & Bike Rentals is now hiring for both FT/PT winter seasonal positions for the 2024-25 ski season. Seeking proactive and energetic individuals who share our love of the mountains and possess an entrepreneurial spirit. Ideal candidates enjoy working in a great team atmosphere and are passionate about providing impeccable customer service to our guests.

Flexible scheduling is available but **MUST** be able to work weekends & holidays. Competitive compensation includes; generous tips, ski pass, 401k, industry pricing equipment deals, personal use of shop equipment and tools and family & friend discounts.

If you're passionate about skiing and/or snowboarding and enjoy sharing that passion with guests of our mountain community, this could be a great opportunity for you. Please email a resume with references to mammoth@blacktiemammoth.com if you are interested in joining our team.

Help Wanted



Reservations Desk Clerk immediate opening at the Double Eagle Resort and Spa in June Lake CA (20 min from mammoth). Must have excellent customer service and computer skills. Full or part time, health benefits, fitness membership and PTO. Great place to work! Email Lodging@doubleeagle.com

P/T Wedding Coordinator asst. Great computer/communication skills essential. Please email interest to: weddingevents.doubleeagleresort@gmail.com

Creekside Spa and Fitness Desk at the Double Eagle Resort and Spa, immediate opening for enthusiast team member. Help in creating a wonderful experience for our spa and fitness center guests. Customer service, computer, cleaning, food service. Full or part time, health benefits, fitness membership and PTO. Great place to work! Email Lodging@doubleeagle.com

Restaurant Server for Eagles Landing



Surefoot Mammoth is hiring bootfitters for the upcoming winter season. We are looking for enthusiastic skiers who want to work hard and play hard. No experience necessary. Paid training. This is a great opportunity to learn a valuable skill in the ski industry. Season pass and custom ski boots provided with employment. Contact Todd at Mammoth@Surefoot.com.



JOB OPENINGS

FULL-TIME POSITIONS
*Full-time positions include competitive benefits package

- **Police Officer –Lateral**
\$89,889 – \$109,261
- **Senior Accounting Assistant**
\$54,477 – \$76,654
- **Revenue Specialist**
\$51,320 – \$72,212

TEMPORARY PART-TIME POSITIONS

- **Multiple Recreation Position Openings – Ice Rink**
\$18.50 – \$45.00/hr.
- **Temporary Snow Removal Operator**** **CDL required
\$29.36 – \$33.99/hr.
- **Lodging Support & Enforcement**
\$29.36 – \$33.99/hr.

For more information and to apply:
townofmammothlakes.ca.gov
(760) 965-3604

Help Wanted

Restaurant at the popular Double Eagle Resort and Spa in June Lake CA. Experience in restaurant service, computers and working as team member are essential. Full and part time available, health benefits, fitness membership and PTO. Great place to work. Email Lodging@doubleeagle.com

Maintenance Supervisor needed to manage a small maintenance team at the Double Eagle Resort & Spa in June Lake. You will be responsible for ensuring the smooth running of upkeep and repair. Must be reliable, have technical skills and knowledge of various crafts such as carpentry, plumbing etc. Leadership and knowledge of administrative tasks such as scheduling are also essential. The goal is to ensure that facilities are in good condition at all times. Compensation based on experience and references. We offer health benefits, fitness membership and PTO. A great place to work! Email Lodging@doubleeagle.com

Cooks and Dishwasher jobs available at the famous Eagles Landing Restaurant in June Lake. We offer health benefits, fitness membership and PTO. A great place to work! Email lodging@doubleeagle.com



Available October 1st. The Acorns village has a vacancy!! These brand new single-family homes are located across from Gull Lake. Walk to the town of June Lake, the Brewery and more. Minutes to June Mountain ski resort.

These units are 2BD/1.5BA with a large loft. Full-size W/D and all brand new appliances. Rent is \$2500 a month plus utilities. Text/call 760.807.8975.

2 BDR/2 BA/2-CAR GARAGE unit in Lee Vining with woodstove & w/d. Cost: \$1,900/mo. Call Dennis @760.914.0492

Two bay shop space for rent. Approx. 1,800-sq. feet. No auto repair. Next to Starbucks. \$3,000/mo. 760.937.7569

Nomadness Rentals has three storage spaces for rent, sizes of 38-, 85-, and 130-sq. feet respectively. Location: 306 Laurel Mtn. Rd. For more info, call Michelle @ 970.837.6720



SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA
COUNTY OF MONO

The Superior Court of California for Mono County invites applications for the position of

Family Law Facilitator and Self-Help Center Program Coordinator

This is a part-time independent contractor position for a licensed attorney

Annual Salary:
\$89,243

A job description and application instructions may be obtained on the court's website, https://www.mono.courts.ca.gov/ge_nerainfo/employment.htm, or contact the court at
(760)923-2321
hr@mono.courts.ca.gov
Closing Date: Open until filled
EOE/AEE/ADAE

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Public Internet Auction

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INTERNET AUCTION ON NOVEMBER 6-12, 2024 OF TAX DEFAULTED PROPERTY FOR DELINQUENT TAXES

On August 13, 2024, I, Janet Dutcher, Mono County Tax Collector, was directed to conduct a public auction sale by the Board of Supervisors of Mono County, California. The tax defaulted properties listed on this notice are subject to the Tax Collector's power of sale and have been approved for sale by a resolution dated August 13, 2024 of the Mono County Board of Supervisors.

The sale will be conducted on the internet at <https://www.publicsurplus.com>, starting at 8:00 a.m. PST on November 6, 2024 and the auction will close at the time shown on each auction item on November 12, 2024, as a public auction to the highest bidder for not less than the minimum bid as shown on this notice. Parcels receiving no bids will be re-offered at <https://www.publicsurplus.com>, starting at 8:00 a.m. PST on February 4, 2025 and the auction will close at the time shown on each auction item on February 10, 2025. The minimum price will be set at an appropriate level in order to stimulate competitive bidding.

Computer workstations will be available to persons who need them at 25 Bryant St. Bridgeport, CA 93517 during business hours. The county and its employees are not liable for the failure of any electronic equipment that may prevent a person from participating in the sale.

Due diligence research is incumbent on the bidder as all properties are sold as is. The winning bidder is legally obligated to purchase the item.

Only bids submitted via the Internet will be accepted. Pre-registration is required. Register online and submit a refundable deposit of \$1,000.00 to <https://www.publicsurplus.com>, no later than November 1, 2024. Bid deposits must be in the form of a wire transfer. The deposit will be applied to the successful bidder's purchase price. Full payment and deed information indicating how title should be vested is required within 48 hours after the end of the sale. Only Wire Transfers will be ac-

Item No.	Assessor's Parcel Number	Last Assessee Name	Minimum Bid
1	008-093-032-000	GARBARINO MICHAEL J	\$ 7,740.00

I certify under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Janet Dutcher, Mono County Director of Finance/Treasurer-Tax Collector. Executed at Bridgeport, Mono, California, on September 25, 2024

TS #2024-0138

Notice of Current Property Taxes Due

I, Janet Dutcher, Director of Finance, Mono County Tax Collector, hereby announce that regular secured tax bills will be mailed on or before November 1, 2024, to all property owners, at the addresses shown on the tax roll. If you own property in Mono, the county listed in this notice, and do not receive a tax bill by November 10th, contact the tax collector's office, at P.O. Box 495, Bridgeport, CA, 93517 or call (760)-932-5480.

Failure to receive a tax bill does not relieve the taxpayer of the responsibility to make timely payments.

The FIRST INSTALLMENT is due and payable on November 1, 2024 and will become delinquent if not paid by 5:00 p.m., or the close of business, whichever is later, on December 10, 2024; thereafter a 10% penalty will be added.

The SECOND INSTALLMENT is due on February 1, 2025 and will become delinquent if not paid by 5:00 p.m., or the close of business, whichever is later, on April 10, 2025; thereafter a 10% penalty will be added plus the cost to prepare the delinquent tax records and to give notice of delinquency.

If December 10 or April 10 falls on a Saturday, Sunday or a legal holiday, then the time of delinquency is at 5:00 p.m., or the close of business, whichever is later, on the next business day. Both Installments may be paid when the first installment is due.

Payments may be made by mail to P.O. Box 495, Bridgeport, CA 93517, on the Tax Collector's website at <https://www.monocounty.ca.gov> or by phone at (844) 806-5723. Mailed payments must be POSTMARKED BY THE DELINQUENT DATE to avoid late penalties. Payments may also be made in person at the County Tax Collector's Office, 25 Bryant St., Bridgeport, CA 93517 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, holidays excepted.

I certify, under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.

Janet Dutcher, DPA, MPA, CPA, CGFM
Director of Finance, Mono Cty. Treasurer/Tax Collector
Executed at Bridgeport, Mono, California, on October 3, 2024

TS #2024-0143

cepted for final payment. Transfer taxes will be added to and collected with the purchase price. For the re-offer sale, register online and submit a refundable deposit of \$1,000.00 to <https://www.publicsurplus.com>, no later than January 30, 2025.

The right of redemption will cease on, November 5, 2024 at the close of business and properties not redeemed will be offered for sale. If the parcel is not sold, the right of redemption will revive and continue up to the close of business on the last business day prior to the next scheduled sale. The right of redemption will revive for any property purchased by a credit transaction if payment in full is not received by the close of business on the date specified by the tax collector.

If the properties are sold, parties of interest as defined in California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 4675, have a right to file a claim with the county for any excess proceeds from the sale. Excess proceeds are the amount of the highest bid in excess of the liens and costs of the sale that are required to be paid from the sale proceeds. Notice will be given to parties of interest, pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code section 3692(e), if excess proceeds result from the sale.

Additional information may be obtained by visiting the Tax Collector's website at <http://monocounty.ca.gov> or by contacting the Tax Collector at 25 Bryant Street Bridgeport, CA 93517, treasurer@mono.ca.gov, or calling 760-932-5480.

PARCEL NUMBERING SYSTEM EXPLANATION
The Assessor's Parcel Number, when used to describe property in this list, refers to the assessor's map book, the map page, the block on the map if applicable, and the individual parcel on the map page or in the block. The assessor's maps and further explanation of the parcel numbering system are available in the assessor's office.

The properties that are the subject of this notice are situated in Mono County, California, and are described as follows:

Notice of Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. ORD 24-007

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MONO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AMENDING CHAPTER 7.92 OF THE MONO COUNTY CODE TO PROHIBIT SMOKING IN MULTI-UNIT HOUSING

WHEREAS, Chapter 7.92 of the Mono County Code contains regulations and prohibitions pertaining to second-hand smoke and tobacco; and

WHEREAS, commercial tobacco and cannabis smoke are included in the California Environmental Protection Agency's Proposition 65 list of chemicals known to the state of California to cause cancer, birth defects, and other reproductive harm; and

WHEREAS, exposure to secondhand smoke imposes death and disease on people who do not smoke and secondhand exposure to e-cigarette vapor may similarly raise health risks; and

WHEREAS, the health hazards posed by smoking are caused not just by secondhand smoke but also by third-hand smoke as well, toxic residues that can linger on walls, furniture, and carpet; and

WHEREAS, smoking is a leading cause of fire-related injury and death; and

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke in multi-unit housing is a significant threat to the health and safety of California children; and

WHEREAS, The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) finds that acceptable indoor air quality in multi-unit housing requires the absence of secondhand smoke, cannabis smoke, and aerosol from electronic smoking devices; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. Surgeon General has concluded that eliminating smoking in indoor spaces is the only way to fully protect nonsmokers from secondhand smoke exposure; and that separating smokers from nonsmokers, cleaning the air, and ventilating buildings cannot completely prevent secondhand smoke exposure; and

WHEREAS, California law declares that anything which is injurious to health or obstructs the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property, is a nuisance; and

WHEREAS, more than 153 California cities and coun-

Notice Inviting Bids

NOTICE INVITING BIDS
MAINT 24-001

The Town of Mammoth Lakes will receive sealed Bid Proposals for:

LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE AT VARIOUS LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES

In the Town of Mammoth Lakes for The Town of Mammoth Lakes, California until 3 p.m. on Friday, October 25, 2024 at which time they will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Mammoth Lakes located at:

437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 230,
Mammoth Lakes, California 93546

Bid Proposals will be received ONLY via the Town's Online Bid Portal <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids>. Bid Results will also be listed on the Online Bid Portal immediately following the Bid Opening.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Project includes maintenance of landscaping facilities at various locations throughout the Town of Mammoth Lakes, including both sides of Main Street/ SR Highway 203 from Old Mammoth Road to Mountain Boulevard, both sides of Old Mammoth Road from 686 Old Mammoth Road to Main Street/Hwy 203, the Community Recreation Center at 686 Old Mammoth Road, and streetside landscaping throughout the Parcel development, including both sides of Inyo Street, Tavern Road west of Laurel Mountain Road, and Chaparral Road. Locations will be described in more detail in EXHIBIT "B": MAP OF PROJECT LOCATIONS of the Bid Documents. Maintenance shall include weekly maintenance, irrigation repairs, removal and replacement of landscaping materials, spring clean-up and irrigation pressurization, fall clean-up and winterization, weeding, and mowing. These responsibilities are described in more detail in EXHIBIT "A": SCOPE OF WORK of the Bid Documents.

Forms, plans and Contract Documents for this work are available electronically on the Online Bid Portal at <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids>. Contractor is responsible for registering for a Procure-Now/OpenGov account and for "Following" the project to be listed on the plan holder's/bidder's list and to receive updates and addenda.

Questions or Requests for Information (RFIs) shall be submitted ONLY via the project posting on the Town's Online Bid Portal at <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids>. All answers to inquiries will be posted on the Online Bid Portal. It is the responsibility of the bidder to "Follow" the project to receive email notification when answers or addenda are posted, or to check the Online Bid Portal for updates. Oral clarifications are non-binding and any changes to the project shall be issued by written addenda only.

A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting will be held on Thursday, October 10th, 2024 at 9:00 AM at the conference room at the Town Offices, located at 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 230, Mammoth Lakes, California.

The Contractor shall have a valid Class A or B Driver's license and shall have (or shall obtain prior to commencing work) a current Town of Mammoth Lakes Business Tax Certificate and shall maintain all required licenses and certificates throughout the duration of the Contract. The Contractor shall demonstrate their qualifications by having adequate equipment in good working order,

ties have adopted smoke-free multi-unit housing ordinances; and

WHEREAS, an estimated 28% of Californians (or 7.3 million people) live in multi-unit housing; and

WHEREAS, several studies have confirmed that smoke-free multiunit housing policies are an effective method to reduce secondhand smoke exposure in multiunit housing; and

WHEREAS, secondhand smoke exposure occurs more often in multiunit housing compared to separate, single-unit housing, thereby contributing to tobacco-related health inequities; and

WHEREAS, research consistently demonstrates that a majority of multiunit housing residents, including a large portion of people who smoke, supports smoke-free policies in multiunit residences, with support even greater among residents with children; and

WHEREAS, the Mono County Board of Supervisors now wishes to update Chapter 7.92 of the Mono County Code to reflect these and other findings;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONO ORDAINS as follows:

SECTION ONE: Chapter 7.92 of the Mono County Code is hereby amended in its entirety to read as set forth in Attachment "A", incorporated herein by this reference.

If a member of the public would like to access the complete text of Attachment A, they may do so by emailing Mono County Clerk Queenie Barnard at the following address: qbarnard@mono.ca.gov

SECTION TWO: This ordinance shall become effective 30 days from the date of its adoption and final passage, which appears immediately below. The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall post this ordinance and also publish the ordinance in the manner prescribed by Government Code section 25124 no later than 15 days after the date of its adoption and final passage. If the Clerk fails to so publish this ordinance within said 15-day period, then the ordinance shall not take effect until 30 days after the date of publication.

experience, and ability to perform work. The Town will be the sole judge as to the qualifications of each bidder. The project is considered "street maintenance" work and is therefore not a "public project" under Public Contract Code Section 20161. A bid bond, labor and materials/ payment bond and faithful performance bond are not required for this project.

The Town of Mammoth Lakes hereby notifies all bidders that it will affirmatively ensure that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation and will not be discriminated against on the grounds of race, color, or national origin in consideration for an award.

The Director of Industrial Relations has determined the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which this work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker needed to execute the Contract which will be awarded to the successful bidder, copies of which are on file and will be made available to any interested party upon request at Town Hall or online at <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr>. A copy of these rates shall be posted by the successful bidder at the job site. The successful bidder and all subcontractor(s) under him/her, shall comply with all applicable Labor Code provisions, which include, but are not limited to the payment of not less than the required prevailing rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the Contract, the employment of apprentices, the hours of labor and the debarring 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 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 prevailing wage 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. The Contract will be awarded to the contractor whose bid is determined by the Town to reflect the best combination of all responses contained within the Bid Proposal, including equipment list, hourly rates, current project commitments, past project experience, and bidder's questionnaire. The Town reserves the rights to waive any informality or irregularity in a bid, to reject any and/or all bids, or to utilize any alternative procedures deemed appropriate. Submission of a bid shall be deemed conclusive evidence that the bidder has thoroughly examined the plans, specifications and the sites of all work and the bid takes all costs into account. Each bid shall remain good for a minimum of sixty (60) days after bid opening.

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA
Jamie Gray, TOWN CLERK
DATED: September 27, 2024
TS #2024-0140

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 1st day of October, 2024, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Duggan, Gardner, Kreitz, and Salcido.
Supervisor Peters.
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None

ATTEST: Danielle Patrick, Clerk of the Board
APPROVED AS TO FORM: Christopher Beck, County Counsel

John Peters, Chair
Mono County Board of Supervisors

TS #2024-0144

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

Sierra Home Management Solutions LLC

Nicole Bragia
286 Old Mammoth Rd., #92
PO Box 9422
Mammoth Lakes, Calif. 93546

This business is conducted by a limited liability corporation. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on September 9, 2024
File Number 24-080
2024-0135 (9/28, 10/5, 10/12, 10/19)

WHINE WEDNESDAY

Town denies culpability on MACC planning oversight

By Fisher

Mammoth Public Works Director Haislip Hayes was unhappy with the Sheet's report on the Mammoth Arts and Cultural Center (MACC) project oversight published last week.

He expressed this displeasure at Wednesday's Planning and Economic Development Commission (PEDC) meeting.

"There was a bit of interesting writing in the Sheet that really did not tell the truth about the project," he said.

He went on to explain that the MACC began as a Mammoth Lakes Foundation (MLF) Project and has only recently become a Town of Mammoth Lakes project.

"Towards the latter parts of this most recent iteration, it became clear that we didn't have enough funding to get the project over the finish line," he said. "And so a plan came together to work with the Foundation on basically a sale of land from the Foundation to the Town and the revenue from that would [...] support scholarships and such but also to help fund this project."

In that process, the Town took on the MACC project wholly and began doing a process of due diligence, he said. Through that process, the town learned that the \$7.5 million in bond funds from Kern Community College District (KCCD) came with a string attached. Building plans required adherence to approval from the Division of the State Architect (DSA) requirements.

"It was a surprise to everybody in-

involved," he said. "We're in the process of evaluating what that means."

It may have been surprise to Hayes and company. It wasn't a surprise to anyone else.

The Foundation, according to its Executive Director Kendra Knight, bifurcated the project so it's responsible for Phase 1 and the Town for Phase 2, which encompasses the MACC.

The Foundation has known all along such a project required DSA approval. Phase 1 was signed off on by the DSA and will be complete by mid-December.

If the Town is having an issue with its Phase 2 plans, that's entirely on the Town for its lack of due diligence.

Hayes said the Town has an idea what the extra cost of DSA compliance might be, based on current plans, which is the

\$1.5-2 million figure reported last week. "But that number is not absolute," he said.

Hayes said he plans to bring roughly the same information that was presented to the PEDC when the MLF deal was originally made, and hopes DSA "blesses" the plans so the Town can move forward, he said. If not, it's back to the drawing board.

"This has a storied history and it hasn't been bungled by anybody, it's just that new things come to light and as this project moves through the process," Hayes said.

The town is still committed to finishing the project and is working on figuring out how to articulate that to the public, he concluded.

"Clear as mud, but more information to occur," Michael Vanderhurst Commission Chair said.

Clarifying questions from the PEDC led Hayes to discuss the bond.

The bond dates back to 2000, he said, and the language in the original literature has made it unclear if the Town can actually use those bond funds.

Various lawyers are busy dissembling, er, discussing.

Town Manager Rob Patterson remains adamant that whatever happens with the College District bond, a MACC project in some form will happen.

Hearing Board Vacancy - GBUAPCD



The Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District has one opening on its Hearing Board. The Hearing Board is a quasi-judicial body whose purpose is to hear and decide permit appeals and variances requests. Hearing Board members are appointed by the District Governing Board to three-year terms.

California Health and Safety Code Section 40801 specifies the Hearing Board shall consist of:

- One member admitted to the practice of law in this state.
- One member who is a professional engineer.
- One member from the medical profession whose specialized skills, training, or interests are in the fields of environmental medicine, community medicine, or occupational/toxicologic medicine.
- Two public members.

However, California Health and Safety Code Section 40802 allows that if districts with a population of less than 750,000 are unable to appoint a person with the qualifications specified in Section 40801 the Governing Board may appoint any person to the hearing board.

The District encourages any interested individuals residing in the District to apply as the Governing Board may consider any applicant if the District cannot recruit a Hearing Board Member in alignment with the specified qualifications. If you live within Inyo, Mono, or Alpine counties and are interested in applying, please submit an application (www.gbuapcd.org) to 157 Short Street, Bishop, CA 93514 or via email to tdehaven@gbuapcd.org.

The Hearing Board meets as needed throughout the year depending on requests for variances (average 1 meeting per year). Hearing Board Members are paid \$100 stipend plus mileage for each meeting they attend.

Hearing Board Members must complete a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700), as required by the Fair Political Practices Commission, within 30 days of appointment to the Board, annually, and within 30 days of resignation from the Hearing Board. Hearing Board Members must complete two hours of ethics training every two years.

Please contact Tori DeHaven, Clerk of the Board, with any questions at (760) 872-8211 or tdehaven@gbuapcd.org.



NOVEMBER 5, 2024, GENERAL ELECTION

Pursuant to California Elections Code §12109, the elections official is required to publish the location where the ballots of this election are to be tallied.

ELECTION NIGHT CENTRAL COUNT LOCATION:

Mono County Elections, 74 School St., Annex I, Bridgeport, CA 93517

Pursuant to California Elections Code §12105, the elections official is required to publish the list of polling places designated for each election precinct.

All Poll Places are open Election Day 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. (Poll Place Location / Voting Precinct Number and Name)	
Walker Community Center 442 Mule Deer Dr., Walker, CA 96107	01 - Antelope
Bridgeport Memorial Hall 73 School St., Bridgeport, CA 93517	03 - Bridgeport
Chalfant Community Center 123 Valley Rd., Chalfant Valley, CA 93514	04 - Tri-Valley
June Lake Community Center 90 W. Granite Ave., June Lake, CA 93529	05 - June Lake
Crowley Lake Community Center 58 Pearson Rd., Crowley Lake, CA 93546	07 - Long Valley
**** MOVED **** Mono County Civic Center 1290 Tavern Rd., Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546	08 - Mammoth Meadow 09 - Mammoth Minaret 10 - Mammoth Pinecrest 12 - Mammoth View 13 - Old Mammoth

Ballot Drop Box Locations (open 10/8/2024) All Ballot Boxes are open 24 hours a day and are locked at 8 p.m. on Election Day	
Walker Community Center 442 Mule Deer Dr., Walker, CA 96107	Bridgeport Memorial Hall 73 School St., Bridgeport, CA 93517
Chalfant Community Center 123 Valley Rd., Chalfant Valley, CA 93514	June Lake Community Center 90 W. Granite Ave., June Lake, CA 93529
Crowley Lake Community Center 58 Pearson Rd., Crowley Lake, CA 93546	Mono County Civic Center 1290 Tavern Rd., Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

Mono County Elections
Ballots can be delivered to this office Mon - Fri 8 a.m. - 5 p.m., or Election Day 7 a.m. - 8 p.m.

74 School St., Annex I, Bridgeport, CA 93517
Elections: 760-932-5537 Main: 760-932-5530

All Vote Locations are Accessible to the Physically Handicapped
FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION, PLEASE REFERENCE THE MONO COUNTY VOTER INFORMATION GUIDE. <https://monocounty.ca.gov/elections>



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NFL

NOT ME!

By Hartley

This is it folks. The season is on now. Like I always say ... **THE SEASON STARTS AT WEEK 6** and that is this week. By now we know who the teams are.

And firing a coach won't change the equation.

Is there any team more incompetent than the Jets? Anybody more an ass than Aaron Rodgers?

Funny thing is, the Coach Robert Saleh was finally trying to get his OC Nathaniel Hackett fired - basically the only smart thing he has done as a head coach. So Rodgers stepped in and got Saleh fired first.

Now Rodgers is acting like he had **NOTHING TO** do with it, even though the owner admitted speaking to Rodgers the night before the firing. This was hours after Saleh wanted to demote Hackett.

Rodgers is so petty he values his friendship with that loser of a coach Hackett more than everyone else in that organization.

The owner says this is the best football team he has had **IN THE 25 YEARS HE'S BEEN DOING THIS**. Well that proves he is a poor owner because this team is overrated and lacks talent in a lot of areas. A bunch of

geriatrics running around acting like they are still good.

The Jets haven't made the playoffs since 2010 - the longest current streak in the NFL. **YOU (OWNER) HAVE BEEN DOING THIS POORLY**. The worst in the league. **NO ONE** should want to work for you.

Rodgers meanwhile had his cronies take up for him to spread his bs. Pat McAfee and that other clown AJ Hawk.

And how about this from Tyler Conklin: Aaron Rodgers "probably took [Robert Saleh firing] harder than anybody." Tyler Conklin shame on you. You think anyone has any respect for you saying that. Why don't you just crawl out of Aaron's ass and get your respect back? No one believes you. Why would you come out and say that? Contract year for you? You need them targets? Sad.

Speaking of crybabies - Steeler WR George Pickens. Another Mike Tomlin project. Coming out of college, he fell to the 2nd round of the draft because of his attitude. He is a lazy, self-awareness lacking child. But everyone says **TOMLIN** can fix those folks. He doesn't. AB didn't fix, Martavis Bryant

didn't fix. Diontae Johnson didn't fix. Just ends up cutting or trading them.....after they cause chaos on the team and fuck everyone over.

Tomlin's genius is **GREATLY** exaggerated by a bunch of adoring media types - they just like that he talks in puzzles all the time. Idiots. I call it **TOMLINfoolery**. New term. Half the stuff that comes out of his mouth is so silly I can't believe they put him in front of a mic.

Bills QB Josh Allen should not have been on the field at the end of the Bills game. You could clearly see his head hit the turf and him react. Then he said it was his chest. Your chest? Is that located inside your helmet? The coach slapped him back out there because he was ready to go and the neurologist cleared him. You are the coach - be an adult. Of course Allen wanted to go back in. He was concussed and probably thought he was at Disneyland. It's **YOUR** job coach to protect the player and the franchise.

This is the problem with Bills Coach Sean McDermott. He froze up. He couldn't think of anything other than that moment and froze.

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and the ball at their own 3 yard line he ran three straight pass plays (incomplete) and punted the ball back to the Texans who had three timeouts. With a concussed QB.

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You had to run the ball to make them use timeouts. That is not debatable. You had to run the ball to get a few yards so your punter could legitimately kick the ball instead of fielding a snap in the back of the endzone. Not debatable. If they were going to throw, they should have been shorter throws to actually try to move the ball or be easier to catch and be sure to keep the clock moving and make them use timeouts.

You know what I am sick of? LED headlights on trucks so bright they blind you. How are they legal? I want to just drive right into them and say **SORRY COULDN'T SEE WITH YOUR BLINDING LED LIGHTS IN MY FACE**.

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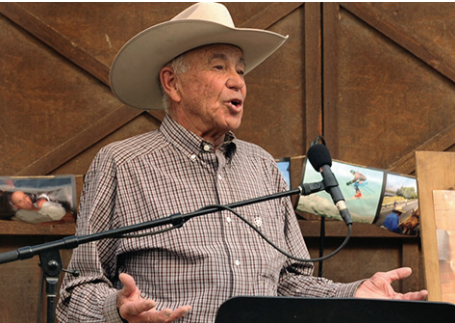
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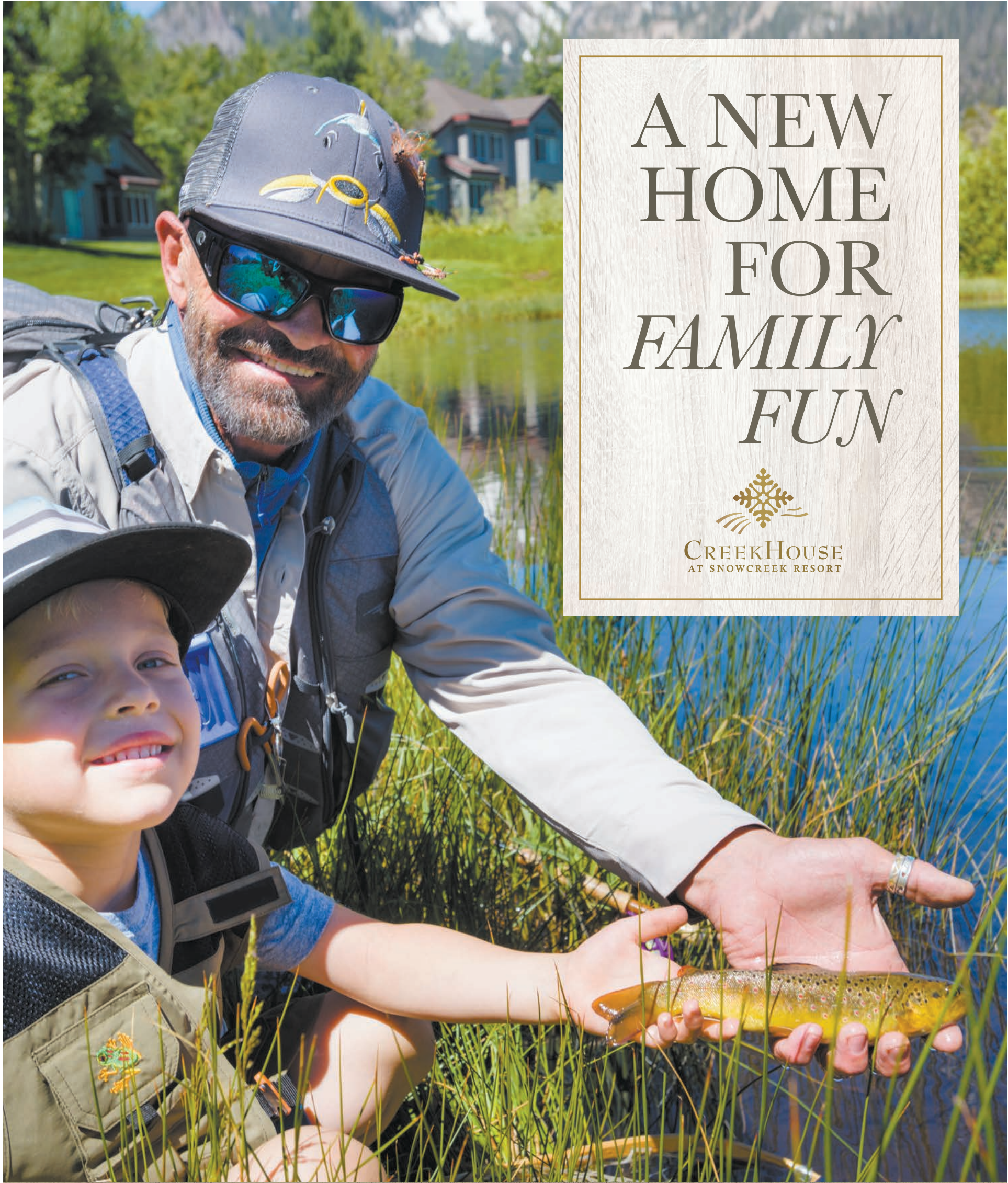
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