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PHOTO LEW JONES

Abbs Stoiber and Michael Seitz sparkle in Mammoth Lakes Rep's production of *The Heiress*, opening this Friday. More photos and review p. 12

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AND FOR THE MAIN COURSE, ALPHABET SOUP

Local voters go for (most?) bond measures
By Klusmire/Lunch

Folks, we're gonna start with Klusmire's Inyo roundup and then Lunch will take take over from there. The latest election results (that we could provide before press deadline) appear on pages 10 & 11.

Simplistic Inyo County Election Headline Summaries Suitable for Social Media: Schat didn't happen in Bishop, but the Grocery Guy delivered; Free Eastside conservative candidates were free to fail and did so by locking up losses in the Bishop City Council Race and also flunked out of the Bishop School District race; Will the Handyman did not win handily but did appear

to hammer out a victory in the 5th District supervisor race; voters didn't have to grade on a curve to overwhelmingly approve four school district bond measures, all of which passed with flying colors.

National Note: Inyo County's 2020 flirtation with Biden Blue went down in Red-Orange flames as the county backed Donald Trump (by a slim 171 votes) for the second time in three presidential elections.

(At this point your correspondent pauses to be grateful that print journalism doesn't offer an immediate comment/snark section.)

Onward into the details

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OUT OF THE COBWEBS

Memories of a local '60s garage band
By Lunch

A few years back Bruce Licher, who owns the Independent Project Press on Willow Street in Bishop, was wandering about the Cobwebs Antique Shop (which has since closed and been replaced by Luxe Salon and the Indy Coffee Co.).

He randomly looks up, and there's a 45 record on the ceiling.

Now if you don't know Bruce, he has an extensive vinyl collection. Into the several thousands. He has been part of an '80s punk rock band of some renown (Savage Republic) and has produced other niche bands of note.

You can't slap a record on the ceiling and not have him bite.

So he bought the record for seven bucks and brought it home and put it on the turn-



table.

And damned if it wasn't pretty good.

The sound quality wasn't great, sure, and the printing was littered with mistakes (on one side of the record, the band was listed as The Rubber Bands).

On the other side, comically, The Bubber Bands.

The songwriter's name is also Both sides, it turns out, were wrong. It was The Rubber Band, formerly known as The Fourth Reich, a garage band of high school kids from Bishop.

They had gone to L.A. and recorded these two songs in 1967.

The main songwriter was Michael Hemler (even his name is spelled wrong on the record), whose younger sister Mary (now Baker) still lives here.

The band included Hemler on lead guitar, Mariano Sanchez on rhythm guitar, Joe Wilkerson on drums and Bill Elliott on bass.

Only Elliott is still among the living.

Hemler was one of seven children. He was the only one to pursue the guitar. He was a big fan of the Rolling Stones and the Beatles and Jimi Hendrix.

The Fourth Reich (what the band had been named until the



guy at the recording studio said you can't use that give World War II and Hitler are still too fresh in people's minds) was a partial offshoot (providing Sanchez) of a previous garage band known as the Van Dells. This according to Jerry Simcox, who own band "No Shame" filled the local band vacuum once The Fourth Reich disbanded.

Simcox has lived his whole life in Bishop save for a brief stint in the service.

"They were really good," said Simcox of Hemler's band. "They were really into it. They used to play the Masonic hall and dances at different local venues."

Simcox said Hemler wrote both songs on the 45, and though it was a cheap recording, the songs "were pretty inventive."

Hemler and his bandmates would take copies of the 45 to school and sell 'em for a dollar.

"Michael really could have gone far, but ..." Simcox said he got into drugs, et. al.

The other issue was just the size of the town. Bishop was a dead-end street for a talent like that.

The other standout in the band was Sanchez, who had an incredible voice (a voice which unfortunately is not featured on the 45).

Simcox said at one point Sanchez did some guest vocals for

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PHOTO: GAYLA

Photographer Gayla Wolf was out and about on election day. At left, bottom photo, is Inyo County Clerk-Recorder Danielle Sexton

Ants and grasshoppers

Pinocchio!

Biggest Loser

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ROW, ROW, ROW YOUR GLOAT

I think it's only fitting that the kleptocracy keeps changing hands every four years. That way the takers really get to spread it around!

... Fisher told me today that Councilman Wentworth tried to corner her at the Dog Park celebration to gloat over Measure L's triumph. Which is funny, because Fisher couldn't give a damn.

The day before the election, I wrote this text to Wentworth:

"Yes on L would still be the prohibitive favorite - after all, who doesn't love the idea of 'free money'?"

But what I don't understand is this? Why stop at an effective 16% tax rate? Why not 20%? 25%? The electorate reads the ballot language and says, 'oh great, soak other people. I'm on board. Sure.'

I'm not really sure what stops the taxeaters from completely rolling the producers. I think it must be some vague unease. Like they know if they push it too far, too fast it will induce utter collapse. They strike me as influencers inching closer and closer to cliff's edge to get an ever better selfie.

I will never believe that John Wentworth will spend my money more wisely than me. Which is the chasm between us.

I received the following from Dirk Addis. A screenshot of a short letter which appeared in the Journal. Written by a gentleman from Stillwater, Okalhoma titled "The Ant and the Grasshopper."

It bears repeating here.

Sam Sacks's review of "Aesop's Fables" (Books, Nov. 2) brings to mind a modern twist on an old classic. In the summer, the ants worked and saved, while the grasshoppers played. The ants warned that come winter there would be no food. The grasshoppers laughed at their labors and sacrifice.

As winter approached and food disappeared, the grasshoppers pleaded. The ants said that you must reap what you sow. But then, on the first Tuesday in November, the grasshoppers were given the chance to take the ants' food.

My immediate response: Everything is broken. We have reelected a guy who says only idiots pay taxes. Not that his fellow kleptocrats on the other side of the aisle are any different.

What will the grasshoppers do when the ants are all dead?

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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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Mammoth Lakes Tourism Financial Report							
November 6, 2024							
Preliminary Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT)							
• TOT collections for September 2024 came in at \$1,272,677 which is +\$495,881 and +64% to budget							
• YTD TOT revenue is \$5,503,445 which is +1,950,059 and +55% to Budget and -\$59,878 and -1% to LY							
• September TOT was -\$172,276 and -11.9% to LY							
Preliminary Tourism Business Improvement District (TBID)							
• TBID collections for September 2024 came in at \$250,598 which is -\$84,402 and -25% to budget.							
• YTD TBID revenue is \$1,164,690 which is -\$60,310 and -4.9% to Budget and +23,363 and +2% to LY							
• September TBID was -\$73,912 and -22.7% to LY							
	Pre-covid2019	2023	2024	Budget	Diff to LY	Diff to Budget	
Lodging	\$81,733	\$104,244	\$96,608	\$105,000	-\$7,636	-\$8,392	-8%
Retail	\$74,049	\$81,858	\$73,153	\$90,000	-\$8,705	-\$16,847	-18.7%
Restaurant	\$68,067	\$86,076	\$76,521	\$85,000	-\$9,555	-\$8,479	-10%
Ski Area*	\$6,337**	\$52,332	\$4,316	\$55,000	-\$48,016	-\$50,684	-92%
*Ski area now collects 2.5% versus 2% LY							
** not equal comparison as we have added .5% to MMSA and golf to 2024 numbers							

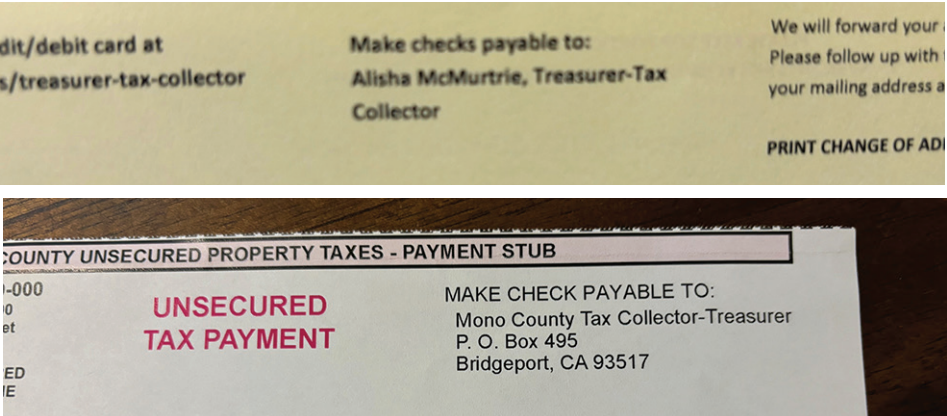
I apologize for my sloth. Blame it on the play I'm in. The above graphic can serve as my coverage of MLT's Wednesday board meeting. I find the divergence between lodging and TBID performance fascinating. Probably because TBID budgeting is realistic and TOT budgeting is always lowballed so Council can scoop up the overage and spend it on "stuff."

Final random observation. When you get a property tax bill in Inyo County, it informs you that in remitting payment you should make your check out to Alisha McMurtrie, Treasurer-Tax Collector.

In Mono County, you just make it out to the Mono County Tax Collector-Treasurer.

Why is Alisha McMurtrie's name involved at all?

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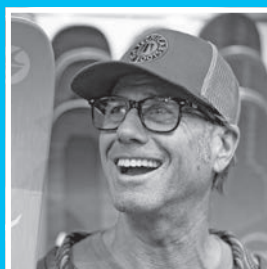
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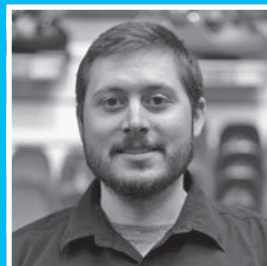
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Dear Voters of Mammoth Lakes -

Based upon Tuesday's vote, it looks like we are choosing to invest in ourselves and our climate-certain future. Measure M is leading the pack, well ahead of the 2/3 majority it needs at 71.33%. These are Measure R-like numbers back when we voted for Recreation, Trails, and Parks in 2008. Measure R has so far delivered the Mammoth Lakes Trail System and our new Community Recreation Center. In 2024, we're voting for public safety, and well done. Measure L is not far behind at 63%. We trust our local elected leadership to continue investing in our Town's Housing Now! program. We know that our local and regional recreation-based economy delivers for our communities. The current Town Council listened when we adopted the recommendations from the Citizen's Advisory Council coming out of the housing moratorium. It looks like the Council made the prudent decision putting Measure L on the ballot as a general tax proposition. Measure L will pass at our current level of support. It would not have passed as a special tax measure. Special thanks to the Chamber of Commerce for its support. Measure K for the larger benefit of Mono County is looking good at 60%, with Mono County voters trusting local elected leadership to make good decisions with limited resources. Measure J is literally on the cusp of

passage. The country is re-aligning itself. We know and believe in ourselves, in Mammoth Lakes and in the Eastern Sierra. We are invested in our democracy. There's no going back. The future called, we have answered.

John Wentworth
Mammoth Lakes Town Council

**Please see page 10 for the latest results from the November 6 election.*

Pitiful wimp!

**The following letter was received before Tuesday's election in response to my endorsement of Harris.*

Editor,

You're a pitiful wimp! I'm not sure when you were slipped the socialist koolaid, but you took a massive dose. I wish you would move. More illegal criminals, higher prices, and foreign wars. Get a lobotomy [sic].

Roger Barker

Editor's reply: Mmm. Are you sure you want me to move? I actually work in the private sector and pay taxes. There aren't many of us left ...

WHODUNIT?



Sierra Classic Theatre's annual Murder Mystery Dinner opened Thursday night @ Tom's Place. Clockwise from top: Potential suspects played by Chris Cotter, Emily Estremo, Deanna Clark and Amy Smith. More info: See ad p. 10



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ELECTION

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from the semi-official election results as of Thursday morning, with the following mandatory caveat: these are not final results. More mail in ballots can arrive until Nov. 12. Turnout thus far is a weak 58%, compared to turnout in the 70% and 80% range in previous presidential elections, so

Two incumbent Bishop City Council members, Karen Kong and Jose Garcia, won reelection with each taking about 25% of the vote (out of the 2,186 total votes cast). The final open seat went to Dennis Freundt, co-owner of Grocery Outlet, with 22%. The closest challenger was the young guy, Tyler Beadle with 14%, while Eric "Bink" Schat (10%) and Sterling Schat (4%) brought up the rear.

Bishop Unified School District voters returned incumbent Steve Elia to the board, with 27% (out of 6,516 votes), with longtime teacher Karen Keehn taking 31%. Jamie Morley got 22% and Michelle Mulligan earned 19%.

The pair of bond proposals from BUSD got straight As. Measure R got a 63% grade and Measure S hit 64%, easily topping the 55% required for passage. The two bonds total about \$60 million for upgrades to all the district's Elementary, Middle and High School buildings. Close to \$30 million of the total will go to massive upgrades to the historic, 103-year-old High School main building. The district is also banking on obtaining about \$12 million in state funds for the extensive remodels and renovations.

Note on the Ground Game: Based on the clusters of yard signs and Facebook support from prominent Free Eastside members (which are the closest thing to polling in Bishop's non-partisan races), the "No New Taxes No on R and S" signs were grouped together with Schat, Beadle, Morley and Mulligan, representing the conservative slate on Bishop ballots.

In Southern Inyo, Will "The Handyman" Waldelton has built a bit of a lead over Dan Berry. The two Lone Pine residents are seeking to replace incumbent Matt Kingsley. Waldelton nailed down 501 votes to Berry's 445, to achieve a tentative lead, pending the final count.

Two school bond questions also passed handily. The Lone Pine School District's \$7.5 million bond earned 61% of the vote while the \$7.5 million bond for the Owens Valley School District in Independence won about 63% of the vote. Both also expect some matching funds from the state.

Jon Klusmire of Bishop was happy to partake in the best Inyo County election night tradition: the potluck grub in the courthouse featuring homemade cookies, casseroles (no kidding), fried chicken, some additional mysterious entrees, and a token appearance by small amounts of carrots and celery.



And in Mono County ...

A few things stood out from Tuesday's results.

First, people in Mono County are more liberal than ever.

Consider the vote tally for president, where Mono County voters opted for Kamala Harris over Donald Trump by a whopping 20-point margin, 58%-38%.

As recently as 2004, Mono County made headlines by being the only county in the United States which had a vote deadlock between Republican George W. Bush and Democrat John Kerry.

Second, Mono County voters, particu-

larly Mammoth voters, like taxes. They like taxing guests and they like taxing homeowners.

Measure L, sold as a "tax on other people" passed easily, with approximately 63% of the vote.

L raised the local bed tax rate by two points. When the TBID fee is added in, Mammoth's bed tax rate of 16% becomes the 4th highest in the state, trailing only Disneyland, Pasadena and San Francisco.

We did not include the Mammoth Town Council vote tally on page ten because it was a non-competitive race. Oddly, Brent Truax had 70 more votes

than incumbent Bill Sauser. A coincidence or a message?

Measure J, Mammoth's school bond measure proposing an extension of the current \$37 per \$100,000 in valuation tax, is the cliffhanger.

The vote is currently 1,833-1,511.

It needs 55% for passage and currently sits at 54.8%

Meaning, if seven of the above votes had been different, it would meet the threshold.

Measure M, proposed by the Fire District, required a 2/3 vote for passage and has easily surpassed that.

See pages 10-11 for full results

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IN INYO COUNTY, THERAPISTS EXPAND ACCESS TO MENTAL HEALTH CARE

By Lauren DeLaunay Miller

On West Line Street, in the heart of Bishop, sits a business that has, over the last year, quietly begun to transform this area's access to mental health services.

For years, this corner of the Eastern Sierra has struggled to meet the community's mental and behavioral health needs. Those who sought care have often faced long wait lists, unaffordable services and the pressure of living in a small town, where anonymity can feel impossible. Providers, meanwhile, have burned out as they tried to wrestle overwhelmed systems and needs.

Eastern Sierra Counseling founder Daniel Ranson has seen the need for affordable, accessible mental health care increase since he opened his business in Bishop in 2016. The licensed clinical social worker has worked in Inyo and Mono Counties for more than 20 years, and all along, he'd been told that certain services were out of reach for the community because of its small, dispersed populations.

"It's in my face every day," Ranson said. "One of the hardest things here is knowing that people are still falling in the cracks."

There is a serious shortage of child mental health care providers in rural areas, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, leaving many people unable to access the care they need. California's 121,000

psychologists, clinical social workers, and marriage and family therapists are unevenly distributed across the state, with a higher rate of providers per capita in the Bay Area and in the counties around Los Angeles, the Public Policy Institute of California noted in a 2023 report. The majority of counties in the rural north, Central Valley and the Eastern Sierra have fewer than 243 providers per 100,000 people.

The shortage is even more severe when counting psychiatrists, especially those who specialize in working with children: A 2022 brief from the Rural Health Research Center at the University of Washington noted that the number of psychiatrists per 100,000 people in rural counties was about a quarter of that of urban counties, and numerous studies show that the problem has only been exacerbated by the Covid-19 pandemic, which put greater strain on both patients and providers.

With a desire to address this strain on local resources, last year, Ranson brought on his wife, Sarah Vigilante, to help him manage Eastern Sierra Counseling, and they soon expanded their services to Mammoth Lakes and Ridgecrest, two hours south in Kern County. In the first few months, they had added several providers, including four psychiatrists and a psychiatric nurse practitioner. The team discovered that, while psychiatrists might not



Vigilante (left) and Ranson.

find a full-time workload in the Eastern Sierra, many providers would be willing to work in the area part-time.

Thinking creatively has been key: "We've flown out one of our providers all the way from the East Coast just to

provide services in person here," Ranson said. By getting away from the "corporate setting" of working 30 to 40 hours a week, Ranson said they've created a model that works for the area, and his team of therapists is thrilled to finally be able to collaborate with psychiatry when needed.

Outside of private practices like Eastern Sierra Counseling, the struggle for mental health and psychiatric care in Inyo County continues. Northern Inyo Hospital in Bishop works with two psychiatric providers. Neither lives in the area, however, so they mostly see patients remotely.

One of the psychiatrists, Dr. Murat Akalin, said that while being able to meet with patients online has im-

proved access overall, for some communities, there are other barriers to consider. For example, when working with Toiyabe Indian Health Project in Bishop, Dr. Akalin noticed that for many of his patients didn't have

reliable access to a laptop, cell phone or internet.

About 80 percent of Eastern Sierra Counseling's clients prefer in-person care, Ranson said. "I think that's a benefit of our hybrid system, is that you can come and meet your provider, especially for psychiatry, face

to face, and then you can continue by video, and you're a little more comfortable," he said.

Many providers in the Eastern Sierra also emphasized that access is only half the battle — affordability is also crucial. For Ranson and Vigilante, providing affordable services at their private practice has meant battling with insurance companies. "The way we think that we

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The number of psychiatrists per 100,000 people is a quarter of that of urban counties.

- Rural Health Research Ctr. Univ. of Washington

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can make that affordable is by being in network with all the local insurances. And that has been an extremely big hill to climb,” Vigilante said.

For Eastern Sierra Counseling, this has meant convincing the major health insurance companies — who often subcontract their mental health coverage out to third parties — to include them in their networks. And that has usually meant proving that the companies are out of compliance with regulations called “network adequacy codes” that require insurance companies to meet a minimum level of coverage by area. They’ve been incredibly successful so far, and they now accept Anthem, Aetna, Healthnet Medi-Cal, Anthem Medi-Cal, Blue Shield and Magellan insurance companies; their goal is to be able to support all Eastern Sierra residents, regardless of their insurance provider. For uninsured potential patients, Vigilante said they would refer them to services that accept cash, though she emphasized that all Californians have access to an insurance plan through the state’s exchange marketplace.

Requiring insurance to cover mental health care is strongly supported by young people nationally. In a survey of first-time voters conducted by the Deliberative Democracy Lab at Stanford University, there was bipartisan support for the idea that private companies should be incentivized to invest in mental health initiatives through tax

breaks or other benefits.

While they do accept Medi-Cal, Eastern Sierra Counseling mostly serves patients with private health insurance. Inyo County’s behavioral health department only treats patients with Medi-Cal, and they focus primarily on patients with moderate to severe mental illness. They, too, need more resources in order to meet the complex needs of the community.

In an annual update this past June, Inyo County leaders emphasized how the colonial legacy of the Eastern Sierra has left long-lasting impacts on its indigenous communities, on top of compounding economic conditions like the high cost of living and limited work availability.

And yet, the report also highlights some of the strengths of Inyo County. The small-town environment often means multi-generational connections and the care of one’s community. Residents here are often deeply connected to the land and environment, and ap-

preciate one another’s cultural differences, according to the report.

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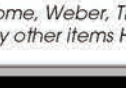
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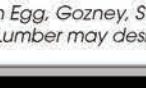
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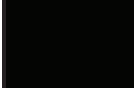
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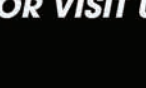
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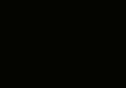
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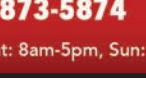
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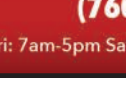
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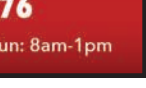
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INSIDE THE COUNT

By Fisher

Lewis Jones has been working the Mammoth polls since 2004. On Tuesday, at 6:15 a.m, he began his long day as an elections coordinator at the Mono County Civic Center and finished up at 8:30 p.m.

When the polls opened at 7:00 a.m., a line of voters were already waiting outside. Jones was surprised by the large number of young people showing up to vote.

“The last time I saw this many young voters was when medical marijuana legalization was on the ballot,” he said.

There also seemed to be many first-time voters, many of whom had to cast

provisional ballots.

Provisional ballots, which are placed in pink envelopes, are used when a voter’s eligibility or registration status is uncertain. These ballots are typically cast by people who are not registered to vote in the county but may also be used by those who are registered in other counties or states but didn’t receive their ballots in time.

Christine Gramlich, a provisional ballot worker at the Civic Center, confirmed that there were a lot of provisional ballots. She had a full folder of completed pink envelopes in front of her. These provisional ballots require a

different process to count than ballots received by mail or through the ballot counting machines.

The different ways to vote, overall, makes the ballot counting process complex and lengthy for poll workers, Jones said.

So I reached out to Salena Ybarra, Assistant Clerk of the Mono County Board of Supervisors, for a behind-the-scenes look at Election Day. She’d spent most of Tuesday coordinating and processing mail-in ballots.

Ybarra picked up the ballots from the Bridgeport post office around 2:00 p.m. Her team then spent hours flattening the folded ballots to ensure they could be scanned and processed by the election machines. Flattening the ballots is a crucial step, as folded ballots often get jammed in the counting machines.

By the time the polls closed at 8:00 p.m., over 3,000 mail-in ballots had been processed, and polling stations across the county began preparing their ballots for transport to the Bridgeport central ballot counting location.

Three separate transport teams were tasked with collecting the ballots and ensuring they were safely delivered to the central counting location in Bridgeport. The final batch of ballots arrived in Bridgeport by 10:45 p.m., and once all the ballots were logged, they were secured for the next day’s count.

By Wednesday afternoon, Ybarra’s office still had at least 1,400 ballots left to process. “I’m anxious to get through it

all, but we’re almost there,” she said.

For ballots cast in person at the polls, the counting process is more automated. Voting machines tally the votes, and memory cards are removed at the end of the night and uploaded into the election system. This system allows officials to report preliminary results quickly, but those results are not necessarily final.

Election workers also cross-check the system to verify each voter’s eligibility and ensure that no one votes more than once, Ybarra explained.

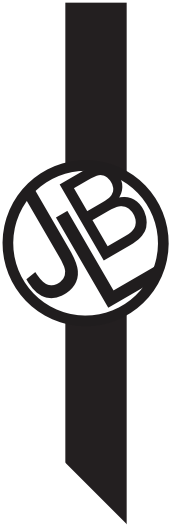
Provisional ballots, however, require a manual review, which makes them the most time-consuming part of the process. These ballots are examined to confirm each voter’s eligibility in Mono County, including verifying their registration status and current address. If the information doesn’t match the records, the ballots are forwarded to the voter’s home county or state to be counted.

The county received at least 100 provisional ballots, Ybarra said. It’s up to Election Clerk Queenie Barnard to go through them all.

As a result, while the initial results on Election Night are considered “semi-official”—reflecting the machine counts and mail-in ballots received before the polls closed—the final, official tally takes longer, especially as provisional ballots are reviewed and processed.

All results, including updates on provisional ballots, are posted on the Mono County Elections website as they become available.

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his band. He specifically recalls a jam session in someone’s garage where Sanchez sang “One” by Three Dog Night so beautifully that he had a mom in the neighborhood in tears.

The band collapsed for a few reasons, as bands are wont to do. Mariano was three years older than the others. Hemler was strong-headed and ambitious and they clashed. Ultimately Mariano got married and moved away and others who were subsequently brought in never quite clicked.

The second dagger occurred when Hemler’s girlfriend got pregnant. The families didn’t like each other - it was a Romeo and Juliet scenario. The baby was ultimately given up for adoption. And then Joe and Bill went off to college.

According to his sister, Michael dropped out of BUHS at 16. He should’ve graduated in ’68. Eventually he got his hair cut and went back to try and finish.

But it didn’t stick. Nothing ever quite stuck. He drifted in and out of Bishop from 1970 on, showing up at his mother’s door in between adventures and debacles.

At one point he was living under a bridge in Santa Cruz.

He drank.

There were glimmers of hope. He kicked booze at one point and got a job at the local hospital and even bought a

car.

But that didn’t last.

In his final hurrah, his final attempt to turn it around, he was living in a halfway house in 1977 with thoughts of becoming a counselor.

Mark Winter played the organ for No Shame.

His Dad was a music teacher in the local schools and as Mark says, “I was predestined to play music.”

Simcox pretty much described Winter as the secret sauce - “a great organist.”

After high school, in fact, Winter went on the road with a country/western band for six months before realizing the itinerant musician lifestyle wasn’t for him. He soon joined the Navy.

Winter described Hemler as an unusual character, stand-offish. This was echoed by his sister, who described him as “difficult.”

Which is not uncommon of young talent.

He may have inherited some of his rebellion from his father, a radio announcer at KIBS, who was opinionated and often less than tactful. He eventually got fired for not apologizing for something.

“The feeling I got about Michael,” said Winter, “is that he just never felt worthy for some reason. In his mind I guess he just wanted to do something more.”

Mike Cheshire was a drummer for the Van Dells. He described Hemler



Where Licher found the record dangling from the ceiling

as a very good friend. Their bond: “We were the only guys in the Owens Valley who had long hair,” said Cheshire with a laugh.

Sheet: Do you have a copy of that record?

Cheshire: I sure wish I did.

And that is the call to action. Licher would like to re-issue the the single on his record label, but needs to find a clean copy of the record to create a new master (as the original master tapes are long gone).

“I’m hoping that someone here in the area who might be reading the story will have a copy we can use for that purpose,” said Licher. “I’d also like to find any other photos or printed ephemera (flyers, articles, etc.) about the band that anyone might still have, so that we can tell the story of the band and the making of the record in our re-issue of the music.”



Hemler back in the day

As to where they are now.

Hemler died in 1984.

Mariano Sanchez died about thirty years ago. He lived in the Carson Valley.

Joe Wilkerson died in Bishop in 2019. He had moved back four years previously. He’d been in the HVAC business.

Bill Elliott, we’re told, lives on the other side of the Sierra.

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MONO COUNTY ELECTION RESULTS

Results as of second count, Wednesday, November 6 @ 5 p.m.

President	Local	State	Nat'l
Trump (R)	38%	40.1%	50.9%
Harris (D)	58%	57.3%	47.6%

US Senate	Local	State
Schiff (D)	57%	57.3%
Garvey (R)	43%	42.7%

US Rep. District 3	Local	Dist.
Morse (D)	57.3%	43%
Kiley (R)	42.7%	57%

State Assembly, Dist. 8	Local	Dist.
Radanovich (R)	41.7%	47.4%
Tangipa (R)	58.3%	52.6%

Mono County Board of Ed.	
Hensley	69%
Rearick	31%

Bishop Unified School District (Top 2)	
Elia	38.3%
Keehn	40.8%
Mulligan	12.3%
Morley	8.7%

So. Mono Healthcare Dist. (Top 3)	
Burrows	28.4%
Carlson	27.2%
Wood	23.5%
Clowes	21%

State Propositions	
Prop. 2 - Bonds for School Facilities	
Mono	52.4-47.6
State	56.9-43.1
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Mono	66.8-33.2
State	61-39
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Mono	34.9-65.1
State	38.5-61.5
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Mono	47.1-52.9
State	51.5-48.5

Prop. 35 - Dedicated MediCAL funding	
Mono	65.6-34.4
State	66.8-33.2

Prop. 36 - More penalties for petty theft	
Mono	62.2-37.8
State	70.4-29.6

Local Ballot Measures

Measure J - Mammoth School Bond (requiring 55% for passage)	
Yes	54.8%
No	45.2%

Measure K - County TOT rate hike 25%	
Yes	60.2%
No	39.8%

Measure L - Mammoth TOT rate hike	
15.3%	
Yes	63.3%
No	36.7%

Measure M - Fire District Bond (requiring 2/3s for passage)	
Yes	72.1%
No	27.9%

LOCAL BRIEFS

USFS Hiring Freeze

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS) hiring freeze will affect the Inyo National Forest, with plans to forgo approximately 50 temporary positions in the coming year.

The Sheet covered the freeze last week. Following that report, Lisa Cox, Public Affairs Officer for the Inyo National Forest, provided further details with approval from the USFS national office.

Cox confirmed that there are currently no plans to convert the affected temporary positions into permanent roles.

The Inyo National Forest did convert eleven temporary positions to permanent seasonal roles last year using non-appropriated funds. Employees in permanent positions receive more comprehensive benefits than their seasonal counterparts.

The agency's current budget does not allow for any similar conversions this year, Cox said.

Inyo National Forest plans to lean on partnerships with external organizations to mitigate staffing shortages, although the specifics of these collaborations are still being determined. These partnerships, she clarified, include local organizations across Mono and Inyo Counties, which extend beyond Mammoth Lakes.

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Lomeli	31.3%
O'Sullivan	24.1%
Lutze	22.1%
Patton	13.4%
Allen	9.2%

Big Pine Unified School Dist. (Top 3)	
Lund	27.7%
Mann	26.2%
Snoderly	24.9%
Law	21.3%

Inyo Supervisor, District 5	
Berry	47%
Wadelton	53%

Bishop City Council (Top 3)	
Kong	25.3%
Garcia	24.0%
Freundt	22.3%
Beadle	14.4%
E. Schat	10.3%
S. Schat	3.8%

Northern Inyo Healthcare District 3	
Smith	73.4%
Gardner	26.6%

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State	70.4-29.6

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No	37.2%
Measure S - Bishop School Bonds	
Yes	64.3%
No	35.7%
Measure T - Owens Valley USD Bonds	
Yes	63.9%
No	36.1%
Measure U - Lone Pine USD Bonds	
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No	39.2%

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Director Shira Dubrovner knows how to put on a spectacle and this Victorian-era piece has all the dresses and finery to pull you back in time.

And the romantic leads played by Abbs Stoiber and Michael Seitz are very convincing and talented and they're worth the price of admission.

Stoiber in particular gives one of the finest acting performances I've ever seen on a local stage.

The play is based on the Henry James novel "Washington Square."

Stoiber plays Catherine Sloper, a shy, socially awkward heiress who becomes the target of a fortune hunter (Morris Townsend), played by Seitz, who plots to marry her for her money.

The only thing standing in the way is Catherine's father Dr. Sloper, played by moi, who sees through Townsend and tries to prevent the match.

Other cast members include Dr. Sloper's sisters, played by Abbs' mother



The cast, save Jenn Davis's Mrs. Montgomery.

Photos: Lew Jones

Kim Stoiber and Michelle Raust.

The housemaid Maria who somehow keeps everything on track is played by Gina Joy Van Hest - when you see how many exits and entrances she has and all

the tasks she performs you'll wonder how she can always seemingly be two places at once.

Sloper's niece is played by Sydney Schultz, who is married to Townsend's banker cousin played by Chris Cotter.

And Jenn Davis makes a key cameo as Townsend's widowed sister.

Stoiber the younger and Seitz were both 2023 graduates of a selective UC-Santa Barbara fine arts program. The program required an audition process and there were just 18 accepted in their class.

Seitz applied for the program from his local community college, College of the Sequoias, and transferred to UCSB upon acceptance.

It was Stoiber who recommended Seitz for the part of Morris Townsend. Seitz has been commuting from Visalia, his hometown, to do the role.

His professional goal: Simple. To make a living as an actor. Which as we all know is pretty damn hard.

I asked him how it works these days.

"Everything is self-tape," said Seitz, which is how he's able to live in Visalia and try to make it in an L.A.-based

industry.

So he can look up audition postings, tape a reading of a part, and send it in. The days of in-person only auditions are ancient history.

Although if he gets a call back, then there are days he'll wake up at 4 a.m., commute into L.A., and either drive home that evening or crash with friends.

Sheet: So what sold you on the part?

Seitz: I read the play. Well-written. Great role, Knew I wanted to do it.

Sheet: In the play, your character is constantly referred to as being very handsome. Is it uncomfortable being so objectified???

Seitz: It's certainly unfamiliar (chuckle). Not a role that I'm used to.

The *Heiress* is running for six shows Nov. 8-10 and Nov. 15-17 at the Mammoth High School MPR. For your comfort, bring a small pillow for your butt! And though it's a Victorian drama, the cast promises to keep it snappy and moving along so ... forget about all the election nonsense for a few hours and come see a show! *For more info, see ad p. 11*



Kim Stoiber as Mrs. Penniman and Michelle Waust as Mrs. Almond.



HUSKY OF THE WEEK

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KAYLYNN SPIELER



Introducing the Husky of the Week, Senior, Kaylynn Spieler. Kaylynn is the Mammoth High ASB President. She exemplifies everything that an ASB President should be. She displays enthusiasm, organization, and strong leadership for our Associated Student Body. She is creative, athletic, and a positive force in everything she does. In addition to leading the ASB, Kaylynn plays Varsity Volleyball, is on the Alpine Ski and Snowboard team, and plays Softball and Beach Volleyball. Kaylynn's ASB Director, Kelley Lackey, proudly said, "Kaylynn will be successful in life, no matter what path she chooses! I am proud to nominate her for Husky of the Week!"

Kaylynn keeps very busy, in addition to being a 3 season athlete and being the ASB President, she is also involved with Interact Club. **Kaylynn with leadership skills like yours, you will do well... look out White House!**

NOMINATED BY KELLEY LACKEY (MHS ASB DIRECTOR)

Husky of the Week is brought to you by High Country Lumber

BRINGING THEATRE TO KIDS

By Fisher

On Tuesday, I took a break from the polls to sit among a crowd of bouncing eight-year-olds, enjoying the simplicity of gag jokes and silly props.

Four actors from Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre performed *Pinocchio* this week at Mammoth High School in front of an estimated thousand children from Mono and Inyo counties over the course of four days. Each actor wore white overalls and several hats ... literally and figuratively.

This is the fourteenth year that Director Shira Dubrovner has produced a play for local K-12 school children, she said. The program, Theatre for Young Audiences, provides children with their first live theatre experience — free of charge through their schools.

"Some of these kids—it's their first time ever being introduced to theatre," Dubrovner said. "I'm trying to introduce them at a young age so they can appreciate theatre as they grow older and develop a curiosity for it."

The performance of *Pinocchio*, a childhood classic, took place against a backdrop of painting supplies and draped white sheets—an inventive way to conceal the set for *The Heiress*, Dubrovner's other impending play, which opens Friday, just a day after the final show of *Pinocchio*.

The Tuesday 10:30 a.m. show was attended by Bishop second-graders and homeschooled children, who filed in row by row and received a short lesson on theatre etiquette from Dubrovner. Then Maurice Cooper, as narrator, addressed the young crowd: "What are you guys doing here? There's no show," he boomed, prompting laughter from the children.

With some encouragement from the eager kids, he agreed to proceed with the performance and rallied his fellow actors to tell the story of *Pinocchio*. Cooper handed a paint roller to Geppetto, *Pinocchio*'s father, played by Brenda Belaunzaran. The paint roller became an axe, and the story of *Pinocchio* began.

Wooden puppet *Pinocchio*, played by Abbs Stoiber, longs to become a "real boy" and is torn between prioritizing school and family or indulging in the temptation of playtime. His first dilemma arises when he encounters music on his way to school and loses focus of his goal, despite his father selling his only warm coat to buy him a book.

The puppet steps down from the stage to dance to the music, exaggerating every movement. Stoiber asks the students whether they should keep listening to the music or continue to school. The audience's advice was loud and mixed,



with advocates for both options spread across the room. Ultimately, *Pinocchio* decides to stay focused on his education.

Students are required to complete a worksheet after the show, reflecting on the play and how its lessons apply to their own lives.

"This program was created to expose children to theatre at a young age," Dubrovner said. "But it's not just to make them want to be actors—it's to help cultivate their creative and critical thinking skills."

The story progresses as *Pinocchio* continues on his path, but is tricked and robbed by a mischievous fox, another role played by Belaunzaran, and the fox's dim-witted cat accomplice, played by Tyler McManus.

Pinocchio is kidnapped by a puppet-master, turned into a donkey, taught a lesson by a fairy, then swallowed by a whale all before he is eventually reunited with his father.

Performing for a young audience is a unique challenge, the actors said.

"It's way more fun performing for a young audience," McManus said. "You can be way sillier, and the whole script is very playful. But a lot of things we think are funny as adults go right over the kids' heads."

And some things children find funny, adults won't understand at all.

"If you get a laugh, you hold it," Belaunzaran said.

This production is Cooper's fourth Theatre for Young Audiences performance. Over the past four years, he's watched the children grow and learn theatre etiquette as they progress from kindergarten to fifth grade. They've begun to recognize him, he said.

The play ended just as the students' attention spans were nearing their limits, and they started wiggling in their seats and looking around.

Once the final scene concluded, the children walked out in single-file lines, grabbing snacks and continuing to their regular curriculums.



The cast, from left: Cooper, Belaunzaran, Stoiber and McManus



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More Liberty info: See ad p. 8
Outlaw Saloon Happy Hour Monday through Friday from 4-6 p.m. *More info: See ad p. 19*
The Mogul happy hour 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the bar. Food and drink specials.
Lakanuki happy hour 3-6 p.m. daily AND karaoke every Sunday, starting at 8:30 p.m.
Main Street Pizza - See ad this page for details.
Distant Brewing happy hour Monday-Thursday from 3-5pm. \$1/off beer/wine/cider/seltzer/kombucha

Sunday, November 10/
NFL Sunday Football @ the Bishop Elks Lodge, 151 E. Line St. Starts 9:30 a.m. Bar open! Public welcome!
Pete Posie plays Distant Brewing. Dance to some country blues and western swing from 7-9 p.m.

Monday, November 11/
Open mic night @ Distant Brewing. Time: 6-9 p.m.
Tuesday, November 12/
Taco Tuesdays @ John's Pizza Works. Time: 4-9 p.m. And a great place to watch the game. *More info, see ad p. 19.*
Weekly karaoke @ Liberty! Starts 9 p.m. *More info: See ad p. 6*

Wednesday, November 13/
Weekly Pool Tournament @ Distant Brewing. Hosted by Eastern Sierra Pool from 4:30-9:30 p.m.

Friday, November 15/
Spliffriif & Deviates play Liberty to kick off the winter season.

Saturday, November 16/
Pay The Rent snowboarding premiere (film) and live music @ Liberty. Doors 9 p.m., and Video @ 10.

TOWN STUFF

Friday, November 8/
#1 seeded Bishop Broncos football hosts **Sanger West** in a first round playoff matchup at John Schwab Field. Time: 6 p.m.

November 8-10/
Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theater's production of **"The Heiress"** opens at Mammoth High School's MPR. Tix @ mammothlakesrep.org or at the door. *For more, see ad p. 11 or Lunch review p. 12*

Saturday, November 9/
Live music and Pie Auction benefit for victims of this summer's Willow Street fire. Location: C5 Studios in Bishop, 210 S. Warren St., Time: 6-9 p.m. Suggested donation: \$75. *More info: c5studios.org*

November 9-10/
Felici and Friends latest Winter Concert Series performance, entitled "Cello Submarine." Saturday @ 7 p.m. at Mammoth's Cerro Coso Campus and Sunday @ 4 p.m. at the Bishop campus. *More info: See ad p. 2*

TOWN STUFF

Monday, November 11/
Bishop City Council meets. Time: 6 p.m. Location: City Council Chambers @ 377 W Line Street

November 11-14, 18/
Sierra Classic Theatre's annual murder mystery continues at Lakanuki and features five shows at four different venues through November 18. *More info: See ad p. 10*

Tuesday, November 12/
Mono County Supervisors meet. Time: 9 a.m. Location: Bridgeport Courthouse or online via monocounty.ca.gov.
Inyo County Supervisors meet. Time: 10 a.m. Location: Supes Chambers @ 224 N. Edwards in Independence or online via inyocounty.us

Wednesday, November 13/
Mammoth's Planning and Economic Development Commission meets. Time: 9 a.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall or online via townofmammothlakes.ca.gov

Thursday, November 14/
MountainFilm on Tour screens in Bishop. Time: 6:30 p.m. Location: Bishop Twin Theatre (237 Main Street). Cost \$20. Tix: sierraforever.org/mountainfilm-on-tour

UPCOMING

Friday, November 15/
MHS Football (#1 seeded and having received a first-round bye) hosts a CIF semifinal playoff game versus either #5 Lone Pine or #4 Orcutt Academy. Time: 7 p.m.
Opening Day at Mammoth Mountain kicks off @ 7:30 a.m. First 100 people in the lifeline get a free beanie.

November 15-16/
Bishop Holiday Mart hosted by Friends of the Fair. Time: 5-8 p.m. Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturday. Location: Tri County Fair and Event Center @ 475 Sierra Street

November 15-17/
Alabama Gates in Lone Pine. A series of free community events commemorating the centennial of the Alabama Gates Occupation. Community picnic, film screenings, food trucks and more. *Info: alabamagates2024.org*

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-Mammoth \$30-45

Community Integration Partner - Bishop/Mammoth \$20-25

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To view more open positions and apply, please visit www.mammothhospital.org/jobs

Shilo Inn is accepting applications for FT housekeepers, FT maintenance worker and Front desk/night auditor. Immediate Front Desk opportunity starting at \$18/hour. Please call Human Resources (Sarina Quintero) at 925.813.2331 or email your resume to squintero@marquishotelsgroup.com.

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MAMMOTH COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT Maintenance Dept. is currently recruiting for **one permanent Line Maintenance Worker I/II/III (DOQ) position**. FOR APPLICATION INFORMATION/ TO APPLY: Please see the District website <https://mcwd.dst.ca.us/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.

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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

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Closing Date: Open until filled

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PT job oppty. - **Secretary to the Birchim Community Services District**. Job duties include but are not limited to the following: preparing and posting monthly agenda, attending monthly night meetings in Sunny Slopes, preparing minutes, warrants and collecting mail. Familiarity with Brown Act helpful. HS diploma and computer skills req'd. Averages 30 hours/month. No benefits. Interested parties can mail a letter of introduction and resume to Birchim Community Services District, 636 Owens Gorge Rd, Toms Place, CA 93546. Application deadline: November 30.

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

Mammoth Firewood

GC Forest Products Inc.
123 Commerce Dr. #E-19
PO Box 9062
Mammoth Lakes, Calif. 93546

This business is conducted by a corporation. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein in 1985. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on October 1, 2024 File Number 24-086 2024-0150 (10/26, 11/2, 11/9, 11/16)

LOOKING SHARP, DOGS AND ALL

By Fisher

With new funding and agreements in place, the Sherwin Area Recreation Plan (SHARP) is moving forward after more than 15 years of planning and development. At Wednesday's Mammoth Lakes Town Council meeting in Suite Z, Lawson Reif, Outdoor Recreation Manager, presented a proposed collection agreement for \$70,000 between the Town of

Mammoth Lakes and the Inyo National Forest. For context, SHARP was initially developed in 2009 through a collaboration between the U.S. Forest Service, the Town of Mammoth Lakes, the Mammoth Lakes Trails and Public Access Foundation, and a working group of community members. The goal was to create sustainable winter and summer trails system

in the Sherwins region, which stretches from Hayden Cabin and Sherwin Creek Road to Old Mammoth Road and Lake Mary Road. In 2015, the Town of Mammoth Lakes constructed a parking lot on Sherwin Creek Road in alignment with the SHARP plan, and the project was amended during a road reconstruction project.

"The estimated \$160,000-\$200,000 project cost less than \$100,000, all paid for by the Town," the Sheet reported at the time. "Spiess Construction and its equipment were already here reconstructing Sherwin Creek Road this summer, and the contract was amended to include the new lot."

In 2017, trail-building progress continued with the construction of the Mammoth Rock Connector and the Meadow Trail Connector and, in 2020, a reroute of the Mammoth Rock Trail was completed.

In December 2021, Mammoth Lakes Recreation secured \$1.46 million in grants from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy to support further trail and infrastructure development. This included a

\$510,000 planning grant for the environmental review of 20 miles of new trails, and \$950,000 for the construction of the Sherwin Meadows Trailhead. Construction for the trailhead began in September of this year and is expected to be completed this month.

Back to Wednesday's Council meeting: the Inyo National Forest has begun the environmental review for SHARP, and Reif said the Town of Mammoth Lakes needs to formalize an agreement to reimburse Inyo for their work using the Sierra Nevada Conservancy grant funds. The agreement also sets up a process for TOML and Inyo to exchange funds in the future, if necessary, for additional work on SHARP.

Per the agreement, Inyo staff will need to track their hours and tasks, and that ledger will be collected by the Office of Outdoor Recreation and Mammoth Lakes Recreation to ensure all work is properly reported to the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.

According to the financial plan, of the \$70,000, \$60,000 will be allocated for Inyo National Forest specialists to assist with the environmental analysis, and \$10,000 will be held in reserve for potential future needs. The Town Council moved to approve the agreement.

Also on Wednesday (see photos below!), newly reelected Mayor Bill Sauser cut the ribbon at the Town of Mammoth Lakes' new Dog Park. The event, which started at 3 p.m., included a dog costume contest, with the standout winners of the small and large dog contests dressed as a hotdog and a beach vacationer, respectively.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Intended Bulk Sale

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Dal Cuore, a California corporation, whose business address is 644 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, Mono County, California, intends to make a bulk sale to Brad Ellis and Nicole Hallum, husband and wife, whose address is P.O. Box 61, June Lake, California, of the following property now located at 644 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, California: all the stock in trade, merchandise, furniture, fixtures, equipment, inventory, goodwill and trade of the business known as "The Stove Restaurant."

To the knowledge of the undersigned buyer, within the past three (3) years, DalCuore, Inc. has used the following additional business names and addresses: Giovanni's 437 Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, California.

The transfer of the property is not subject to Commercial Code Section 6106. Transfer of the property is subject

to Commercial Code Section 6106.2, which applies to transfers for which the consideration is \$2 million or less and is substantially all cash, an obligation to pay cash in the future, or a combination of these.

Claims for debts may be filed with Wood Law Group PC, 126 Old Mammoth Road, Ste. 203, P.O. Box 3837, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546. The last day for filing claims is December 5, 2024.

The intended sale will be closed on or after December 6, 2024.

Dated: November 6, 2024.
BUYER
Brad Ellis
Nicole Hallum

TS #2024-0153

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, **November 13, 2024**, beginning at 9:00 a.m. and continuing until finished, at the **Town Council Chambers, Suite Z, within the Minaret Village Shopping Center, 437 Old Mammoth Road**, the **Mammoth Lakes Planning and Economic Development Commission** will hear an application request for the following (*a teleconference option via Zoom is available for remote participation by the public*):

Application Request:

District Zoning Amendment (DZA) 24-001, Tentative Tract Map (TTM) 24-003, and Use Permit (UPA) 24-004, for the Outbound Hotel "Villas" Project. The applicant is requesting approval of a subsequent amendment to the Amended Phase 1 Clearwater Specific Plan document to allow the subdivision of five (5) recently constructed fourplex structures "Villas" into twenty (20) condominium hotel units that may be sold individually.

CEQA Determination: The proposed action is within the scope of the project analyzed in the previously adopted 2021 Addendum to the Clearwater Specific Plan Environmental Impact Report (SCH# 2006062154). No additional CEQA review is required.

Location: 164 Old Mammoth Road

Zoning: Clearwater Specific Plan (CSP)

Applicant: Matthew Mering / WH SN Mammoth, L.L.C.

All persons having an interest in the proposed application request may appear before the Planning & Economic Development Commission either in person or represented by counsel and present testimony or may, prior to said hearing, file with the Executive Secretary 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 the Town of Mammoth Lakes at, or prior to, the public hearing.

For additional information, or to obtain a copy of the staff report which will be published no later than November 8, 2024, contact Kim Cooke, Senior Planner, at (760) 965-3638 or email: kcooke@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov

Mammoth Lakes Planning & Economic Development Commission
PO Box 1609
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TS #2024-0151



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

GC Firewood

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Mammoth Lakes, Calif. 93546

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GC Construction

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SPORTS

BRONCOS PLAYOFFS BEGIN NOV. 8

Press Release

The Bishop Broncos won their 5th consecutive High Desert League title with a 27-6 win at Rosamond Friday night.

The win moves Bishop to 8-2 overall and 5-0 in HDL play.

The CIF Central Section playoff brackets were released Saturday with Bishop Union securing the #1 seed in the Division 5 bracket.

Bishop will host Sanger West (Fresno) this Friday at 6 p.m.

Against Rosamond, the Broncos opened up a quick lead and cruised from there. Junior Quarterback Emory Dondero threw a touchdown pass to Malachi Orrick and also ran in a score. Elijah Reynolds topped 100 yards rushing for a second consecutive game with

107 yards on 16 carries. Garin Pritchard also had a rushing touchdown.

Defensively Dom Dondero, Orrick and Pritchard had huge games. Dondero recorded 4 and a half sacks with Orrick making 9 total tackles including 2 sacks and Pritchard had 7 tackles with a sack. Nelo Dondero had 5 solo tackles and Elliott Doua had an interception on the Roadrunners opening drive.

But a key development for the Broncos as they head into the playoffs. It looks like they've found a kicker, and the kicking game becomes crucial in tight contests.

Sophomore Aiden Esparza handled the kicking duties v. Rosamond, hitting all three point after kicks and drilling a pair of 27 yard field goals.



Bronco corner Nik Calderon defending in a home matchup v. Juneau earlier this year

9-1 BISHOP JV WINS HDL CROWN



The Bishop JV squad defeated Rosamond last Friday 64-20 to match the varsity and capture their own HDL crown. The future remains bright! Freshman Hunter Dailey had four touchdown and 151 yards rushing on just eight carries in the victory. Sophomore Devaun Mitchell also caught a 50-yard TD pass from Freshman Wyatt Miears. On the defensive side, Freshman Waylan Marquez led the way with nine tackles, including two for losses.

VOLLEYBALL SQUADS SUCCUMB IN PLAYOFFS

Both the Mammoth and Bishop Union High School girls' volleyball teams have completed their seasons. Bishop Union lost 3-1 to the Washington Union Panthers on October 31, while Mammoth fell 3-0 to the Fresno Christian Eagles in the playoffs on Tuesday, November 5.

Mammoth's defeat ended its 13-game winning streak and brought their overall record to 26-10-1. The match concluded with set scores of 25-10, 25-20, and 25-22.

Bishop Union's loss ended a six-game home winning streak, dropping their record to 25-11. The final score was 27-25, 24-26, 25-22, 25-22.



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BIGGEST LOSER - QB EDITION

This is an odd NFL season. Or maybe the new reality. Teams are either all-in or all-out at the trade deadline and the disparity between the good and the bad just widens and widens. Every week I am looking at games to bet and see a slew of lousy, sloppy teams. Just awful. There are so many bad teams and when you watch them you see why.

I don't know how many times I have watched this year the coaching decisions, from ridiculous fake punts and awful 2-point conversion attempts and decisions to poor clock management. Owners and GMs need to take some training. Some basic training to let them know WHAT A HEAD COACH SHOULD ACTUALLY BE DOING.

Everyone wants the hottest play caller but they bring that person in and find out they couldn't run a McDonalds and damn sure shouldn't be running a multibillion dollar operation. The Saints just fired Dennis Allen and it took them 26 wins in 79 games to realize he isn't

qualified to be a head coach? He is one of the worst in NFL history and they let him go a full three years into his second stint as a head coach. The Panthers hired Dave Canales after his one year as an offensive coordinator. Deer in the headlights. The Raiders hired Antonio Pierce after having to fire Josh McDaniels just last year and he was only there less than two years. Pierce looks like he will be fired after the season. Nick Sirianni is an unmitigated IDIOT. He has no idea how to run a team, despite somehow getting to a Super Bowl a couple of years ago. Jag coach Doug Pederson has a statue in Philly - they fired him a year after he won a Super Bowl. He can't win a thing in Jacksonville.

That said, these Owners and GMs or whatever overtitled clown, President of Football Operations or whatever, who hire coaches need training themselves. The NFL should say.....if you have fired coaches two years in a row, you cannot fire another coach for three years. You have to stick with your next coach no

matter what. I bet they would take that next hire seriously. Then I won't have to turn my TV off because there is so much lousy football on. I see the most ridiculous stuff. Let me go for 2 when I am down 6. Why? You still need a TD to win. It's 4th and 3 ... analysts say go for it no matter what? Wait! You are up 10 points? Take the FG. Just blundering idiots roaming the sidelines every week. I saw Antonio Pierce taking notes on a notepad during the last game. What was he taking notes about? What did the note say: Note to Self: My QBs suck. Note to Self: We need to practice 3rd down plays and learn what Cover 2 is ... this other team is good! Note to Self: Watch Film.

By the way the Raiders fired their Offensive Coordinator, QB Coach and O-Line coach - this week. Those are pretty important coaches. Probably the three most important with the Defensive Coordinator. I don't give a damn whom you fire when you have Aidan O'Connell and Gardner Minshew at QB. Oh, I forgot Desmond Ridder, too. Hilarious. But the head coach Pierce hired all those coaches - just before THIS season. The Raiders should be ashamed of themselves for taking money from fans.

Here is an interesting tidbit:

Most losses as starting QB through:

4 seasons: David Carr 43
5 seasons: David Carr 53
6 seasons: David Carr 56
7 seasons: Derek Carr 63
8 seasons: Derek Carr 70
9 seasons: Derek Carr 79
10 seasons: Derek Carr 87
11 seasons: Derek Carr and Archie Manning 91

That is comical. The Carrs (father and son) are the Manning Brothers - but of losing. You cannot make this stuff up.

After the Saints lost to the Panthers, Saints DL Cam Jordan was pissed. And he felt embarrassed so he said....."We just lost to the Panthers..." Okay, the best answer to that obvious fact was stated by Panthers CB Jaycee Horn, who responded ... "Don't we got the same record? Or am I Trippin'?" That was genius.

Select picks

Chiefs laying 8.5 to the Broncos. O/U 41.5. The Broncos got lambasted by the Ravens last week after all the BRONCO PAYTON hype. They aren't that good. The Chiefs don't blow out anyone. They're just looking to creep to the playoffs and win a Super Bowl. Their offense looks constipated. Maybe

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Maybe the Broncos will be their Pepto. Or not. Chiefs 20-13.

Niners laying 5.5 to the Bucs. O/U 50.5. That's a big number for two struggling offenses. Niners coming off bye, Bucs on short week and on the road. Niners win 26-19. They are better and McCaffrey might be back.

Steelers a three-point dog to the Redskins. O/U 45.5. We get to see a team on the rise, with a promising young QB, a new head coach and OC and much optimism play a stale, outdated franchise with a stubborn old coach and stubborn stale OC and a dusty old QB. These two teams are the EXACT opposite of each other. It's like dialup internet versus wireless. And yet ... Steeler defense is better than the Redskin offensive line. That's a problem for Daniels. Steelers 26-20. Mike Tomlin is only 11-9 after a bye. Watching GLADIATOR movies and searching for more cliches to spout out rather than preparing the team. He might use a line from the 300 this week.....THE LIGHTS WENT OUT.....THEN WE WILL FIGHT IN THE SHADE.

Chargers laying 7.5 to the Titans. O/U 37.5. I watched the Titans game a bit last week and realized the Titans head coach is goofy. He came to the Titans from Cincy, where he had Joe Burrow. He now has Mason Rudolph at QB ... and is trying to run the same offense. Non-starter. Chargers are tough. Proving that Brandon Staley should never coach again. Chargers 24-10.

Jets laying 1.5 to the Cards. O/U 46.5. I don't like either team but I really HATE the Jets. Everyone is hyped after the Jets won last week. They got some extra time too since they played on Thursday. Old, broken dudes need that. But that extra time is like me voting for Kamala in South Carolina, Georgia, Utah, Idaho ... what is the point? RB James Conner is going to terminate the leaky Jets D. Cards 24-20.

Eagles laying 7 to the Cowboys. Oh.....the Cowboys. O/U 41.5. Cow-

boys owner Jerry Jones, all emotional after the last loss, vowed to make the team better by the trade deadline so he traded for ... a guy named Jonathan Mingo. Don't know him? Neither does anyone else. They might as well have signed Trey Wingo. Jerry did that to appease the fans. I DID SOMETHING! But they still don't have an RB. Jerry's just a salesman.

Lions laying 3 to the Texans. O/U 49. Lions are a great team right now. Who would have thunk it a few years ago when Dan Campbell said his team would be biting kneecaps? Certainly not me. Boy was I wrong. Lions 30-24.

Rams laying a point to the Dolphins. O/U 50.5. For some reason I see the Dolphins winning this game with Tua back. Dolphins 30-27.

The President has been elected. Or more so, force fed to us by the legion of insecure bigots, racists and homophobes in this country. A clown is back in office. That goes to show the Democratic Party that they are screwed up as can be. The years of Biden and then running his corpse back out for reelection pissed off everyone, including Democrats. I guess the good thing to consider is ... it really doesn't affect me that much. Unless he can reinstate slavery, I could give a damn other than if I travel to another country, I will adopt an accent and say I am Dominican or something other than American so I don't have to answer questions about how we elected a moron.

I've got about five years left to retirement, so I will enjoy the 401k bounce the Republicans will give me with their THREE CARD MONTE financial plan. Trump getting elected really isn't about anything other than plain hatred, greed (for the richies) and insecurity (for the poor idiots and minorities) who feel like they want to fit in. Just more insecurity I guess. So I will enjoy the financial gain for 4 years. Or at least until his next criminal case.

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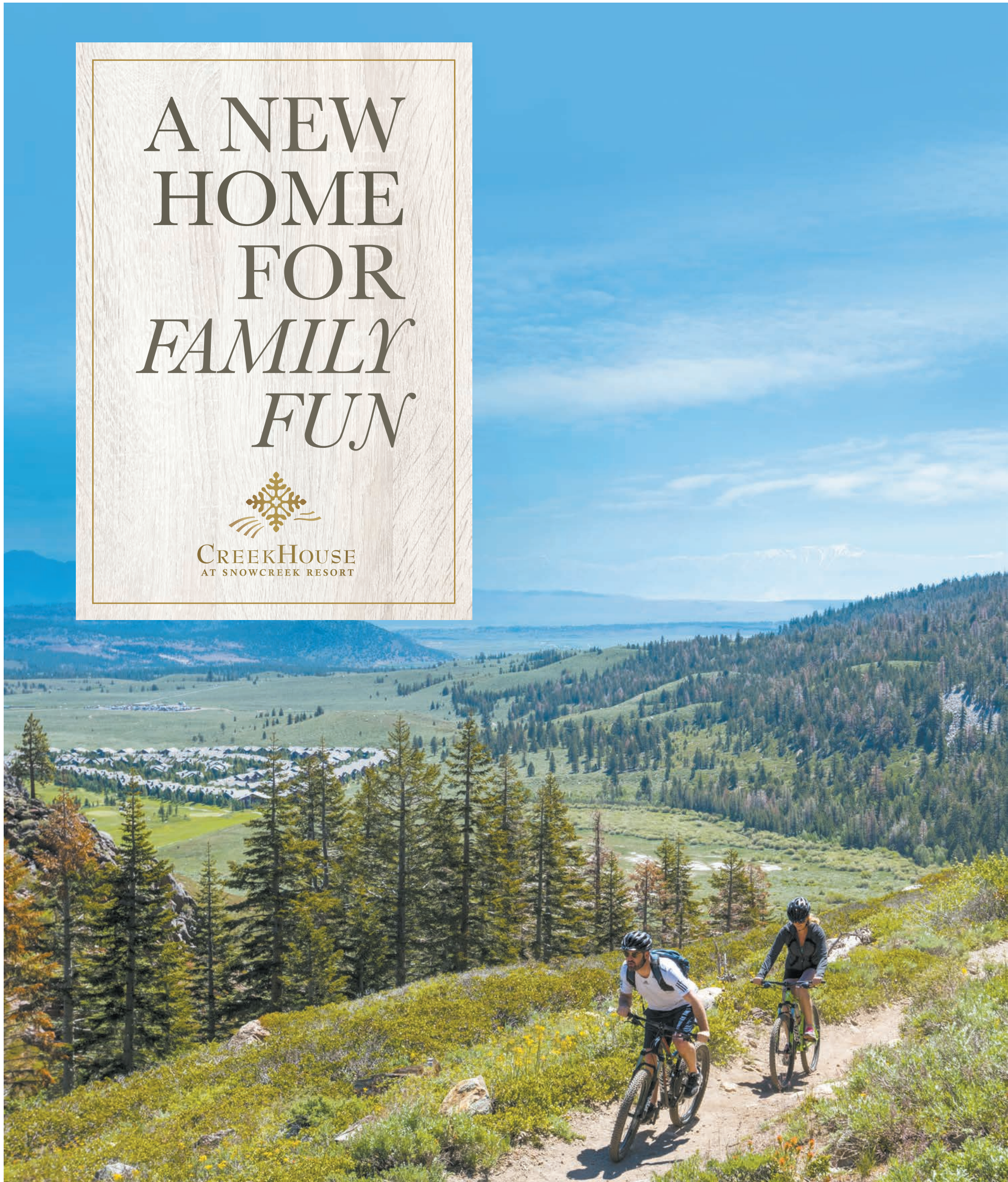
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