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Joey Merten remembered, see page 8.

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MLPD RELEASES BODYCAM FOOTAGE

By Lunch

The Mammoth Lakes Police Department (MLPD) released bodycam footage Thursday afternoon from the officer-involved shooting incident which led to local resident Jesus Corona Uribe's death on March 4.

The footage will be located on the MLPD website - www.mammothlakespd.org. There will also be a link to the video posted on the MLPD Facebook page.

The video features bodycam footage from two officers and some slides with subtitles to set the scene and provide background.

The 911 call went out at 11:40 a.m. on March 4 and the shooting occurred at 11:41. The footage ends as medical units are called to the scene.

The bodycam footage was taken by Sgt. Joe Vetter and Officer Chris Hoodman. When the call came in, they had just been arriving at Giovanni's Restaurant for lunch.

Mr. Uribe, in a state of intoxication/mental distress, had been throwing rocks at passing motor vehicles.

The video starts with officers yelling at Uribe, standing on the berm behind the Giovanni's dumpster, to drop the rocks in his possession and stand down.

One of the rocks, at that time, is located in his left hand and the other is resting in the crook of his left elbow.

Mr. Uribe, after a period of say, 15-20 seconds, takes off running up the sidewalk, behind Giovanni's, towards the bike path.

At the time of the call, two other officers, Detective Brian

Madera (in plainclothes) and Officer Dennis Saulque, were in a school safety meeting being held at the Mammoth Lakes Library. They exited the Library, and moved a patrol vehicle to set up a perimeter on the access road leading to the library.

Because they were not on patrol at the time, they were not wearing bodycams.

They exited the vehicle and were moving towards the intersection to the road leading up to the school district offices.

Uribe sees them and then makes a sharp left beeline directly towards them.

By now he's got a rock in each hand. The rocks appear to be somewhere between a baseball and softball in size.

The distance between Mr. Uribe and the officers is approximately 15 feet.

Uribe begins to rear his arm back. Madera, gun drawn, is yelling at him to stop. Uribe then cocks his arm for a second time and does a little bunny hop to gain some momentum for a throw. Which never comes, as Madera and Saulque discharge their weapons and drop Uribe to the pavement.

There are definitely more than three shots. It's hard to tell. There could be ten shots.

The rock in Uribe's right hand comes rolling down the sidewalk at a decent clip. Vetter stops it with his shoe. The rock in Uribe's left hand is literally dropped where he lies.

And then the videos end.

The short video is not narrated.

A slide presented before the

bodycam footage gives a brief description as to what officers knew about Mr. Uribe from prior history before they reached the scene.

It reads: "The involved officers were familiar with Mr. Uribe due to multiple past encounters with law enforcement, which included Mr. Uribe charging a police officer and assaulting a probation officer with a shovel. In addition, officers were aware Mr. Uribe was on supervised release for an assault with a deadly weapon conviction."

Mr. Uribe's family was invited in to view the footage on Tuesday.

Mssrs. Madera and Saulque are currently on administrative leave, but may be eligible to return to work next month according to MLPD Chief Dan Casabian.

2ND HANTA DEATH

Press Release

Mono County Public Health has confirmed a second death related to Hantavirus in the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

The cases occurred four days apart at the end of February.

A third possible case is under investigation.

Hantavirus is a serious and often fatal illness spread primarily through contact with infected deer mouse droppings, urine, or saliva. Deer mice are widespread in the Eastern Sierra region.

"Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome is uncommon but extremely dangerous," said Dr. Tom Boo, Mono County Health Officer. "We urge residents and visitors to pay attention to the presence of mice indoors and other enclosed spaces and take

precautions to reduce the risk of infection, especially when cleaning up areas where rodent activity is present."

Each Hantavirus case is investigated by local and state public health officials. The exposure for one of the two confirmed cases this year may have occurred while vacuuming rodent waste, while the other individual was likely exposed at home during a known infestation.

Prior to these cases, the last confirmed Hantavirus infections in Mono County occurred in 2019.

Mono County has recorded 26 confirmed Hantavirus cases since 1993 —the most in the State of California.

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Last Friday, fishing enthusiasts met at the Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop to compete in the Blake Jones Trout Derby. See more of Gayla Wolf's photos p. 14.

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COMPASS

KING CHARLES

No April Fool's story this year. It falls on a Tuesday so it would either be too early this week or too late for next.

But when I think about April Fool's, I can't help but reflect back upon the year where we had a photo of Chuck Scatolini and Jeff Frome on the first tee box at Snowcreek armed with hairdryers, vowing to get the course open asap following a heavy snow year.

I visited Chuck on Monday down in Santa Monica. He's in hospice. His time is short. But he's been like royalty - many, many folks have driven down there to say goodbye and pay their respects.

Which is befitting of a guy who gave so much of himself to his friends and community. Chuck was not materially wealthy, and yet he was rich beyond measure.

On Monday, a friend of his from San Diego State, Walt Osborne (Chuck served as his best man) was also visiting, as was Nancy Holland, who directed Chuck in the Eastern Sierra Community Chorus. Chuck's sister Anne was there, too.

I brought down my copy of Stephen Vincent Benet's "The Devil and Daniel Webster." Chuck and I had a longstanding ritual where we'd read the book aloud on the Thanksgivings we spent together - more than a few.

The brief plot synopsis: A hard-luck farmer, Jabez Stone, makes a deal with the devil and sells his soul for ten prosperous years. And then the great son of New Hampshire, Daniel Webster, argues in court against the devil to save Stone's soul.

The judge (Hawthorne from the Salem witch trials) and jury are handpicked by the devil. So the odds are stacked against. In every point of order, Hawthorne rules against Webster, who becomes increasingly frustrated, madder and madder.

"Till finally, it was time for him to get up on his feet, and he did so, all ready to bust out with lightnings and denunciations. But before he started he looked over the judge and jury for a moment, such being his custom. And he noticed the glitter in their eyes was twice as strong as before, and they all leaned forward. Like hounds just before they get the fox, and the blue mist of evil in the room thickened. Then he saw what he'd been about to do, and he wiped his forehead, as a man might who's just escaped falling into a pit in the dark."

Webster realizes that if he'd fought them with their own weapons, he'd fall into their power. So instead, he starts off simple and easy. "He didn't start out by condemning or reviling. He was talking about the things that make a country a country and a man a man."

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"Love is the delightful interval between meeting a beautiful girl and discovering that she looks like a haddock."
-John Barrymore

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And how humanity is shaped, by the good and not-so-good inherent in each of us, and how an ordinary man like Jabez Stone shouldn't be punished for all eternity just because he'd wished to change his hard luck.

"He was telling the story and the failures and the endless journey of mankind. They got tricked and trapped and bamboozled, but it was a great journey. And no demon that was ever foaled could know the inwardness of it - it took a man to do that."

.....

Each time I read this short book, there's a different part which speaks to me. And this part spoke to me because for all the years I've known Chuck, I have never known him to be spiteful, or angry, or envious. He kept his petty jealousies to himself, and laughed wryly at his own shortcomings.

And he was not like so many older men, who get closed-minded and embittered and conservative.

I really got to know Chuck when I got cast in my first play, Paul Rudnick's "I Hate Hamlet." In that Mammoth Lakes Repertory production, Chuck played the Ghost of John Barrymore. I thought it was his best role.

And of course, Chuck and Barrymore had one thing very much in common - their love of women. And women loved (and were exasperated by) Chuck in equal measure. But mostly loved.

While I have unfortunately become somewhat inured to the deaths and departures of so many good friends over the years, I am feeling this one.

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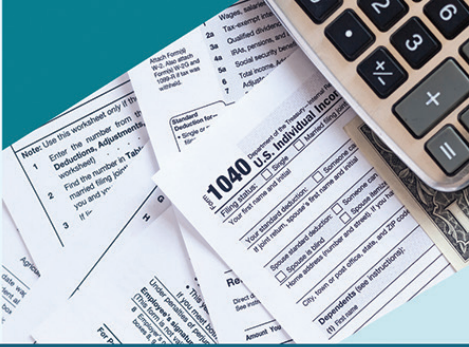
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CONSULTA POR NUESTRAS BECAS

LETTERS

Mammoth-AID

Dear Editor,

Wow, does our “So Virtuous” Town Council want to be Mammoth's new US-AID? Sounds just like it. Allocate big “our resident” monies to a non-profit, where monies can be spent without much oversight for payments for managers, more consultants, to advisors, new board members (possibly council members or family - or other patronage). Where does it stop? Will they have a DEI requirement too?

Whitebark Institute is probably great, and if so, let it raise money from personal or business donations (not using town money to pay for fund raising). Use unpaid volunteers.

As to the \$50k for the fire department, this may make more sense. But doesn't the Fire Department already have most of the parcel by parcel fire risk information from their ongoing current inspections? It even somewhat sounds like a first step to try to sneak in a new parcel tax to get around Prop 13.

Oh to be so virtuous with other people's money! US-AID like.

Next we will need a Mammoth DOGE. Maybe we need it already?

Peter Olson
Mammoth Lakes /El Segundo

Foot traffic only!

Dear Editor,

A report from The Hill states, “The Trump administration is eyeing a 30 percent payroll reduction at the National Park Service, ... [which employs] more than 20,000 employees.”

This tame effort by the DOGE sword to swipe its cost-cutting blade at our beloved Parks is a poor display of this department's proposed purpose and another example of blatant oversight from out-of-touch politicians. If they intend to cut government spending, they could be doing so much more for our country and National Parks by keeping their grubby, greedy hands out of these sacred spaces.

Which is why they should cut the whole thing.

Close the campgrounds and visitor centers, stop the buses, trolleys, tours and trains, cease concessions, axe the outhouses, shutter the shower houses, gut the gift shops, fold the entrance fees, and lock the gates.

I don't want to go full Lorax and speak for the trees, but I think the trees, bees, and seas would be thrilled. The random geographical gems were getting along great before we started slicing them up and down to pave roads and sell souvenirs. If we're serious about protecting these unique sites, we would shut the gates.

Mother Nature has taken a beating at the hands of humans. More dominant, more powerful, richer than any other creature in the Kingdom, we have capitalized and commercialized every aspect of life, including Nature's Glory. As caretakers of this planet and witnesses of Glory, we can do better.

Yosemite is a traffic jam. Grand Canyon is an amusement park. Yellowstone is a zoo. Zion is a bus station. Badlands is Disneyland with sand.

Stop shuttling millions of people across these fragile environments every year to take photos and buy t-shirts. Our tax dollars should not be funding the mismanagement of Nature. We need to let these special spaces breathe and be, not build roads through them.

Earth didn't make it this far because of our tax dollars, but it is suffering because of them. As the supposed advanced species, let's leave portions of this planet in a wild state, to acknowledge and appreciate our place in the ecosystem, to recognize the effect we have on this perfect ball of blue.

This land is not my land, this land is not your land. We are guests, borrowing resources and space for a brief period. Allow protected land to remain protected, by keeping anthropocentric activity out of its borders. We need fewer National Parks and more Natural Parks.

Leave the current buildings as relics of our past like they leave pioneer log structures in the field. Future travel-

ers will walk by and reminisce: “These buildings are from a time when people drove their own cars through this place. Every path was paved and visitors needed Feed Stations every thirty minutes. This is a Vending Machine, where guests would buy plastic bottles full of stale water, instead of drinking from the Natural sources. Plastic is a material that never goes away. Oh, look, there's some over there!”

No critique is complete without a solution, therefore, I propose to disband the National Park Service and replace it with the Natural Park Service. The newly designed NPS will employ 1,000 full-time backcountry rangers to patrol the Parks, maintain select trails, and care for huts; a 95% decrease from our predecessor's staffing levels.

No vehicle access is permitted, but Natural Parks will remain open to foot-traffic. Visitors may walk on their own two feet and explore the land, as intended. Spend a day or spend a week, entrance is free and because you pay your taxes, maps are provided at every entrance. Go forth, travel well, and enjoy every moment in America's Natural Parks - “Leave It Better Than You Found It. Or Better Yet, Don't Come At All.”

Brian Cornell
Mammoth Lakes

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LETTERS

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Safety isn't optional

Dear Editor,

Recently, there have been several letters on safety in our community, including on Mammoth Mountain. The first rule of any organization's safety program is to have an excellent understanding of the safety issues the organization faces in protecting its employees and its guests. Once the safety issues are understood, the organization is responsible for actively preventing these safety issues from occurring.

This past Sunday afternoon (March 25), a friend of ours who was skiing on Mammoth Mountain was seriously injured, caused by an out-of-control snowboarder. This accident happened while she was taking her last run down to Canyon Lodge. The snowboarder, travelling at a high rate of speed, was out of control and hit her from behind. As a result, her left shoulder was broken in two places near the joint. Based on reviews of her injury by an emergency room doctor and an orthopedist, she will require surgery. Most likely it will require a shoulder replacement. Anyone who has had this surgery knows how painful the surgery and resulting recovery will be. The physical therapy will take months.

This could have been prevented if Mammoth Mountain had followed the first rule of safety; to have an active program that removes skiers and snow-

boarders that are skiing in an unsafe manner and at excessive speeds while in crowded conditions. In recent years on Mammoth Mountain, I have witnessed multiple cases of this and have never seen a ski patroller pull one of these violators aside and warn them or pull their ticket or IKON pass. Instead, I have seen the injured being hauled down the mountain on a sled.

Once skiers and boarders start seeing out of control skiers and boarders being pulled aside and removed from the mountain the word will get out fast: control yourself or be removed.

Hopefully, Mammoth Mountain will finally institute a real safety program on the mountain and enforce it. Unfortunately, it is already too late for our friend, who is suffering from her injury and has the daunting prospect of a very painful surgery and recovery all because one person was allowed to continue unsafe behavior on the mountain.

John Stavlo
Mammoth Lakes

Spine-free Kiley

Dear Editor,

Holding a rare town hall meeting by phone on Monday, March 17, our Representative Kevin Kiley of California's 3rd congressional district attracted upwards of 25,000 people who listened and contributed questions on a wide va-

riety of topics for a total of 90 minutes. Rep. Kiley was very slick, but the audience was slicker and kept his feet to the fire—pointing out his tendency to hide from his constituents and holding very few town halls.

Rep. Kiley sounded like someone who cares very much about his constituents—but pointed questions from the audience made it clear that his answers were hollow and his loyalties lie elsewhere. He repeatedly pointed to the same small set of legislative bills he has supported, often with little relevance to the question asked. He did not allow follow-ups to questions, but I believe anyone doing more research after the call found that the bills he has supported often aimed to achieve the opposite of what the callers were asking for.

More than one constituent asked how extending the Trump tax cuts from 2017 could possibly be good for the average American, as it cut at least \$60,000/year in taxes for the richest 1%, and an average of less than \$500 for households in the bottom 60%, while making cuts to many other important programs. To which Rep. Kiley replied "It's important that this legislation gets extended," then cherry-picking things like the standard deduction doubling but ignoring the cuts that benefit the wealthiest Americans more by far, and add significantly to the national debt.

The main themes of the questions concerned cuts to Social Security and Medicare, firings of federally employed

Forest Service and National Park Service employees, threats to wildfire mitigation, and well-loved programs for farming. There were also concerns about a plummeting economy and the rift in relationships with Canada and Mexico. Constituents questioned how DOGE, an entity established outside of official means, could dismantle programs established by Congress. Overall, there was an undertone of genuine fear for our democracy.

In his answers, the congressman repeatedly promised to protect Social Security despite having supported \$1.5 trillion in cuts to it. He touted the passage of the Lake Tahoe Restoration Act as evidence of bringing funding to wildfire mitigation to the area, but failed to acknowledge the massive cuts to wildfire prevention funding under DOGE, and of course the Eastern Sierra isn't part of the Lake Tahoe area.

The Fix Our Forests Act, his purported solution to the wildfire issue, will allow for increased logging without scientific review and community input which may increase the risk of wildfire, and it ignores proven ways to protect communities.

He claimed somehow our relationships with Canada and Mexico are being fixed simply by allegedly having lower border crossings from the latter. And he quoted the false narrative that fighting the LA fires was hampered by not having enough water in our

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LOCAL NEWS

THIS BARK STILL HAS BITE

By Fisher

Whitebark Institute, a non-profit organization dedicated to reducing wildfire risk, received \$610,000 from the Town of Mammoth Lakes last week to continue its large-scale fire mitigation project, which had been largely suspended due to federal funding freezes.

Even with this local funding, the organization is still scrounging for cash to meet their projected timeline as federal funds remain hanging in the balance.

"We were held up on being able to proceed with contracting, being able to plan our work for the summer," said Whitebark's Executive Director, Laura Beardsley. "[With the town's support], we're able to pick back up and get those pieces in place so that when the conditions are right, we can get back to work and start working on the ground."

The Sheet caught up with Beardsley on Wednesday to follow-up on last week's

article, "Town Makes it Rain for Whitebark," for a more comprehensive look at the impacts of the funding changes on the organization's anticipated work schedule.

The organization is slated to complete its next stage of the Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Program (ESCCRP) project this summer, which aims to improve resilience of the landscape around Mammoth Lakes through forest thinning and pile burning.

Because of the Town's financial support, Beardsley is "pretty confident" that the work the organization had planned for the summer will proceed. This summer's implementation, if executed, would be the crowning moment for over five years of planning and coordinating since the project's inception in October 2019.

"Right now, given the current climate, the future is even less predictable than

it typically is," she said. "We are really, really grateful and fortunate to have the town's support."

The areas of focus for this summer's work include areas in the Valentine reserve, along Forest Trail, and in the Lakes Basin. That according to Whitebark's Resilience Program Director, Janet Hatfield in a presentation she made in January.

But although this year's work scope is stabilizing, future years are less certain.

Implementation for the total project is posed on a 10-12 year timeframe, but "it's sort of unclear if we'll be able to work at that pace," Beardsley said. Whitebark typically plans projects two years in advance. It spent last year managing fuel reduction projects in the Red's Meadow Valley.

For future years, "Whitebark is working with other partners and with the Inyo National Forest to try to identify opportunities for funding and investment in that work to help keep that work moving forward," she said.

The Town's allocation, while significant, only makes up a portion of the projects' total cost, which Beardsley currently estimates to be between \$150 to \$200 million. She said the organization was also able to supplement the cost with state grants through Cal Fire and

the Sierra Nevada Conservancy.

However, if the organization ends up delaying or slowing their progress as projected, the project will consequently also cost more than it was originally anticipating, due to inflation costs.

The U.S. Forest Service (USFS), a key partner for Whitebark, has experienced several waves of staff cutting of late. How this impacts INF's partnership remains to be seen. Whitebark itself has been able to maintain staff, but Beardsley is unsure of what exactly these USFS cuts will mean for Whitebark's planning scope.

The labor which executes Whitebark's Forest Thinning plans comes from a "mix" of organizations, including USFS, but also contracted forestry crews and fire teams.

"We all know how much we need each other to be able to do this work to be able to support our recreation areas to be able to support our economy," she said. "Uncertainty, in terms of staffing, is something that we're paying very close attention to and we're trying to set ourselves up to be able to support our federal partners."

In the meantime, Beardsley encourages Mammoth residents to continue work on a parcel-level fire mitigation efforts through home-hardening.



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 - Clean out any exposed foundation or attic/eave vents and install flame and ember-resistant vents where possible.
 - If doing any exterior remodeling or repairs, choose fire-resistant materials for the roof, siding, windows, and decks.
- This summer, the Town of Mammoth Lakes and the Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District (MLFPD), along with other partners, will increase our efforts to make our community more resilient. **Keep on the lookout for MLFPD staff performing home defensible space evaluations along with weekend events where we can assist you with your own home hardening efforts!**
- The continuation of the Eastern Sierra Climate and Communities Resilience Project (ESCCRP), a critical 65,000 forest health and wildfire mitigation project surrounding Mammoth Lakes, will continue its implementation work this summer. **For more information on this project visit: whitebarkinstitute.orgescrp**

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OBITUARY

JOEY MERTEN 1964-2025

Joey Merten was born in Torrance, Calif., on May 13, 1964, and grew up in Manhattan Beach. He initially moved to Mammoth in 1988 for a few years, then moved to Maui, Hawaii, in the early '90s, before returning to Mammoth for good.

He worked in Restaurants for most of his life: Robertos', Smokeyard and Samurai until Covid. Post-Covid until his passing, he worked for MLTPA as a trail host, and for Mammoth Mountain Host Department as Woolly.

Joey absolutely loved both jobs, and found his true calling in helping and interacting with visitors and embodying the spirit of Aloha in Mammoth.

He loved the Big Island of Hawaii, and spent at least six weeks there each year with his partner to warm up after the long winter. He would say he liked to go from volcano to volcano. He was in tune with nature and animals and was a very spiritual man. He exuded positive energy.

Joey was an amazing skier, and skied over a million vertical feet for his favorite charity, Vertical Cure. A team member since its inception in 2002, he raised awareness and thousands of dollars for the Scleroderma Foundation of California.

He loved our animals. He loved our town and our visitors. He loved nature and the earth. He loved the night sky ... in Mammoth or from the top of Kilauea. He loved dogs and reptiles and rescued a menagerie over the years. He had a way and energy about him that embodied pure joy and exuberance. He was fun

and hilarious and everybody just loved Joey. He loved the to see the Dead, Wide-spread Panic, and Phish. We always had music on, and there was dancing in our house everyday.

He is survived by his long-time partner, Andrea Barnes, his sister Jules Merten, his step-mom Anita Merten, Anita's daughter Nina and his mother Judy.

-Andrea Barnes



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Press Release

Northern Inyo Healthcare District (NIHD) Chief Executive Officer Stephen DelRossi announced his resignation effective April 1 to District staff Tuesday afternoon.

DelRossi, who has served as CEO since May 2023, earlier informed the NIHD Board of Directors of his decision, citing family commitments and the need to focus more time outside the Eastern Sierra.

“It has been my honor and privilege to serve NIHD for the last three years, especially during my time as CEO,” DelRossi said in his message to NIHD staff. “I am proud of the incredible work we have accomplished, and I believe now is the time for new leadership to steer the District’s next chapter.”

DelRossi joined NIHD as Chief Financial Officer and later stepped into the CEO role. In an email to staff following DelRossi’s announcement, Board Chair Jean Turner thanked him for offering much-needed stability and leadership as CFO in a time of uncertainty.

“[As CEO,] Stephen continued his work to move the District forward and steer our course for continued success,” Turner wrote to staff. “On behalf of the Board, we express our gratitude to Stephen for his hard work, dedication, and service. We wish him and his family the very best.”

Until further notice, NIHD’s Chief Operations and Nursing Officer Al-

lison Partridge will serve as Acting Chief Executive Officer. The Board will begin the process of identifying permanent leadership in the coming weeks.

A healthcare veteran of now more than 25-years, Partridge joined NIHD in 2018 as the Director of Nursing for Emergency and Inpatient Services.

Named the District’s Chief Nursing Officer in August of 2020, the move placed Partridge at the forefront of the District’s pandemic response. DelRossi later named her Chief Operations Officer, giving her a dual role within the District that displayed her deep understanding of both clinical care and operational strategy.

Turner said Partridge is well-positioned to ensure a smooth transition and clearly understands the need for continued progress during this interim period.

Turner also said the Board, which also consists of Vice Chair Melissa Best-Baker, Secretary David Lent, Treasurer David McCoy Barrett, and Member-at-Large Laura Smith, remains committed to maintaining transparency through this leadership transition and will provide updates to staff and the community as the search for NIHD’s next CEO moves forward.

OBITUARY CARLOS MARTINEZ 1950-2025

It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of our beloved Carlos Martinez, who left us on February 25. He was a cherished and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend who brought joy, laughter, and love to all who knew him.

Carlos’s early life was a tale of Manhattans: he was born in Manhattan in that little town of New York, New York, but grew up in Manhattan Beach.

His love of fishing and skiing drew him to the mountains. He moved to Mammoth Lakes in 1974 with his future wife Barbara. The couple subsequently married in 1977.

Like so many before them, they had planned to live here for a year before returning to the beach.

That one year, of course, turned into fifty.

He was known for his infectious sense of humor, his kind heart, and his unwavering love for his family. His laughter and zest for life was truly one of a kind, and he had a remarkable ability to bring a smile to anyone’s face, no matter the circumstance.

Above all, he was deeply dedicated to his family and a hard worker. He built his business, Arrowhead Tile, from the ground up, founding the business in 2000. He honed his craft into a work-of-art and was highly regarded for his outstanding work. He was the kind of person who was always there to lend a helping hand and taught many life lessons. It did



not matter if you were a prince or a pauper, he treated you the same. He made every day special, whether it was one of his stories or his unparalleled wisdom.

Carlos leaves behind his devoted wife, Barbara, children Anthony and Lisa, and grandson Maksim. He will be deeply missed by his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him. His memory will live on in the laughter and love he shared with us all. He truly was, one of a kind.

A celebration of his life will be held in summertime.

Rest in peace, Big C. You will always be our hero and forever in our hearts.

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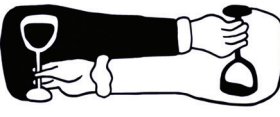
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Outlaw Saloon Happy Hour Monday through Friday from 4-6 p.m. *More info: See ad p. 8*
The Mogul happy hour 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the bar. Food and drink specials.
Lakanuki happy hour 3-6 p.m. daily AND karaoke every Sunday, starting at 8:30 p.m.
Main Street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

March 28-29/
Derek Frank plays Liberty ...
Weekend Apres Ski parties @ Canyon Lodge. Starts 2 p.m. DJ WLDCT & ACRAZE perform.

March 28-30/
Sunset Sips and Slides @ Woolly's
Adventure Summit. Happy hour 3-5 p.m. *More info: See ad p. 9*

Monday, March 30/
David Cicoletti plays Distant. Time: 7-9 p.m.

Monday, March 31/
Open mic night @ Distant Brewing. Time: 6-9 p.m.

Wednesday, April 2/
Weekly Pool Tournament @ Distant Brewing. Hosted by Eastern Sierra Pool from 4:30-9:30 p.m.

TOWN STUFF

March 28-30/
"POTUS: Behind Every Great Dumbass are Seven Women Trying to Keep Him Alive" by Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre continues at the MHS MPR and runs weekends through March 30. Fridays and Saturdays at 7 p.m. and Sundays at 4 p.m. *More info: See ad p. 7*

Saturday, March 29/
Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance Run/Walk for colorectal cancer awareness. Start location = Brown's Town Campground. 8 a.m. Register (or register online at escanceralliance.org) and 9 a.m. start.
Bishop Baseball takes on East Bakersfield at home. Starts 9 a.m.
"Tour of the Alabama Hills" Sierra Forever Ranger Program. Meet NPS Ranger Casey at the Mobius Arch Trailhead. Tour runs from 11 a.m. - noon.
Keep Her Wild Craft Festival. Time: 4-8 p.m. Location: Outbound Mammoth, 164 Old Mammoth Road.

Sunday, March 30/
Annual Wild Spirits fundraiser to benefit Wildcare Eastern Sierra. Time: 6-8 p.m. Location: Bishop's Cerro Coso community college @ 4090 West Line St.

Monday, March 31/
Sierra Forever Book Club meets virtually to discuss "Miracle Country" by Kendra Atleework. Access the meeting via sierraforever.org/reading-challenge.

TOWN STUFF

Tuesday, April 1/
Mono County Board of Supervisors meets. Time: 9 a.m. Location: Mono County Courthouse in Bishop or online via monocounty.ca.gov.
Mammoth's Parks and Recreation Commission meets. Time: 2:30-4:30 p.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall or online via townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

Wednesday, April 2/
Mammoth Lakes Town Council meets. Time: 4 p.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall or online via townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.
MHS @ Bishop in Track and Field. Location: John Schwab Field in Bishop. Time: 3 p.m.

Friday, April 4/
MHS Baseball plays @ home v. Cal City. Time: 3:15 p.m.
Bishop Baseball plays @ home v. Desert. Time: 3:15 p.m.

UPCOMING

April 8: "Gold Exploration in the Bodie Hills" presentation by Sierra Nevada Alliance. Time: 5:30-6:30 p.m. Location: Bridgeport Memorial Hall, 73 N. School St.

April 11-13: Owens Lake Bird Festival. Join Friends of the Inyo for birding and informational tours on and around Owens Lake. *More info at friendsoftheinyo.org*

ONGOING

ONGOING: Free tax help! The AARP Foundation Tax Aide programs in Bishop and Mammoth using IRS-certified volunteers prepare federal and state tax returns online without charge to low- and moderate-income residents. Call for an appt./more info

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Prep/Dishwasher

-Mammoth \$20.77

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Bishop/Mammoth \$20-25 + potential mile-
age reimbursement

Journeyman Plumber

-Mammoth \$30-45

Member Service Mgr.

-Bishop \$68-92K annual

Member Service Rep.

-Bishop \$16.50-21

PT Housekeepers

-Mammoth \$20

Apartment Maintenance Tech

-Mammoth \$25

PT Building Maintenance

-Mammoth \$23 (8 hrs./week)

Swim Instructor

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Mammoth Roots Dispensary is hiring budtenders. Please email info@mammoth-roots.com with resume/references



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.



Whitebark Institute Seeks Environmental Planning Program Director
Whitebark Institute, a nonprofit dedicated to environmental resilience in California's Eastern Sierra, is hiring an Environmental Planning Program Director. This leadership role will provide strategic leadership for Whitebark's environmental planning initiatives. Salary \$115K-\$135K/year, benefits, hybrid work. Apply at whitebarkinstitute.org/careers.

Help Wanted



Elevate Your Career At Mammoth Hospital! We have an immediate need for the following positions:

- **Radiologic Technologist II** – Starting wage \$44.42 to \$53.84 based on qualifications. \$5,000 Retention Bonus.
- **Clinical Scribe** - Starting wage \$23.85 to \$28.91 based on qualification.
- **Physical Therapist** – Starting wage \$48.72 to \$59.05 based on qualifications. \$5,000 Retention Bonus
- **Hospital Social Worker** – Starting wage \$43.69 to \$52.96 based on qualifications.

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.



MAMMOTH COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT's Operations Department is currently recruiting for one permanent Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator. I/II/III (DOQ) position. FOR APPLICATION INFORMATION/ TO APPLY: Please see the District website <https://mcwd.dst.ca.us/employment/>



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Position: Fiscal Director
Pay Range: \$53.01-\$71.10
Job Type: Full-time, salary, exempt

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- Experience in working with government guidelines and regulations.
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- Ability to perform a wide range of accounting tasks including general bookkeeping, accounts payable and receivable, payroll processing, project/grant management, auditing, and human resource management.

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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

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 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



Crowley Lake Fish Camp is looking for a new team member to work at Pelican Point Grill, a concession type grill that feeds hungry fisherman Fridays through Sundays. Job includes cooking and customer service in a partially outdoor environment with a hard working team and beautiful views. Email crowleylakefishcamp@gmail.com to learn more or apply. Pay starts \$18 plus tips.



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Help Wanted

place to work. Email Lodging@doubleeagle.com

Restaurant bartender for Eagle's Landing Restaurant at the popular Double Eagle Resort and Spa. Experience in restaurant bartending, computers and working as a team member are essential. FT and PT work available. Health benefits, fitness membership, PTO. Great place to work. Email Lodging@doubleeagle.com

Cooks and Prep Cooks 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



Tioga Green Dispensary is hiring an asst. manager and budtenders. Please email tiogagreen@gmail.com with resume/references.

Sweetwater Plumbing Inc. FT position for Journeyman Plumber and/or Apprentice Plumber. Full Benefits. Job is located in Mammoth Lakes. Contact 760-914-1266 info@sweetwaterplumbing.com

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PUBLIC NOTICES



Notice of Public Hearing Amended and Restated Snowcreek Development Agreement (DA) 23-001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, **April 2, 2025**, beginning at 4:00 p.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 Town Council** will hear a request for the following:

Application Request: Amended and Restated Snowcreek Development Agreement (DA 23-001). On March 18, 2025, the Planning and Economic Development Commission adopted Resolution No. PEDC 2025-03 recommending that the Town Council approve the Amended and Restated Snowcreek Development Agreement (DA 23-001).

CEQA Determination: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the proposed action is within the scope of the projects analyzed in the previously certified Snowcreek VIII, Snowcreek Master Plan Update 2007 Environmental Impact Report (EIR) (SCH #2006112015) and the adopted Snowcreek VII Mitigated Negative Declaration. No additional CEQA review is required.

Location: Approximately 260 acres consisting of the Snowcreek VII and VIII (Snowcreek Master Plan Update) project areas (Lots 1-18 and Lots A-G of Tract Map 2009-002 [Snowcreek VIII] and Lots created by Tract Map 36-236 and 36-236A [Snowcreek VII]).

Zoning: Resort (R) - Snowcreek Master Plan Update (2007)

Proponent: Snowcreek Hilltop Development Co, LLC [Snowcreek VII] and Snowcreek Investment Company II, LLC [Snowcreek VIII] (Applicant / Property Owner)

All persons having an interest in the proposed application request may appear before the Town Council 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 March 28, 2025, contact Nolan Bobroff, Community and Economic Development Director, at (760) 965-3631. Facsimiles may be sent to (760) 934-7493, or email at: nbobroff@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

TS #2025-0031



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MAMMOTH LAKES TOWN COUNCIL will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Wednesday, April 2, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Town Council Chamber, Minaret Village Shopping Center, 437 Old Mammoth Road, Suite Z, to consider the following:

In accordance with Government Code Section 3502.3, and under Assembly Bill 2561 (“AB 2561”), a public agency must present the status of vacancies, recruitment, and retention efforts at a public hearing before their governing body prior to the adoption of a final budget for the fiscal year.

All persons having an interest in the proposed schedule may appear before the Town Council either in person or represented by counsel and present testimony or may, prior to said hearing, file with the Town Clerk 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, please contact Human Resources Manager Amanda Pelham by telephone at (760) 965-3604 or email at apelham@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

BY ORDER OF THE MAMMOTH LAKES TOWN COUNCIL
Dated: March 14, 2025
Jamie Gray, Town Clerk

TS #2025-0030

Notice of Ordinance

NOTICE OF ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 11 AND 12 OF THE MAMMOTH COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT CODE

The Board of Directors of the Mammoth Community Water District (“District”) adopted Ordinance No. 03-20-25-06 amending Chapters 11 and 12 of the District Code at its regular meeting on March 20, 2025. The ordinance amends Chapter 11, the Sanitary Sewer Code, and Chapter 12, the Water and Water Service Code, of the District Code as follows. Amendments were made throughout Chapters 11 and 12 to update all references to Capacity (Connection) rates, fees, and charges authorized and imposed by Chapters 11 and 12. In addition, certain obsolete divisions or sections in the Sewer Code and Water Code are deleted, including Sections 6.10 and 6.16 of Chapter 11, and Sections 6.11, and 6.12,B-7, 6.19, and 6.20, and 6.21 of Chapter 12.

The ordinance was enacted with Directors Cage, Do-maille, Hylton, Smith, and Thompson voting in favor. A copy of the entire ordinance, including redlined versions of Chapters 11 and 12 showing all approved changes, is available for review at the District office located at 1315 Meridian Boulevard, Mammoth Lakes, California 93546. A copy may be obtained by contacting Stephanie Hake at 760-934-2596, ext. 321.

TS #2025-0032

Notice of Ordinance

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES

Notice is hereby given that on March 19, 2025 the Town Council adopted an Ordinance entitled:

ORDINANCE NO. 25-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTERS 6.20 FEED-ING OF WILDLIFE PROHIBITED, 8.12 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT, AND 8.13 CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE.

by the following vote:

AYES: Councilmembers Sauser, Truax, Wentworth, Mayor Pro Tem Rice, and Mayor Bubser
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None
DISQUALIFICATION: None

A certified copy of the complete text of the Ordinance is posted and may be read at the Town Offices, Minaret Mall, Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, and /or a copy may be obtained from the office of the Town Clerk at a nominal charge.

Dated: March 20, 2025
JAMIE GRAY, Town Clerk
Town of Mammoth Lakes

TS #2025-0033

Request for Bids

Mono City Waterline Replacement Project

In general, the Work consists of constructing the Mono City water system improvements, including but not limited to water main totaling approximately 10,500 linear feet of 6-in PVC C900 pipe, one-inch water service connections, fire hydrants, together with all fittings, valves, and appurtenances, and abandonment of existing water mains as shown on the plans. The new water main will connect to the existing water distribution system at multiple connection points as shown on the plans.

1. Sealed bids will be received by the Lundy Mutual Water Company prior to 2:00:00 p.m. (local time) on Tuesday, April 29, 2025, and following said deadline all bids will be publicly opened and read. Bids shall be submitted by mail to P.O. Box 323, Lee Vining, California 93541, or hand delivered to the Mono City Fire Department Building at 1057 Silver Lake Way, Mono City, California 93541, only during the last hour before the specified deadline. Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Mono City Fire Department Building. Bids shall be submitted in a sealed envelope with the name of the bidder, the name of the project and the statement “Do Not Open Until the Time of Bid Opening.” Bids received after said deadline will be returned unopened to the bidder.

2. A non-mandatory pre-bid meeting and project site tour will be held on Monday, March 31, 2025 beginning at 1:00 PM. This meeting shall be held at the Mono City Fire Department Building at 1057 Silver Lake Way, Mono City, 93541. Contractors shall personally examine the project site prior to bidding.

3. Bidders must submit all questions no later than 2:00 P.M. (PST) Thursday, April 17, 2025.

4. Bidding Documents may be obtained in electronic format from Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group at no charge. Only registered plan holders are eligible to bid on this project. Bids received by contractors not on the plan holder list will be rejected and will not be opened. The official plan holder list will also be used to distribute addenda (if any), RFI responses, and information on how to join the pre-bid meeting and the public opening of bids. In order to be placed on the plan holder list, contractors must contact Provost & Pritchard Consulting Group at (559) 449-2700 ATTN: Juliet Benson jbenison@ppeng.com to register as a plan holder and receive the documents.

Request for Qualifications

The Town of Mammoth Lakes (Town) is seeking State-ments of Qualifications from qualified Consultants (Consultant) to investigate and analyze trail use and associated impacts in support of the Town’s Office of Outdoor Recreation (OOR). The town and county would like to use trail counter and other data to more effectively understand and communicate how trails are used now, how residents and visitors use and experience trails, the economic impact of trails in the region, and identify future trail and trail infrastructure needs.

Such information can help Mammoth Lakes and Mono County:

- *Demonstrate current demand for trail-based recreation in the Mammoth Lakes area to help leaders understand patterns of use;
 - *Forecast demand in 5-10 years to inform investments in new and existing recreation infrastructure for the trail system master plan update; and
 - *Present objective data regarding current trail use and user attitudes to facilitate communication and strengthen relationships with other entities involved with recreation management in the region such as land managers, user groups, and county and state government agencies.
- *Identify economic impacts of trails to the region’s economy, including jobs, labor income, and visitor spending, and tax revenue.

<https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/townofmammothlakes/projects/156970>

TS #2025-0035

Request for Qualifications

The Town of Mammoth Lakes (Town) is seeking Statements of Qualifications from qualified Consultants (Consultant) to provide Data Collection Services designed to support the programs and activities of the Office of Outdoor Recreation. This includes using modern technology and techniques to collect user data within designated parameters, ability to geofence specific areas to collect data, analyze trends & consumer profiles, assess visitation & demographics, provide reports, and other pertinent information that the Office of Outdoor Recreation will use to inform future planning efforts.

A physical presence in the Mammoth Lakes area is not required, as many modern data collection techniques can be completed from outside of the area using technology such as cell phone data.

The scope of work will include the following:

- *Data Collection & Analysis – Using cell phone data or other modern techniques
- *Development of Graphic materials/reports of Data collected
- *Ability to draw geofences around specific areas to collect data
- *Ability to compare data with other similar facilities across the country

<https://procurement.opengov.com/portal/townofmammothlakes/projects/155907>

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5. Prevailing Wage Rates: Pursuant to Section 1770, California Labor Code, the successful Bidder shall pay not less than the prevailing rate of per diem wages as determined by the Director of California Department of Industrial Relations. A copy of such prevailing rate is on file at the offices of the Lundy Mutual Water Company, which copy will be made available for examination during business hours to any party on request: Prevailing wage rate information is also available on the internet at the following website address: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr/PWD>.

6. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

7. Bidders shall furnish a Bid Security with their Bidder’s Proposal in the amount of 10% of the base bid amount.

8. OWNER reserves the right after opening Bids to reject any or all Bids, to waive any informality or non-responsiveness in a Bid, or to make award to the lowest responsive, responsible Bidder and reject all other Bids, as it may best serve the interest of the OWNER.

9. Contractor’s License Classification: In accordance with the provisions of California Public Contract Code, Section 3300, Lundy Mutual Water Company has determined that bidder shall possess a valid Class A Contractor’s License issued by the State of California at the time of Bid opening and for the duration of the contract. Failure to possess the specified licenses shall render the Bid as non-responsive and shall act as a bar to award of the contract to any bidder not possessing said license at the time of Bid opening. The Contractors’ State License Board may be contacted at 9821 Business Park, Sacramento, CA 95827; PO Box 26000, Sacramento, CA 95826; (800) 321-2752.

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LETTERS

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reservoirs—even though it has been clearly established that some fire hydrants ran dry locally due to low water pressure as a consequence of unprecedented demands on the system.

The winning question in my book started off with “Do you understand and believe in the system of checks and balances, and separation of powers?,” and made it clear how Rep. Kiley had utterly failed to push back on the blatant disregard we’ve seen from the president toward congressional power as well as courts. Ignoring that the Constitution determines what power lies with Congress and what lies with courts and what lies with the president, Rep. Kiley claimed that he supports the “Separation of Powers Act” (note: it’s the Separation of Power Restoration Act, an act that actually undermines this separation). He then bumbled straight into complaining about a California state law he doesn’t like, and we never got an answer to the direct question of whether he would do anything when the executive branch withholds funding allocated by congress.

No questions from the Eastern Sierra were heard. I did have the chance to tell a screener what my question was, but was not chosen to go on air, nor did

anyone else on air bring up the topic I had. My question was about freedom of speech, and whether Rep. Kiley supports the First Amendment. Green Card holder Mahmoud Khalil (that is, a lawful permanent resident) was arrested and detained by ICE last week. He is a recent graduate from Columbia University, married to a US citizen who is 8 months pregnant. He is a known advocate for the rights of the Palestinian people. He has been accused of no crime, and has been arrested in direct retaliation of his activism - in clear and egregious violation of the first amendment, and reminiscent of the beginnings of Nazi Germany.

What will Rep. Kiley do to protect the right to free speech and to stop this unprecedented action, sliding us further towards authoritarianism? I didn’t get my answer tonight, and while time will tell, I doubt history will look back kindly on Rep. Kiley’s spineless response to Trump’s executive overreach. Let’s keep holding him accountable through town halls and calls, and let’s replace him with someone who does work for our interests come November 2026.

Lina Martensson
Mammoth Lakes

HANTAVIRUS

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Twenty of these infections were in county residents, and six were in people who visited Mono County and became infected. Two cases within a three-week span during late winter are unusual, as most cases are typically reported in spring and summer.

Rodent trapping in places where the first case may have been exposed found that 27% of captured deer mice tested positive for Hantavirus—consistent with the county’s typical baseline of around 25%.

Hantavirus causes a severe illness that progresses rapidly once the lungs are involved. Early symptoms usually include fever, fatigue, headache and muscle aches, sometimes with gastrointestinal symptoms, followed by coughing and shortness of breath. The disease is often fatal, with a mortality rate of approximately 30%.

Prompt diagnosis and treatment improve outcomes, but testing is only available in specialized laboratories, making early recognition challenging.

Public Health urges community members and visitors to remain vigilant for signs of rodent activity, particularly in homes, cabins, sheds, garages, and other enclosed spaces. Infested vehicles

may be risky too. Follow these guidelines to reduce your risk:

- Seal up all gaps in your home larger than a pencil’s width to prevent mice from entering.
- Store food in rodent-proof containers.
- Trap mice using snap traps (not glue or live traps).
- Avoid vacuuming or sweeping rodent droppings, nests, or urine.
- Air out enclosed spaces for at least 30 minutes before activities.
- Spray contaminated areas with a disinfectant or a freshly made 10% bleach solution and let sit for five minutes before wiping clean.
- Wear gloves and an N-95 (or higher) mask when cleaning. Contact Public Health for free N-95 masks.
- Do not eat food that may have been contaminated by rodents, and always wash your hands thoroughly after any potential exposure.

Mono County Public Health can be reached at (760) 924-1830. The California Department of Public Health has more hantavirus information at: cdph.ca.gov/Programs/CID/DCDC/Pages/HantavirusPulmonarySyndrome.aspx.

PUBLIC NOTICES



Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
GREAT BASIN UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT
CONSIDERATION OF ADOPTION OF THE 2025-2026 GENERAL FUND
AND SB 270 BUDGETS AND FEE ORDER

The Governing Board of the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District will conduct a second public hearing for the purpose of considering adopting the District’s annual budgets and proposed California Health and Safety Code Section 42316 (SB 270) order for the 2025-2026 fiscal year and to provide the public with an opportunity to comment on the proposed budgets and order. The SB270 budget is funded through an order authorized by California Health and Safety Code Section 42316, which requires the City of Los Angeles to pay fees to the District based on an estimate of the actual costs to the District of its activities including monitoring and analyzing the air quality impacts caused by the City of Los Angeles’s water-gathering activities, as well as the costs associated with development of mitigation measures. A copy of the draft budgets is available for inspection on the District website, www.gbuapcd.org, under “What’s New” or at the District office at the address shown below on or after April 1, 2025. The FY 2025-2026 General Fund budget may include adjustments to permit fees to account for changes in the California Consumer Price Index.

The public hearing will be conducted at a regular meeting of the District Governing Board to be held at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 1, 2025, via teleconference as well as in person.

To attend via zoom:
Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87097976368?pwd=GZf4ao6DNbamZo4jN9vBTal20Ea6n2.1>
Passcode: 417000
Phone: 669 900 6833
Webinar ID: 870 9797 6368

To attend in-person: (subject to change or cancellation)
Inyo County Administrative Center
Board of Supervisors Chamber
224 North Edwards Street (U.S. Highway 395)
Independence, California 93526

The public hearing on the District’s total annual budgets is set for 10:05 a.m. Written comments may be addressed to Ann Logan, Air Pollution Control Officer, Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District, 157 Short Street, Bishop, California 93514 or may be sent to tdehaven@gbuapcd.org. Written comments received by the close of business on Monday, April 14, 2025, will be included in the staff report. Written comments made after that date will be summarized at the meeting. Public comments may also be made during the public hearing. For further information, call the District’s Board Clerk, Tori DeHaven at (760) 872-8211.

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Notice of Ordinance

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AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, APPROVING DISTRICT ZONING AMENDMENT 24-001 FOR THE OUTBOUND HOTEL “VILLAS” PROJECT TO AMEND THE 2021 AMENDED PHASE ONE CLEARWATER SPECIFIC PLAN DOCUMENT.

and may be read at the Town Offices, Minaret Mall, Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, and/or a copy may be obtained from the office of the Town Clerk at a nominal charge.

Dated: March 20, 2025
JAMIE GRAY, Town Clerk
Town of Mammoth Lakes

A copy of the complete text of the Ordinance is posted

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FRANKLY FUNKY

Derek Frank returns to Liberty for two shows this weekend

Derek Frank, the bassist who's toured with the likes of Gwen Stefani and Shania Twain, is bringing his band back to Liberty Bar for two shows on March 28 & 29.

Frank and his wife have had a second home in Mammoth since 2005, but he'd never played locally until last August, when he played Liberty for the first time.

**Lunch went to one of the shows. It was awesome.*

Frank was born in Pittsburgh. He was eight years old when MTV debuted, and those videos were what sparked his interest in music. The inspiration lingers today, as he blends funk, blues, soul and jazz together in his instrumental compositions.

In Frank's third album, "Origin Story," debuted in 2024, he pays tribute to his

'70s upbringing. His song, "Demon on Wheels" gets its title from the old "Speed Racer" anime tv series.

Frank started his career Los Angeles and has since emerged as one of the most in-demand touring and studio bassists in the city.

He's worked with A-list artists, including Shakira, Kelly Clarkson, and Air Supply, and even played on a Dancing With The Stars tour, and is now exploring his solo career.

"I feel grateful to have my day job as a session and touring musician," Frank said. "But now I am also focusing on using my bass playing in service of my own music."

Come out to Liberty Friday and Saturday night to hear Derek Frank in action!



Derek Frank

BLAKE JONES TROUT DERBY

PHOTOS: GAYLA WOLF

The 2025 Blake Jones Trout Derby in Bishop, California, was a fantastic event! Since 1968, the derby has been a cherished annual tradition, drawing families from near and far – with around 30% of participants coming from Inyo and Mono Counties. This year, approximately 10% of attendees were first-time participants, many of whom are already looking forward to returning next year.

Approximately 600 people, including registered anglers, along with their families and friends, gathered at the Eastern Sierra Tri-County Fairgrounds on Saturday, March 22nd for the prize awards ceremony. Nearly \$10,000 worth of prizes were handed out.



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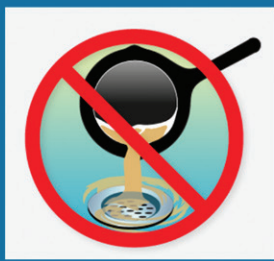


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KLUSMIRE

THE CHECK'S IN THE MAIL?

In an ominous note, the county report states, "if cuts were to occur, there is likely the ability to phase out the program over time, as there are sufficient funds within

Jon Klusmire of Bishop has not yet begun to prepare his 2025-26 household budget - which he calls the Okey DOKE (Department of Klusmire Efficiency)

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