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GROUNDBREAKING IN MAMMOTH



PHOTOS EHREN GOETZ

The groundbreaking ceremony for Mammoth Hospital's \$60 million North Wing project took place under a tent Wednesday afternoon, shielding congregants from the steady rain. Clockwise from top left: Mammoth Hospital CEO Tom Parker makes his remarks; dignitaries with gold-plated shovels; Medical Chief of Staff Sarah Sindell at the podium.

MORE RIDING WITH THE CAPTAIN

By Lunch

A horse named Journalism is the betting favorite in this Saturday's Kentucky Derby.

The last time Journalism has been favored in anything was back in about 1985.

**Betting aside: The late Otis Segers made a few bucks back in the day wheeling exactas with Derby favorites - I think that's the play Mr. Hambey.*

The last stop on my western roadtrip was a little town called Challis, Idaho. I lived there in 1991-1992. I had moved to Ketchum/Sun Valley with the

idea of ski-bumming, but saw a classified in the local Mountain Express which said the Challis Messenger was looking for a reporter.

Turns out Challis was about 2.5 hours north.

Challis is located in Custer County, which is geographically the size of Connecticut.

And still has no stoplight. Not one. In the whole county.

In 1992, Custer's population was approx. 4,200.

The guy who preceded me in the job was moving back to Green Bay, Wisconsin, thus the opening.

I moved into the trailer he was vacating as well. \$150/month rent.

I can remember it taking forever for the guy to clear out. When I mentioned this later to someone, they said it did not surprise. At one point, they had driven by the trailer and had seen the guy cutting the lawn with a pair of scissors.

Must've been some good weed.

The Messenger's publisher was a woman by the name of Peggy Parks. She owned the

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INYO WANTS A PUMP SLUMP

By Klusmire

Finally, there's a good reason for meetings that seem to drag on and on.

During two long meetings over two days, Inyo County's official "recommended" amount of groundwater pumping in the coming year kept going lower and lower the longer Inyo County officials and the public pondered the pumping planned by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power in 2025-26.

The Inyo County Water Department made the first stab at politely informing LADWP to cut back on its plans to pump between 67,860 to 88,560-acre feet (AF). The high-end number was essentially dismissed as unrealistic. The county Water Department suggested LADWP only pump 61,660 AF.

The Inyo County Water Commission met on Monday, April 28 and after plenty of public comment and some brainstorming by commission members, decided to get a bit more "aggressive," and suggested a pumping total of just 51,470 AF, which was what the county recommendation last year.

That recommendation was presented to the Inyo County Board of Supervisors on Tuesday, April 29. More discussion, public comment and questions ensued. The board said it liked the 51,470 AF number but asked for a breakdown by wellfield. "We did the math," said Inyo County Water Department Director Holly Alpert, and that math led to total of 48,720 AF. She noted that was almost the same amount of actual pumping LADWP completed in the 2024-25 water year.

Good enough, the supervisors declared, and that became the final county recommendation that will be forwarded to LADWP.

The public, Water Commission and Supervisors also pointed to underlying issues with the Inyo-LA Long-Term Water Agreement (LTWA) which would warrant changes and/or modifications. Whether any of those long-term efforts will be undertaken was not addressed.

Recommending that LADWP reduce its planned pumping by 19,140 AF satisfied one of the general themes that emerged during both meetings. That being instead of suggesting small, incremental changes, the county should make some bold statements about what it thinks is a pumping level that will keep aquifers from dropping and keep vegetation cover from shrinking.

Since "LADWP never listens" to the county's suggestions on pumping plans and hasn't changed its initial, planned pumping totals regardless of what the county recommends, "why not be aggressive," said Water Commissioner Randy Keller on Monday.

Commission chair Teri Red Owl pointed out that under LADWP's plan, groundwater levels in the Owens Valley would drop an average of 1.2 to 2 feet, with the Laws wellfield seeing drops in the 3.3 to 4.5 foot range. "Any decrease is really alarming," she said. Public comments were unanimous at the commission meeting that after three wet years, the county should do all it can to maintain aquifer levels instead of approving any plan that would result in a drop in groundwater. The county pumping recommendation should at least avoid any groundwater decreases and instead be geared to bringing vegetation and other conditions up to baseline

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Numerous posters comparing the WW II incarceration of Japanese Americans to today's civil rights abuses were displayed during Dr. Satsuki Ina's speech at last Saturday's Manzanar pilgrimage.

Klusmire's coverage of the event appears on pages 14-15. .

Code of the West

Good catch!

Dubious training

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paper from 1974-2006 before selling it to the Idaho Falls Post Register.

The paper has been in steep decline for the past decade or so. In fact, every other week it recycles an old cover, you know, from like 1974. That'll be a four-page issue with the nostalgia cover and some ads and a few legal notices. Then on a biweekly basis it publishes a "real" issue with a few stories. There is one employee.

During my stopover, I stayed with Roberta and David Fisher. Roberta ran the Custer Saloon during my time there, and the Custer Saloon backed up to the news-paper office, so ... we became good friends.

In Challis, having a good bartender is just as important as having a good dentist.

The framed Code of the West plaque (below) fairly sums up Roberta's character and values.

We drove around Challis last Sunday. The Main Street has all but dried up. There's one restaurant on Main, and it's only open in the mornings. There used to be four markets, she says. Now there's just one.

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"I know that you believe you understand what you think I said, but I'm not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant."

-Alan Greenspan

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The bowling alley had a fire at one point and never reopened.

The Californians (always referenced derogatorily) that have moved in and built fancy second homes don't involve themselves too much in the town. They certainly don't shop in town. Amazon and UPS deliver their groceries.

Roberta says what's funny about the Californians is that they'll purchase a ranch property and then immediately plant some pine trees to ensure some privacy from their neighbors.

Of course, the pine trees also serve to obstruct their views.

One neighbor planted a whole bunch of 'em a few years ago and then had to sheepishly tear them out.

I assume sheepishly. I would be sheepish. But shame is so passé.

Roberta keeps hoping for a cold, cold winter (unlike the past year's version). "The last time we had one of those winters where it was fifty below, there was a line of cars heading out of town."

But as I told Roberta, I don't think fifty below is gonna chase 'em away this time.

Because Challis, despite being the most remote point within the corridor, lies on a northern route which weaves through the mountains from Twin Falls, Idaho up to Missoula, Montana and beyond. And every place within that corridor is choked with people and traffic and new construction.

Twin Falls used to be just about the most forlorn place on Earth. When I passed through this week, there was a Crumbl cookie shop for godsakes. And a Cold Stone Creamery. All the usual suspects.

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LETTERS

Team Roundabout

Dear Editor,

It sounds like Team Roundabout needs to speak up. I turn at the intersection of Minaret and Meridian every time I go to the gym, and the status quo is terrible - multi-lane stop signs are confusing, and streetlights that blink red eternally are unsightly. Meanwhile, roundabouts are wonderful. My personal experience is that even the large ones that look like they'll be a beast to navigate are surprisingly functional. I worry on my way in, then before I know it I'm exiting safely. A compact roundabout like we'd need at Minaret & Meridian will

be a breeze. But forget about my anecdotal experience. Roundabouts are faster and safer according to every metric I've ever encountered. Just as one example: the US Department of Transportation has published *ROUNDABOUTS: AN INFORMATIONAL GUIDE*, which has a whole chapter on the safety benefits of roundabouts: fewer car crashes, and when crashes occur they're less severe (because they're not head-on), plus - in contrast to what a previous letter-writer suggested - roundabouts are safer for pedestrians as well. Why? Pedestrian crosswalks are properly set back from the roundabout, and without any cars making turns at an intersection, traffic only comes from one

direction at a time, making it easier for pedestrians to monitor. I understand that change is hard, but roundabouts are better in every way. They're safer, they're more attractive, and with even a little bit of experience, they're a lot easier, too. Roundabouts: An Informational Guide can be found here: <https://highways.dot.gov/safety/data-analysis-tools/rsdp/rsdp-tools/roundabouts-informational-guide-second-edition>

Erin Bauer
Mammoth Lakes

Until you need one ...

Dear Editor,

I am writing in response to Maureen McClain's letter of April 19, 2025, and generally about the Jesus Uribe shooting. First, I'd like to say that I appreciated Mr. Ramos's letter, even though it was more like an editorial. I didn't read any confidential information into that letter, but I don't know what an interpreter is supposed to do or not do. McClain seems angry because Ramos dared to comment on how addicted the guy was to Meth, and openly ask why no one in Uribe's private circle attempted to help him. From his behavior the day he was shot, he was definitely crazy on something. It is the job of the police to keep the

rest of the population safe from people who are crazy and want to hurt themselves and others, hard job I would think. Second, police are armed for a reason. If you think they shouldn't ever shoot anyone then work towards an unarmed police force. I doubt you will get too many takers. Third, I have lived in the area for more than forty years (since before Mammoth was a town, and there was no Mammoth PD), and although my interaction with PD has been limited, they have always been very nice and polite. Interesting that McClain references 700 Facebook posts that are all negative towards MLPD. How about some details? Were there 700 people present at the shooting? Why doesn't she relate what her horrifying interaction with the cops involved? Drugs? Drunk driving? Domestic violence? What did the cops do to you Ms. McClain? Facebook is a bunch of garbage spewed by people who want to talk smack but won't do it in person. To close, I will trust the powers that be to decide whether this shooting was justified, rather than try and then hang the cops in the Facebook "court of media opinion." Everybody dislikes the cops until they need one ...

Joann Lijek
Bishop





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WILDFIRE RESILIENCE MONTH

Inyo & Mono County Events



May 3 9am-12pm	NATIONAL WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS DAY Location: Dia Del Niños Event at Bishop City Park Whitebark Resource Table & Wildfire Prevention Talk Ready Inyo - Free Inyo County Green Waste Vouchers	May 17 9am-12pm	DEFENSIBLE SPACE & COMMUNITY CLEAN UP Location: Community Recreation Center, Mammoth Lakes Town of Mammoth Lakes - Free Green Waste Disposal Whitebark Resource Table
May 6 6:30-7:30pm	WILDLIFE CONSERVATION IN A SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM Location: Mountain Rambler Brewery, Bishop Tracy Misiewicz, Sierra Forever - Bi State Sage Grouse Whitebark Institute - Science on Tap Speaker Series	May 17 9am-12pm	FIRE SMART PLANTS AND PLACEMENT Location: ESLT Backyard, 250 N. Fowler Street, Bishop Whitebark Institute - Defensible Space Advice in ZONE 0 Eastern Sierra Land Trust - Garden Fest
May 8 5:30-6:30pm	LESSONS LEARNED FROM LOS ANGELES WILDFIRES Online: Whitebark Institute Webinar - Register online Yana Valachovic, University of CA Cooperative Extension Significance of Home Hardening and Defensible Space	May 18 8am-12pm	DISPERSED CAMPFIRE RING CLEAN UP Location: To Be Announced - Must Register at Event Website Volunteer with Inyo National Forest, Friends of the Inyo, Camp Like a Pro & Whitebark Institute near Mammoth Lakes
May 10 11am-2pm	JUNE LAKE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS Location: June Lake Community Center Beth Burnam, Eastern Sierra Regional Firewise Coordinator Ready Mono - Home Hardening Workshop Whitebark Resource Table	May 23-25 ALL DAY	IGNITE AWARENESS - NOT WILDFIRES Location: Mule Days at Tri-County Fairgrounds, Bishop Regional Wildfire Prevention Information Whitebark Resource Table
		May 29 8:30-9:30am	COMMUNITY WILDFIRE RESILIENCE UPDATES Online: Community Coffee Webinar - Link at Website Whitebark Institute & Mammoth Lakes Fire Department Presentation with Mammoth Chamber of Commerce





For Event Schedule and Details VISIT: WhitebarkInstitute.org/events

ED GRUBBE

1927-2025

Ed Grubbe passed away peacefully on April 22 in Post Falls, Idaho, at the age of 97 — a number that seems more like a high score than an age.

It's safe to say Ed didn't just live a long life; he lived a full one — the kind that deserves a standing ovation and maybe even a commemorative plaque.

Born in Olympia, Washington on September 17, 1927, to Edwin and Edith Grubbe, Ed was the older brother to Tom, which no doubt paved the way for a lifetime of good-natured sibling rivalry.

He spent his early years in Oregon, eventually graduating from Ballard High School in 1945. As a Boy Scout, he achieved Eagle Scout status at the tender age of 15 — the youngest in his troop.

After high school, Ed joined the U.S. Naval Armed Forces, where he spent most of his service hitting the books rather than the battlefield — including a physics class taught by none other than Dr. Robert Oppenheimer. (Yes, that Oppenheimer.)

He went on to attend the University of Washington, graduating in 1951 with a degree in Engineering and Business, a combo that ensured he could build

something and sell it to you, too.

In 1949, Ed married his first wife, Gerri Bjornson, and together they welcomed two daughters — Kristi in 1951 and Valerie in 1952 — both born on the same day, one year apart. A coincidence Ed described as “great planning” and proudly referred to the four of them as “The Four Musketeers.”

The family eventually relocated to the Bay Area, where Ed worked in real estate and developed a talent for turning houses into homes (and occasionally into profitable investments). In 1977, Ed faced the heartbreaking loss of Gerri, but life had more adventure in store.

Soon after, he met Pamela Weslar Wise — his second great love — along with her children, Ron and Cheri. Ed and Pam were married for nearly 50 years, and together they built a life that spanned states, decades, and more than a few home improvement projects.

The couple moved to Mammoth Lakes, California, embracing mountain life with gusto. Ed spent his time gardening, working with Harshbarger Construction, and serving actively in his church. Later, they relocated to Carlsbad and became the



primary caregivers for grandson Erik — a role Ed took on with devotion, patience, and a steady supply of dad jokes.

Ed, Pam, and Erik would return to Mammoth and eventually move to Bishop, where Ed's primary focus became raising Erik. Family was always

Ed's guiding compass. He said he was the most proud of being a father and beamed with pride over his daughters, Kristi and Valerie, step kids Ron and Cheri, and adored his grandchildren: Scotty, Shelby, Erik, Garrett, Nicholas, Susanna, and Delaney. Holidays at Grandpa Ed's house were nothing short of magical — with food, family, laughter, spoons on noses and elaborate snow mazes that would have made an architect jealous.

In his final years, Ed and Pam moved to Post Falls, Idaho, to be closer to family — the true treasure of his life. Whether building things with his hands, solving problems with his heart, or offering wise advice with a twinkle in his eye, Ed lived with purpose, humor, and a fierce loyalty to the people he loved.

He is survived by a sprawling, spirited, and deeply grateful family.

So here's to Ed — Eagle Scout, Navy veteran, engineer, storyteller, husband, father, grandfather, snow maze architect, and world-class hugger. Ninety-seven years of adventure, love, and laughter.

Not bad, Ed. Not bad at all.

Hantavirus is a Deadly Threat in the Eastern Sierra

Protect Yourself and Your Family



Deer Mouse – Main Carrier of Hantavirus

Another Mono County resident recently died from Hantavirus.



Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is an uncommon but serious illness caused by a virus carried by deer mice, which are common throughout the Eastern Sierra.

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If you are sick with flu-like symptoms, it's bad enough to go to the doctor, and you've had a mouse exposure you're worried about, be sure to tell the provider about it.

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LOCAL NEWS

TRYING TO STAY AHEAD OF THE CURVE

By Fisher

In response to growing public concern following record-breaking fires in Los Angeles, June Lake public officials hosted a community meeting Tuesday evening at the June Lake Community Center to address local emergency preparedness efforts.

"Nothing like a disaster to get folks to pay attention," Mono County District 3 Supervisor Paul McFarland said as he opened the meeting.

Only about 10 community members attended the session, which focused on fire prevention, emergency protocols, and the persistent challenge of absentee property owners who are largely unengaged in local preparedness efforts.

On that last note, June Lake Fire Protection District Chief Juli Baldwin urged residents to clear snow from around propane tanks and vents, emphasizing the risk of explosion.

"Propane tanks are bombs. Let's call them what they are," Baldwin said. She added that none of the second homeowners cleared their tanks this winter, and the district had several close calls on major explosions.

"Fortunately for us, everybody in June

Lake has a really good nose, so they could smell it," she said.

Representatives Beth Burnham, Firewise Regional Coordinator, and Wendilyn Grasseschi, Mono County Wildfire Mitigation Coordinator, urged residents to clean up green waste and consider fire-resistant home retrofitting.

Firewise is a national program promoting "home hardening" and defensible space. Participating communities are eligible for a 10% discount on fire insurance.

However, the issue of second-home owners resurfaced during the discussion. One attendee voiced frustration over unmaintained neighboring lots—a vacant lot on one side and a second homeowner on the other.

"Is there anything in place that would require our neighbors, which have complete fire traps on either side of our property, to get them to do something to help them eliminate the danger?" he asked.

Baldwin responded that CAL FIRE can enforce defensible space requirements, but enforcement staff time limits the agency's action. Burnham added that the agency's single Defensible Space Inspector is currently overwhelmed with

requests.

McFarland confirmed that Mono County has no policy requiring property owners to create defensible space.

Baldwin and McFarland suggested finding the landowner's contact information and contacting them directly. Again, they pushed the attendee to start a Fire-Wise community to peer-pressure their neighbors into clearing their green waste.

"Well, it's being cleared right now," the attendee quipped, "they just don't know it."

Christopher Mokracek, Mono County Director of Emergency Management, urged residents to prepare a go-bag (for evacuation), a stay-kit (for sheltering in place), and a clear plan for where to seek refuge during an emergency.

He explained that the County has transitioned to Genasys, a mass notification system that can send alerts to all mobile devices in the area, including those belonging to visitors. The County is also working on ensuring communication is available through other means.

"If we know we're going to evacuate somewhere in June Lake, you're going to get the notification," he said. "It doesn't matter if you've signed up or not."

There are two levels of emergency alerts: an evacuation warning, which means residents should prepare to leave and depart at a moment's notice, and an evacuation order, which means it's time to leave immediately.

Mokracek said the Genasys communication system has been adopted by counties across the state, and it was used to alert homeowners during the LA fires.

However, during the LA fires, some residents did not get the order late, well after some homes there had already caught fire, the New York Times reported.

Mokracek explained this was because the Genasys software the area had equipped was outdated and assured the

attendees that Mono County's software was up-to-date.

Still, technology isn't the only safeguard in an emergency. Once an evacuation order is issued, Mono County Sheriff Ingrid Braun said law enforcement must physically check each residence in the affected area, explain the situation, and document household plans.

No universal evacuation map exists since the order can change based on the area's conditions and the fire's path.

The County will have emergency shelters available for those who do, but people are not required to leave their homes.

Law enforcement will instruct transient visitors to go home if an emergency occurs, Braun said.

"If you don't live here, you don't need to stay here during an emergency unless the road is closed. Go home; your vacation is over," Braun said. "If the road is closed, we'll have to figure something out."

Residents are not legally required to evacuate, but they are strongly advised to do so.

"In the Round Fire, some people said, 'No, I'm not going. I'm going to ride it out,'" Braun said. "To that, I said, smile for the camera and make sure we can see your teeth because that's how we're going to identify you."

Law enforcement executed this inspection process most recently during the Silver Fire, which started in Bishop and forced the evacuation of residents in the White Mountains. Braun said they evacuated those homes with a conservative time expectation because the neighborhood only had one exit route.

In the case of any evacuation, officials urge the community to look after one another and consider their neighbors who may have a more difficult time leaving their homes.

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NICE CATCH



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CeeCee and Levi of Moreno Valley on Fishmas. A couple that fishes together has a future! Yes, they're engaged.

PUMP SLUMP

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levels, Red Owl said.

Alpert told the commission that after one massive water year followed by two "average" years, vegetation cover is "relatively high" and groundwater is "overall above baseline." (Note: after the record snow year in 2022-23 and massive water "spreading," groundwater levels in the Owens Valley jumped between 3 and 5 feet.) Alpert told the supervisors on Tuesday the goal should be to maintain those gains in both groundwater and vegetation cover. Vegetation cover is a critical measurement since it helps determine if LADWP pumps can be shut off, as described in the LTWA and its technical partner, the Green Book. The agreement does not include "depth-to-water" or other groundwater measurements as critical to decision-making around pumping.

The Big Ideas then took center stage.

The 1984 "baseline" figures for water tables and vegetation represent a "damaged" environment after a decade of large-scale pumping while limiting irrigation, noted Lynn Boulton of the local Sierra Club. Lauren Kelly of Friends of the Inyo called the baselines "compromised." Revisiting the baseline numbers so they reflect a level to create healthy aquifers and vegetation should be considered.

Several speakers also noted that 33 wells are "exempt" from pumping restrictions and it is time to review if years of pumping from those wells has had a negative impact. Nine of those wells provide water for town water systems, five pump water into two fish hatcheries and others provide "sole source" water for irrigation or mitigation measures.

The various monitoring techniques

in the LTWA are getting a tad musty and could be outdated, so new approaches, ranging from satellite images, remote monitoring and other high-tech monitoring should be considered.

The big picture was also addressed.

The area's "water system is broken," because of LADWP, said Santeena Pugliese of Big Pine. The county should not consent to LADWP's plans until all 64 mitigation measures in the LTWA are complete and successful, and tribal water rights are restored and secured, among other issues. The county needs to "take serious action and a stronger stance" regarding all aspects of LADWP's water operations.

The county won't see meaningful positive changes to the environment as long as it continues to abide by "this beat up old jalopy of a plan," said Sally Manning, Big Pine Tribe environmental director, in reference to the LTWA.

Supervisor Trina Orrill said the county needs to get ahead of water issues with "forward thinking" that will address some of the nagging, reoccurring issues with LADWP and the LTWA.

Supervisor Jennifer Roeser (whose ranch is on a LADWP lease) said "the Green Book is not helping" in some cases, and the LTWA has its "flaws" and is an "old" document. But she also added the county faces a "balancing act" with LADWP since it also is negotiating land releases, changes in lease terms and other conflicts with the utility.

Alpert responded to questions about updating or revising water-related documents by saying the county would need to pick "specific issues" to address before approaching LADWP about any changes.

Keller, who retired from the Inyo County Counsel's office, pointed out at the commission meeting that any changes to the LTWA have to be approved by both Inyo County and LADWP. So if LADWP thinks it's doing fine with the current agreement, it would be unlikely to undertake any overhauls or even small changes to the agreement.

To recap some of the prominent details of the LADWP 2025-26 Operations Plan: Eastern Sierra snowpack measured 84% of normal on April 1, with runoff hitting 92% of normal. Exports via the Los Angeles Aqueduct are estimated to total 269,000 AF from the Eastern Sierra, which will represent about 55% of the city's needs. In-valley water uses on LA owned land will total about 95,100 AF, which does not include the approx. 60,000-acre feet a year going to the dust mitigation/wildlife habitat project on Owens Lake.

The county comments will be presented at the Inyo/LA Technical Group, Wednesday, May 7, at 3 p.m., LADWP Conference Room, 300 Mandich St., Bishop. Public comment is welcome.

Jon Klusmire of Bishop is glad to see more folks dipping their toes in the never-ending water tussle.



Mammoth Unified School District has the following positions available:

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Food Service Worker 1 - MMS
Salary \$21.45 - \$27.41 hourly/Step 21
4.0 hours per day/Bilingual preferred

Bus Drivers/CGM I
Salary: \$23.07 - \$30.06 per hour
Step 24/PLUS \$2,130.60 STIPEND
8.0 hours/day/year-round/**Training Provided**-
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Holiday and Vacation Pay
Commercial license w/school bus endorsement
Bilingual preferred

Paraprofessionals Special Education
Salary \$22.74 per hour/6.0 hours/Step 24
Bilingual preferred

Temporary CGM 1
Salary: \$23.07-\$30.06 per hour/Step 24/8.0 hours per day
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Membership Type	Annual Fee	May or October 50% Discounted In-Person Fee	Monthly Fee
Family (2 Adults + All Children FREE)	\$600	\$300	\$60
Adult (18-64)	\$300	\$150	\$30
Senior (65-79) / Military (Active & Veterans) / College Students / First Responders (Police, Fire, EMS)	\$260	\$130	\$26
Senior (80+)	FREE	FREE	FREE
Youth (5-17)	\$230	\$115	\$23
Infant (4 and under)	FREE	FREE	FREE
Inyo/Mono K-12 Student	\$100	\$50	\$10



For more information visit Membership.MammothParksAndRec.com

Membership Benefits	Annual	Monthly
Family Membership: Buy 2 adult memberships, and all children swim, skate, and play for FREE	★	★
Complimentary admission to select Parks & Recreation special events (Haunted Rink, Tree Lighting Ceremony, etc.)	★	★
20% off skate rentals, skate sharpening, and skate aids at LA Kings Ice at Mammoth Lakes	★	★
Access to member-only special events (Holiday Pancake Breakfast, Pool BBQ, Early Access sessions, etc.)	★	★
\$20 off Winter Play Pass (10 programmed activities)	★	★
20% off facility and birthday party rentals at all Town-owned or managed facilities	★	
20% off lessons and clinic products for all ages	★	
One FREE ice skating lesson	★	
Two (2) complimentary facility passes for guests of members	★	
Unlimited FREE skate rentals and three (3) FREE skate aids for youth and Inyo/Mono K-12 student memberships	★	

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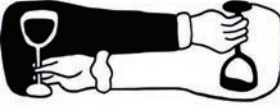


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Outlaw Saloon Happy Hour Monday through Friday from 4-6 p.m. *More info: See ad p. 5*
The Mogul happy hour 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the bar. Food and drink specials.
Lakanuki happy hour 3-6 p.m. daily AND karaoke every Sunday, starting at 8:30 p.m.
Main Street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

Friday, May 2/
First Patio Party of the season @ Bishop Country Club. Starts 5:30 p.m.

May 2-3/
Planet Caravan (Black Sabbath tribute) plays Liberty. Shows start 9:30 p.m. No cover. *More info: See ad p. 6*
DJ Sendit spins @ Tusks Bar, Main Lodge. 12-3 p.m.

Saturday, May 3/
Latin DJ Dance Night @ the Paiute Palace in Bishop. Starts 9 p.m. No cover.

Sunday, May 4/
Gabi the Great Star Wars Bday bash @ Liberty. DJs & dancing. Starts 9:30 p.m.

Monday, May 5/
Open mic @ Distant Brewing. Time: 6-9 p.m.

Tuesday, May 6/
Karaoke @ Liberty. Starts 10 p.m.

Thursday, May 8/
Elizabeth Petra plays Distant Brewing.

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Friday, May 2/
Fish in Film event @ Mammoth Brewing's Beer Cellar. Time: 6 p.m. Learn about the Eastside's unique fisheries and what you can do to protect them.

Saturday, May 3/
Student Art Exhibit & Reception: Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m. at Mono Arts Council Gallery & Community Arts Center. Free! All are welcome.
Biannual Choo Choo Swap Meet @ the Tri-County Fairgrounds. It's a true treasure hunt ... like 100 yard sales in one location! Gates open 9 a.m. Admission \$5. All proceeds benefit Laws Railroad Museum.
Dia del Niño (Kid's Day), a Family Fun Day. Time: 9 a.m. 'til noon. Location: Bishop City Park.

May 3-4/
Chili, Cars & Cerveza event @ the Tri-County Fairgrounds. Title sort of says it all. Info/tix: tricountyfair.com.

Sunday, May 4/
Inyo-Mono Master Gardeners Sunday seminar: Right Plant, Right Place. Garden tour of Native plants & grasses. Time: 10 a.m. Location: 217 Buena Vista, Chalfant Valley. Info/RSVP to hmcDonald@icloud.com

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Sunday, May 4 (cont.)/
Birding with Eastern Sierra Land Trust at the COSA conservation area in Bishop, 351 Pacu Ln. Starts 8:30 p.m. *Register @ highsierraenergy.org.*

May 5-7/
Mammoth Lakes Repertory and the Mammoth High Drama Club present **"Radium Girls" @** the MHS MPR. Time: 7 p.m. *More info: See ad p. 7*

Tuesday, May 6/
Whitebark Institute's "Science on Tap" series kicks off at the Mountain Rambler in Bishop. Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Topic: Wildlife conservation in a sagebrush ecosystem. *More info: See ad p. 4*
Eastern Sierra Strummers Community Ukulele Group
Open to all adults. Meet at Mono Arts Council inside the Minaret Mall in Mammoth. Time: 5-6 p.m. *Go to www.easternsierrastrummer.com for information and to sign up.*
Mono County Supervisors meet. Time: 9 a.m. Location: Bridgeport Courthouse or online via monocounty.ca.gov.

Wednesday, May 7/
Mammoth Lakes Town Council meets. Time: 4 p.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall or online via townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

Thursday, May 8/
Mammoth Sauna Co. hosts

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community sauna and cold plunge sessions @ Outbound Mammoth. Time: 4-7 p.m. \$25 gets you 30 minutes! Reserve at mammothsaunaco.com
Whitebark Institute webinar on lessons learned from the LA fires. *More info: see ad p. 4.*

UPCOMING

May 9: Bishop Baseball and Softball teams host Cal City. Time: 3:15 p.m.

May 9-10: Eastern Sierra Community Chorus (w/Mammoth High School) spring concerts. *More Info: See ad this page.*

May 10: Rambling Peaks Festival. Vendors, music, et. al. Free! Location: 186 So. Main St. in Bishop. Time: 10-5

May 21-25: 10th annual Mammoth Lakes Film Festival. Get your early bird passes by May 6th @ mammothlakesfilmfestival.com.



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-Mammoth \$35-46/hr. plus mileage reimbursement

Experienced Concrete General Laborer

-Mammoth \$22-26

Community Integration Partner

Bishop/Mammoth \$20-25 + potential mileage reimbursement

Journeyman Plumber

-Mammoth \$30-45

Member Service Mgr.

-Bishop \$68-92K annual

Member Service Rep.

-Bishop \$16.50-21

Maintenance Tech

-Mammoth \$20-25

General Laborers

-Mammoth \$20-25

Front Desk Receptionist

-Mammoth \$22-25

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- 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.
- Dental Assistant – Registered - Starting \$25.49 to \$30.90 based on qualifications.

To view more positions and apply, pls. 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@marquishotelgroup.com.



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



Whitebark Institute Seeks Forest Health Program Manager

This management role oversees ecological forest restoration projects and staff within the Eastern Sierra communities. Salary \$95K-\$115K/year, benefits, hybrid work. Apply at whitebarkinstitute.org/careers.

Whitebark Institute Seeks Environmental Planner / Senior Environmental Planner

Lead wildfire resilience and restoration planning efforts in California's Eastern Sierra. Full-time, hybrid position based in Mammoth Lakes. Salary \$80K-\$110K/year, generous benefits. Apply at whitebarkinstitute.org/careers.



H.E.A.R.T.S. Connection Family Empowerment Center of Inyo/Mono Counties is hiring Family Resource Specialists (FRS). Under minimal direction, the FRS completes Family Empowerment Center implementation activities including but not limited to parent-to-parent support, outreach, training, and IEP assistance. The FRS is responsible for parent support group meetings, parent trainings, distribution of information, IEP assistance (including attending IEP meetings), and public awareness activities. Travel within Inyo/Mono Counties is required. This position is a hybrid work opportunity. Work locations include home, support group locations, and attending IEP meetings at a variety of schools. Applicants must have a high school diploma or equivalent, some college background is strongly preferred but not required. Familiarity with community resources and Microsoft Computer Software. Bilingual a plus, but not required. Must have possession of a valid California driver's license, insurance, and access to reliable transportation.

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 ben-

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efits, fitness membership and PTO. Great 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



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

Cakes By Sue

Cakes By Sue, LLC.
437 Old Mammoth Rd., Ste. 158
P.O. Box 7556
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Co. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on March 28, 2025
File Number 2025-0048
2025-0047 (4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/3)

PUBLIC NOTICES

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

Jim Kelly Painting

James Timothy Kelly
P.O. Box 2121
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein in January, 2010. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on March 3, 2025
File Number 2025-0029
2025-0045 (4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/3)

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

Kelly Painting and Drywall

James Timothy Kelly
P.O. Box 2121
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by an Individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein in January, 2010. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on March 3, 2025
File Number 2025-0029
2025-0046 (4/12, 4/19, 4/26, 5/3)



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, May 14, 2025, 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):

Variance application (VAR) 25-001, is requested to permit a reduction of one required exterior parking space and allow a 20 percent reduction of the required front setback and south side yard setback area for the construction of a new 1,094 square foot single-family home with a detached two-car garage and covered entry stairway. The project site is a steep upsloping lot within the Residential Single Family zoning district.

CEQA Determination: The application is categorically exempt from CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15303(a), New Construction or Conversion of Small Structures.

Location: 307 John Muir Road
Zoning: Residential Single Family (RSF)
Applicant/ Property Owner: Craig Tapley, Design Dimension / Karen and Mike Gutt

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 May 9, 2025, contact Kim Cooke, Senior Planner, at (760) 965-3638 or email: kcooke@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov
Mammoth Lakes Planning & Economic Development Commission
PO Box 1609
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

BY ORDER OF THE MAMMOTH LAKES TOWN COUNCIL
Dated: May 31, 2025
Jamie Gray, Town Clerk

TS #2025-0056

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Notice Inviting Bids

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Mammoth Lakes ("Town") invites and will receive sealed Bids up to but not later than 4:00PM, Friday, May 9, 2025 through the Town's Online Bid Portal at <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids> ("Online Bid Portal"), for the furnishing to Town of all labor, equipment, materials, tools, services, transportation, permits, utilities, and all other items necessary for the

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES 2025 SLURRY & FOG SEAL CAP 25-002 (the "Project").

After said time, Bids will be publicly posted on the Online Bid Portal. Bids received after said time shall be returned unopened. Bids shall be valid for a period of 90 calendar days after the Bid opening date.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: This project includes slurry seal, fog seal, painted traffic striping and pavement marking at a variety of roads throughout the Town of Mammoth Lakes. The Engineer's Estimate for the project is \$600,000.

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

It is the responsibility of each prospective Bidder to download and print all Contract Documents for review and to verify the completeness of Contract Documents before submitting a bid. Any Addenda will be posted on the Online Bid Portal. It is the responsibility of each prospective Bidder to check the Online Bid Portal on a daily basis through the close of Bids for any applicable addenda or updates. The Town does not assume any liability or responsibility based on any defective or incomplete copying, excerpting, scanning, faxing, downloading or printing of the Contract Documents. Information on the Online Bid Portal may change without notice to prospective Bidders.

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

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

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

A NON-MANDATORY Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for 10:00 AM, Wednesday, April 23, 2025 at a conference room at the Town of Mammoth Lakes office located at 437 Old Mammoth Rd Suite 230, Mammoth Lakes, California, to review the Project's existing conditions. The Pre-Bid Meeting is also available for participation via Zoom, as follows:
Join Zoom Meeting
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Representatives of the Town and consulting engineers, if any, will be present. Questions asked by Bidders at the Pre-Bid Meeting not specifically addressed within the Contract Documents shall be answered via addendum posted on the Town's Online Bid Portal. Oral statements regarding this Bid made at the Pre-Bid Meeting should be considered unverified information unless confirmed in writing.

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

Pursuant to Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code of the State of California, the Successful Bidder may substitute certain securities for funds withheld by the Town to ensure its performance under the contract. Pursuant to Labor Code Section 1773, Town has obtained the prevailing rate of per diem wages and the prevailing wage rate for holiday and overtime work applicable in Mono County from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute this contract. A copy of these prevailing wage rates may be obtained via the internet at: www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr/.

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

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

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

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TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA
Jamie Gray, TOWN CLERK
DATED: April 14, 2025

TS #2025-0048

Notice of Budget Adoption

Chalfant Valley Fire Department Community Services District Notice of Adoption of FY 2024-2025 Budget

Notice is hereby given that at the regularly scheduled meeting of the Chalfant Valley Fire Department to be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2025 at 6:30 p.m., the Board of Directors will adopt the annual budget for the 2025-2026 fiscal year.

The meeting will be held at the Chalfant Valley Community Center located at 123 Valley Road, Chalfant Valley, CA 93514. This is an open meeting that anyone may attend. Community members can request documents related to the budget adoption by contacting the General Manager at GMchalfantvalleyfd@gmail.com

TS #2025-0055

Fictitious Business Name Statement

The Following Entity
Is Doing Business As:

Mountain Cakery Gifts and Goods

Mountain Cakery Gifts and Goods, LLC.
588 Old Mammoth Rd.
P.O. Box 9165
Mammoth Lakes, Ca. 93546

This business is conducted by a Limited Liability Co. The registrant has not yet begun to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on April 2, 2025
File Number 2025-0051
2025-0049 (4/19, 4/26, 5/3, 5/10)

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice Inviting Bids

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Mammoth Lakes (“Town”) invites and will receive sealed Bids up to but not later than 3:30 PM on Friday, May 9, 2025 through the Town’s Online Bid Portal at <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids> (“Online Bid Portal”), for the furnishing to Town of all labor, equipment, materials, tools, services, transportation, permits, utilities, and all other items necessary for the

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES ROAD AND MUP REHAB 2025 CAP 25-001 (the “Project”).

After said time, Bids will be publicly posted on the Online Bid Portal. Bids received after said time shall be returned unopened. Bids shall be valid for a period of 90 calendar days after the Bid opening date.

This project includes a variety of asphalt and concrete rehabilitation on roads and multi-use paths throughout Mammoth Lakes, including but not limited to pulverizing existing AC pavement, recompacting base, and place new hot mix asphalt. Work on concrete swales for removal and replacement will occur at intersections. The intent at intersections is to correct steep approach and departure angles at intersections that result in damage to roads and equipment. The work includes full compliance with all applicable laws, rules and regulations. The work shall be completed within the time set forth in the Contract. Engineer’s Estimate : \$2,800,000

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

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

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A NON-MANDATORY Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for April 29, 2025 at 1:00 PM at a conference room at the Town of Mammoth Lakes office located at 437 Old Mammoth Rd Suite 230, Mammoth Lakes, California, to review the Project’s existing conditions. Attendance at the Pre-Bid Meeting is highly recommended to discuss the work at hand and to do a site visit for difficult intersection corrections to understand all that will be needed on site and is clearly more visible in person than only on plans. The Pre-Bid Meeting is also available for participation via Zoom, as follows: <https://monocounty.zoom.us/j/87089093398?pwd=DKIZuON8bvV8VMhQHbhgKwh3FIDStE.1> Meeting ID: 870 8909 3398 / Passcode: 747574 Phone number: +1 669 444 9171 US

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

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Pursuant to Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code of the State of California, the Successful Bidder may substitute certain securities for funds withheld by the Town to ensure its performance under the contract. Pursuant to Labor Code Section 1773, Town has obtained the prevailing rate of per diem wages and the prevailing wage rate for holiday and overtime work applicable in Mono County from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute this contract. A copy of these prevailing wage rates may be obtained via the internet at: www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr/.

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TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA
Jamie Gray, TOWN CLERK
DATED: April 17, 2025
TS #2025-0050



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TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES Miscellaneous Concrete and Facility Work CAP 25-003 (the “Project”).

After said time, Bids will be publicly posted on the Online Bid Portal. Bids received after said time shall be returned unopened. Bids shall be valid for a period of 90 calendar days after the Bid opening date.

This project includes various facility repairs and remediation around Town, including but not limited to the construction of new concrete seat walls, curbs, pads, retaining walls and footings, sidewalk removal and replacement, and minor drainage improvements, earthwork, and replacing of utility lids. The Engineer’s estimate is \$250,000.00

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A non-mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for April 30th at 11:00 am at a conference room at the Town of Mammoth Lakes office located at 437 Old Mammoth Rd Suite 230, Mammoth Lakes, California, to review the Project’s existing conditions. The Pre-Bid Meeting is also available for participation via Zoom, as follows:

Topic: Concrete Repair and Facility Work - Pre Bid Meeting
Time: Apr 30, 2025 11:00 AM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
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TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA
Jamie Gray, TOWN CLERK
DATED: April 18th 2025

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KLUSMIRE

NO MORE MANZANARS

The mood was different this year at the annual Manzanar Pilgrimage. It was more focused, more defiant, more engaged. And for good reason.

The ongoing chaos around immigration, free speech, and civil rights on the national stage was not theoretical or abstract to the bulk of the 2,500 people at the pilgrimage, held on April 26 at the cemetery of the former internment camp under dark clouds and biting wind.

The issues roiling America today are personal when your family or friends or classmates or community has experienced the devastation of being forcefully removed to a distant internment camp without due process in a court of law and a chance to challenge the removal order, or without a notice of what law was broken to prompt being jailed after being forced to either sell at a discount or give away homes, businesses, cars and even furniture and clothes.

The Alien Enemy Act of 1798 was used as the legal basis for President Franklin Roosevelt's Executive Order 9066 that allowed the military to round up and then place about 120,000 Japanese Americans in 10 incarceration camps in 1942. But there is more. As several speakers pointed out, after the bomb-

ing of Pearl Harbor, the US Department of Justice detained and held in jails at "secret sites" many leaders in the Japanese communities on the Pacific Coast, said keynote speaker Dr. Satsuki Ina, who was born in the Tule Lake Segregation Center. Again, no due process, no chance to defend against nebulous charges, and no notice to families or churches about where the men had been taken and for how long they would be held. Some were held in various

jails, detention centers or incarceration camps for the duration of the war.

The brutal economic impact of the forced relocations affected generations, Ina said. The 120,000 incarcerated people lost jobs, homes they owned, successful businesses and their personal effects (famously, the internees were ordered to bring to camp, "only what they could carry," typically a couple of suitcases per person). That dislocation and loss of wealth created "decades of

trauma" for the West Coast Japanese, she said.

Ina noted during World War II, anyone already in a camp who did not answer a "Loyalty Questionnaire" correctly was shipped out to Tule Lake, which essentially served as the prison camp during internment. It held the largest number of Japanese Americans during the war, more than 18,000. The current administration demanding "loyalty"

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Banners naming the 10 WWII incarceration camps are walked through the crowd at the 2025 Manzanar Pilgrimage.

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KLUSMIRE

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president’s goals and policies is chilling to anyone remembering the Loyalty Questionnaire.

The Alien Enemy Act is being used today to deport immigrants and place them prisons in El Salvador without due process, a court hearing or the chance to challenge any evidence the US government is using to arrest, deport and jail those immigrants. The use of the act has “opened a Pandora’s Box of even more despicable acts” that violate basic civil rights, Ina said. “It’s a nationalistic, fascist policy” driven by “white supremacy.”

In the face of the renewed use of the Alien Enemy Act, “we cannot be silent,” said MC Glen Kitayma. “We must stand up” and protest, he said. While the link between Japanese Americans in the 1940s and South Americans in 2025 might seem tenuous, Kitayma added later, the US government “didn’t target us just because we were Japanese, but because we were immigrants.”

And despite living in the United States in some cases for decades, working, paying taxes, owning homes and businesses, and raising families, there was no “path to citizenship” for Japanese immigrants. They were legal immigrants but were barred from attaining citizenship until 1952. Roughly two-thirds of 120,000 Japanese in the camps were American citizens because they were born in the United States, thus granted “birthright citizenship.” Ironically, that included those born in camps, such as Dr. Ina, behind barbed wire. When the current administration moves to outlaw birthright citizenship, it strikes a deep chord with those whose great-grandparents came to the US and were denied citizenship, while their children became US citizens automatically.

That history, and large swaths of similarly unpleasant US history is under attack by the current administration, which is galling to the Manzanar Committee, the volunteer group that organizes the pilgrimage in an effort to make sure the nation’s “concentration camp” history is not forgotten and not repeated. The theme of this year’s pilgrimage was “Truth, Justice and Democracy.”

The truth about America’s history is being removed from government websites in an attempt to erase it, said Bruce Embry, chairman of the committee, whose mother Sue Konitomi Embry was one of the original organizers of the pilgrimage. He noted the Pentagon had taken down the history of the all-Japanese American WW II units, the 442 Regimental Combat Team and the 100th Infantry Battalion.

A DAUGHTER REMEMBERED

IN MEMORIAM

Katie Rose Doman

(May 22, 1992 – April 24, 2005)

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Marti Blackman, a friend

It’s been almost two years now since we last held you. We know you are joyfully in God’s care now. Yet, you are thought of every day and remain in our hearts. We remember also all the special people whose life you also touched. They offered us love and caring in many ways. When you were gone, they offered prayers, gifts, cards and flowers that touched us deeply.
Loving memories last forever and you are among our sweetest.
Love, Your family

Tom Doman misses his daughter



Both units saw combat and suffered some of the highest casualty rates in the war. In a bitter twist, volunteers came out of the incarceration camps to fight for their country while their families remained behind barbed wire.

**This history is chronicled in Daniel James Brown’s fantastic book, “Facing The Mountain.”*

The Japanese American National Museum in Los Angeles also takes its mission to preserve history seriously and has rejected the Trump Administration’s demands to end DEI (Diversity, Equity and Inclusion) programs or cede any attempt to censor its exhibits or contents.

Erasing or trying to rewrite history “isn’t just insulting, it’s dangerous,” Embry said. “Narratives matter,” since the narrative that Japanese Americans were a threat to national security led to the camps. Then the narrative shifted eventually, after a long and arduous fight, when the Civil Rights Act of 1988, signed by President Ronald Reagan, presented a formal apology (noting the internment was driven by “race prejudice, war hysteria and a failure of political leadership”) and \$20,000 in reparations to survivors. The changing narrative also led to the creation of the Manzanar National Historic Site in 1992.

“We cannot stand by while history is being erased,” Ina said, “or history will repeat itself.”

The scope of American history, the incarceration of the Japanese “was not an aberration,” Embry said. The nation has had “many trails of tears,” from treatment of Native Americans, colonization, slavery, Jim Crow, white supremacy, and the fight for civil rights. Now, “xenophobic hysteria” is leading to stifling free speech and other attacks on due process and freedoms.

“We cannot lose our democracy,” Embry said, “Never again is now; no more Manzanars.”

Some of the loudest cheers for that statement came from the large number of college students at the Pilgrimage.

More than 300 college students from across the state attended the Manzanar at Dusk program that evening, filling the Lone Pine High School gym.

College students have seen the administration threaten to withhold federal funds from universities and colleges if they don’t stop their DEI programs or alter their curriculum and educational goals. Students have seen international students’ visas revoked and threats of deportation. Academic freedom and free speech, especially around Isreal and Gaza, has been attacked and celebrated and debated.

Student speaker Jillian Stineman, from the UCLA Nikkei Student Union, whose family lived at Terminal Island, which was completely bulldozed after all the residents were forced into camps, recounted those issues and urged everyone, and especially younger people, to work to ensure “never again” is not a hollow promise. A good start, she noted, was attending the pilgrimage.

“It’s inherently political to come to Manzanar.”

Jon Klusmire of Bishop will let Karl Marx have the last comment: “History repeats itself, first as tragedy, second as farce.”

LUNCH

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The corridor from Ketchum/Sun Valley south to Bellevue is a nightmare. It routinely takes 90 minutes to travel the 15 miles during rush hour. I could have wept. I couldn’t recognize the valley.

Challis’s remoteness, much like the Sierra’s, is its not-so-secret weapon. That and lack of medical services, and lack of services in general.

But it’s only a matter of time. Challis is too beautiful to ignore.

As I drove the west I couldn’t help but think that every town is looking for its own particular sweet spot, balancing the siren call of growth against its very soul.

And people are so terrified of the tumbleweed possibility of becoming a Tonopah that they’ll do anything to avoid it.

But as I look at it, I can’t say building housing at all costs has proven an elixir for any community that’s tried it.

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is subsidized housing for people who, if they actually worked full-time, wouldn’t qualify for the housing.

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Further, we seem obsessed with maximizing housing density, which is what makes places unlivable.

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