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At BUHS Senior Awards Night, Jodie Bevore, Cooper Beard and Finn Zeugswetter each won a \$1,000 scholarship from Coso Operating Company/Atlantica Sustainable Infrastructure. Julie Faber was the presenter. More coverage from Gayla Wolf on page 6.

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INYO'S GOLDEN MOMENT

By Klusmire

The Strawberry Full Moon appeared over Lone Pine on Tuesday while a mining company's gold exploration plan received a round of loud raspberries during a packed public meeting.

The meeting was proceeded by a chirpy, colorful protest march in Lone Pine with about 50 people chanting opposition to K2 Gold/Mojave Precious Metal's effort to explore for gold on Conglomerate Mesa.

Opponents of the exploration project might want to keep their "Protect Conglomerate Mesa" signs handy and prepare a new set of public comments because Inyo County will be preparing an Environmental Impact Report addressing the reclamation plan for the exploration program.

The county will also have to issue a Conditional Use Permit before K2 can take water for the project from Darwin to Conglomerate Mesa.

Public meetings and public comment will be part of the process for that regulatory effort, Inyo County Planning Director Cathreen Richards told The Sheet on Wednesday. The county could create a single EIR that covers both the reclamation plan and the CUP, she added.

The California Surface Mining and Reclamation Act puts the county in charge of completing a state-mandated EIR addressing the reclamation plan for K2 Gold's exploration project. The proposed work includes drilling 120 holes for core samples from 30 different drill pads in the 2,200-acre "project area," which will "disturb" about 13 acres of land and include rebuilding or building about 3 miles of roads.

Richards said the county will be addressing the K2 reclamation plan with a full EIR to be "consistent" with the full, federal Environmental Impact

Statement prepared by the Bureau of Land Management for the exploration work. The county can use relevant data from the federal EIS, she noted, and add more information about the company's proposed reclamation plan. The county is in the process of hiring a contractor to do the EIR, she said, which is typically paid for by the proponent, K2 Gold. At this point, the county has not received a full reclamation plan from the company.

Richards stressed that the reclamation plan EIR will only address K2's reclamation plan and will have to follow the legal guidelines in the state SMRA. The impacts created by the exploration work that created the need for a reclamation plan cannot be addressed in the EIR.

Several people, including a number of Darwin residents, questioned and objected to the plan by K2 to take about 9 acre

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MEEKO

Roeser, Orrill choose fear, not freedom on home kitchens
By Lunch

Inyo County Supervisors tackled whether or not to approve MEHKOS (Microenterprise Home Kitchen Operations) at their meeting Tuesday.

MEHKOS are home-based food businesses serving a maximum of 30 meals day/90 meals week with gross revenue of less than \$100,000 annually.

As Environmental Health Director Jerry Oser explained in his thorough presentation, MEHKOS (pronounced Meek-O) have become a more popular idea of late. 16 counties have approved a MEHKO program of some form. Three counties have thus far opted not to move forward.

Proponents say MEHKO's offer an oasis in food deserts (places like Independence where there are no restaurant options on some days) as well as an entrepreneurial opportunity (low risk way for someone to learn whether or not people like their food and whether they might have a future in food service).

Opponents pointed to a variety of health and safety concerns - there was a particular obsession from community service districts about sewer systems being compromised by an inundation of grease.

As if the home kitchen operator will be too stupid to figure out that pouring a bunch of grease down the drain is a bad idea.

Surveys conducted by Environmental Health (see graphic next page) showed more support than not county-wide for the idea.

Supervisors were divided on the issue. Griffiths and Wadellton were in favor. Griffiths pointed to the success of the Rolling Chef food truck in Bishop. The owners are now planning to open a brick-and-mortar restaurant. He sees micro-kitchens as adding another and lower rung on the ladder to help people give their dreams a shot.

He doesn't anticipate a tsunami of MEHKO operators. After all, food service is damn hard.

And as a comparison to other small counties which have approved MEHKOs, Sierra County has one. Amador County has two.

Food service is damn hard. Supervisors Roeser and Orrill were staunchly against. As was

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Protesters took to the streets prior to the public meeting on Conglomerate Mesa held at Statham Hall in Lone Pine.



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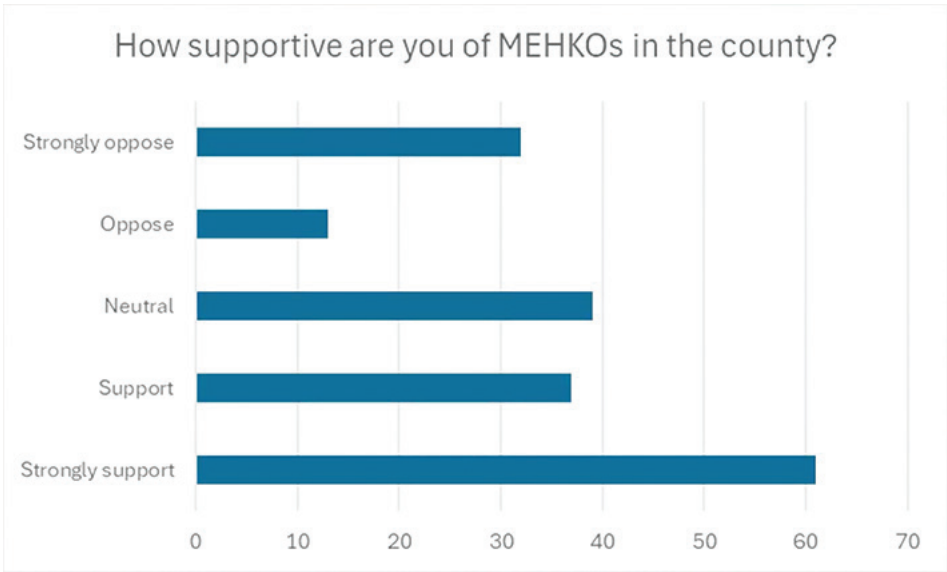
Tehauna Tiffany from the code compliance department (More work! And we're already so overwhelmed!). Ms. Orrill tends to side with staff over the general public in such equations. As for Ms. Roeser, once it became clear she couldn't establish certain zones for MEHKOS (let the riff raff have it, as long as it's over there), she sided with Orrill.

Yes, if MEHKOs are approved, and you have a kitchen, you're eligible. Orrill at one point tried to play a game of gotcha with Mr. Oser. "Hoew many people have come to you looking for a [micro-kitchen] permit?" "Zero," said Oser. The smug smile on Orrill's face beamed through the Zoom feed.

Griffiths and Wadelton then noted they'd had had a number of folks approach them asking about it.

**The camera did not pan back to Orrill so it's unclear whether the smug smile remained.*

Griffiths pressed forward seeking a Board vote as to whether the county should continue investigating/studying/stalling on MEHKOs or just ditch



The Environmental Health survey had 183 responses.

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-Malcolm X

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it.

CAO Nate Greenberg suggested he could informally get a Board temperature to figure out what to do next. Translation: Heaven forbid Supervisors go on the record or disagree.

"Isn't that what a vote is for?" asked Griffiths.

The vote was 3-2 to proceed with "studying" what a pilot program might look like. Chair Marcellin was the tiebreaker because he apparently loves to study. The issue will come back to the Board either two or six months from now, depending upon staff whim.

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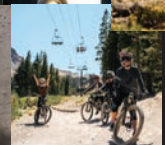




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Revisiting 1984

Jack,

I see that The Sheet is at the forefront of a return to civil discourse in printing a letter that exhorts people who disagree with the President's enforcement of immigration laws to "cajole, chide, chastise, and, when necessary, tell off anyone" in the event that such reproaches happen to be "overheard" articulating "stupid shit." What this scatological description refers to apparently is anything defined as such by the letter writer. We are further exhorted to "speak out" if words reach our ears that we, in our unimpeachable judgment, regard

as "racist, misogynistic, prejudicial, or other," a diabolically wise final category to give ourselves plenty of wiggle room in policing speech. We are encouraged to "speak up" should we hear a "knucklehead sitting at the bar" commit the transgression of "mouthing off." Color me inspired by this rousing sermon. Indeed, I have resolved to roam the bars of Mammoth with special hearing aids to eavesdrop on offensive conversation our local knuckleheads may be having in perfidiously low tones, the better to "tell off" the unvirtuous Philistines to cease committing thoughtcrimes and stop failing to live up to the standards of our new, er, Newspeak. This is the kind of Puritanism that made America great.

You know what the road to hell is paved with? Knuckleheads chatting amiably over a beer about anything we judge to be "stupid shit." It is true that stopping "stupid shit" conversations may result in an entirely mute Mammoth, but this is a small price to pay for freedom. And not just in bars. Grocery stores, gyms, restaurants, the sidewalks of our fair town, none are off limits to our mission of straightening out our local knuckleheads. Because it takes a village to strengthen community ties and nourish neighborly compassion by "telling off" random wrongthinkers we happen to overhear. Count me in!

John Rogitz
Mammoth Lakes

requires a hundred different tactics and strategies. It looks like making an example of Target for obeying in advance and getting rid of its DEI policies. It looks like protesting and toxifying Elon Musk until he bows out of government. It looks like students at Georgetown making a list of Big Law collaborators and organizing their peers to steer clear. It looks like federal workers refusing to obey illegal or unethical orders. It looks like building the muscles and the relationships for collective action. We have a really good opportunity this Saturday at the planned protests in Mammoth and Bishop to show what we're all about.

A massive turnout to protests all over the country can show that there's a lot of resistance, everywhere, and we are not on board with this.

It's fun - it is energizing to come together with your community and see that you're not alone.

It gives courage to people around us - individuals, businesses, institutions, to keep pushing back.

We're joining nearly 2000 protests all over the country. COME JOIN US!

We have no king. No president can stop us from speaking out.

Mammoth Lakes: sidewalk outside Stellar Brew, 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Bishop: Bishop City Park, 9:30-11 a.m.

Lina Martensson
Mammoth Lakes

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HOUSING FIGHT CONTINUES ONE PROPERTY AT A TIME

By Fisher

A heated debate over the future of housing stock in June Lake came to a head Tuesday, as the Mono County Board of Supervisors voted 3-2 to overturn a Planning Commission denial and approve a short-term rental permit tied to the sale of a long-term rental duplex.

Supervisors McFarland, Peters, and Duggan voted in favor of the project, citing the County's lack of a clear policy regarding short-term rentals being included as part of property sales. Supervisors Kreitz and Salcido opposed the permit, expressing concern over the continued loss of long-term housing options.

With the vote, the sale is now allowed to proceed, permitting one unit of the duplex to be used for short-term rental, while the other must remain designated for long-term housing.

The present owner, Lynn Monteverde, purchased the June Lake duplex in the 1990s. Since acquiring the property, she has rented both units as long-term housing. However, in late 2024, the tenants in both units terminated their leases early, prompting Monteverde to list the property for sale.

Prospective buyer Mike Aragon requested that the sale include a short-term rental permit for one of the units.

Aragon stated that he has struggled to find lodging in June Lake as a tourist and hopes to alleviate that issue for others. He also expressed a desire to use the property as a potential retirement home.

He added that he needs the income from the short-term rental to rehab the property.

The property is located in the June Lake Village and is zoned Commercial. While transient rentals on Commercial land are generally allowed with a Director Review permit, a resolution passed by the Mono County Board of Supervisors on April 16, 2024, now requires a Use Permit for such properties.

Due to the updated permitting requirement, the project was brought before the Mono County Planning Commission on April 17, 2025. Commissioner Jora Fogg, a June Lake resident, was not present at the meeting but submitted a letter opposing the proposal.

"Although I understand the role tourism plays in the economy of June Lake and our goals to increase visitation within the Area Plan, I believe we have more than adequate short-term rental options within this area of the June Lake Village," Fogg wrote. "We need to maintain our current stock of long-term rentals in the village, as the majority of our

housing stock is located in the village."

Much of her letter referenced public comments submitted by former tenants Katelyn Sprofera and Joey Henderson, who said they vacated the units after Monteverde allegedly failed to address serious habitability concerns, including water damage, black mold, and flooding.

"The issues seemed to be mounting with little investment into necessary fixes," Sprofera wrote in her public comment. "I am unsure if the issues with the roof and the plumbing have been communicated, so I worry any potential short-term renters (or buyers since she is planning to sell) would be aware of the risks they are taking on."

To increase the project's viability, prospective buyer Mike Aragon, current owner Lynn Monteverde, and Realtor Heidi Vetter presented a "hybrid" proposal: only one unit of the duplex would be converted for short-term rental use. At the same time, the other would remain a long-term rental.

Despite the compromise, the Planning Commission deadlocked in a 2-2 vote, resulting in the denial of the project.

Monteverde, and by association, Aragon, appealed the Planning Commission's denial to the Mono County Board

of Supervisors, outlining four main arguments in support of their case.

First, they contended that it was not the role of the Planning Commission to weigh whether a property's sale price aligns with community land use goals. They noted that discussions at the Commission level occurred without any knowledge of the agreed-upon purchase price or assessed value. During public comment to the Supervisors, Aragon emphasized that the property was listed on the open market at below market rate, and therefore would not contribute to gentrification.

Second, the appellants argued that financial return is not the sole reason a property owner might prefer short-term rentals over long-term rentals. Aragon stated that not every homeowner wants to be a landlord.

"We felt there was an overarching assumption that a landlord would choose to rent short-term over long-term simply for the higher income potential," he said. "In reality, we do not prefer to rent long-term for a couple of reasons already mentioned."

**Mind you, one of his aforementioned reasons is higher income for building rehab.*

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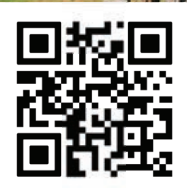
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Delaney Kalk



Elizabeth Ellsworth (above right) and Steven Veenker (below) won the American Legion Top Senior awards presented by David Stottlemire



Bishop Vet's Taylor Ludwick with Sienna Fuller, Peyton Kalk and Payten Johnson



Elan Boehme



Yolotzin Rubio, winner of the David French Memorial Scholarship presented by Jeff Perry



From left: Knights of Columbus presenter Jack Dahlstrom, Tony Lara, Stacy Miramontes, Grady Schaniel, Jasmine Garcia, Chava Rios, Shayla Tapia

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Aragon also cited legal risks associated with long-term renting in California as another deterrent.

Third, they objected to the inclusion of Planning Commissioner Jora Fogg’s opposition letter in the Commission’s deliberations.

Fogg, who lives near the property in June Lake, had requested a continuance of the April meeting to May but was denied by the applicant parties, who said they did not want to prolong the process.

Mono County Planning Analyst Erin Bauer clarified that Fogg’s letter was permissible under County rules and was properly included as part of the Commission’s deliberation.

Monteverde called the letter “scathing, derogatory [...] inaccurate and based on hearsay from disgruntled tenants,” and argued that it may have carried undue influence over the other Commissioners. “I’m not doing this to make a buck—I’m just retired,” she added.

Finally, the appellants argued that the Planning Commission gave inadequate consideration to the proposed “hybrid” solution, which would allow one unit to be rented short-term and the other to remain long-term. Realtor Heidi Vetter said she developed the compromise model after staff indicated that it would recommend denial of the original request.

When she asked whether the hybrid proposal would change staff’s stance, she was told it would not. As a result, the applicants chose not to submit the hybrid model in the formal application packet.

“From our perspective, this was a missed opportunity to create a balanced, creative solution that would have served

the County, the buyer, and the seller,” Vetter said.

According to Bauer, the denial recommendation was based on the County’s policy to “discourage [short-term rentals] from being part of the sales package.”

During the Board of Supervisors’ deliberation, Supervisor McFarland said he was “in the middle” on the issue. After a long pause, he ultimately voted to approve the short-term rental permit.

Supervisor John Peters followed, stating plainly, “I’m not in the middle.” He emphasized that the lack of clarity around the policy was a failure on the part of the Board, not the applicants, and stated that they should not be penalized for that confusion. Supervisor Rhonda Duggan echoed this sentiment.

Supervisors Jennifer Kreitz and Lynda Salcido, however, did not share the same view. Kreitz, the more vocal of the two, called the project a case of “gentrification,” noting that the duplex would become a second home rather than a primary residence.

She also defended Fogg’s participation in the Planning Commission process via a written letter. “This is her job. She lives in that community. She has a valuable insight that we should all be thankful for her service and willingness to take the time to write a thoughtful letter within the confines of the law,” she said.

She added that she believed the County had given clear direction, even if it had not yet been codified into formal policy. Salcido agreed, citing her concern for preserving June Lake’s limited stock of long-term rental housing as her primary reason for voting no.

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feet of water (about 3 million gallons) from a private well at the Darwin Mine, located several miles from the town of Darwin. They cited potential negative impacts on Darwin’s water supply, the area aquifer and even the possibility that taking too much water would impact or dry up Darwin Falls, located in Death Valley National Park. Bishop resident Darla Heil highlighted the Inyo County ordinance regarding water transfers from one basin to another.

Richards confirmed that Inyo County requires a Conditional Use Permit before any entity can “transfer” water from one drainage or groundwater basin to another. That would apply to taking water from the Darwin Mine site and trucking it to Conglomerate Mesa to be used for the exploratory drilling work, Richards said. “They are separate water basins,” thus the need for the CUP. The county has informed the BLM about that requirement several times, she added, and will do so again so it is clearly stated in the Final EIS.

The BLM included hydrologic studies in the Draft EIS showing that taking 9 acre feet of water from the Darwin area over the 10-15 month lifespan of the exploration project would not impact the area aquifer, said Philip DeSenze, the Manager of the BLM Ridgecrest Field Office, who is handling the EIS.

DeSenze wasn’t planning on taking questions or comments in front of the roughly 100 people filling Statham Hall for Tuesday’s informational meeting.

Staff from BLM were at separate tables prepared to answer questions one-on-one on various aspects of the DEIS.

However, after Big Pine resident Santeena Pugliese implored DeSenze to “not suppress the voices of the community” and at least answer questions from individuals in front of the group, he relented. But he stressed over and over that the questions and comments at the meeting were not going to be included in the official DEIS comment section, so people needed to submit written comments and concerns to the DEIS webpage (which is a huge pain in the neck to get to, so start at friends-of-heinyo.org or the BLM Ridgecrest Field Office pages and follow the prompts). There have already been about 8,000 comments on the DEIS, he said. The deadline for comments is June 16.

Several speakers questioned the conclusions in the DEIS, requested more studies and data, outlined impacts to numerous fragile or protected plants and trees, asked for more attention to input from local tribes, and bemoaned other environmental impacts. Several also said K2/Mojave Precious Metals staff were abrasive and arrogant and the company did not live up to the BLM-mandated requirements when conducting a much smaller core drilling effort on the mesa in 2020.

More far-reaching comments came from multiple speakers pointing out it was disingenuous to only be considering the impacts of the exploratory



drilling program, and not address the possibility of a huge, open-pit cyanide-leach field gold mine being developed on Conglomerate Mesa. The exploratory work was simply “the camel’s nose in the tent” that could lead to such a mine, as one speaker noted. Those comments likely arose in part because much of the advocacy and publicity put out by environmental groups featured the threat of a cyanide-leach field mine and photos of huge open pit mines. (See the May 24 Sheet for more detailed information on K2’s plans and opposition to those plans.)

DeSenze said by law the DEIS can only consider the drilling plan, not any possible future developments. He did add that K2 was “hopeful” a gold mine would eventually be developed on the thousands of acres of patented mining claims on Conglomerate Mesa, a sprawling tract of high desert south of Cerro Gordo and east of Keeler. It is bordered by Death Valley National Park



to the east, the Inyo Mountains Wilderness to the north, and the Malpais Mesa Wilderness to the south. The Owens Lake is west of the mesa.

DeSenze added that the General Mining Act of 1872, under which K2 has obtained its sprawling mining claims, is heavily tilted in favor of exploration and mining and takes precedent over a number of more recent state and federal laws concerning protections for public lands and plants.

Jon Klusmire of Bishop is in his golden years, minus the gold.

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- 20-29 MONSTER ENERGY MAMMOTH MOTOCROSS
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- 7/31-3 MAMMOTH FESTIVAL OF BEERS AND
BLUESAPALOOZA
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- 12-14 MAMMOTH TUFF
- 18-21 MAMMOTH TRAILFEST
- 20 HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR
- 26-30 THE MAMMOTH

OCTOBER

- 4-5 SPARTAN SUPER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
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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, June 13/
Derik Olson plays BCC's weekly patio party. 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Sunday, June 15/
The Two Tracks (out of Sheridan, Wy) play Mill Creek Station. Time: 7:30 p.m.
Chris Baron Trio plays **Distant Brewing** in Mammoth. No cover. Time: 6-9 p.m.

Monday, June 16/
Open mic @ Distant Brewing. Time: 6-9 p.m.

Tuesday, June 17/
Karaoke @ Liberty. Starts 10 p.m.

Wednesday, June 18/
Distant Brewing hosts its weekly pool tourney. Starts 6 p.m.

TOWN STUFF

June 13-14/
California High School State Rodeo Finals continue @ Tri-County Fairgrounds.

Saturday, June 14/
"No King, No Circus" Rally & March in Bishop. Time: 9:30-11 a.m. Location: Bishop City Park
Yard sale benefiting Altrusa Club of Bishop. Time: 7 a.m. 'til noon. Location: 250 Sneden St. Many donors from various households. Housewares, clothing, furnishings, holiday and more
Electronic waste fee free collection day @ Mammoth's transfer station for

TOWN STUFF

Saturday, June 14 (cont.)/
Mammoth residents. Time: 8 a.m. 'til 3 p.m.
Spellbinder Books in Bishop hosts **Father's Day story time** with family-friendly crafts and a reading of "Little Big Man!" Time: 11 a.m.

Sunday, June 15/
Mammoth Mountain closing day. Time: 7:30 a.m. 'til 1 p.m.

Monday, June 16/
The Bishop Community Band has begun its **Summer Season of Concerts in the Park.** Time: Every Monday @ 8 p.m. Music will include marches, popular songs, jazz arrangements and popular novelty numbers. Bring a chair and/or a blanket and enjoy.

June 16-19
Kids Summer Film Series @ Minaret Cinemas w/support from Mammoth Hospital. Previously released kids' films on the big screen at 11 a.m. daily. Just \$2.50 for a walk-up ticket. **This week's film: Migration**

Tuesday, June 17/
Mono County Supervisors meet. Time: 9 a.m. Location: Mono County Civic Center @ 1290 Tavern Rd. in Mammoth or online via monocounty.ca.gov.
Volunteer Eastern Sierra presents another rollicking edition of **Not Your Grandma's Bingo @** the Warming Hut in Mammoth. Visit for happy hour 3-5 p.m. and then bingo starts 6 p.m. This

TOWN STUFF

month's event supports Mono County Search and Rescue. *Info: see ad p. 2*
Eastern Sierra Strummers meet @ the MAC Gallery. Time: 5-6:30 p.m. Uke'll love it!

Wednesday, June 18/
Mammoth Lakes Town Council meets. Time: 4 p.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall.
Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board meets. Time: 1 p.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall.
Northern Inyo Healthcare District monthly board meeting. Time: 5:30 p.m. Location: The NIHD annex @ 2957 Birch St.

June 20-29/
Mammoth Motocross returns! Ongoing since 1968. *More info: See ad p. 4*

UPCOMING

June 24: "How to Become a licensed, in-home child care provider" free info session. Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m. Location: Bridgeport Memorial Hall at 73 N. School St.

June 26: Tracorum plays the Mobil Mart in Lee Vining.

June 27-28: Live music returns @ Liberty with Mammoth Feel Good Fest after parties featuring the Grateful Dead jams of "Easy Wind."

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- **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@marquishotelsgroup.com.

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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Help Wanted



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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

Crescent 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

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Help Wanted



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JOB ANNOUNCEMENT
Administrative Services Officer

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The Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District seeks a qualified individual for the Administrative Services Officer. The position leads and oversees all financial operations and activities of the agency including accounting, budgeting, purchasing, financial reporting, contract management, special funding management, and the supervision of fiscal staff. With the support of the Air Pollution Control Officer, the position also leads personnel and human resources functions, benefits administration, and insurance management. As an upper-level management role, the position may be called on to perform other administrative duties as required. The position is based in Bishop and is full-time, exempt, and non-represented.

For a complete job description, summary of benefits, and instructions on how to apply, please visit www.gbuapcd.org/employment or <https://gbuapcd.bamboohr.com/careers>.

Recruitment will be open until the position is filled.

PERSONALS

I saw you ... don't know what to get Dad for Father's Day. Here's a hint. Just listen to the refrain of Tom T. Hall's "Faster Horses."

Faster horses
Younger women
Older whiskey
More money

I saw you ... remember who Tom T. Hall was. So we're probably gonna have to switch those adjectives around a bit.

Older horses
Faster women
More whiskey
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MAMMOTH LAKES TOWN COUNCIL will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Wednesday, June 18, 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:

Update the Schedule of Fees and Charges for Town Services, including fees for building, public works, and planning permits and services, public safety processing and services, recreation programs and services, and administrative products and services.

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 Town Manager Rob Patterson by telephone at (760) 965-3601 or email at rpatterson@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

BY ORDER OF MAMMOTH LAKES TOWN COUNCIL
Dated: May 30, 2025
Jamie Gray, Town Clerk
TS #2025-0075

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Mono County Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing on June 25, 2025, in the Board Chambers, Second Floor, County Courthouse, 278 Main Street, Bridgeport, CA 93517. The meeting will be accessible remotely by livecast at <https://monocounty.zoom.us/j/83314694140>, or via teleconference at the June Lake Room, which is attached to the Mono County Community Development Office located at Suite 137 on the First Floor of the Mono County Civic Center, 1290 Tavern Road, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 where members of the public shall have the right to observe and offer public comment and to consider the following: No earlier than 1:50 p.m.

Use Permit 25-004/Valletta Vacation Home Rental.

The proposal is to permit two of four multi-family residential units located at 34 Foster Avenue in June Lake (APN 015-111-032-000) for vacation home rentals. The property is 0.23 acres and designated Mixed Use (MU). If permitted, each of the two vacation home rental units will have a maximum overnight occupancy of six guests and no more than two vehicles.

The project qualifies for an exemption under CEQA §15301, Existing Facilities.

Project materials will be available on or before June 20, 2025 for public review online at <https://monocounty.ca.gov/planning-commission> and hard copies are available for the cost of reproduction by calling 760-924-1800.

INTERESTED PERSONS are strongly encouraged to attend online or in person to comment, or to submit comments to the Secretary of the Planning Commission, PO Box 347, Mammoth Lakes, CA, 93546, by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, to ensure timely receipt, or by email at cddcomments@mono.ca.gov. If you challenge the proposed action(s) in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered at or prior to the public hearing.

TS #2025-0079

Notice of Delinquency/Default

NOTICE OF PROPERTY TAX DELINQUENCY AND IMPENDING DEFAULT (Rev. &Tax. Code, Section 3351 & 3352)

I, Janet Dutcher, Mono County Director of Finance/Treasurer-Tax Collector, State of California, certify as follows: That at 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2025, by operation of law, any real property (unless previously tax-defaulted and not redeemed) that has any delinquent taxes, assessments, or other charges levied for the fiscal year 2024-2025, and/or any delinquent supplemental taxes levied prior to the fiscal year 2024-2025, shall be declared tax-defaulted. That unless the tax-defaulted property is completely redeemed through payment of all unpaid amounts, together with penalties and fees prescribed by law or an installment plan is initiated and maintained; the property will become tax-defaulted and may be sold subsequently at a tax sale to satisfy the tax lien. That a detailed list of all properties remaining tax-defaulted as of July 1, 2025, and not redeemed prior to being submitted for publication, shall be published on or before September 8, 2028. That information concerning redemption or the initiation of an installment plan for redemption of tax-defaulted property will be furnished, upon request, by Matthew Lund, Mono County Chief Deputy Treasurer-Tax Collector, P.O. Box 495, Bridgeport, CA 93517. Inquiries by phone may be directed to (760) 932-5480, or by email to treasurer@mono.ca.gov.

I certify or (declare), under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct. Janet Dutcher, Mono County Finance Director/Treasurer-Tax Collector Executed at Bridgeport, Mono, California, on May 14, 2025

TS #2025-0077

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE MAMMOTH LAKES TOWN COUNCIL will hold a PUBLIC HEARING on Wednesday, June 18, 2025 at 4:00 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Town Council Chamber, Minaret Village Shopping Center, Suite Z, to consider the following:

Adoption of Fiscal Year 2025-26 Budget.

All persons having an interest in the proposed public hearing 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 Town Manager Rob Patterson by telephone at (760) 965-3601 or email at rpatterson@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

BY ORDER OF MAMMOTH LAKES TOWN COUNCIL
Dated: May 30, 2025
Jamie Gray, Town Clerk
TS #2025-0073

Notice of Petition to Administer Estate

Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of
Mary Jane Furman
Mono County Superior Court Case Number 25PRM5

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of MARY JANE FURMAN. A Petition for Probate has been filed by ALLEN FURMAN in the Superior Court of California, County of Inyo. The Petition for Probate requests that ALLEN FURMAN be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of decedent.

The petition requests the decedent’s will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the executor to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: July 3, 2025, 1:30 p.m., Mammoth Courthouse, 100 Thompson Way, P.O. Box 1037, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with then court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery of you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a *Request for Special notice* (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in probate Code section 1250. A *Request for Special Notice* form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: Gian Carlo Simonetti, Esq. (SBN: 279468), Wood Simonetti, 126 Old Mammoth Road, Suite 218, P.O. Box 3837, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546; (760) 934-5821

TS #2025-0068

Notice of Public Hearing

A Public Hearing for the Mammoth Unified School District (MUSD) 2025-2026 Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) and Budget will be held on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

The proposed LCAP and Budget can be viewed at the Mammoth Unified School District office at 461 Sierra Park Rd, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, beginning June 14, 2025, from 8:00 AM- 4:30 PM.

Members of the public may submit written comments to Mammoth Unified School District, PO Box 3509, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 for delivery before June 24, 2025, or via email to amadrigal@mammothusd.org. The governing board is scheduled to take action on the proposed LCAP and Budget at the regularly scheduled meeting on Thursday, June 26, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

TS #2025-0078

HARTLEY

ROCKY TIMES

I have officially retired from being a Steeler fan. Done. And this is why I don’t believe in tattoos. I once considered getting a small Steeler tattoo. Then I was like ... screw that. I might hate them one day. Well I hate them this decade.

Aaron Rodgers? Why did they wait on that jackass? Team and player deserve each other. They are the same entities. Once great, but pitiful and delusional now.

The Steelers were the third choice of Rodgers and Rodgers was the third choice of the Steelers. They are like two ugly people at the bar at 2 a.m. when last call goes off and they look at each other and say LET’S DO THIS and next thing you know they have an illegitimate, ugly baby.

*Side note. The Colorado Rockies are 9-50. No, that isn’t dyslexic stat reporting. They have 9 wins and 50 losses. What are they doing? Baseball is the worst. You’ve got LA and NY spending money like they’re at a strip club and the A’s, Royals, Rockies and Pirates and many others are just living off the TV money and whatever derelicts happen to show up at the games.

Someone mentioned Rodgers wearing number 12. That is Bradshaw’s number. If they give him that number the city of Pittsburgh would burn like LA after the Rodney King verdict.

NBA Finals ... Chet Holmgren is a great player but he runs like a robot. Like all his parts are metal and hinged one way. That being said, he moves remarkably well for someone that tall. I watched a few minutes of the game the other night and in a few minute stretch he played defense on every player on the other team fluidly, drove the hoop and dunked on someone and had a great blocked shot. That guy is amazing even if the stats don’t show it. He can wreck the other team in stretches.

... Some guy the other day was talking about going to a sauna. I was like, you live in Charleston, South Carolina. It’s 90 degrees and humid. Take your dumbass outside and do something. Take a walk or just sit on your porch. It’s a sauna every day.

... Went to a festival the other day and there were like 3 vendors that sell boiled peanuts. One had like 6 different flavors. I asked them if I could taste the spicy one. Guy says NO SAMPLES. What? You’re the only one that ain’t letting people taste them. You run a great business plan. And it was a huge bag. Costco sized bag. You want me to drop that money and not even taste them? Get the hell out of here. It made sense why they weren’t selling any but the other booths were popping peanuts out like crazy. No samples. Hilarious. He was the Peanut Nazi.

... Driving to work the other day. Doing 65 on a packed highway. Bumper to bumper traffic. A gaggle of geese were about to cross the road. I sped by and one of them was leading the others to the road and it turned around right as I was coming. The moron behind me is being trailed by an 18 wheeler also going 65

miles per hour. This stupid mother slams on the brakes - for a goose. She could have been crushed to death and started a 20-car pileup. For a goose. I, for one, cannot stand tailgating so I don’t do it but that truck was so close to her it could have been her bumper. I saw the goose coming to the road and if he kept coming he was gonna be feathers and a puddle of Goose goo on the highway because I had NO plan to slow down at all. A goose?? That person who braked should lose their license.

... I am all for everyone being themselves. You gotta do you. What is the physical thing that causes some folks that are gay to change their voice three octaves and drag out all their words? I can’t figure it out. I imagine someone when young that didn’t know they were gay talked a certain way. Then they came out and their voice automatically changed to the gay drawl. I can’t figure that out. Do they have to expend energy to actually sound like that? That seems exhausting to me. Can’t you be gay without talking like this <https://www.youtube.com/shorts/qTpWLT3etMM?feature=share>. Someone please explain this to me.

... People inconvenience themselves. Coming in to deposit a \$15 check they could mobile deposit. Then mad because there are long lines. You are the line. Then they come in and want statements printed because they can’t figure out where all their money went. -Where’s all my money? -Well, sir, you get a deposit of \$989 every month. You spent \$200 of that at the smoke and vape shop and another \$200 on Chick Fil A and Starbucks. Did you pay your rent?

-That’s why I need my money. Then they think you can magically gift them money. -You can’t pay rent, how are you gonna pay us back? -Hard pass, sir. -Let’s talk about doing a budget for you and paying the rent first. -YOU CAN’T TELL ME WHAT TO DO WITH MY MONEY.

-Sir, you don’t have any money. -I want a statement. -For what? -To see where my money went. -Okay, have a seat in the lobby. -I GOTTA WAIT? -No, you can look online or the mobile app where you could also deposit that \$15 check.

-I ain’t using no mobile or online. I want to see a person. -Then have a seat. You on your lunch break? -NO, I don’t work. -Sir, if you went to work instead of coming here 2 times a day, 4 days a week you would have more money. -Ya’ll closed for what coming up? -Juneteenth. -I’m not gonna be able to get my money on that day then. -Man. Let me explain this in French since you don’t comprehend English. YOU AIN’T GOT NO MONEY.

LUNCH

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As I’ve done every year for the past twenty, I went down to the Fairgrounds on Wednesday evening to take photos of the State High School Rodeo finals.

The evening session is traditionally held at 7 p.m. - I always assumed to prevent heatstroke amongst the young athletes as well as the spectators baking on the bright silver metal bleachers.

Alas, when I got there it was almost ghostly. I wondered if some kid had gotten stomped by a saddle bronc. The vibe I was getting was residual funereal mourning.

Nope. Some genius had changed the schedule and decided Wednesday evening’s rodeo should start at 5 p.m. when it was 100 degrees versus 7 p.m. when it was merely 95.

I ran into one couple I knew who similarly had been fooled. Hmm. Maybe

they should’ve advertise the schedule change. You know, for all the tarring and feathering of former Fairgrounds Director Jen McGuire, at least she spent money creating and promoting events.

I don’t what the hell they do over there these days.

Saturday’s finals are set for 10 a.m.

I called Ken Partridge this week to gather some more information about the Brockman Landfill.

To his recollection, the dump was filled in during the ‘80s. As a kid, he said, he and his friends would head out there every once in awhile to scavenge. There were no vehicles to his recollection - people would just dump household waste. The local population was fairly insignificant and lead was used in just

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Notice of Public Hearing

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Government Code Sections 66016 and 66018 that at the regular meeting of the Mono County Board of Supervisors to be held at the Mono County Courthouse meeting room on June 17, 2025, at 9:00 AM or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, the Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing at which oral and written presentations may be made, regarding a proposed resolution imposing new or changed fees for specific permits or other services provided by the following County Departments: Animal Services (Sheriff), Assessor, Information Technology, Clerk/Recorder, Community Development, Environmental Health, Finance, Public Works, and Sheriff.

Public data indicating the cost or the estimated costs required to provide the services for which the proposed fees are to be levied and the revenue sources anticipated to provide the services, including General Fund revenues, are available for inspection during business hours in the offices of the Director of Finance, located in Courthouse Annex II at 25 Bryant Street, California. The description of the services and the proposed new or changed fees can be view online at <https://mono-county.ca.gov/auditor/page/auditor-controller-fees> or at the Mono County Annex II at 25 Bryant Street, California.

TS #2025-0081

Notice of Ordinance



ORDINANCE NO. ORD25-002

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MONO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS DESIGNATING FIRE HAZARD SEVERITY ZONES (FHSZ)

WHEREAS, the State Fire Marshal is mandated by Public Resources Code 4202 to classify lands within State Responsibility Areas into Fire Hazard Severity Zones (FHSZ),

WHEREAS, Government Code §51178 requires the State Fire Marshall to identify areas in the state as moderate, high, or very high fire hazard severity zones based on consistent statewide criteria and based on the severity of the fire hazard that is expected to prevail in that area,

WHEREAS, Government Code §51179(a) requires that a local agency shall designate, by ordinance, Moderate, High, and Very High FHSZ in its jurisdiction within 120 days of receiving recommendations from the State Fire Marshal pursuant to §51178,

WHEREAS, Mono County received updated recommendations from the Office of the State Fire Marshal on March 23, 2025,

WHEREAS, the maps are currently posted on the Mono County website for public view and comment, and specifically are located at: <https://www.monocounty.ca.gov/community-development/page/fire-hazard-severity-zones-mono-county-lra>

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that the Mono County Board of Supervisors hereby finds as follows:

Section 1. Mono County hereby designates the Fire Hazard Severity Zones as recommended by the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection pursuant to Government Code Section 51178.

Section 2. The map, approved by Mono County and entitled “Mono County Fire Hazard Severity Zones,” is attached as Exhibit A and hereby incorporated by reference.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 10th day of June 2025, by the following vote:

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


Lynda Salcido, Chair

ATTEST:


Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


County Counsel

TS #2025-0082



CHSRA State Finals Rodeo ... circa 2024. Saturday's championship round begins 10 a.m.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Impending Power to Sell Tax-Defaulted Property

Pursuant to Revenue and Taxation Code sections 3691 and 3692.4, the following conditions will, by operation of law, subject real property to the tax collector’s power to sell.

- All property for which property taxes and assessments have been in default for five or more years.
- All nonresidential Commercial property for which property taxes and assessments have been in default for three or more years.
- Any property the tax collector has received a request to bring the property to the next scheduled tax sale from a person or entity that has a nuisance abatement lien recorded against the property and for which property taxes and assessments have been in default for three or more years.
- Any property that has been identified and requested for purchase by a city, county, city and county, or non-profit organization to serve the public benefit by providing housing or services directly related to low-income persons and for which property taxes and assessments have been in default for three or more years.

Note: The power to sell schedule for nonresidential commercial property is three or more years of tax default status, unless the county adopts, by ordinance or resolution, the five-year tax default schedule.

The parcels listed herein meet one or more of the conditions listed above and thus, will become subject to the tax collector’s power to sell on July 1, 2025, at 12:01 a.m., by operation of law. The tax collector’s power to sell will

arise unless the property is either redeemed or made subject to an installment plan of redemption initiated as provided by law prior to close of business on the last business day in June. The right to an installment plan terminates on the last business day in June, and after that date the entire balance due must be paid in full to prevent sale of the property at a tax sale.

The right of redemption survives the property becoming subject to the power to sell, but it terminates at close of business on the last business day prior to the date of the tax sale by the tax collector. All information concerning redemption or the initiation of an installment plan of redemption will be furnished, upon request, by Matthew Lund, Mono County Chief Deputy Treasurer-Tax Collector, P.O. Box 495, Bridgeport, CA 93517. Inquiries by phone may be directed to (760) 932-5480, or by email to treasurer@mono.ca.gov.

The amount to redeem, including all penalties and fees, as of June 2025, is shown opposite the parcel number and next to the name of the assessee.

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

PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED ON JULY 1, 2018 FOR THE TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017-2018

ITEM NUMBER	ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER	PROPERTY ADDRESS	ASSESSEE NAME	AMOUNT TO REDEEM
1	039-060-010-000	49 HOLIDAY WAY	GLENN 3 TRUST 01-25-13	\$ 39,016.20

PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED ON JULY 1, 2019 FOR THE TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018-2019

ITEM NUMBER	ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER	PROPERTY ADDRESS	ASSESSEE NAME	AMOUNT TO REDEEM
2	001-230-011-000	114985 HWY 395	HERNANDEZ MAGDALENO & MARIA	\$ 6,564.19
3	011-304-005-000	0 RICKEY PEAK ROAD	MCKNIGHT RORY E. & ANITA L.	\$ 5,558.89
4	032-103-212-000	885 MAJESTIC PINES DRIVE #8	SMITH KEVIN W.	\$ 28,611.61

PROPERTY TAX DEFAULTED ON JULY 1, 2020 FOR THE TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2019-2020

ITEM NUMBER	ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NUMBER	PROPERTY ADDRESS	ASSESSEE NAME	AMOUNT TO REDEEM
5	002-401-010-000	0 Walker, CA	LOCKETT FAMILY TR 10/02/2003	\$ 2,305.56
6	002-430-046-000	751 Camp Antelope Road	BLACKETER CLUSTER M. & DEBRA L	\$ 1,443.63
7	002-470-014-000	108952 Highway 395 #10	COLLINS EDDIE R	\$ 7,061.04
8	002-470-035-000	108952 Highway 395 #25	GARCIA EUCARIO T & CASTANEDA ALICIA C	\$ 2,844.93
9	006-210-016-000	1177 Willow Flat Trail	PETERSEN, DONNA	\$ 26,184.19
10	008-161-012-000	0 Highway 395	LAND TITLE, LLC	\$ 1,229.04
11	008-161-013-000	0 Aspen Lane	LAND TITLE, LLC	\$ 1,234.06
12	009-200-001-000	0 Bridgeport, CA	DOLAN, ALBERT F.	\$ 634.46
13	011-294-007-000	0 The Craggs Drive	MCGINNIS GRANT M	\$ 973.78
14	015-084-004-000	0 June Lake, CA	MARZANO, BETTY J. REV. TRUST	\$ 1,042.83
15	031-072-001-000	196 Davison Road #Unit A	Kaspar Alexander	\$ 6,244.83
16	031-072-002-000	196 Davison Road #Unit B	Kaspar Alexander	\$ 6,244.73
17	031-072-003-000	196 Davison Road #Unit C	Kaspar Alexander	\$ 6,244.73
18	035-140-001-000	58 Sierra Park Road	ECKERT GREG R. & TERRI L.	\$ 47,332.99
19	035-202-010-000	436 Old Mammoth Road #C2	QUINTERO JOSE G	\$ 7,486.09
20	040-100-027-000	202 Ridge Way	RIDGE WAY PROPERTIES, LLC	\$ 111,998.40
21	060-292-013-000	117 Lake Manor Place #13	HILDEBRAND DEBORAH L.	\$ 31,855.60
22	062-070-049-000	187 Piñon Hill Road	PINION HILLS, LLC	\$ 44,925.84

I certify or (declare), under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.
Janet Dutcher, Mono County Finance Director/Treasurer-Tax Collector
Executed at Bridgeport, Mono, California, on May 16, 2024

TS #2025-0071

OFF THE SLOPES

WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A SANDY

By Fisher

For the past three and a half decades, Will Sandy has woken up, driven from Bridgeport to Coleville High School, pulled into the parking lot early, taught teenagers all day, stayed late after school, brought kids to compete in sports across Nevada, and done the 40-minute drive back home again.

When all is said and done, he doesn't mind the commute.

"It's a beautiful drive. You get to see deer, sometimes the bald eagles," he said. "People who are driving in the city might also be driving an hour, but looking at somebody else's tailpipe. I'm looking at a beautiful place."

But now, Mr. Sandy won't be doing that drive anymore.

Because after four decades of teaching, coaching, driving, repairing, planting, patching, and doing just about everything else a small-town high school could ask of one man, he is retiring.

"I've just run out of gas," he told The Sheet, without complaint. Just matter-of-fact, like someone finally turning off the lights in a building he's kept running for half a lifetime.

Will was born in 1960 in Salt Lake City but moved to Bridgeport at the age of nine. He's been more or less anchored there ever since.

He spent a short stint at UC Davis, class of '82, where he earned a degree in Biology and Economics, and then took a teaching job in the Sacramento Valley. Five years later, after his father passed away and the family house came to him,



The coach (right) with his "supergroup" title team

he returned to Bridgeport with no job lined up and a sense of coming home.

"I jumped at it," he said. "The Coleville job opened up the next year, and I haven't found a reason to leave since."

That was 1989. Back then, Coleville High had 90-some students. These days, it's closer to 48 students, and just one science teacher, Mr. Sandy, who is, as he notes, the entire department.

That's a tricky challenge for a new teacher, he said, but he liked it in the end. He says the key to being a successful coach and teacher is flexibility.

"The good news is, you know what they learned last year. The bad news is, there's nobody to ask when you get stuck," he said.

Truth be told, coaching came first for Mr. Sandy. He remembers sitting at the kitchen table as a teenager, setting up

plastic football figurines and trying to memorize plays. "At that point, my brain was becoming that of a football coach," he said.

That instinct followed him through college, where he volunteered with local high school teams. By graduation, it was the only thing he knew he liked.

"I didn't know what I wanted to do," he said, "but I liked the experience, and I figured the best way to keep coaching was to become a teacher." He's done both ever since.

During his tenure as a football coach at Coleville, Mr. Sandy racked up 165 wins and led his team to four trips to the Nevada state playoffs. As the girls' basketball coach, he notched 418 wins, a state title, and a permanent place in the NIAA record books.

But the numbers and the wins don't matter nearly as much to Will as the life lessons students learn in athletics: sportsmanship, resilience, and being a good teammate.

"That state title year... that was just a

supergroup of girls," he said. "They grew up together. Such a family. And after COVID wiped out the previous season, I think they understood what it meant to play again."

He wants his athletes to be good students and good people, and he said it helps to be both the student's teacher and coach in instilling those values.

His favorite student stories were about the kids who didn't like school. The ones who had given up, been written off, or just hadn't found their place yet.

"When you get them to come around and start passing the class and see that big smile when they start to succeed - that's always very exciting," he said. "That's true in coaching, too."

Over the years, many of his students went on to become doctors, nurses, paramedics, biologists, and environmental scientists. He said that, due to the rural area, most kids were more interested in trades than further education, but that he tried to instill a passion for science where he could.

"If you're not enthusiastic, the kids won't be," he said. "You've got to love it." Will never had children of his own.

But after 40 years of students, athletes, and kids who needed a ride, a pep talk, or just someone to believe in them, he's got plenty of family. He also "plays grandpa to [his] niece and nephew's kids when nobody's watching."

He doesn't yet know what retirement will look like for him, since he's dedicated so much of his life to this career. But he plans to continue doing what he already does: hiking, fishing, camping, and maybe hunting a little (mainly with a camera these days).

And, for once, he can travel when it's not sweltering hot out and the school year isn't hanging over him.

"When you're coaching in the fall and spring, that's when the best trips are. I've always had hot summers and not much time. Now I get to go," he said.

For Will's retirement, there's no big exit. No farewell tour. Just the quiet satisfaction of a job well done. "If you like your job, it doesn't feel like a job," he said. "For most of my career, that's what I've had. It's nice you guys were dumb enough to pay me to do this."

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Request for Qualifications Contract Project Coordinator

The Eastern Sierra Council of Governments (ESCOG) is seeking a qualified independent contractor (or firm) to serve as Project Coordinator for the project management of the Eastern Sierra Regional Capacity Incubator planning process and the Chipmunk Canyon Trails Planning effort. This is a grant funded position aimed at building capacity for regional recreation planning.

Ideal candidates will demonstrate the following:

- Proven experience in project management for multi-stakeholder planning efforts
- Familiarity with recreation, conservation, rural economic development, or land use planning in California and/or similar regions
- Strong familiarity with the Eastern Sierra region.
- Strong organizational and communication skills
- Experience managing consultants and facilitating multi-party collaboration
- Experience with collaborative governance or regional strategy development (preferred)

Compensation will be negotiated based on qualifications and proposed scope. Complete description is available at www.escog.ca.gov. Send proposals to ekabala@escog.ca.gov.

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about everything at the time, so the fact that later studies revealed above normal lead concentrations in the soil is of no surprise.

I asked him what he thought about the anecdotal evidence of what seems like an unusual preponderance of cancer cases in the Dixon area neighborhood. He had an interesting take.

In the '60s, Partridge said he spent about four years working for the local mortuary. And that in those days, there was a high incidence of cancer.

"The only thing they found in common [when they studied the cases in the aggregate] was the drinking water."

Partridge think this is less nefarious and more a function of simple geography.

"The Sierra is full of tungsten and other heavy metals ... and we get all that water and runoff in our aquifers."

The Dixon area is mostly on private wells that are not routinely tested and/or treated.

40% of budget

One thing that grabbed me as I was looking at the Bishop City Council's agenda packet prior to Monday's meeting - the percentage of money the City spends on its police department. Literally 40% (approx. \$5 million out of a \$13 million budget) goes towards law enforcement.

I asked City Manager Deston Dishion why. He said it's always been the biggest line item, but Councils have opted to

retain a police department because they don't wish to be at the whim of another (Inyo County) when it comes to staffing, service, ethos and the rest.

In this year's budget cycle, the Town of Mammoth Lakes is spending approx. \$6.3 million on its police department, but that's out of a \$33 million budget.

The biggest differentiating factor between the departments this year is that Bishop's hasn't killed anyone.

Sweet Jane

I had the pleasure of visiting with Jane Anderson this week.

She's in town keeping tabs on the Brothers Skatepark maintenance project. The contractor is Primary Concrete.

Believe it or not, it's been more than twenty years since the park was officially christened on September 24, 2004.

Two from the original Grindline crew which built the park in the first place are here helping with the rehab.

As is Billy Anderson, Jane's son and a park namesake.

The other park namesake is Jeff Anderson, a professional snowboarder who died in an accident at a Nagano, Japan hotel in 2003.

Billy has been here the whole six weeks overseeing the rehab project. And as Jane says, he will soon be taking the reins at the JLA Foundation.

JLA's major fundraiser is the JLA Banked Slalom which takes place at Mammoth Mountain every year.

\$35,000 of the funds that have been



Crews have spent the past month or so working on a \$75,000 overhaul of the Brothers Skatepark in Mammoth. During that time, the park has closed just one day, this past Monday.

raised by JLA are paying for the current facelift.

The Town is tossing in the other \$40,000 - funds it has received from Volcom, the former park sponsor.

Jane says an informal survey she did of skateboard park visitors years back revealed that more than 50% are tourists. And no wonder. Thrasher Magazine says the 70,000-square foot Brothers Skatepark remains one of the top ten places you have to skate before you die.

Some of you know Jane as Jane Baer, or Jane Anderson Baer. Her husband

Ken Baer died a few years ago, prompting the change back to Jane Anderson so her 'Anderson' would match the rest of her family including grandchildren Spencer and Jeffrey.

Jeffrey btw is a girl. Billy determined that he would name his youngest after his brother regardless of gender.

One of Jane's favorite memories: Being approached at the skatepark dedication those many years ago and having a little girl come up to her and say, "Thank you, Mrs. Volcom."

Thank you, indeed.

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