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Tom Gault (right) passed this week, joining Jim Lambert and Robin Thompson on the other side. Lunch unearths an old column about the Mammoth icon on page two.



Bishop Chamber building. Notice the footings suspended in midair...

LAST DANCE AT SAM'S

Going going gone. What's been feared for years is now reality. Sam's Woodsite has sold, meaning this is the final year that the four-acre parcel nestled in the pines off Minaret Blvd. will host Mammoth's Bluesapalooza and Festival of Beers, now in its 29th year.

It's Mammoth's signature summer event and routinely draws up to 6,000 guests over its four-day run.

Four years ago, Omega Events, an event producer based in Mission Viejo, bought Bluesapalooza from Mammoth Brewing and Sean Turner.

Omega's Rich Sherman spoke to The Sheet this week.

He said he hasn't had a lot of communication with the new owner, but it's his understanding the new owner wants to get started with his plans literally the day after Bluesapalooza ends.

Meanwhile, conversations with Mammoth Mountain and the Town of Mammoth Lakes

regarding another venue are in the nascent stages.

"I would've liked to announce next year's venue onstage this weekend, but ... I've got too much on my plate. We're focusing on this event right now and then we'll worry about the [loss of] venue later," said Sherman.

Sherman said festival surveys gathered last year indicated that 24% of attendees were experiencing their first-ever Bluesapalooza, and that number was consistent with the year before. "It tells me new attendees may not be so set ... on the charm of the woodside," and may be willing to embrace a new venue and direction.

But in the meantime, there's this year. The Last Dance at Sam's.

Beer tastings Saturday and Sunday will feature more than 80 breweries.

The music lineup is very strong. Rising star Marcus King, who's been touring with Chris Stapleton, is headlining Friday

night.

Steve Earle, who's remarkably never played here, and Robert Cray are battling cleanup on Sunday.

And Tab Benoit, who hasn't played Mammoth in a dozen years, takes the stage on Saturday. Benoit notoriously doesn't fly, and drives his own tour bus, so he sets his schedule far in advance. Sherman booked him for this gig two years ago.

Omega, said Sherman, operates four major festivals throughout the year.

One held earlier this year in San Diego was down 10% in sales, but the other three, including Mammoth, are either even or slightly up in advance sales.

Eagle-eyed locals can look for rack cards around town advertising locals' discounts to this year's event.

Lunch'll be out there pouring beer on Saturday on behalf of the Mammoth Lakes Lions Club so see ya there!

LOOK WHO'S HOMELESS

City to boot Chamber out of longstanding digs

By Lunch

Maybe Inyo Supervisor Jen Roeser will reconsider and approve a safe parking lot for the homeless in Bishop.

Provide wifi too and longtime Bishop Chamber of Commerce staffers Tawni Thomson and April Leeson can work out of their cars!

On June 4, Bishop City Administrator Deston Dishion gave notice to the Bishop Chamber that it would have to vacate its iconic A-Frame building on Main Street next to the park and across the street from Schat's Bakery.

The space must be vacated by October 30, 2025.

While the crumbling building has been a topic of discussion for several years, the end still felt sudden according to Thomson.

She said she'd had a meeting with City Manager Deston Dishion on May 6 regarding the marketing services agreement between the City and Chamber and the building hadn't even come up.

Two days later, the City held a Strategic Planning meeting - a public meeting, albeit unrecorded.

Thomson said "There was nothing on the agenda which made me think I needed to be there."

But it was apparently at that meeting that the decision was made to sever the cord.

"I understand we occupy a city-owned building and it's within their rights [to do what the City wants]. But I wish it had been handled differently."

The City has historically not charged the Chamber a dime for use of the building.

Repairs have always been a tricky subject because you'd pretty much have to get in the water to do them, which draws the scrutiny of state regulatory agencies.

Thomson and the Chamber have since been working to find a

new location and are in negotiation to buy a building on Main Street by the Mountain Rambler Brewery. The deal is by no means finalized.

On Monday evening, a throng of folks who object to the Chamber building being closed and the Chamber being ousted from the location spoke during public comment at the regular meeting of the Bishop City Council.

The comments ranged from Council doesn't properly appreciate the Chamber to observations that the A-Frame is not just an A-Frame but architecturally significant 20th century art to calls to place the issue on a future agenda.

"I'd appreciate you putting it on an agenda and hearing about it," said local businessman Aaron Schat.

Both Jerry Core and Gayla Wolf urged that the A-Frame, given its optimal location, be salvaged at the very least as a visitor center, even if the rest of the building is scrapped.

Though this was all public comment and not something Council would typically reply to, Councilman Stephen Muchovej couldn't help but make a statement, bristling at the suggestion the city is not supportive of the Chamber & Thomson.

"We've paid the rent for her as long as she's been there," he said. "And the tenant [Chamber] and groundskeeper both say the building is in bad shape."

During storms, the roof is a sieve

City Manager Dishion acknowledged that the City has been reticent to send an engineer over to look at the place for fear they'd have to red-tag it immediately.

Nevertheless, a building inspector was sent over on Monday. The City had not received a preliminary report back as of press time.

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O CHRISTMAS TREE REDUX

A remembrance of the great Tom Gault

“Ball Guy” Stu Bownes informed me that legendary Mammoth football coach Tom Gault, namesake of Gault-McClure stadium, died Tuesday. Which inspired me to dig up this column from Dec. 29, 2007.

When I showed up at the MHS Boosters Christmas Tree lot for my shift on Sunday the 23rd, there was longtime MHS Football Coach Tom Gault regaling a visiting family with a recitation of Dr. Seuss’s The Grinch Who Stole Christmas.”

“The three words that best describe you, are, and I quote: ‘Stink. Stank. Stunk.’” roared Gault. The family laughed. They bought their tree. One of Gault’s former players, Israel Plazola, MHS class of 2000, hammered the stand onto the bottom of the tree. I carried the tree out of the lot and tied it to the roof of the SUV. And so the day began.

Every year, I try to volunteer one day over the Christmas holiday selling trees for the Mammoth High School Boosters Club in their lot within the Vons parking lot. I do it for a couple of reasons. First, for every shift volunteered, you can raise \$100 for an MHS athletic team. Second, it seems like selling trees to really stressed-out visitors makes the holiday somehow less stressful for me. Finally, it’s a chance to spend time with Tom Gault.

Obviously, I’m not alone in my appreciation of the man who’s paced the sideline as Mammoth’s Football Coach for some 27 years. Not only was Plazola there to help out, but Ernesto Limon, class of 2004, was there too, along with his sister Jessica, who currently attends MHS. Another fixture who’s normally there but wasn’t on this day is one of Gault’s loyal, longtime assistant coaches, Joe Arreguin.

Gault initiated the Christmas Tree sale some 20-25 years ago. A company contacted him about selling trees as a way to make money for the football program. Gault decided this was a good idea, and as fate would have it, he didn’t need to go through the soliciting company to get his trees; it turns out his Aunt Nancy owned a Christmas tree farm in Oregon.

His Aunt Nancy has since passed and her kids have sold the farm, but Gault made a connection with the truckdriver who now serves as the middleman to find and deliver the trees.

The Christmas tree sale has since turned into the MHS Boosters biggest fundraiser. And not just for football, but for all sports.

... Until last year, when too many trees were ordered, 130 trees were left over, and the sale didn’t make much money, if any.

So this year, when I arrived on Sunday and there were about seventy trees left in the lot, Gault was concerned. Not that it ever shows on his face. Which makes him a helluva coach. Although he did say that during the last thirty seconds of the Boron game this year (which gave the Huskies the Desert Mountain League title), he thought that he was literally going to keel over and kept looking over at the EMT’s to make sure they were paying attention.

So we got to work. I really get into it. I like selling, especially when I’m selling something for a good cause and I know, since I’m not on the hook for any losses, that I can’t hurt myself by being aggressive.

Whereas Gault doesn’t seem to like selling at all, so he was more than happy to let me figure it out.

I am aggressive in these situations, and tend to maximize profit, unless it seems like the price is too steep for a needy family, in which case, I knock dollars off.

I felt empathy for one father with three sons, so I cut him a deal, giving him a \$50 tree for \$30. I then helped him take the tree to the car, only to discover that the car was actually an H2. Feeling duped, I then demanded an extra \$10. I got it.

Another woman told me that she didn’t want to pay full price as she’d already bought one Christmas tree for her home in L.A.

She paid full price.

Others, when told it’s a fundraiser, they tip \$20 as a matter of course.

Gault said he likes working the tree lot over the course of the holiday because the clientele is ever-evolving. At the start of the sale, he gets to catch up with a lot of the locals. In the final days leading up to Christmas, that’s when the visitors arrive.

And with the visitors, you often end up playing shrink.

While I tied a Christmas tree on one fellow’s car, he was in the midst of a pitched battle with his three-year old daughter. Turns out it wasn’t his daughter. It was his fiancée’s daughter.

“My fiancée says my kid’s a spoiled brat,” he said. “But my kid’s not a spoiled brat. She’s just spoiled. As for my fiancée’s kid ... she’s a spoiled brat.”

“Well, just try to be patient,” I said. “Have a Merry Christmas.”

Gault told me one story that occurred about 10-12 years ago when the lot was situated directly in front of Vons between both entrances.

“I was dressed pretty much exactly the way I’m dressed now,” he said.

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Which was a warm coat over several layers, although when I stopped by on Sunday the 16th, he was wearing a full snowsuit. “And this woman walks out the door, takes one look at me, and says, ‘You need to get a job!’”

While we were working the lot, Jessica Limon was inside the trailer watching an episode of “The Twilight Zone” (Gault loves The Twilight Zone) and making change out of the cash box. At the end of the episode, Gault quizzed her on it, as he had quizzed me the week before after I had watched the “Captain Benteen” episode. He’s always teaching. Just as he was teaching one of the kids how to use a hammer earlier in the day. “If they’d meant for you to hold it up there,” he told one boy, “they wouldn’t have bothered to make the handle that long.”

At about 2 p.m. during a lull, Gault took leave with Ernesto to go help him put some new tires on his car. But he was back by three. And the trees continued to move.

By 5 p.m., we didn’t have any small trees left. Just big trees. Which we were happy to cut down to size, yet still charge big tree prices. One woman, clearly disgusted, asked me where the other tree lot was in town.

“There is no other tree lot. This is it. And there are twenty trees left. What would you like to do?”

She bought the tree.

A boy of about nine years old grabbed a shovel and started to hack at some of the ice in the lot. His younger sister asked if she could leave him there.

“You don’t want to do that,” I said. “Older brothers and sisters make life a lot easier for their siblings. Trust me. I have an older sister who paved the way for me.” I could tell she didn’t buy what I was saying, but she called for him and they left.

I eventually left at 6 p.m. Gault said there were 2-3 trees by the time he left at 7 p.m. And by evening’s end, the place was sold out. A banner year for the MHS Boosters Club. Thanks one and all, but especially thanks to Tom Gault, for making it so much fun to volunteer.

“And the Grinch, with his Grinch-feet ice cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling, how could it be so? It came without ribbons. It came without tags. It came without packages, boxes or bags. And he puzzled and puzzled ‘till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn’t before. What if Christmas, he thought, doesn’t come from a store. What if Christmas, perhaps, means a little bit more.” - Dr. Seuss



Tom Gault during fall practice in his final campaign, 2010, keeping an eye on QB Tyler Wormhoudt



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LETTERS

Here's to opposable thumbs!

Dear Editor,

To quote a Forest Service axiom, "There is a surprising amount of overlap between the smartest bears and the dumbest humans."

When we put a new front door on our house, Mono County insisted on a lever handle on the outside door, in case someone with a handicap wanted to open it. Like someone without a working opposable thumb. Like a bear. Performing a criminal act, enough now-a-days to be deported, we installed a thumb latch instead.

Our Toyota has a lift type exterior door handle. Ten or so years ago, left unlocked in Mammoth one of Blondie's cubs opened it, inspected it, did not damage it, nor poop inside it, and left, leaving the door open. The cub was well trained by Blondie, the same coloring as the current bears on the last two Sheet covers, she supervised it all.

And note, a well trained bear can also open a slider, but not a round door knob.

Charles Tucker
Swall Meadows

Reassigned where?!?

Dear Sheet,

For the last several weeks the Sheet has devoted a lot of time to the issue of

bears in Mammoth Important discussion to be sure. Of course, Mr. Searles should be in charge of handling the issue.

However, another important issue seems to have been,at best, put on the back burner. I have neither heard nor read of any news about the killing of a man for throwing rocks at the hands of two Mammoth police officers. Why?

Hearing that one of the officers was not only fully reinstated but also reassigned to be the school resource officer is very upsetting to me. I do not trust the judgment of an officer who found it necessary to shoot and kill an unarmed man who was throwing rocks. I was conducting a counseling group for five Sierra High School students less than 100 yards from the shooting. Can a bullet travel 100 yards?

I will be at the school this coming school year. I do not feel safe for myself and more importantly for the staff and students with this officer potentially in charge of crisis situations. Maybe there is more to this issue that I am unaware of. At the very least I would like to know what assurances the police chief has made regarding future behavior of his sworn officers.

Without needing to be stated, both bears and people need the community for protection.

Bob Kittle
Sunny Slopes

Don't be scared, Mayor Bubser

Dear Editor:

On July 26, I met with Steve, the Bear Whisperer, to talk about the Mayor's decision to trap and relocate bears in our community. I told him that just because she's a city girl and got scared of a bear that didn't even hurt her, doesn't mean that she should get rid of one of the top ten things that Mammoth is known for. I don't understand why the Mayor and her husband are doing this to our community. The only reason I'm writing this article is because we, as in me and my family and friends, support bears with all our hearts and minds. We, the people of Mammoth, deserve to have our bears back. Our bears should stay right here.

Alice Spafford, 8-years old
Mammoth Lakes

On correlation and causation

Dear Editor,

From John Rogitz's letter last week: "Intriguingly, the top five states with the least income inequality are all solidly red states; eight out of the ten states with the least income inequality voted for Trump last year. Probably just a coincidence, but thought I'd throw it in for those who, like me and Ms. Zelaya, like numbers."

Very intriguing indeed! If correlation does not mean causation, then what could be the cause of this growing in-

come inequality in progressive states?

One such cause could be the concentration of wealth in a small percentage of the population, specifically through capital gains and investments.

Another cause might be: CA, NY, and MA attract high-earners because their metropolitan areas include high-earning industries like tech, finance and biotech.

Another factor: how housing policies that limit property taxes over time can push out middle-income residents. This rewards long-term owners while pricing out newcomers. (CA Prop. 13 limiting property tax increases, passed 1978)

And, according to the Cook Partisan Voter Index, blue voting districts are more polarized economically than red districts. In a blue voting district, you're more likely to find billionaires living in the same zip code as the poor. In contrast, many red-leaning districts are more economically homogeneous.

Which brings up gerrymandering (the drawing and rigging of voting districts), one way politicians skew the outcome of elections. It's one of those infuriating bureaucratic things I have to practice acceptance around. Like having to get specialist referrals, overeager red light cameras issuing illegal tickets (I promise I stopped completely before turning right on red), having to change my password every week because I forget, the tax code, etc.

Tanya Zelaya
Mammoth Lakes
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How 'bout Somalia?

Dear Jack,

I don't know how many of you are hoping to get detained and deported, but you may be in luck. Because tucked away inside the Big Beautiful Bill are 165 billion dollars for the Department of Homeland Security.

Rest assured DHS Secretary, Kristi Noem, will have no trouble spending that money. She travels in a private jet—too small, she complains, for her videographers, make up artists, and hairstylists—to film promo pieces for ICE in places like El Salvador, New York and other deportation hot spots.

And doesn't she look great. Tendrils of dark hair extensions framing her face and spilling around all that plastic surgery. But not to worry - there'll be plenty of dollars left over to get you snatched up and hustled out of the country.

\$45 billion is earmarked to construct new for profit detention facilities where every peanut butter sandwich and roll of toilet paper gets weighed against the

bottom line. \$12.1 billion will go to hire 16,000 new ICE agents and officers. \$14.4 billion will fund the deportation operations themselves. The annual deportation cost could top \$88 billion.

3000 human beings each day removed with little or no due process. The question is why? Why the rush? Why separate families, destroy businesses, disrupt the peace and tranquility of communities to send honest, hardworking men and women, some of whom have been here for decades, to countries many hardly know, when the negative impacts will be devastating?

In 2024, the non-partisan Congressional Budget Office estimated that the undocumented work force would add nearly \$9 trillion to the GDP over the next 10 years. But, if the plan to deport 13 million souls gets carried out the hit to the economy could be worse than the Great Recession.

Don't worry about carry-ons; none are allowed. Don't trip over your leg irons or fight your belly chains. Next stop...how do you feel about Somalia?

Dennis Phillips
Mammoth Lakes

She's Hall That

To the Editor:

Shout-out to Heidi Hall, Nevada County Supervisor, who has stepped up to run as a Democrat against CD 3 incumbent Congressman Kevin Kiley. From the time she announced that she was seeking the post, Heidi started organizing, raising money and, most important, visiting counties throughout CD 3 to introduce herself to voters, and to listen to our concerns. She was just in our area; she was in Markleeville on Friday, July 25. Alpine County has a population of about 1,200, yet she spent time there. The last time Kevin Kiley was supposed to do a Town Hall in Markleeville, he cancelled at the last minute.

On Saturday, July 26, Heidi spent the day with us here in Mono County. We spent the morning at Mono Lake, where not only was she able to see that spectacular place, but she also learned about the water issues that continue, and could see first-hand the impact if the Republicans were to go through with their threat to privatize what is now public federal lands. Kiley initially supported that idea until he changed his position in the face of public outrage. She then went to County Park to help celebrate Kootzaduka'a Day with the tribe, and heard about their ongoing quest for federal recognition, something that was promised by our last three Republican Congressmen, and which has not yet happened. She ended with a meet-and-greet in Mammoth, where about 25 people had the opportunity to listen to her positions on a range of issues, and to ask questions

about things that are important here in our area: immigration, protecting public lands, housing and homelessness, the rising cost of fire insurance, etc. What was perhaps most impressive was that she had thought about many of these things and had ideas about what she could/would do as our member of Congress to address them and, in those cases, where she had not thought about the issue, she listened. In fact, she listened to what we had to say and to our concerns, a response we have not yet gotten from Kevin Kiley during the time he has been serving in this position. (he was first elected in 2022).

Admittedly, I am biased because I have never supported Kiley and disagree with most of his positions. That said, it was refreshing to be with a politician who made a point of starting her campaign ten months before the primary (in June 2026) and about 17 months before the general election as a sign of how serious she is about this race.

I spent most of the day with her on Saturday, and was very impressed by what I saw and heard. And I was energized by the fact that there is at least one viable alternative to our incumbent. I hope that others will learn more about Heidi Hall and also, will think hard about what you want in your member of Congress, and ask who does he/she represent, and does he/she represent me and my values and priorities?

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LOCAL NEWS

DOES THE PROP. 1 GRAVY TRAIN STOP HERE?

By Lauren DeLaunay Miller

In 2019, Teresa Pasquini and Lauren Rettagliata set out from their homes in the San Francisco Bay Area on a road trip. Unlike the more common California road trip itineraries that link together appreciation for the state’s vast natural beauty, Pasquini and Rettagliata had been brought together by a different shared interest: finding housing and health care for their sons, who both live with severe mental illness.

Pasquini and Rettagliata traveled more than 3,000 miles, visiting a variety of residential facilities and documenting their findings. The next year, they published a study called “Housing That Heals: Finding a Place Like Home for Families Like Ours,” focusing on the ways that they’ve seen people like their sons through the cracks of a state-wide system that struggles to address the housing and health care needs of Californians with severe mental illness. By failing to create a continuum of care that includes these patients, Pasquini and Rettagliata argue, many end up bouncing between jail and the streets despite the state’s “Housing First” policy.

The “Housing First” model began in California’s biggest cities around 2008 and became law across the state in 2016 with the passage of Senate Bill 1380. The bill, passed with incredibly slim margins

(50.2%), requires all housing programs to adopt a model supported by the claim that getting more people into stable housing will drastically reduce homelessness rates, but, critics argue, fails to recognize that nearly half of people experiencing homelessness in California have what the UCSF Benioff Homelessness and Housing Initiative call “complex behavioral health needs.” Their 2023 study, which administered surveys to nearly 3,200 participants, found that 82% of participants reported having had a serious mental health condition at some point in their life, and 66% were experiencing those symptoms at the time of the study.

Over the course of his adult life, Pasquini’s son has been “5150ed,” she said, referring to the code law enforcement uses to put someone on an involuntary psychiatric hold, more than 40 times. “What’s so bold about asking for quality care and access to whatever a gravely disabled person might need to stay out of jail, stay out of a morgue, stay off the streets?” said Pasquini.

In the six years since their road trip, the biggest change to California’s housing crisis came just last year through Proposition 1. Aimed at reforming the state’s behavioral health services, it made changes to the Mental Health Services

Act and changed the way that counties get and distribute funding. A large part of Proposition 1 was the authorization of the Behavioral Health Continuum Infrastructure (BHCIP), a \$6.38 billion bond designed to help counties build more residential and treatment facilities.

But while the funding is poised to help create thousands of treatment beds in California’s larger cities, rural counties have seen a much smaller percentage of funding—even when adjusted for their population size—which experts worry will exasperate long-standing mental health care disparities in these regions.

The first round of funding, totaling \$3.3 billion, was distributed in June to nonprofit organizations, county-led behavioral health agencies and Tribal-led programs across the state. According to Governor Newsom’s office, this funding should build more than 5,000 treatment beds—more than 74% of those the Department of Health Care Services estimated the bond would create initially.

Rural areas have faced several challenges in accessing and using the funding from Proposition 1. The first round of funding supported programs in 42 counties, yet \$1 billion went to Los Angeles County alone, and \$500 million went to projects in the nine-county Bay Area. While rural counties were well-represent-

ed in the list of projects, a much smaller percentage of total funding went to the most remote parts of the state. Inyo and Mono Counties in the Eastern Sierra have yet to see any of the funding, and local experts worry that many such counties lack the expertise and resources to make a competitive application.

“It’s harder for small rural counties to go after these big, complicated grants,” said Amanda Greenberg, Program Manager for Mono County Behavioral Health in Mammoth Lakes. “It takes a lot of specialized expertise and, often times, a shovel-ready project to partner with. We don’t have a lot of community-based organizations or mental health providers already planning the types of facilities in Bond BHCIP.”

Anna Scott, director of Inyo County Health and Human Services, agreed: “It’s financially quite risky, for especially a small county, to contemplate.”

By contrast, in applying for funding under the 2016 “No Place Like Home” program that distributed funds to counties to develop permanent supportive housing for people with mental health care needs, counties were guaranteed to receive \$500,000 for successfully applying, making it easier for small teams to commit to the lengthy application process in the first place. With Bond BHCIP, the lack of any guaranteed funding makes partaking in the complicated application process a risky bet for these small county health departments that often feel understaff and short on resources already.

These application challenges reflect a worry experts have had about Proposition 1 since 2023: that despite its best intentions, the lack of input from counties would create inequities that prioritize large, urban counties and fail to take the unique needs of small remote ones into consideration. Additionally, since the bond funding is to be used on infrastructure only, counties like Mono worry about their ability to staff and maintain such facilities even if they were to be built.

“We have such a small volume of individuals who need services from such specialized facilities that even regionally, I think we would be hard-pressed to be able bring in enough revenue from Medical and other commercial insurance to cover the costs to operate and staff a facility,” said Greenberg.

Without any long-term residential treatment facilities in the region, Scott explained that when someone in Inyo County needs that level of care, her department contracts with residential facilities in nearby counties, often Kern. And so, while small counties like Inyo may not have the number of patients required to support building a facility of their own, more beds being built in nearby counties will hopefully help Inyo County residents find housing options in counties like Kern, which received more than \$77 million for three separate projects.

“We’ll have fewer calls where they say, ‘we only accept Los Angeles County residents here,’ or ‘we only accept Fresno County residents,’” said Scott. “This is going to open up capacity.”



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Training will consist of an orientation held in Mammoth Lakes on August 23 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. (make-up arrangements can be made), followed by an optional tour of the tower; and then a few in-tower sessions with experienced lookouts this fall. The program will resume in June, 2026. For more info or to register for the August 23rd session, e-mail Volunteer Coordinator Scott McClintock at Palomar-Towers@gmail.com.

Mejia celebration

Steve Mejia's celebration of life will take place Sept. 1 on the back ballfield of Shady Rest - an afternoon of stories, music and memories. Starts 1:30 p.m. RSVP requested.



Explore Yosemite for Free

Mono County is pleased to announce that the Yosemite Area Regional Transportation System (YARTS) Summer Voucher Program is now active and available to all Mono County residents. This pilot program offers a fantastic opportunity for residents to reserve free tickets on YARTS, providing convenient and environmentally friendly access through Yosemite National Park and surrounding communities. A reservation on YARTS also provides residents with free park entry.

To receive free rides, individuals must fill out an application and show proof of residency. Once processed, eligible participants will receive a voucher number that must be entered when making a reservation online. Applications may take up to five business days to process. This free voucher program will continue through September 30, 2025.

How to Apply: Applications are available online at <https://monocounty.ca.gov/ltc/page/yosemite-area-regional-transportation-system-summer-voucher-program>, by emailing CommDev@mono.ca.gov, or in person at the Mono County Community Development offices, located at 1290 Tavern Road, Suite 138, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546, and 74 N. School Street, Annex I, Bridgeport, CA 93517.

Completed forms and proof of residency can be submitted via mail to PO Box 347, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546; or by email; or in person at the office locations above. Vouchers can be picked up in person at either the Bridgeport or Mammoth Lakes Community Development office or delivered via email or mail.

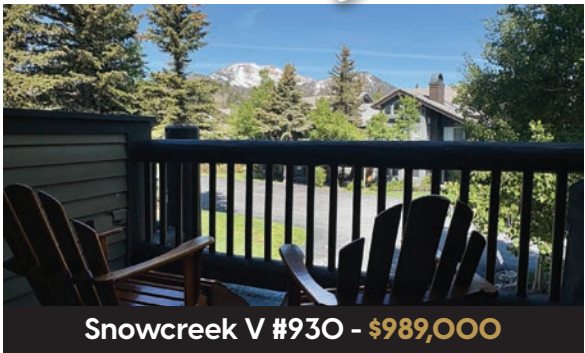


On Saturday, July 19, the Mammoth Hospital Foundation held its second annual Pickleball Tournament to raise funds for Rhiannon's Kids, which provides support to Mammoth Hospital pediatric patients who must travel for specialized care. In 2024, the program provided \$25,000 in support to 24 families. The Mammoth Hospital Foundation would like to thank its generous donors and sponsors: The Town of Mammoth Lakes, the Mammoth Lakes Pickleball Club, the Mammoth Hospital Auxiliary, Mammoth Disposal/Waste Connections, Burton Travel, Mammoth Mountain Ski Area, Volunteer Eastern Sierra, Mountain Esthetics, and the Myers Family.

Pictured above are Women's Doubles Winners: Stacy Bryant & Linda Ruiz and Mixed Doubles Winners: Arvin & Mari Buenaventura. Pictured below are runners-up Cameron Ferrante and Kristen Funk and Karen Kasten and Laura Burton.



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HISTORY HEADLINES

It's good to see people talking about history this week.

And it's been a wide-ranging conversation, taking place in public, about everything from the value of historic buildings such as the Bishop Chamber A-Frame to tourism in Inyo County, which leads into national parks, mining, pack stations and the Sierra Club and Norman Clyde, and on a different track, World War II, the CIA, Vietnam, China and clandestine, undercover Cold War maneuvers.

A packed house at the Bishop City Council declared the Chamber A-Frame is worth saving because it is historic and part of the fabric of modern Bishop. I wondered where all these history lovers were when the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power cited "lease policy" when shuttering Allen Outdoor and it's iconic Red Horse and the sprawling Home Lumber operation. There was no public outcry, offers of support or calling for the city to take action. Both are now empty eyesores. About a dozen more buildings with LADWP commercial leases in Bishop could see the same fate unless the public rallies and protests and packs the council chambers.

It was noted the A-Frame was moved to town from the Pine Creek Tungsten Mine, a huge economic engine for Bish-

op and one of the last active big mines in the county. Good timing. Joe Kurtak was in Spellbinder Books last week to sign copies of his wonderful book, "Mine in the Sky," his history of the mine and the men and women who made it work. But like all big Inyo mines, Pine Creek eventually closed which pushed tourism even higher on the economic scale.

**Oops. Turns out the A-Frame was actually retrieved from Humboldt by Kenny Lloyd. But I'm on a roll. Leave it be.*

The prime example of making that pivot is Pacific Coast Borax handing the US government all its mining claims to create Death Valley National Monument in 1933. The company kept the Furnace Creek location and built the Inn and eventually the Ranch as tourist destinations, which they are to this day. Brent Underwood did the same pivot, on a smaller scale, at Cerro Gordo, transforming the mining ghost town into an internet sensation and tourist destination. Same for Cardinal Village, when the nearby gold mine was shuttered in the 1930s.

And let's not forget that the infant National Park Service employed the talents and passions of Bishop native Horace Albright, superintendent of Yellowstone and Grand Teton and then, in 1929, the second director of the park service.

Let's also remember that the chamber A Frame resides on, drum roll please, Horace Albright Avenue. It's all connected, folks.

Death Valley and Father John Crowley and his Wedding of Waters event in 1937 heralded the start of the region's tourism push. That eventually led a regional hiking and climbing organization named the Sierra Club to become a huge booster of the Eastern Sierra by bringing thousands of outdoor lovers into the high country. And how did they get there? Mules. Dozens of pack stations sprung up all along the Sierra, from Lee Vining to Olancha, to haul visitors into the wild lands, because a mule or horse, not the era's crude backpacks, was the best way to access the high country. The exception, of course, was legendary mountaineer Norman Clyde who hauled 80-pound packs, carrying everything from pistols to a cobbler's anvil, into the Sierra.

Despite the slow decline in pack station business, in 1969 there were more than enough active packers to start Mule Days and entertain spectators for a full weekend. Now Mule Days is more of a mule festival than a packing extravaganza, but it continues to bring that history to life. And Mule Days boss Donna Bird reported at the council meeting that mule lovers donated more than \$100,000 to stage this year's event and guarantee Mule Days will return.

The history buffs in Independence are targeting a larger topic: The hot and cold wars America fought in the last half of the 20th Century. The plan to make a park out of a scruffy dirt parking lot facing US 395 would highlight two local military men born in Independence: Captain

James Birchim and Major General Joh Singlaub. Birchim is an unquestioned Vietnam era hero who died after getting his men to safety during a dangerous mission in Laos.

Singlaub is a one-man history lesson. He parachuted behind German lines and worked with the French Resistance in WW II as part of the OSS – the precursor to the CIA, which he co-founded. In Korea, he was the CIA Deputy Chief of Station in Seoul. Next, he headed CIA operations in China that failed to halt Mao's victory. Vietnam saw him work in the shadows as he helped direct the undeclared, illegal air and land war targeting the Ho Chi Minh Trail in Laos and Cambodia.

After criticizing President Jimmy Carter a couple times, he was "relieved of command" and eventually retired. That didn't stop him. As a private citizen at a nonprofit he became President Ronald Reagan's contact during what became the Iran-Contra Affair. That involved the secret, and illegal, sale of arms to Iran and sending some of the money to Nicaraguan rebels known as contras, who were battling the leftist Sandinista government and terrorizing innocent civilians. (Remember Lt. Col. Oliver North?)

Finally, he also aided the CIA's work to get weapons and money to the Mujahedeen fighters in Afghanistan to fight back against the Russian invaders. (The effort is now depicted in the movie, "Charlie Wilson's War," and introduced the US to Afghanistan, which eventually ousted the Russians and then outlasted US forces – giving the nation the distinction of out-dueling the world's top two military powers).

Helluva resume.

It's uncertain if the park will be built in Independence. But if it is, highlighting both men's military service would teach a valuable history lesson about how some of America's wars involved soldiers in combat in a traditional battlefield that is rightly celebrated while others involved secrecy and clandestine operations on the sketchy fringes of war that would never be allowed in the light of day.

Jon Klusmire of Bishop is reminded that history doesn't change, but the interpretation of history does.



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CHAMBER

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On Tuesday The Sheet met with Thomson at her office where she shared a few observations of note.

1.) The Chamber could live within a smaller footprint at its existing location if some of the building is unsalvageable/removed.

2.) In response to the suggestion by Core and Wolf to keep the A-Frame, Thomson said yes, the best use of this corner is as a welcome center. It's a logical place to find information. And ideally, the Chamber executive staff and visitor center would be under the same roof. She noted that the visitor center is generally staffed with one person. As it stands now, if it gets really busy, either Thomson or Leeson or both can slide over from their offices to help.

3.) Thomson estimates renting elsewhere will cost the Chamber about \$3,000/month.

"I have no desire to pick a fight with the City," she said. "We just want to do our jobs, and I feel like we've had a mutually beneficial working relationship. I haven't said that the City doesn't support the Chamber."

That last comment was interesting simply because it was said Tuesday, not Monday.

Thomson's regular Chamber report to Council was fortuitously scheduled for Monday night, and came after



Schat at podium addressing the crowd on Monday.

Muchovej's pushback speech.

While Thomson was "thankful and pleasantly surprised" by the outpouring of public support on Monday, she neither acknowledged Muchovej's comments nor thanked the board in her report.

WEST NILE DETECTED

Press Release

The Owens Valley Mosquito Abatement Program (OVMAP) confirmed that a single mosquito sample from July 29 tested positive for West Nile virus.

This is the first occurrence of West Nile virus in Inyo County since 2023. Prior to that, West Nile virus had been detected in the Owens Valley several years since first being discovered in our area in 2004. During that time, four human infections were reported, and 3 horses died after being infected with West Nile virus. The single positive sample in Inyo County comes during the same week that 135 samples were positive for the disease statewide.

"For every 100 people who are bitten by a West Nile virus-carrying mosquito, only 20 are at risk of contracting West Nile Virus, and of those, fewer than 1% are likely to experience life-threatening reactions" according to Inyo County Health Officer, Dr. James Richardson. Nevertheless, the public is urged to take precautions.

Likewise, while horses are more at risk for contracting the disease, vaccines are available and horse owners are urged to get their horses vaccinated.

According to OVMAP Manager Rob Miller, "the positive samples were collected in a trap located on the Owens River Delta near state highway 136 from a mosquito species that lives in tules and not known to travel much more than a mile". This area will be heavily treated with an adulticide application following trapping activities due to high

adult mosquito populations in the area. Agricultural Commissioner Nate Reade notes that, "luckily, this detection is not in a densely populated area, but crews will continue to aggressively treat this area until trap results show diminished population levels."

If you develop symptoms of severe WNV illness, such as unusually severe headaches or confusion, seek medical attention immediately.

To find more information on West Nile Virus, visit the Centers for Disease Control WNV page at <https://www.cdc.gov/westnile/index.html>, or the California West Nile Virus website at <http://www.westnile.ca.gov/>.

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BUSINESS

DOWN BUT NOT OUT

By Fisher

If Mammoth seems quieter this summer, you're not imagining it. Business owners are feeling it too.

Tourists are pinching pennies this summer, leading to a downturn for hotels and shops. Mammoth Lakes' transient occupancy tax (TOT) revenue in May was down 9.3% compared to last year, according to Mammoth Lakes Tourism, which tracks lodging trends in town.

"What I'm hearing from our businesses is that it does feel a bit down compared to last summer and the last few years," said Brianna Goico, President and CEO of the Chamber of Commerce. "People are being more hesitant with their discretionary spending."

Mammoth Mountain Ski Area (MMSA), which operates several lodging facilities, was down 11% on its June lodging compared to June 2024, and projects a 13% downturn for bookings in August compared to August 2024, Eric Clark, MMSA CEO, said at the most recent Mammoth Lakes Tourism board meeting.

A significant part of that drop, he theorized, was because there are fewer international visitors; a figure that's reflected statewide. In June, California saw a decrease of 8.6% compared to June 2024, according to the U.S. Dept of Commerce, National Travel & Tourism Office.

The U.S. Travel Association claims these reduced international visits are the result of policies passed under the Trump administration that are complicating and dissuading foreigners from potential U.S. visitation.

Visits to Yosemite National Park were also significantly down in June compared to last year, according to preliminary data in the district's year-to-date report, potentially another impact of reduced international travel.

"I think most people in town will tell you that they're down somewhat over summer," said John Morris, Director of Operations at Snowcreek Resort and Chairman of the Mammoth Lakes Lodging Association.

To stay competitive this summer, Morris has lowered his prices and pushed promotions, even releasing his Labor Day deals weeks further in advance than usual.

"If you look at the whole summer, we're down just a few percentage points, but we've had to do a lot of wheeling and dealing with prices," he said.

The resort, which offers complimentary access to Snowcreek Athletic Club and discounted golfing at Snowcreek Golf Course, caters to travelers looking for a more upscale experience. He said the supply of lodging in town now exceeds

demand, in part due to the rise in short-term rentals on Airbnb and VRBO.

That means people are shopping around more.

"When people are making reservations now – and let's face it, almost everybody makes their reservations online – they're making 15-25 visits to the site before they make a booking," he said. "So they're doing a lot of homework. They're comparing prices, they're looking for specials."

People are also booking later, often waiting until a few days before their trip, especially at budget-friendly places. Morris chalks this up to people waiting for the best deals and booking only when the weather's good and they know they can do all the activities they want to do.

"The occupancy reports, especially for the smaller hotels and less expensive properties, see crazy numbers of last-minute bookings. A third of their occupancy comes two to three days before arrival. That's just unheard of," he said.

Campsites, which typically cost under \$50 per night, remain popular. Silver Chesak, owner of the outdoor shop Foot-loose, has noticed this affecting the retail space.

He's seen about the same profit as last summer, but only because the prices of items have gone up, he said. He's noticed a decrease in high-end clientele, who are typically the ones to make big-ticket

purchases – think bikes, expensive backpacks, fancy hiking shoes, etc.

Those purchases are make-or-break, as his summer market barely offsets the cost to keep the lights on and his employees hired.

"I don't know who's profitable in the summer in this town," he said. "I'm sure restaurants can be for a couple of months. But we don't make money, we just break even all summer."

Campers, PCT hikers, and budget travelers usually just come in to buy souvenirs. So, as the ratio of campers to hotel and Airbnb stays slants towards the former, Chesak has become increasingly concerned about the town's general viability in the summer.

Grocery Outlet store manager, Robert Puig, said he too notices the difference between customers in the summer versus the winter.

"[Non-camping visitors] are buying more groceries, but campers buy more frequently. They're here every day, twice a day, buying \$30 worth of groceries, whereas [non-campers] are buying \$200 worth every few days."

In the summer, the individual sale price average is down \$5 from its winter equivalent. Still, his sales are up 25% this year, likely because it's his second year of ownership, and he's learned what to stock up on.



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“EVERYTHING BUT THE HANDPAINTED KITCHEN SINK”

By Fisher

When Sarah Keith and Teissia Treynet first met, the friendship was instant and strangely fated.

Within minutes, they realized that not only had they both moved from Los Angeles, but Keith had unknowingly moved into the exact apartment unit that Treynet had vacated a decade prior.

“It just felt like we were meant to be friends,” Keith said. “And now, here we are,” she added, referring to their new, joint business venture: a brick-and-mortar shop called Mammoth Mercantile.

Opening November 1 in Mammoth Lakes, the store aims to be an everything-but-the-handpainted-kitchen-sink artisanal general store, offering a curated mix of groceries, home goods, personal care products, local art, and community workshops.

“We want people to feel like this is their place,” Treynet said. “We’re inviting the community to tell us what they want — their favorite pasta, their favorite lotion, whatever’s missing in town.”

Keith is a former private chef and culinary school graduate who moved to Mammoth two years ago with her husband and two children. Treynet, who once ran a wedding and event planning company in New York, relocated to Mammoth in 2022 after selling her business and giving birth to her first child.

They were both drawn to Mammoth for the mountain lifestyle, but soon found themselves missing some everyday luxuries and conveniences.

“As excited as I was to be in a small town, I realized we were missing a lot of the good stuff,” Keith said. “Like, we have to drive to Reno or Los Angeles to get the good crackers.”

What began as a daydream and light conversation between friends started to take shape six months ago, when a space became available in the Mammoth Mall, near where similarly new-to-town FiftyFifty Brewing will also be opening its doors this fall.

“We kept saying, ‘Let’s just look at it,’” Treynet said. “Then it became, ‘Okay, are we doing this?’”

The women plan to cater the store to both locals and visitors, and hope to provide things that aren’t otherwise offered in the community, such as a refill station people can use to stock up on household staples without generating waste.

They’re partnering with nearby farms to provide fresh and local produce, and working with local artists to offer an array of ceramics and textiles. And, by popular demand, they’ve committed to selling underwear (otherwise sold sparingly in town).

Keith’s culinary experience led her to a clean ingredient-forward mentality in cooking and body care, but the women’s own life experiences have also heavily informed their priorities: Keith is a breast cancer survivor, and Treynet struggled with infertility for years.

“We’re both mindful of what we put in and on our bodies,” Treynet said. “That’s a huge part of the products we’ll carry.”

In addition to their products, the women also plan to use the space as

a community center, with plans for business workshops, postpartum and menopause education, mom’s groups, book clubs, and food-related events like cheese and wine pairings. They’ll also offer a kid’s section.

Going into opening, Keith said, “We’re just putting one foot in front of the other. So far, nothing’s fallen apart.”

They’ve been using social media to gauge what locals want to see on their shelves and plan to let that feedback continue shaping their inventory. Once open, they expect to keep the shop open six days a week (closed Tuesdays) from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., with rotating daily specials.



Mammoth Mercantile founders, Sarah Keith (left) and Teissia Treynet (right)



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ARTS & MUSIC

SHEET EYE FOR THE CROOKED GUY

Crooked Eye Tommy to light up Liberty this weekend

By Lunch

Leave it to a sibling. Tommy Marsh had gotten a new band together, they had their first gig coming up, and they needed a name.

Tommy's brother was in the band, and as brothers tend to be, he was, well, direct.

Alluding to his brother's lazy eye, he suggested "Crazy Eye Tommy" as the band's moniker.

Crooked Eye is what was settled upon, and Tommy's embraced it ever since. "Truth in advertising" he says with a chuckle.

Tommy's a native Californian - grew up in Porterville. His cousin, Larry Bastian, was a songwriter. Garth Brooks turned one of Larry's songs, Unanswered Prayers, into a monster hit. And Tommy spent a lot of time listening to his father and Larry playing guitar.

It was Larry who gave his cousin a memorable tip on songwriting: "If you can't remember it, how do you expect anyone else to remember it?"

Circling back, I had told Tommy I admired his song "Hot Coffee and Pain." And he told me how he typically comes up with a lick for a song and goes from

there, but in this case, he was working these 12-hour shifts and he didn't have the opportunity to write it down, so he found himself talking it through in his head - hearing the horn line. "I'm a big Robert Cray fan," he said. "And it has that feel."

So I'd asked him if he had been worried about losing or forgetting the song before he had a chance to commit a rough draft to paper or recording.

Thus the Larry story.

Nope. Hadn't worried one bit.

Tommy lives outside Nashville now - in Murfreesboro - with his partner of 17 years. Each has been married before, so they're not jinxing it.

He was inspired to move to Tennessee, ironically, by a good friend he met in line at Bluesapalooza. He says the vibe in Murfreesboro is like central California in the '70s. "The people are wonderful, the food's great. And it's green here all the time."

The longer you speak to Tommy, you realize such coincidences are not coincidences at all. He likes people. He makes connections. And damnit, he just likes to play. 100+ shows a year.

His latest project was with a Croatian



bluesman by the name of Tomislav Goluban, whom he met at the International Blues Challenge in Memphis - an event held to discover breakout talent.

Two years later, same event, he meets another Croatian.

The three of 'em end up doing a tour in Croatia together.

And then Tomislav invites Tommy to collaborate on an album.

The one song that Tommy wrote for the album, "There is a Train," was nominated for a Josie Music Award this year as "song of the year" in the jazz/blues category.

Tommy is also nominated for vocalist of the year and artist of the year.

The award show will be held at the

Grand Ole Opry in Nashville in November.

These days he makes 2-3 trips to California every year. One trip is to Ojai, where he lived for ten years before relocating to Tennessee. The reason? He puts on a Blues festival - this year it was held end of May.

He draws people. He makes connections.

"I met [Liberty owner Mike Coco] right after he opened ... before the expansion. We'd done the after-party at Rafters in the past, that little beer joint upstairs [The Tap] ... sometimes people will come down from the festival and even jump onstage.

Tommy himself played the side stage at Bluesapalooza a few years ago.

As Coco says, "He's such a good dude and amazing artist."

This trip he'll be joined by his guitarist brother Paddy, who lives on the central coast, drummer Charlie McClure and bass player Stan Taylor.

And unlike Bluesapalooza, there is no charge to walk in the door at Liberty.

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- 7 NATIONAL TRAILS DAY
- 7-8 EASTERN SIERRA PRIDE
- 20-29 MONSTER ENERGY MAMMOTH MOTOCROSS
- 27-28 MAMMOTH FEEL GOOD FESTIVAL

JULY

- 3-6 ARTS ON THE 4TH AND CELEBRATIONS
- 4 4TH OF JULY PARADE
- 4 POPS IN THE PARK
- 4-5 GIDDYUP COUNTRY MUSIC
- 5 SUMMIT SUNSET PARTY
- 11-12 MAMMOTH JAZZFEST
- 16-27 THE UNBOUND CHAMBER MUSIC FESTIVAL:
WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS AND SUNDAYS
- 18-20 MAMMOTH REGGAE FESTIVAL
- 25-26 MAMMOTH VILLAGEFEST
- 25-27 MAMMOTH LAKES OPEN AIR ARTS AND
CRAFTS FAIR
- 26 ANNUAL KIDS FISHING FESTIVAL

AUGUST

- 7/31-3 MAMMOTH FESTIVAL OF BEERS AND
BLUESAPALOOZA
- 6 FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE VILLAGE
- 8-9 MAMMOTH MARGARITA FESTIVAL
- 15-16 MAMMOTH WINE WEEKEND
- 16 MAMMOTH 50K PEDALPALOOZA
- 22-23 MAMMOTH ROCKS
- 29-31 MAMMOTH ROCK N RYE
- 31 ANNUAL WAVE RAVE SKATE CONTEST
- 31 SUMMIT SUNSET PARTY

SEPTEMBER

- 6 MAMMOTH ROLL AND SOUL
- 6 MAMMOTH GRAN FONDO
- 12-14 FLASH FOXY TRAD FEST
- 12-14 MAMMOTH TUFF
- 18-21 MAMMOTH TRAILFEST
- 20 HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR
- 26-30 THE MAMMOTH

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- 4-5 SPARTAN SUPER WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS
- 8 REBELLE RALLY



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Happy Hour/ The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill Pursuit of Happiness Hour Daily 3-6 p.m. Live Music. Best viewing spot in town for **live sports**, other than across the parking lot @ **Main Street Pizza and Tap**. *More Liberty info, see ad p. 17*
Outlaw Saloon Happy Hour Monday through Friday from 4-6 p.m. *More info: See ad p. 10*
The Mogul happy hour 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the bar. Food and drink specials.
Main Street Pizza - See ad page 9 for details.
Distant Brewing happy hour Monday-Thursday from 3-5pm. \$1/off beer/wine/cider/seltzer/kombucha

July 31-August 3/ 29th annual Mammoth Festival of Beers and Bluesapalooza. FINAL YEAR AT SAM'S WOODSITE. MUST ATTEND! Info/tix: mammothbluesbrewsfest.com

Friday, August 1/ Tropical coolness @ Wanaaha Casino in Bishop every Friday in August. Live DJ, cash drawings. Wear tropical attire for \$10 in free play.
Bishop Country Club patio parties resume. Live music. Starts 5:30 p.m.
Back Room Riffs @ Back Alley Bowl. Time: 8-11 p.m. Orig. music & stories from three songwriters.

August 1-2/ Bluesapalooza afterparty with Crooked Eye Tommy @ Liberty. *For Tommy profile, see p. 12*

Sunday, August 3/ Live music @ Cardinal Village Resort in Aspendell. Time: 1-4 p.m.

Monday, August 4/ Open mic @ Distant Brewing. Time: 6-9 p.m.

Tuesday, August 5/ Karaoke @ Liberty. Starts 10 p.m.

Wednesday, August 6/ Eddy Evans plays jazz sax @ Liberty in Mammoth from 4-6 p.m.

August 8-9/ Mammoth Margarita Festival @ the Village at Mammoth. Music, food, tequila.
Crooked Stuff Live Band/DJ mash-up @ Liberty. Disco Punk for the People!

TOWN STUFF

Monday, August 4/ 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.

TOWN STUFF

Monday, August 4 (cont.)/ Mono Basin Historical Society 6 p.m. **potluck dinner** followed by 6:30 p.m. **David Carle-led program on Ferdinand Castillo.** Location: Lee Vining Community Center @ 296 Mattly Ave.

August 4-7/ 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: Shrek**

Tuesday, August 5/ Mammoth Shakespeare Festival opens outdoors @ Eagle Lodge with Romeo and Juliet! and runs nightly (except Mondays) through the 24th. *See ad p. 4 for dates and showtimes*
National Night Out event @ Mammoth's Community Rec Center. 686 Old Mammoth Rd. Time: 5-8 p.m. National Night Out is a family-friendly event meant to foster trust between neighbors, law enforcement and first responders.
Inyo County Supervisors regular meeting. Time: 10 a.m. Location: Board Chambers @ 224 N. Edwards St. in Indy or online via inyocounty.us
Mono County Supervisors meet. Time: 9 a.m. Location: Board Chambers @ Bridgeport Courthouse or online via monocounty.ca.gov

Wednesday, August 6/ Inyo County Supervisors special meeting. Topic: Budget workshop. Time: 9 a.m. Location: Board Chambers @ 224 N. Edwards St. in Indy or online via inyocounty.us
Womens Wednesday Rides @

TOWN STUFF

Mammoth Mountain Bike Park. Meet outside the Adventure Center by the MTB rentals at 4:30 p.m.
Groundbreaking for the 239-seat McCoy Arts and Cultural Center (MACC). Time: 2:30 p.m. Location: 100 College Pkwy.
Mammoth Lakes Town Council regular meeting. Time: 4 p.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall or online via townofmammothlakes.ca.gov
Mammoth Wednesday Market @ the Bar Sierra parking lot. Time: 4-7 p.m.

Thursday, August 7/ UC White Mountain Research Center (WMRC) will be cohosting an **opening reception for its "Art in Nature" art auction** from 6-8 p.m. at the Inyo Arts Council (IAC) gallery at 150 Willow Street in Bishop. This preview will showcase donated art to be auctioned off at WMRC's Owens Valley Station Open House on Sunday, October 19.

UPCOMING

August 9: June Lake Fire Dept. annual BBQ. Time: 12-6 p.m. Location: Gull Lake Park. Music, raffle, kids games, more. *Info: See ad p. 12*
August 9: Free Fly-Tying Clinic @ Juniper Springs Resort to support the Crowley Lake Fish Foundation. Time: 4:30-5:30 p.m. Sponsors: Performance Anglers, Ernie's.
August 9: Summit Sunset Party @ MMSA. Ride the gondola to the summit. Views, music, \$\$\$ *Info/tix: mammothmountain.com*
August 16: Native Plant Society annual native plant sale. Time: 9-11 a.m. Location: White Mtn. Research Station at 3000 East Line St. in Bishop.





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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



Position: Hotline advocate
Reporting Office: Bishop
Pay Range: \$22.50-\$28.74
Job Type: Full-time, hourly, non-exempt
Benefits: Employee retirement with employer contributions, medical insurance, paid holidays, vacation and sick accruals. Benefits available after successful completion of 30- to 90-day waiting period.

Job Description: Provides crisis intervention services during and outside of regular office hours to clients who have been affected by domestic violence and sexual assault. may work from home if scheduled outside of normal office hours. This is not a mandated reporting position. Reports to DV/SA Programs Coordinator

Please visit wild-iris.org for information on how to apply.



Position: Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Staff Advocate
Reporting Office: Bishop
Pay Range: \$22.50-\$28.74
Job Type: Part-time, hourly, non-exempt, temporary
Benefits: Employee retirement with employer contributions, paid holidays, vacation and sick accruals. Benefits available after successful completion of introductory period.

Job description: The CASA staff advocate provides advocacy to children in the foster system in Inyo and Mono Counties. This is a mandated reporting position. Reports to CASA Program Mgr. Reporting office is in Bishop. This position allows for up to 20 hours of work per week, and hours may vary based upon agency needs. The position is temporary until July 2026 and may be made permanent at that time dependent on securing of ongoing funding.

Please visit wild-iris.org to see full job description and how to apply.

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

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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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Position: Journeyman Carpenter / Skilled Tradesperson

Location: Mammoth Lakes, CA

Schedule: Full-time

Pay: Competitive, based on experience

Start Date: ASAP



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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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Notice of Unclaimed Checks

SOUTHERN MONO HEALTH CARE DISTRICT
PUBLIC NOTICE - UNCLAIMED CHECKS.

Pursuant to State of California Government Code Section 50050, notice is hereby given by Southern Mono Health Care District that the following checks, not the property of the District, have been held by the District in the Unclaimed Checks Trust Fund for more than three years. These amounts will become the property of Southern Mono Health Care District if no verified complaint is filed and served by August 11, 2025. Any persons possessing an interest in this property may inquire at the Southern Mono Health Care District Finance department, 85 Sierra Park Road, Mammoth Lakes, Ca 93546, or call 760 924-4036

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Harshit Nagpal	
Jaime Gilles	
James Quaschnick	
Andrew Lane	
Mono County Dept. of Public Health	

TS #2025-0103

PERSONALS

I hope to see you ... at Bluesapalooza on Sunday. May you play your El Corazon album in its entirety. I'm ready to go down to Taneytown! I saw you ... just got evicted. Figures. As soon

as you start complaining about a leaky roof, landlord's gonna boot your ass. But look on the bright side. Next place you rent might have a functioning toilet!

NOTICES

Notice of Sale of Unclaimed Prop.

SALE OF UNCLAIMED PERSONAL PROPERTY

In accordance with California Civil Code Section 1988(b), all possessions including drones, iPads, Fujifilm camera, KitchenAid mixer, smoker, wood pizza oven, snowblower, chainsaw, pressure washer, gun safe, tools, workbenches, camping/fishing gear, furniture, weights, refrigerators, boots, helmets, personal items, etc., left by Jeffrey Mitchum in the possession of Donna Petersen at 1177 Willow Flats Trail, Bridgeport, CA will be sold as-is at public auction on August 23, 2025 from 10 a.m. 'til 2 p.m. at 1177 Willow Flats Trail, Bridgeport, CA to the highest bidder for cash. reina@cresq.com

TS #2025-0097

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

Mammoth Yoga and Wellness Studio

Livitate LLC
3399 Main St., Unit W
P.O. Box 1434
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 May 30, 2025
File Number 2025-0079
TS #2025-0095 (7/12, 7/19, 7/26, 8/2)

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

Yoga Mammoth Wellness Studio

Livitate LLC
3399 Main St., Unit W
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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 May 30, 2025
File Number 2025-0079
TS #2025-0094 (7/12, 7/19, 7/26, 8/2)



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, August 13, 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 & Economic Development Commission will hear an application request for the following:

Application Request: Use Permit 24-003 and Major Design Review 24-006 for approval of a six-unit, multi-family residential apartment project located within the Residential Multi-Family 1 (RMF-1) zoning district at 54 Mono Street. A Use Permit is required because the application includes a request for a density bonus pursuant to the Town's Density Bonus Ordinance.

CEQA Determination: The application is categorically exempt from CEQA review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines §15332, In-Fill Development Projects.

Location: 54 Mono Street (APNs: 033-123-012-000)

Zoning: Residential Multi-Family 1 (RMF-1)

Proponent: Chak Fai Lau (Applicant) / Bipin Morari (Property Owner)

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 August 8, 2025, contact Gina Montecallo, Assistant Planner, at (760) 965-3641 or email: gmontecallo@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

Mammoth Lakes Planning & Economic Development Commission
PO Box 1609
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

TS #2025-0101

Notice of Petition to Administer Estate

Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of Geraldine Cady
Mono County Superior Court Case Number 25PRM7

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of GERALDINE CADY. A Petition for Probate has been filed by JEROLD AARON BLAIN in the Superior Court of California, County of Mono.

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: August 21, 2025, 9:30 a.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: Debby M. Ehrlich, (SBN: 165257) DME & Associates, 4305 Third Ave., Ste. 3405, San Diego, CA 92103. (805) 312.8059

TS #2025-0100

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

Implementing Change

Peace Within LLC
132 Mammoth Slopes Dr. #8
P.O. Box 7725
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by a limited liability company. The registrant has not yet commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on July 3, 2025
File Number 2025-0095
TS #2025-0102 (8/2, 8/9, 8/16, 8/23)

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

Alpine Paint

Jonathan A. and Chelsea Nash
89 Laurel Mountain Rd.
P.O. Box 1516
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by a married couple. The registrants commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on July 1, 2025. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on July 18, 2025
File Number 2025-0104
TS #2025-0099 (7/26, 8/2, 8/9, 8/16)

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

Gris Multi Services

Grisel A. Ambrocio
306 Laurel Mountain Rd., Unit 100
P.O. Box 7622
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on March 1, 2025. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Mono County on March 18, 2025
File Number 2025-0036
TS #2025-0098 (7/26, 8/2, 8/9, 8/16)



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SHAKESPEARE FEST OPENS AUG. 5

The 5th annual Mammoth Shakespeare Festival will feature productions of Romeo and Juliet and A Midsummer Night's Dream. Romeo and Juliet opens the festival this coming Tuesday.

One comedy, one tragedy. Love as the theme. Both written, according to scholars, in the mid-1590s, with Romeo and Juliet coming first.

Romeo and Juliet is being directed by Allison Page while Midsummer is being directed by Shira Dubrovner.

According to Page, "The advantage of doing a famous play is that you can switch it around a little, set it in modern day, and rename a few characters. The words are the same, though fewer of them, and in this production, Paris no longer gets killed by Romeo (for me that plot point was always a distraction), and Friar Laurence is now Professor Laurence, a local environmental studies teacher and mentor to Romeo."

Sometimes, casting also plays a role - especially because there's a general dearth of male actors, at least locally.

"Lady Capulet, Juliet's mother, is the main villain and I gave most of Lord Capulet's lines to her. I also have Romeo being raised by his grandmother. Perhaps his parents were killed in the feud? When I failed to cast a Lord Montague, I celebrated the happy accident. Two young people either without parents or with toxic ones sets fertile ground for the ensuing tragedy.

The themes of generational disconnection and feuding factions seems particularly relevant today. If adults had tried to understand and taken better care, would Romeo and Juliet have died and are we still making these tragic mistakes today? I cast actual teenagers because there is no better vessel for the expression of emo-

tional overwhelm.

... The more I read the play and about the play the more I am convinced that Shakespeare didn't mean the feud to be specific. (West Side Story be damned!) Chief Prince says it's based on an "airy" word, meaning something flimsy and unimportant. He also calls it an "ancient grudge," implying a feeling less than outright hatred. We hang onto ancient grudges and airy words a lot these days: a flimsy annoyance is "toxic" and turns to outright aggression; a mild disagreement leads to hatred. Adults among us are fueled by grievance while young people are simply trying to stay afloat and have a good time. Ultimately the play is about what it takes for a war to cease, for feuding factions to forgive. And hopefully, the older generation especially, heeds the bitter warning.

The final reason for my play choice is the passing of my beloved friend Chuck Scatolini, actor-extraordinaire, board member and my partner in crime since Shakespeare in the woods first started 16 years ago. He would have hated that I had to lay it on thick and choose a tragedy. This show is for you."

Romeo and Juliet will run the first week (Aug. 5-10) before the shows alternate week 2 and Midsummer takes week 3.

Speaking of casting male actors, Dubrovner held a casting call down south to find her Lysander, a young actor named Michael Neal Johnson.

"Male actors are hard to find in this town, and the ones we have you've seen before. A lot," she said with a laugh. Which is why she went searching for a fresh face.

Look for reviews of each play in the coming weeks. And for ticket info, see the ad on p. 4.





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COUNTY SELPA DIRECTOR

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GAYLA'S GALLERY

By Gayla Wolf



On Saturday, July 26, Gayla was on hand as young anglers took in their lines at the 36th Annual Kid's Fishing Festival in Mammoth. In the Snowcreek ponds, the CDFW dropped 800 lbs. of trout ranging in weight from 1 to 6 pounds, which, when caught, were cleaned and grilled on site. There was also a coloring booth, entomology booth, fly tying booth and river aquarium at the event so the children could learn more about their catches.



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SIGN, SIGN, EVERYWHERE A SIGN

By Michael Gregory

Recent visitors to our national parks and monuments—especially the sharp-eyed or ideologically-bent—may have noticed one nasty, unwelcome little addition to all that scenic beauty.

Pursuant to an Executive Order dated March 27, 2025 and bearing the title “Restoring Truth And Sanity to American History,” Secretary of Interior Doug Burgum has been directed to “take action [...] to ensure that all public monuments, memorials, statues, markers, or similar properties within the Department of the Interior’s jurisdiction do not contain descriptions, depictions, or other content that inappropriately disparage Americans past or living (including persons living in colonial times).”

A large task, even heedless of “colonial times.” But Doug is up to the challenge. The former management consultant, Microsoft executive, two-time governor of North Dakota, and abortive 2024 presidential candidate has cleverly deployed in each location a small placard with a QR code inviting the reader to:

Please let us know if you have identified (1) any areas that need repair; (2) any services that need improvement; or (3) any signs or other information that are negative about either past or living Americans or that fail to emphasize the beauty, grandeur, and abundance of landscapes and other natural features.

This curiosity deserves some close reading. On the one hand, the depth

at which Doug has buried the lead suggests a shamefacedness remarkably—and in fact refreshingly—out of keeping with the current administration’s usual style. On the other hand, the original order’s qualified phrase “inappropriately disparage [...] past or living Americans” has at some point given way to the broader, flatter, more illiterate “are negative about [...] past or living Americans.” It’s not hard to imagine the train of thought behind the change. What if some patriotic American accidentally visits Manzanar and discovers, to his horror, that he left both his dictionary and sense of nuance at home? Better make it obvious to that guy what we mean.

Not that it matters much; neither version of the injunction is precise or practical. How, for example, can the interpretive rangers at Manzanar National Historic Site, or Birmingham Civil Rights National Monument, or Little Bighorn Battlefield National Monument, or Stonewall National Monument, or Antietam National Battlefield even conceive of what they’re enduring rock-bottom wages for if they can’t honestly address the reason their park exists? What are they supposed to do at Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site—just shrug, wear a wry smile, and say that it was just one of those quirky little mishaps of history where dozens of men, women, and children were shot to death and no one was at fault?

This standard, promulgated by a man

to whom disparaging Americans is as natural as pressing his thumb to the small white “X” on his home screen, is of course impossible for these rangers—and dangerous for the rest of us—to meet. We have a Civil War in our rearview mirror, for one, and we cannot logically or morally afford to “be positive about” all the past Americans involved. As stewards of our nation’s history we must be attentive to our triumphs and disgraces alike.

The impossibility, however, is likely the point: the faint totalitarian whiff surrounding this (admittedly) minor incident. Vague, overly broad, or straightforwardly impossible legisla-

tion is the stock-in-trade of totalitarian legal corruption. Secretary Burgum’s sordid little placard, of course, does not amount to a criminal statute—though it isn’t hard to imagine someone losing their job over it. Instead it’s just another bad omen, now ubiquitous by decree in our nation’s most beautiful parks and preserves.

Fortunately, early reports indicate that many visitors are using the QR code to share encouraging remarks about parks and their hardworking staff. And, by all means, use it to report trash. I can think of a couple little notices that ought to go.

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Individuals interested in applying must meet the following requirements: A minimum of five years' professional experience within the state of California is required in one of the following professions:

- Certified Public Accountant or Public Accountant
- Licensed Real Estate Broker
- Attorney
- Property Appraiser Certified by 1) a Nationally Recognized Professional Organization; 2) the Office of Real Estate Appraisers; or 3) the California State Board of Equalization.

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- \$175 per meeting (typically 8-10 meetings per year, typically 2-4 hours in duration)
- Mileage reimbursement (current IRS standard mileage rate) for travel from the Board Member's residence to the hearing location.

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