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Thisbe (Tim Casey) and Tom Snout (Jeff Frome) act as The Rude Mechanicals as Mammoth's Shakespeare Festival continues. For a review of A Midsummer Night's Dream, see p. 8-9.

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SHORT-TIMERS

By Fisher

On Tuesday evening, residents and realtors filled the June Lake Community Center to discuss one of Mono County's most divisive issues: short-term rentals (STRs).

The consultant declared STRs do not have an impact on affordable housing.

The Mammoth Lakes Board of Realtors contracted independent analysts to assess the economic impacts of STRs as county leaders weigh the possibility of adding new restrictions.

"The first thing to get off the table is the assumption that STRs take away affordable housing," began Jack Graecen, Founding Partner and CEO of AEG Policy Advisors, "That is, by and large, not true."

The survey wasn't finished by the time of the talk, so Graecen drew mainly on his years of research from other recreation-based towns. Across the board, he said, municipalities blame STRs for their housing problems because they don't want to develop more housing.

"The reality," he said, "is that in 20-30 years, the rest of Mono County will look similar to Mammoth. Probably similar to Park City, Utah."

With the U.S. population rapidly increasing (*according to Graecen and not birth rates*) housing demand is growing everywhere, especially in resort areas. Graecen's studies show thousands of new homes are needed in every comparable market to Mono County. But instead of building, communities point to STRs as the culprit.

Graecen says they're not to blame.

In Mono County, 60% of homes sit vacant part or all

of the year. If STRs stopped operating, 80% of their owners say the homes would also sit empty.

Of those who would sell, most would take the best offer, likely one by another second-homeowner.

"Almost none" would rent long-term, he said, because the rent payments aren't enough of an incentive. Plus, long-term rentals take away the opportunity for the owners to vacation at the property whenever they want to.

Most STR owners, about 90%, are individuals who use the property part-time.

Because of this, Graecen warned that STR caps, bans or deed restrictions shrink local revenue and push property sales to high-income buyers without meaningfully increasing housing for locals.

Furthermore, he refuted the claim that STRs meaningfully drive up housing costs, and said the math didn't add up to support that assumption.

By his figures, STRs only increase housing prices by 1.14% in a marketplace, and increase rental costs by just 0.79% annually.

When it was time for questions, one attendee asked if Graecen found anything that does work to increase the affordable housing stock.

"We have to build housing," he responded. "And if we don't, it's going to be really interesting to see how everything plays out."

Then, Mono County Supervisor Paul McFarland clarified that the County is not proposing getting rid of all STRs, just not allowing new ones.

Graecen laughed, and said every elected official tells him that, but that plan still leads to fewer STRs over time. And

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NOT SO EASE-Y

By Libre

A Mammoth Lakes business owner's proposal for a six-unit employee housing project was unveiled Wednesday at the Mammoth Lakes Planning and Economic Development Commission meeting. A decision on the fate of the project was delayed in order to address concerns from neighbors.

The multi-family affordable housing project would be located at 54 Mono Street. The project application allows for a base density of three units, and includes a density bonus request for an additional

three units, resulting in six total units. 3+3=6!

The applicant introduced himself via zoom as Bipin Morari. He briefly stated that he has owned a hotel in town since 1995. His goal with this project was to build affordable housing for his employees.

Morari's efforts were initially commended by commissioners Cynthia Fleming, Dawn Vereuck and Lana Grand.

"I wish more employers had the opportunity to do this," Fleming said.

Vereuck echoed her sentiments. She noted that there is a need for employers to provide housing.

"It's a refreshing and amazing project to see," Grand followed.

All six of the units would be restricted to workforce housing. The applicants would be vetted on a case by case basis by Eastern Sierra Community Housing.

Chair Michael Vanderhurst questioned the application's inclusion of employees in both Mono and Inyo counties.

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SALTY AND SWEET



The beauty of the Eastern Sierra was on display this week. Above: Fisher @ Mono Lake. Below: Lunch on Reata in Bishop

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“If you see something going on that’s not right, the most powerful form of consent is to say nothing. And I think that’s not acceptable to your company, to the team that works so hard for your company, for your customers, or for your country. Or for each country that you happen to be operating in.”
-Tim Cook, Apple CEO (2017)

On page 360 of Patrick McGee’s “Apple in China: The Capture of the World’s Greatest Company,” he references a moment in December, 2022 when a reporter corners Tim Cook on Capitol Hill and asks, “Do you think it’s problematic to do business with Communist China when they suppress human rights?”
Cook ignored the question, eyes cast downward, as he changed directions to avoid the reporter.
One of Apple’s supply chain executives characterized the confrontation as “the worst forty-five seconds of Cook’s career.”

Cook’s silence, writes McGee, “was highly indicative of just how beholden America’s most valuable company had become to an authoritarian state.”
And McGee’s book traces Apple’s naive, greedy, ambitious, almost inevitable path into the dragon’s lair.
The naivete was the generally accepted belief that the introduction of laissez-faire capitalism will inevitably produce a more liberal society inculcated with the rule of law.
From the outset, Apple had a fundamental misunderstanding of China. It thought that creating jobs was enough.
But a better understanding of Chinese culture, as explained by John Ford, who opened the first Apple Store in Beijing, yields a more nuanced view.
“They call it big potato, small potato,” he’s quoted as saying. Sure Apple was creating a lot of jobs, but they were also making a lot of money and those two things tend to balance out, so China didn’t owe Apple anything and the job creating conferred no leverage.
“We approach everything from this Western mindset of fairness,” said Ford. “The Chinese approach it from positional power - who’s got more strength?”
China’s end game has never been capitalism.
“The party’s whole reform program was meant to lure in capital and Western businesses as a way of learning, so China could reverse-engineer

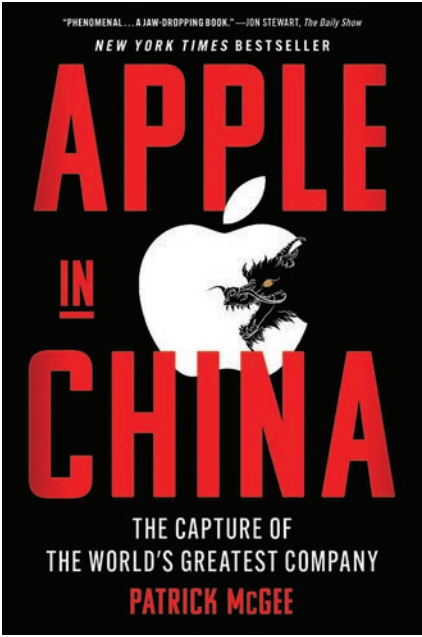
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“I think I’m maintaining the quality, but internally I’m paying for it.”
-Gary Larson

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WWII was \$131 billion over four years in today’s dollars.
“One of the great ironies of our time,” said Doug Guthrie, one of Apple’s key players in China, “is that the largest Communist society in the world is also the most dynamic capitalist economy in the world.”

In 2000, Apple had manufacturing operations in the US, Mexico, Wales, Ireland, Czech republic, Singapore, South Korea, Taiwan, and starting in China.
Within a decade, virtually all production had shifted to China with much of the final assembly done by a single partner (Foxconn).
How did this happen?
As McGee writes, “It was the ubiquity of labor, workers’ flexibility, the presence of ‘next door’ suppliers and tailor-made export policies.”
As one engineer explains, “Any time you had some problem or change, you could get a mountain of people to follow you down to the X-ray room or to the testing lab or to the sourcing lab to get materials or parts, or to try some machining or something. It was all right at your fingertips. Anything we wanted we could get ... if they didn’t have it, they’d go buy it. We’d send ‘em out to the store at 2 a.m. to get some measurement device or material to remove something or to apply something so it would work better.”
Meanwhile, they were putting up massive factories in a matter of months. “China is building the square-foot equivalent of Rome every two weeks,” said one observer.
And how did they figure out where to install the air-conditioning?
“Well, whichever facilities have the equipment that needs air-conditioning.”
Labor, it goes without saying, did not need air-conditioning.

So what’s happening now? Apple’s made a big splash in recent weeks touting its plan to make a \$600 billion investment in America.
But one thing you learn in reading this book is how complex supply chains are, and nothing is ever quite as simple as plug ‘n play, no matter how much money you toss at a problem.
In short, you don’t just replace 25-years of built-up manufacturing expertise overnight, never mind trying to find willing American labor.
Apple’s other big interim risk as it attempts to decouple and deleverage is Taiwan.
Chinese leader Xi Jinping has pledged to resolve [annex] Taiwan within this generation.
And if anything happened to Taiwanese chip maker TSMC, “the impact would be the equivalent of a meteor strike,” to Apple.
Why has Warren Buffett been selling off his Apple stake? “TSMC is one of the best managed and most important companies in the world,” he said in 2023. “But I don’t like its location and I reevaluated that.”

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the technology, replicate it and then replace it.”
“I don’t ever remember a strategic withholding of information,” said one former Apple industrial engineer. All we cared about was making the most immaculate thing ... we were inventing every day. It was absolutely wonderful as an experience. But I guess we were unwittingly tooling them up with incredible know-how and experience.”
By 2015, Apple’s investment in China amounted to \$55 billion per year.
To put this number in context, the U.S. investment in Europe post-

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LETTERS

Approve this!

Dear Editor,

My name is Dan Khatchaturian, and I own the Shops at Bishop Plaza. I am writing in response to the Public Hearing Notice regarding the proposed subdivision of the 1.95-acre parcel adjacent to our property.

First, I would like to thank Inyo County Planner Cathreen Richards for taking the time to clearly and thoroughly explain the proposed zoning changes to the defunct Arbors project.

I strongly support Zone Reclassification #2025-04 and Variance #2025-02 for Tentative Tract Map #253.

As the Planning Department noted, the subject property has sat vacant for over two decades. It has become not only an eyesore but also a deterrent to potential investment in our community.

The proposed conversion of this nearly two-acre condominium parcel into 22 individual fee-simple home sites will substantially increase its value and greatly improve the likelihood of development.

We are all aware of the housing shortage in our community, as well as the State of California's mandate to increase housing production. This zone change will help Inyo County make meaningful progress toward meeting the state's housing goals.

Moreover, the new residents will bring additional economic vitality, supporting local merchants and strengthening our small-business community.

I respectfully urge the County to approve this reclassification and variance without imposing restrictions that might hinder or delay development.

Dan Khatchaturian
Bishop Plaza

Never submit

Dear Editor,

For 60 years I was a fiscally conservative Republican. When the MAGAs, white supremacists, neo Nazis and pseudo Christians, stole my party, I became a no political party person.

Our Congressman Kevin Kiley stated in a news release that the recently passed "Big Beautiful Bill" (BBB) did not reduce Medicaid and other health benefits. I Googled: How many people will lose health insurance under the BBB? The answers ranged from 10 million to 17 million people. Kiley needs to explain his position.

Our democracy thrives only when the three branches of government each do their job: Supreme Court, Congress and Executive. It appears that the Supreme Court has lost credibility. It appears as if Congress has abandoned its responsibilities by allowing the Executive branch to usurp Congress's power. The Executive branch ignores laws, spreads conspiracies, raises the debt limit to \$5 trillion, hides the Epstein files, illegally levies tariffs, accepts foreign gifts, arrests and deports people without due process and is considering giving democratic

Ukraine to dictator Putin. The emasculated Republican party is a partner to these atrocities. Trump is allowing China to spread lies, via TikTok, that will further undermine our democracy. China is thrilled. China wants to replace America as the world's leader; she is well on her way. Never submit.

Sharon Raven Clark
Mammoth Lakes

Now that money's been freed up ...

Dear Editor Lunch,

In the July 26, 2025 edition of The Sheet it was reported that the Alterrans have decided to "indefinitely postpone" building a new Main Lodge.

I'm sure we're all bummed. Silver lining: perhaps Alterra will use the savings to install devices on Lincoln Mountain so that initial avalanche control can be accomplished remotely, without putting patrollers' lives at risk.

Similar to the Gazex machines that CalTrans has installed above US 395 north of Lee Vining.

Alternatively, or in addition thereto, Alterra should explore deploying Drone Avalanche Reduction Technology (DART), as is being used by Alaska's Department of Transportation. I hope it does; though such efforts will be a tragic reminder that it takes the death of a patroller for Alterra to look out for their safety.

Allen Berrey
Bishop

Kiley's a HUAC

Dear Sheet:

During the 1940s and 1950s the U.S. Congress, with the okay from both the Truman and Eisenhower administrations, went on a spree of rooting out and harassing individuals and organizations deemed to be communists and so-called fellow travelers.

This was known as The Red Scare. Many lives were ruined and many organizations, especially unions and civil rights groups, were pilloried with no way to protect themselves.

Newspapers and the entertainment industry were also targeted.

Of course, universities also were accused of teaching subversive subjects.

The current attack on DEI seems very similar. Truman and Eisenhower later apologized for their roles in the Red Scare, as I am sure our dear leader will be for his current role.

The committee in the '40s and '50s was called The House Committee to Investigate Un-American Activities (HUAC). How ironic is it that now the most American of values such as diversity, inclusion and equality are deemed to be subversive and Un-American. Our congressional representative, Kevin Kiley, joins the ranks of the red-baiting racists of yesteryear. I am sad and angry having him as my representative.

Bob Kittle
Sunny Slopes



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LOCAL NEWS

A CLOG IN THE DRAIN

By Fisher

The current Mono City water system is old. Really old. In fact, it's 55 years old, and leaking.

So, the nonprofit in charge of providing water to the area, the Lundy Mutual Water Company (LMWC), got a grant from the state to replace the infrastructure, and it's got a contractor in the field working on it right now.

It all sounds great... except for one problem. LMWC doesn't have the cash in its pocket yet, and the contractor is due for payment.

The state grant promises to reimburse the money, not pay for it outright. And with a small budget and no collateral, not a single financial institution agreed to front the cash. So, on Tuesday, the Mono County Supervisors approved a \$511,500 gap loan on the project.

The motion to approve the funds was approved 4-0, with Supervisor Rhonda Duggan absent from the vote.

All present Supervisors were in general approval of allocating the money, so discussion centered instead on removing the proposed 5% interest rate for the loan. The board ultimately agreed to do away with it.

"I'm just really thankful that the county moved quickly and did not get brought down by any bureaucracy," Tony Dublino, LMWC Board President said in

an interview with the Sheet Wednesday.

That speed was essential for LMWC because the organization was in complete panic mode. Why? Well, let's rewind a bit.

The California Department of Water Resources (DWR) awarded its grant in January 2023. Throughout 2024, LMWC worked with DWR to design, permit and complete the planning and review process for the project. It was put out to bid in May 2025, and LMWC awarded a contract in June 2025.

During that time, LMWC had been in communication with a lending institution that specializes in bridge loan funding for undercapitalized rural districts. It was LMWC's impression that, if its application was timed correctly, this lending organization would front the cash.

By the way, that 'perfect timing' was right when the contract was awarded, assuming the money would flow in 60-90 days thereafter. In other words: right before construction.

Here's where it all falls apart.

"When that time came and we applied, they told us they were in a financial crunch," Dublino said. "Suddenly, they had suspended loan approvals for the time being. So that was it. We had put all of our eggs into that basket and were out of luck."

LMWC started scrambling for another funding source to no avail.

The only things LMWC has to its name are two oddly shaped lots with water infrastructure on them and jurisdiction over soon-to-be-replaced pipes in the ground. So, it had no way of proving it would actually repay its debts.

The organization's total annual revenue is \$77,850, and it was asking for upwards of half a million. The DWR grant wasn't enough evidence for traditional lenders, and nobody was taking the bait.

Except, that is, the County.

"I started thinking, 'who actually has a million dollars?' Because not very many people do, most businesses don't. I don't know any kind of entity that has that kind of money just sitting around," Dublino said. "Then, I started talking to [Supervisor Paul McFarland] and it turned out that this was something that the Board has done before."

Hence Tuesday's decision. The loan was presented to the board with a 5% fixed interest rate through January 2026, with complete repayment due in January 2026.

The action had two letters of written public support towards it. The Supervisors were also decidedly enthusiastic about supporting LMWC, as they refused to accept the interest term.

"Is there any way to put into this [agreement] that they don't have to pay any interest at all?" Supervisor John Peters asked the staff.

The other Supervisors were pleased by this suggestion, and ordered staff to add an amendment to keep the LMWC loan from accruing any interest at all.

With these funds, the project, currently under construction, is still on track to be complete by November.

The fate of other water districts in the Eastern Sierra, however, are still up in the air.

Mono City isn't the only district with aging water infrastructure. Lee Vining's infrastructure is up for an expensive renewal alongside its anticipated highway project. June Lake's water infrastructure hasn't been updated since the 1930s, the Sheet reported in November.

"[These water districts] are all reaching their end of life," Dublino said. "Nobody wants to increase rates. And as a result, there's no money left over. There's a need for million dollar projects that are increasing in price every single year. And all of those projects are going to need to happen at some point."

"And so," he continued. "We're really lucky. LMWC is extremely lucky."



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He stated that he would rather see those living in Mono, and Mammoth take priority in the proposed housing.

The meeting then opened for public comment. Keith and Kim Erickson, who own and live in the property neighboring the proposed site, both expressed their concerns with the application. They live in a three-unit, multi-family unit.

Kim Erickson spoke first.

“The whole project plan starts off, in our eyes, as extremely fraudulent as the easement going to our property is exclusive,” Erickson said.

The easement is 30-feet wide, and is currently on the applicant’s property. Going through that easement is the only way to get to the Erickson property.

“I feel like the owner and developer have been misled into thinking they can share this exclusive easement with us. That’s our biggest concern,” Erickson continued. She was adamant that the Ericksons would not, in fact, share their easement. She worried that come winter, when the snowblowers needed to clear space for the possible tenants to enter their home, the piled snow would block the entrance to their home.

She also doubled down on her theory that this application was deceitful. “I’m hard-pressed to believe that it’s for workforce housing.”

“I just kind of feel like I’m getting pooped on,” Keith Erickson added.

Pete Minor and Frank Longo, both property owners on Mono Street, also spoke against the application.

Mammoth Public Works Director Haislip Hayes presented a 2023 letter from Dan Holler, former Town Manager. The letter discussed the legal relationship between Morari’s property on 54 Mono Street, Parcel 1, and the Erickson’s property on 56 Mono Street, Parcel 2.

“The description of the Access Easement of the Parcel Map, appears to create an ambiguity by the use of the term ‘exclusive,’” the document stated. Meaning, in layman’s terms, that there is no clear definition of the word exclusive in the context of the Mono Street debacle. The letter deems that the two parcels would, in fact, share the easement, in the form of a shared driveway. This driveway would be exclusive to the owners of Parcel 1 and 2.

The commissioners voted to continue the agenda item to their October 8th meeting. As a part of this unanimous decision, the board also voted to schedule a site visit, which they would all attend along with the Ericksons, Morari, and the architect of the potential development, prior to the October 8th meeting.

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revenue. Less revenue equates to fewer jobs. So on and so forth.

“In the back of your mind, there is still an arbitrary total percent of housing you allow to be STRs in your community” he said. “It’s a slow wave. A death of a thousand cuts. But you end up in the same spot.”

Graecen reemphasized that he sees no way around development. Sitting behind McFarland, local contractor Don Morton, chimed in.

“The county’s approach is narrow in that it’s just focused on restricting STRs,” he said. “It doesn’t take in the whole picture [...] the focus of the county, from my experience, is restricting new development.”

McFarland responded that Mono County doesn’t have the same land ownership patterns as other places because there is limited private land.

Graecen was sympathetic, and said he understood California was harder and more expensive to build in. But he wasn’t sold on the idea it couldn’t be done.

This prompted McFarland to go on a digression about how the story of STRs goes beyond the economic aspect, and that it’s a “people’s story,” too.

Later, he brought up a report from the California Association of Realtors naming Mono County the least affordable in the state. That mattered, he said, because, “Valuation means more to the community as a whole than just to the folks who look at real estate as an investment.”



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ARTS

WALKING ON A DREAM

By Libre

On Tuesday night, The Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre received a standing ovation for a *Midsummer's Night Dream*. Well deserved, in my opinion. It was as if the audience was sprinkled with fairy dust and transported to a dreamscape.

Director Shira Dubrovner's touch made the play both tangible and compelling. She set the play in the 1800s, emulating *Bridgerton*. Although not contemporary, this placed the play in a culturally relevant context, somewhere the audience could relate to and understand. The soundtrack and many of the costumes further mirrored the popular Netflix TV series. For her fairies, Dubrovner added another twist, drawing inspiration from *Mad Max*.

"I was just thinking of Tina Turner's hair," she said in an interview with *The Sheet*, in reference to her rendering of the character Puck.

Dubrovner's twists reached further than the setting and costumes. She added numerous dance numbers that the fairies took part in, like their mid-show rendition of *Sweet Dreams*. She switched the roles between Oberon (Jesse Steele) and Tania (Kaytee Long Becker). This created a plot point in which the fairy king, not the fairy queen, fell in love with Nick Bottom (Maurice Cooper). Steele and Cooper's chemistry made the audience howl with laughter. It made me think of how these scenes were in Shake-

speare's time, when all the actors were men. I imagined stinky British men with rotting teeth in the 1600s. Gender play? Never not funny.

Directing *Midsummer* was an intense labor of love, Dubrovner explained. At the Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre, which she founded in 2009, there are no costume designers and no stage managers. Dubrovner sat through every hour of rehearsal. She hand built the sets. She hand painted each fairy costume.

"It takes hundreds and hundreds of hours," Dubrovner said. But, she said, the process is worth it. "What's really wonderful is taking this concept, planting that seed, and seeing it blossom and grow. It's kind of addictive."

The cast behind Dubrovner's directing truly made this iteration of *Midsummer Night's Dream* come alive. I couldn't stop laughing at Cooper's donkey impression and Belaunzaran's lion roar. I was delighted by Puck's (Elaine Mirelle's) sinister weirdness, her flexibility, her darting tongue. I felt for Helena (Kelly Rose McCann) as she pined for Demetrius (Skyler Kenny). And I grieved for Heremia (Tyler McManus) when Lysander (Micheal Neal Johnson) suddenly stopped loving her.

"The talent pool is so big," Cooper said in an interview with *The Sheet*. The cast included actors with all different levels of experience, each who had a different tie to



From left, Mote Fairy (Finn Calhoun), Nick Bottom (Maurice Cooper), and Oberon (Jesse Steel)

the community.

"It's probably one of the coolest ways to meet people in Mammoth," Cooper continued. He's been acting in Mammoth since 2015. He says this is where he's worked with the most talented people.

McCann elaborated on the joys of community theater. She studied theater in college, but this was her first show on the Mammoth stage. She stated that when theater no longer was the focus of every-

one's lives, it became much more fun.

"We were doing this for the love of it," she said. "It was just really enjoyable, because everybody wanted to be there really badly."

One member of the cast, Johnson, made the trek from LA to play Lysander. He was filling a role that has been left empty at the last minute. He'd never been to Mammoth prior to joining the play, but he said he

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was welcomed with open arms. “The energy and the vibe of everybody just working together to put on this show for neighbors and friends has been such a heartwarming and positive experience for me,” Johnson said.

Dubrovner hopes that the Mammoth Shakespeare festival will ultimately draw people from far and near. “The goal is to make it into a staple of the summer,” she said.

A Midsummer Night’s Dream is an inherently absurd story. Yet its themes--the flippancy of love, the selfishness of man and fairies alike--continue to ring true. “These stories share a type of communal catharsis,” Johnson said.

I asked him what he meant. He defined communal catharsis as the feeling of experiencing love and tragedy and joy alongside the people who constitute our society.

After we spoke, I reflected on this idea. Maybe the shared experience of watching the play not only transported the audience, but it connected us. Maybe, that’s the beauty of community theatre. It celebrates what makes us innately human.



From left, Robin Starveling (Roger Rea), Philostrate (Meredith Stevenson), Helena (Kelly Rose McCann), Demetrius (Skylar Kenny), Snug (Brenda Belaunzaran), Theseus (Jesse Steele), and Hippolyta (Kaytee Long Becker). Above, Puck (Elaine Mirelle).

Cast List
Cobweb Fairy – Chloe Bair
Hippolyta/Tatania – Kaytee Long Becker
Snug – Brenda Belaunzaran
Mote Fairy – Finn Calhoun
Francis Flute/Thisbe – Tim Casey
Nick Bottom – Maurice Cooper
Patty Quince – Michele Dossey
Tom Snout – Jeff Frome
Lysander – Michael Neal Johnson
Egeus – Juliana Olinka Jones
Demetrius – Skylar Kenny
Mustardseed – Maxine Virginia Kenny
Helena – Kelly Rose McCann
Hermia/Choreographer – Tyler McManus
Robin Starveling – Roger Rea
Puck/Robin Goodfellow – Elaine Mirelle
Sweetpea Fairy – Gretchen Seibert
Theseus/Oberon – Jesse Steele
Philostrate/Peablossom Fairy – Meredith Stevenson
Snowdrop Fairy – Sam Taylor

MORE LUNCH

So my daughter participated in WEB training at Home Street Middle School this past week - that’s where 8th graders go through a few days of leadership training before they’re assigned to a group of 6th graders to show around campus during orientation - which occurred a few days before the first day of school. My daughter was pretty excited about it - she really does like being helpful.

On Tuesday, after orientation, I asked her how it went.

“Terrible,” she said. “No one listened to anything I had to say.”

I felt like saying, “Girl, I can relate!” in inspired colloquial banter, but instead, I offered condolences. Then, “How’d it go for your friends?”

“Good. They all had good groups.”

“So I guess you lucked out.”

**Insert irritated, sassy face here.*

I receive an email from Mr. Blocker the next day reminding WEB leaders to wear their WEB shirts so the 6th graders know who they can talk to if they get lost or disoriented on Thursday.

I share the contents of the email.

“What do I care if they get lost?!?! They didn’t want to listen to me. They’re on their own! Besides, I already have clothes picked out for tomorrow.”

Your experience is not universal, I gently tried to explain. What if there’s a shy, wonderful 6th grader who really needs some help?”

“There are plenty of kids to ask. They’ll be fine.”

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Shedeur Sanders got his NFL debut in a preseason game. He looked pretty good. He had one ridiculous scramble they have always dinged him for, but other than that he was good. I don't get people saying he isn't athletic. The knock is, HE ISN'T DEION SANDERS ATHLETIC. Well you dummy, who the hell is? Deion is a hall of famer, an UPPER LEVEL hall of famer, one of the greatest athletes EVER. The fact that his son isn't as athletic as he is doesn't mean he is not athletic. That is like saying YOUR WIFE AIN'T AS PRETTY AS GAL GADOT SO SHE IS UGLY.

Sanders is clearly the best option for the Browns. They should have pitted him against Dillon Gabriel all offseason and traded Pickett for some pickles and condoms. Then keep Flacco just for fun in case both roomies flame out.

NFL Predictions. This week we have the EASTS and WESTS.

NFC EAST

Eagles are the best team. Defending champs. You know how hard it is to repeat, and they lost their OC. Eagles have crazy talent but will they keep winning when they can't throw effectively? 11-6. They get the Cowboys and Giants twice a year. Four wins there.

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are funny cuz they won ALL their close games last year. That's hard to repeat as well. But they are talented and well-coached and the QB Jayden Daniels ... he is that guy. 10-7.

Cowboys. I hate their owner and his raggedy-ass son. I hate their coaching hire and their RB room. They added WR George Pickens, and contrary to popular belief, that is not a good thing. Head case. Micah Parsons contract distraction will resolve by the coin toss at the opener. Cowboys coach is son of legendary Marty Schottenheimer, who never won in the playoffs. Son won't get that far. 7-10.

Giants. Ain't worth a discussion but they are an NFL team. They have what could be a great front four on defense. They have a good left tackle. They drafted a QB. They still have Daboll and the GM cooking things up. Not impressed. 5-12. Just fire everybody already.

AFC EAST

Bills clearly the class of the group. They have Josh Allen. 12-5.

Dolphins charade is up. They have been a circus masquerading as an NFL team since Coach Mike McDaniel arrived. He is now talking about how they want toughness and physicality. Uhhh. YOU ARE AN NFL TEAM. Isn't that what you should want from the start? He is the

parent who let the kid eat HoHo's and Twinkies for breakfast, lunch and dinner trying to make him eat his peas. Good luck. He will be fired by week 7. Dolphins 8-9. Tyreek Hill will coach the team the remainder of the season.

Jets. They have Justin Fields at QB. He will be entertaining running for 1300 yards and 15 rushing TDs, while throwing for 1000 yards and 6 passing TDs. The change in culture will only last as long as the idiot owner stays out of it. So 'til week 14. Then he will do something stupid. Jets 6-11 but feisty.

Patriots. I like the way QB Drake Maye played last year. New Coach Mike Vrabel will instill a Mike Tomlin-like mediocrity which is sadly an improvement. So the floor is higher. 9-8.

NFC WEST

Rams. I think they are best team in the division. Problem: Matt Stafford's back. That defense is nasty and young. Will they be better this year? I think so. Added Devante Adams. He is a prima donna but better than Cooper Kupp at this point. 11-7.

Niners. They don't suck but their window is closing fast. They have no receivers right now. Aiyuk is rehabbing with all that money they gave him last year before he got injured. Then Jauan Jennings has a hammy right now and you know how they linger. Like taco smell in a basement. Hard to get rid of. Trust me, I know how that food smell lingers in a basement after a long day of Garlic Cheese Grits and hot links for breakfast, Mac 'n Cheese, BBQ and Wings for afternoon games and pizza for the late game. I miss those get-togethers. But it does linger. 10-7. Their last hurrah.

Hawks. I don't have a good grasp of this team. They are constantly churning the roster and the coaches. I guess one day they will have what they want. Today is not that day. 8-9.

Cards. Why do they still have Kyler Murray? Not a leader. The head coach I initially thought was a head case. Now he is just boring, but seems to have some clue on defense. But they are not great. 8-9.

AFC WEST

Chiefs. Every year the pundits say the Chiefs will fall off. They still have Reid and Mahomes. They still have Spagnola. This year they might have actual receivers. 12-5. They play the NFC East and the AFC South.

Broncos. The Bo Nix love is real. So was the Mac Jones love after his first year and making the playoffs and the Pro Bowl. That defense is stout and no one loves Sean Payton as a coach more than

Sean Payton. Because of the defense and creampuff schedule, 10-7.

Chargers. I don't think Herbert has IT. They lost their left tackle for the year. They have a replacement for him, but that will leave right guard a mess. 9-8. I know that is betting against Harbaugh's second year magic, but the Raiders should also be better.

Raiders. Pete Carroll takes over. That guy never runs out of energy and they HAVE to be better, just acting like a functional NFL organization with Carroll. They still lack players. For some reason, I believe Carroll will get them to 9-8 with a new OC and a functional QB. They have some defensive issues, but Pete is a defensive coach. Their secondary is their big issue, and he should help with that.

Bring Me Your Tired, Your Poor

A Danish zoo is asking owners of companion animals nearing life's end to instead donate them as food for captive lynxes, lions and other carnivores.

In a Facebook post last Thursday, the Aalborg Zoo noted that it welcomed animals that, regardless of circumstance, might be nearing the end of their lives. These animals would be "gently euthanized" by trained employees and then used as food for the zoo's predators, like its European lynx, the zoo notes on its website. Lions and tigers are also part of the zoo's predator exhibits.

The donations would help the zoo mimic the natural food chain by feeding whole prey to its predators, the post said: "This way, nothing goes to waste, and we ensure natural behavior, nutrition, and well-being for our predators."

The post linked to the zoo's website, which described the process for donating horses as food. "Our needs vary throughout the year, and there may be a waiting list," the site explains. For horses, certain conditions must be met, including the horse not having recently been treated for an illness.

"The horse will be delivered alive to Aalborg Zoo, where the horse will be euthanized by a zookeeper and a veterinarian and then slaughtered," the zoo website says.

The zoo also accepts chickens, rabbits and guinea pigs, during weekdays "between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m., but no more than four at a time."

They have limits. That is hilarious. And how is it natural if you are killing the animals before feeding them to the lions? You are cutting up the horse, you are still feeding them the same thing. That's not more natural. What are they talking about?

In other words, we are tired of spending money on food for them and they are acting like we are the food. Well you have wild animals and that is your business. Surely you can afford to feed them. I have an idea, take the people on death row in America over and use them as feed. Don't even "gently euthanize" them first. Let the lions actually hunt those sorry bastards. 30 years for child molestation - no. Aalborg Zoo is your new home. Better than feeding these lowlives for 30 years, we feed them to some lions and tigers.



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A-WAITING GAME

How much is the City of Bishop willing to pay for nostalgia?

About \$20,000. That's how much the city council approved to get a structural engineer's report on the aging A Frame building it owns. The A-Frame has housed the Bishop Chamber of Commerce for the past 55 years.

But at its regular meeting Monday, council made clear the city is facing large, "generational" infrastructure costs and tight budgets for all city services so additional money to possibly fix the structure, half of which has been red-tagged and essentially sealed off, will have to get in line behind other, more pressing priorities.

Some councilmembers didn't want to spend any more on the A Frame since the chamber has not offered any statement on whether it wants to stay there or keep a visitor center in the building, located across Main Street from Schat's Bakker. Meanwhile, the chamber is buying a new building, and the deal is in escrow. The chamber was notified in June it needed to vacate the building but has been silent on its plans since then, leaving the city council twisting in the wind and taking long, loud heat from residents who lambasted the process, and decisions and everything else

the city did regarding the A Frame and the chamber.

The latest public scolding occurred Monday when the council took up approving a contract for the engineering report. Speakers called the A Frame historic, iconic, charming, a great home for the chamber, and an excellent location for a visitor center. Several blasted the "secret" decision-making process about the building that blindsided the public and the chamber and demanded the council be more astute and careful about spending tax money.

But unlike a previous meeting on the same topic with the same level of intense public criticism, this time the council pushed back. Clearly and without hesitation.

The Bishop Chamber of Commerce is a nonprofit, but there are two chamber functions, it was pointed out. One is the traditional chamber of commerce, a business group funded by member dues. Money from that budget will be used to buy the new building. The marketing operation, funded by a TBID tax, has a separate budget and the tax money is largely designated for marketing. (There are even two "chamber" webpages, the marketing page is BishopVisitor, while the regular chamber



page is BishopChamberofCommerce.) "In this digital age," noted councilmember Dennis Freundt, marketing does not require a building. "They could do that work in this room."

The crowd, which has consistently urged in-person visitor contacts, groaned and muttered. A look at the 2023-24 TBID report bears out the digital marketing focus and the limited reach of the visitor center. While the visitor center sees about 19,000 people a year, the chamber web pages get 681,000 visits and 2.2 million interac-

tions; the email list has 46,000 addresses; social media has around 110,000 "followers"; the Visit Bishop App has 57,000 followers, and paid search engine ads reach roughly 38 million.

As far as process, "the chamber has been looking for a new building for years," said Freundt, which countered public comments about a quick council decision without chamber input. City Manager Deston Dishion said he and former City Manager Jim Tatum and former Public Works director David Grah

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inspected the building ten years ago and realized it had been compromised and would be difficult to repair. Making any repairs more problematic, costly and time-consuming is the gauntlet of state permits needed to work on the banks of the South Fork of Bishop Creek (no, that is not a ditch running through the city park, it's still a creek) that is eating away at the foundation of the building. The chamber was alerted to the state of the building, he said.

As for the assertion the "decision" on the building was made in a secretive, single-topic meeting, councilmember Stephen Muchovej said it was discussed in a public, publicized, 8-hour long budget and strategic plan session that included all aspects of the city budget and priorities. The city is facing some "generational costs," including a new sewer plant, aging firefighting equipment, public works and recreation projects, he said. While few members of the public were at that meeting, "Tawni was there," he added, referring to Bishop Chamber Director Tawni Thompson. "We weren't doing things behind closed doors."

With those big-ticket items in mind, Mayor Karen Kong said the council had to decide "what amount makes sense for (spending) taxpayer dollars," on the A Frame. Money for that work could result in fewer recreation programs, for instance. In her mind, A Frame spending should be minimal. She said her gut feeling is to demolish the addition

which has been red-tagged. Then, if feasible, work to keep the A Frame only, which is still safe to occupy. Some audience members responded, "we want it all." Kong said, "that is not the message" she has been getting, which focus on the "emotional" attachment to the A Frame, not the rest of the building.

Councilmember Karen Schwartz asked, "is the visitor center going to stay in the A Frame?" and if not why should the city pay to fix a building that might not be used. Since the chamber has been silent about what it wants to do with the A Frame, she said maybe the city could explore other partners, such as ESIA (Sierra Forever) to run a visitor center. She suggested making no decisions and spending no more money

until the chamber's plans were clarified. If the chamber buys a new building and moves its offices and visitor center, "why spend money" on a building that won't have people in it, said councilmember Jose Garcia.

Muchovej noted chamber director Thompson and several board members were in attendance. He asked if they could outline the chamber's plans for the new building and whether it wanted to keep a visitor center in the A Frame. No one responded.

Freundt said the city should spend \$20,000 on the engineering report, regardless of the chamber's plans so the city will have information on how extensive the structure is compromised and possible fixes. In the meantime, the

council and the chamber should meet and get an answer on what the chamber's plans are for its new building, he added.

Dishion said the structural engineering report by Wood Rodgers, Inc., will only detail problems with the building, and point out possible remedies. It would not firm cost estimates to repair or demolish parts of the building. The report could be completed in about two months, he noted.



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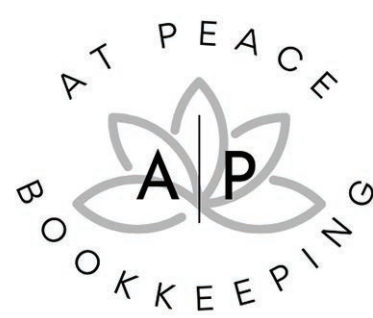
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Giacomo Timbrello & Caber Vios play Creekside in Bishop, 6:30-9 p.m.

August 15-16/ Mammoth Wine weekend kicks off in the Village. \$\$\$ *Info, see ad p. 12.*

Sunday, August 17/ Live music @ Cardinal Village Resort in Aspendell. Time: 1-4 p.m.
Dave Manning plays Distant Brewing from 6-9 p.m. Ballads, blues & country.

August 19-23/ World-renowned West African drumming and dance master Fara Tolno is presenting a series of workshops. *More info: See brief p. 16*

Wednesday, August 20/ Eddy Evans plays jazz sax @ Liberty in Mammoth from 4-6 p.m.

Thursday, August 21/ The Police tribute band plays live @ Distant in Mammoth from 6-9 p.m.

August 22-23/ Mammoth Rocks Festival in the Village at Mammoth runs from 4-9:45 p.m., featuring live music from tribute bands. *More info: See ad p. 2*
Renegades of Rage play Liberty starting 9:30 p.m. both nights.

TOWN STUFF

Friday, August 15/ Mammoth vs Bishop Football Scrimmage in Bishop. JV kicks off 6 p.m., Varsity at 8:30 p.m.

August 15-24/ Mammoth Shakespeare Festival continues outdoors @ Eagle Lodge with Romeo and Juliet through this weekend and A Midsummer Night's Dream opening Tuesday. *See ad p. 9 for dates and showtimes*

Saturday, August 16/ Mammoth Pedalpalooza Bike Race kicks off 7:30 a.m at the Mammoth Mountain Bike Park. Races are either 20 or 30 miles and finish at Canyon Lodge. *For info/registration, go to mammothmountain.com.*

TOWN STUFF

Saturday, August 16 (cont.)/ Native Plant Society annual native plant sale. Time: 9-11 a.m. Location: White Mtn. Research Station at 3000 East Line St. in Bishop.

Monday, August 18/ The Bishop Community Band plays concerts in the Park. Time: Every Monday @ 8 p.m. Music will include marches, popular songs, more!

Tuesday, August 19/ Mono County Board of Supervisors meets 9 a.m. in the Mono Lake Room in the Mono County Civic Center in Mammoth and online at monocounty.ca.gov
Inyo County Board of Supervisors meet at 10 a.m. at 224 N. Edwards Street, in Independence and online at inycounty.us.
Whitebark Institute Science on Tap series @ the Mono Lake Committee Information Ctr. in Lee Vining. Time: 6 p.m. Presenter: Santiago M. Escruceria — environmental educator, birder, and the Mono Lake Committee's Outdoor Education Center Manager. Light snacks and refreshments will be provided.
Eastern Sierra Strummers meet @ the new location of the MAC, 501 Old Mammoth Rd. #5, from 5-6:30 p.m.

Wednesday, August 20/ Mono County Board of Supervisors hold a strategic planning workshop at 9 a.m. in the Dana Room in the Mono County Civic Center in Mammoth.

TOWN STUFF

Wednesday, August 20 (cont.)/ Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board meets 1:30 p.m. in Suite Z in the Minaret Mall and online at townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.
Womens Wednesday Rides @ Mammoth Mountain Bike Park from 4:30-7 p.m. A \$10 ticket is required for non-pass holders. Meet outside the Adventure Center by the MTB rentals at 4:30 p.m.
Mammoth Lakes Town Council meets 4 p.m. in Suite Z in the Minaret Mall, and online at townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.
Northern Inyo Hospital Board meets @ The Annex. Time: 5 p.m. Free Bo!

Thursday, August 21/ Trashy Thursdays @ Shady Rest Park from 5-6 p.m. Help clean up our town!
Farm to Table Market runs 3-7 p.m. at the Bishop Unified Methodist Church, in partnership with Eastern Sierra Farm Fresh.
Bishop Unified School District Board of Trustees meet 6:30 p.m. in the BUHS Carl Lind Board Room.

Friday, August 22/ Wildflower Walks. Time: 8-11am. Meet at Mosquito Flats trailhead kiosk. *Go to sierraforever.org for more info.*

Saturday, August 23/ 26th annual Wave Rave Skate Contest @ Brothers Skatepark. Register online @ liveheats.com/waverave. *Info: See ad p. 5*

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- **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



MAMMOTH COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT'S Personnel Services Department is currently recruiting for one permanent Human Resources Manager position. FOR APPLICATION INFORMATION/TO APPLY: Please see the District website <https://mcwd.dst.ca.us/employment/>.



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- **Tutor II** - \$17.73-\$23.05 Hourly (Part Time)
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- **Natural Resources Coordinator** - \$59,519-\$83,319 Salary
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DEADLINE TO APPLY: FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 2025



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PERSONALS

I hope to see you ... at Mammoth Rocks next weekend. Because Baby, you can blame it all on me. I was wrong, and I just can't live without you!

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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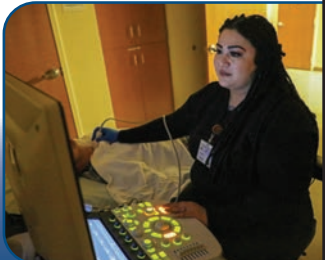
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NOTICES

Notice of Ordinance

ORDINANCE 25-004 - AN ORDINANCE OF THE MONO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS CREATING THE OFFICE OF THE PUBLIC DEFENDER

WHEREAS, Mono County has a mandate to provide counsel to indigent individuals in cases where they cannot afford their own attorney; and,

WHEREAS, Cases where indigent litigants are entitled public defense services include criminal cases, conservatorship matters, and child welfare litigation; and,

WHEREAS, Mono County presently provides mandated indigent defense through the use of contract counsel; and,

WHEREAS, Mono County now wishes to join the thirty-four counties in the State of California that have an institutional public defender's office by creating the Office of the Public Defender.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF MONO ORDAINS that:

SECTION ONE: Mono County Code Chapter 2.05.030: "Departments managed by board-Appointed department heads" which is set forth in its entirety, as amended, in Exhibit A, is hereby adopted.

SECTION TWO: Mono County Code Chapter 2.86: "Public Defender" which is set forth in its entirety as Exhibit B, is hereby adopted.

SECTION THREE: This ordinance shall become effective 30 days from the date of its adoption and final page, which appears immediately below. The Clerk of the Board of Supervisors shall post this ordinance and also publish it in the manner prescribed by Government Code Section 25124 no later than 15 days after the date of its adoption and final passage. If the clerk fails to publish this ordinance within said 15-day period then the ordinance shall not take effect until 30 day after the date of publication.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12th day of August, 2025, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Duggan, Kreitz, McFarland, Peters, and Salcido.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None
Lynda Salcido, Chair, Mono Cty. Board of Supervisors
ATTEST: Queenie Barnard, Mono Cty. Clerk
APPROVED AS TO FORM: Christopher Beck, Mono Cty. Counsel

TS #2025-0106

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

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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)

Fara Out! (I mean In!)

Mammoth Lakes, CA – World-renowned West African drumming and dance master Fara Tolno is presenting a series of workshops in Mammoth Lakes and Bishop, August 19-23.

Tolno, a recognized master in his home country of Guinea with an MFA earned in the U.S., currently lives in Hawaii. When Mammoth Lakes resident Hari Khalsa – a longtime student of West African dance and drumming – learned that one of her favorite instructors would be touring Colorado, she invited him to the Eastern Sierra.

“Fara is both a master drummer and dancer, but more importantly a teacher,” Khalsa says. “He’ll blow your mind ... he’s an absolute fireball.”

Thanks to generous Inyo Council for the Arts (ICA) sponsorship, the Bishop workshops are free of charge; ICA is also bringing Tolno to area schools. In Mammoth Lakes, workshops are \$20 each, or \$30 for both drum and dance. Drummers are encouraged to bring a chair and a hand drum, and an extra to share, if you have them.

Where and when: Mammoth Lakes Community Center, August 19 and 20, drumming 5:30 pm, dance 7:00 pm. Bishop City Auditorium, August 21, drumming 5:30 pm, dance 7:00 pm; Bishop City Park Pavilion (at back of park), August 23, drumming 8:30 am, dance 10 am.

For more information, call or text Hari Khalsa at (505) 331-0390 or email HariKhalsaRN@gmail.com.

Bishop Parking Survey

The City of Bishop invites residents, business owners, employees, and visitors to participate in a Parking and Land Use Survey designed to inform future planning efforts across the community. This survey is part of the City’s ongoing work to improve parking management, enhance downtown access, support local businesses, and facilitate commercial and residential development.

Why This Matters

The City of Bishop adopted the Downtown Bishop Specific Plan in 2022 to encourage new housing and commercial development in the heart of the city. Anticipating growth, the next step is understanding how new development will impact parking. The City also needs to consider how we can better manage parking and determine whether any underutilized land could be used to build more housing.

To support this effort, the City conducted parking occupancy counts across three seasons in 2024, capturing weekday and weekend conditions to identify patterns and high-use areas. The City also approved a Parking Enforcement Officer position to improve parking access.

Public feedback will help the City understand the day-to-day parking challenges that residents, businesses, and visitors face—and how different land uses like housing, retail, offices, and parks affect short-term and long-term parking demand.

The survey will be followed by a public workshop to further explore parking

needs, land use opportunities, and potential solutions.

Take the survey here: <https://bishop.woodpolls.com>

The survey is open now and will remain available through August 31, 2025.

For questions or assistance with the survey or to sign up for study updates, please contact:

Ana Budnyk,
Principal Planner, City of Bishop
abudnyk@cityofbishop.ca.gov
(760) 873-5863 x136

Mammoth Rocks for the Foundation

This year, Mammoth Rocks (Aug. 22-23) is more than a music festival. It’s a celebration of the McCoy spirit that built this town: vision, generosity, and a deep belief in community. With Dave’s birthday on August 24 and Roma McCoy’s on August 12, this Founders Month is a special moment to reflect on their legacy. Their belief was simple – when you invest in people, you build a stronger future.

Therefore, Mammoth Lakes Foundation is the nonprofit recipient of this year’s Mammoth Rocks proceeds. Founded in 1989 by Dave McCoy, the Foundation continues his mission to make higher education and cultural enrichment accessible to all who call this place home.

Between sets at Mammoth Rocks, you’ll hear directly from Dave’s Scholars—local students whose educational journeys have been made possible through community support. Their stories are a powerful reminder of what we can achieve when we invest in one another.

Author Robin Morning will also join us Saturday from 4-6pm to sign the newest edition of Tracks of Passion, a moving account of the McCoy family and the early days of Mammoth Mountain.

Notice of Public Auction

PUBLIC AUCTION – RESCHEDULED

The sale of unclaimed personal property originally scheduled in August, has been rescheduled to Saturday, Sept. 6, 2025 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at 1177 Willow Flats Trail, Bridgeport, Calif.

In accordance with CA 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 Jeffery Mitchum in the possession of Donna Petersen will be sold as-is to the highest bidder for cash. reina@cdresq.com

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Whitebark changes

After five years at the helm, Janet Hatfield is transitioning from her full-time role as Forest Health Program Director to a part-time advisory position at Whitebark Institute.

In this new capacity, she will continue to advise on high-level initiatives such as the Eastern Sierra Climate & Communities Resilience Project (ESCCRP) and regional biomass efforts.

Janet has been a driving force in building Whitebark into what it is today and advancing wildfire resilience efforts across the Eastern Sierra.

Janet is also stepping into an exciting new opportunity as an Adjunct Professor at Cerro Coso Community College, where she will teach in the new Forestry, Climate, and Conservation Program.

As Janet moves into this new chapter, we're thrilled to welcome several new team members who will help lead Whitebark into its next phase of growth:

Eric Vane, our incoming Forest Health Program Manager, comes to us with prior experience working on the Inyo National Forest.

Jackie White, Environmental Planner, brings nine years of experience in environmental conservation and planning.

State honors NIHD

Northern Inyo Healthcare District (NIHD) earned honors from the California Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) as one of the state's top performers in improving care for Medi-Cal patients.

Roughly one in four of NIHD's patients rely on Medi-Cal, making the program a vital part of the District's ability to serve the community.

The recognition comes through the DHCS Quality Incentive Pool (QIP) pro-



From left: Feinberg, Garcia and Nott

gram, which rewards public hospitals for reaching important care goals, such as helping people manage chronic conditions, complete preventive screenings, and receive follow-up care after hospital visits. Hospitals that meet or exceed these goals receive additional funding to support and improve their services.

This is NIHD's fourth year participating in the QIP program. According to Ali Feinberg, NIHD's Manager of Quality, in the early years of the COVID-19 pandemic, "We committed to reporting on the maximum number of measures allowed, and we've continued that every year since. That's a big lift for our team, and very few hospitals in California choose to take it on. Many have dropped off because it is hard work to sustain, but our team has stayed with it and reached those goals, year after year."

Feinberg credits Quality team members Michelle Garcia and Jessica Nott for helping lead the way.

Because of this year's performance, NIHD earned \$3 million in QIP incentive payments. NIHD is reinvesting these funds into patient services to expand screening programs, shorten wait times, and improve overall care for Medi-Cal patients.

Feinberg noted that changes at the federal level might affect how the QIP program is structured and funded in the future.

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Thanks to the ongoing support of Albertsons Companies and the Vons Foundation, Mammoth Hospital has received more than \$100,000 for this lifesaving program.

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Learn more: mammothhospitalfoundation.com/affordable-mammography



Mammoth Hospital Radiologic Technologists Denise Morrow and Christy Drieaus

Roadless Rule under attack

From Kayla Browne of Friends of the Inyo:

The federal government wants to be able to build roads on National Forest lands that currently have none. The 2001 Roadless Rule was adopted with massive public support to provide lasting protection on roadless Forest lands and conserve the land for multiple uses for future generations. The Agriculture Department, which oversees these beloved U.S. Forest Service lands, now intends to rescind this crucial rule.

Eliminating the Roadless Rule would not only destroy recreation areas -- it would also threaten drinking water sources, imperil wildlife, and cost taxpayers money. And new research from The Wilderness Society, now in peer review, shows that from 1992-2024, wildfires were four times as likely to start in areas with roads than in roadless forest tracts.

If this rule is rescinded, areas like the Bristlecone Pine Forest, Upper Rock Creek, Glass Mountain, and Coyote Flat, just to name a few, would be available for road building.

In the coming weeks, there will be a public comment period during which we can write to the Agriculture Department and tell them we want to keep our lands, cultural resources, recreation, and drinking water protected.

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The County of Mono is accepting applications to fill five Board Member vacancies on the Assessment Appeals Board (AAB).

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Eligibility

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
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- 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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Board Members receive a taxable stipend for their attendance as follows:

- \$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.

For more information or an application, please contact the Clerk of the Board's Office at BOS@mono.ca.gov or visit our website at <https://monocounty.ca.gov/assessment-appeals>.



MAMMOTH LAKES EVENTS — 2025 —

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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
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- 6 FAMILY FUN DAY AT THE VILLAGE
- 8-9 MAMMOTH MARGARITA FESTIVAL
- 15-16 MAMMOTH WINE WEEKEND
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SEPTEMBER

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