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Liam Asmuth finished first in his age group in the short course at the annual Bike Rodeo event on Tuesday at Shady Rest Park in Mammoth.

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GETTING I-RATE

By Libre

Bishop Public Works Director Nora Gamino brought a rusted piece of pipe with her to Monday night's City Council meeting. It came from one of the four-inch water mains on Willow Street, which erupted two months ago.

"When we talk about underground infrastructure and needing to replace pipes, this is what we're talking about," Gamino said. "We need to invest in our infrastructure."

She was introducing the next steps to roll out proposed water and sewer rate hikes presented at last month's council meeting.

In August, Gamino and a L&T municipal consultant presented three different rate options to fund Bishop's water and sewer systems. The pair pointed to the city's newly drafted water Capital Improvement Plan (CIP), which identified approximately \$3.97 million in critical rate-funded projects between 2027 and 2030 for pipeline replacements, improvements to wells, and vehicles and equipment. They presented the draft sewer CIP, which calls for \$2.8 million between 2026 and 2030 for deferred maintenance, collection system rehabilitation, and preparation for the new consolidated regional Bishop Area Wastewater Authority (BAWA) treatment plan development.

The council at that meeting decided on a modified version of the second rate option

for water rates and a modified first option for sewer. On Monday night, Gamino and the L&T consultant presented the proposed rate changes. For a single family residence, this plan would increase the water bill from \$33/month to \$82.34/month by July 1, 2030 and the sewer bill from \$42 to \$66.14/month. A single senior residence would see an increase from \$24.75 to \$61.17 for water and \$31.50 to \$48.28 for sewer.

These proposed rates were adjusted for multi-family residential units, which include anything that isn't a stand-alone, single family home. This would increase the water bill from \$24.75 to \$61.17 when detached and \$23.10 to \$61.17 when attached. Senior multi-family units monthly water rates would increase from \$18.57 (detached) and \$17.33 (attached) to \$44.70.

The sewer bills for these units would increase from \$31.50 (detached) and \$29.40 (attached) to \$48.28. For seniors, this would be \$23.62 and \$22.05 to \$35.72.

"Your residential rate structure is very complicated," the L&T consultant said. "We are working to simplify it."

The presentation also included commercial water and sewer rates. These establishments were divided into three categories: A, B, and C, depending

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TERMI-NATE-D?

Inyo County Administrative Officer (CAO) Nate Greenberg was placed on administrative leave on Tuesday afternoon, according to Sheet sources.

Greenberg has served as CAO since September, 2020.

Inyo County Supervisors have scheduled a special board

meeting on Friday, September 26 at 5 p.m. The closed session agenda includes items related to public employee evaluation and public employee release of the CAO.

Greenberg came to Inyo from Mono County, where he served as Information Technology Director.

SIH HIT THE FAN

By Klusmire

The new CEO at the Southern Inyo Hospital District in Lone Pine is prescribing budget cuts, restructuring and a plea to the state for a cash infusion to ease the struggling district's financial pains. If those moves fall short, he has a dose of stiffer medicine to administer: a Chapter 9 bankruptcy filing.

Dr. Kevin Flanigan took over as CEO this September and quickly realized the hospital district (SIH) was going broke. The books showed \$2 million in bills and about a week's worth of cash, Flanigan said. He sent an urgent request to the Cali-

fornia Department of Health and Human Services to provide \$3 million in emergency aid. All the Inyo County Board of Supervisors could muster up was a letter in support of the aid request.

On Sept. 25, Fifth District Inyo County Supervisor Will Wadlington, who represents South Inyo, said the request had landed on Gov. Gavin Newsom's desk.

The SIH board made an interesting move at its Sept. 23 meeting. The board "authorized" Flanigan to file for Chapter 9 bankruptcy, "should the district's fiscal health not improve," but left the decision of

when to take that step entirely up to Flanigan.

Logic would suggest the threat of filing for bankruptcy could be an effective leverage point when negotiating with contractors, vendors, insurance companies and staff during the planned "restructuring" effort led by Flanigan. He said the next three months will be critical, but if numerous short-term fixes and some state aid get the district into the new year the financial picture should improve.

Although the board agenda stated Chapter 9 was on the table, there were no public

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RALLY FOR CHARLIE



Approximately 150 people gathered at Bishop City Park last weekend to memorialize Charlie Kirk, Turning Point USA CEO and Founder, who was assassinated earlier this month during a Utah Valley University campus event. Photo by Gayla Wolf.

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FAIR TAKE

While the Tri-County Fair Board meeting on Monday was canceled due to lack of a quorum, I did stop by on Tuesday to get a status report from Interim Fairgrounds CEO Mike Francesconi. His interim tag remains intact more than a year after the upheaval which led to the ouster of former CEO Jen McGuire and the disbanding of the Fair Board.

A Fairgrounds audit was the trigger.

The short explanation: During Covid, the State handed the Fairgrounds \$1 million in relief money, which the Fairgrounds promptly spent on concerts and drive-in movie offerings and the like.

And then the Covid handouts came to a close but the Fairgrounds was still partying like it was 2021.

Last year, the Fairgrounds was already more than \$300,000 in the hole when Francesconi came on board, and ended the year approximately \$600,000 in the red.

The new Fair Board, interestingly, looks somewhat like the previous Fair board. Jaque Hickman, Corinna Korpi and Sarah Fogarty are holdovers from the previous regime. Newcomers include Alonso Escobar of Mammoth Lakes (who also serves on the Mammoth Unified School District board) and Joyce Kaufman of June Lake.

By law, Fair Boards consist of nine members. In Tri-County's case, a minimum of two members are supposed to be from Alpine County and at least two members from Mono County with the remainder from Inyo.

And you need a quorum of five to hold a meeting.

This is an issue because it is almost impossible to recruit board members from Alpine who want to commute such a long distance for meetings.

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"It's a dog-eat-dog world, Sammy, and I'm wearing Milk Bone underwear."

-Norm (Cheers)

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And then there are two additional vacancies besides, meaning all five current board members need to attend in order to hold a meeting.

Through the first half of this year, Francesconi says he's been able to turn the books around somewhat - the Fairgrounds had eked out a small gain through June. One strategy was to raise rates for the 42 RV rental spaces from \$700 to \$825/month.

A cost-saving measure was to not hold a spring concert, and sadly, those concerts may never be resurrected. When Francesconi took over, last fall's Ashley McBryde concert had already been booked, and "we took a bath on that," he said ruefully.

"You need 1,200-1,500 to break even on a show like that," he explained, "and we drew 500."

One narrative to pump the brakes on a little bit is the Mule Days turnaround story.

Mule Days reps touted post-event during a presentation at Bishop City Council that Mule Days had solved its financial woes. But Francesconi acknowledged that Mule Days, which had previously paid \$80,000 to rent the Fairgrounds for the event, only paid \$50,000 this year, and moving forward

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on their typical water/sewage use. A, low use, included banks, gyms, offices, and warehouses. B, the middle ground, encompassed coffee shops, beauty salons, bowling alleys, and churches, and C was reserved for fast food, mortuaries, and restaurants.

Irrigation, applied to institutions with significantly landscaped areas, such as schools, churches, city parks, and some commercial parcels like the lumber yard and garden center, would see the largest increase in rates. An irrigated acre is currently billed \$9.90/month for water use. The proposal would increase the irrigation bill to \$233.77/month after July 1, 2026, a 2261% change. The fairgrounds would not be included in these charges, as the onsite plumbing does not use city water for irrigation, per an arrangement the fairgrounds has with the city. The grounds would only be charged for indoor water services.

Throughout the presentation, Gamino and the consultant emphasized the importance of water meters, and how much simpler the rate structure will be once they are implemented.

Council member Jose Garcia wondered if the city's general funds could help alleviate rate costs for Bishop's low-income, vulnerable population. He pointed to the 1% sales tax increase Bishop asked its residents to pay in 2020. This fund wasn't intended for this purpose, he said, and instead was meant to support fire, police, and sidewalks.

"Thanks to that, the city is now in a

much better financial position than we were five years ago," Garcia said. "I think it's time for the city to give back to the community and use the general fund to pay for some of this and not just put the bill up to the residents."

"Is that something that's even legal to do?" Mayor Karen Kong asked.

It is legal, apparently. But it raises a whole new set of questions. Would James Hoover, senior low-income residential renter living on a low-income, qualify for this type of financial relief if his landlord, Gary Colbert, does not? Both were present for public comment. Kong outlined this scenario.

"This will really make more of my income go to rent," Hoover said.

"You're going to drive people out of rentals," Colbert echoed. "There's more people like Jim."

Final recommendations will be presented on October 27. On November 11, a notice of the increased rates will be mailed to property owners and ratepayers in English and Spanish. The rates will go into effect on July 1, 2026.

The public can stop these rates from going into effect. If more than 50% of the Bishop population protest in written form, then the council would be unable to move forward.

"We can keep limping along like this," Gamino said. "It's not what we want, but we can do it. It's called deferred maintenance for a reason. But all infrastructure is like that."

LETTERS

Southeast Inyo Speaks Out

This letter is pertinent to two issues that are relevant and interrelated in this area: food distribution and emergency preparedness. These two issues are pressing and form the backbone of a public health issue that has the potential to be devastating locally.

Southeast Inyo County faces a very different economic situation from Inyo County as a whole. The median household income is \$27,000 compared to \$72,000 countywide. Southeast Inyo experiences a 33% poverty level, over three times higher than countywide. Southeast Inyo has an 11% employment rate, compared to over 50% countywide. On average, the age of residents is 68 years old, over 20 years more than countywide. As a result, Southeast Inyo needs particular attention to social services and economic needs.

With the halting of IMACA commodities distributions, a number of residents in Southeast Inyo are being deeply impacted by the loss of basic necessities to sustain them. Moreover, the current temporary solution of directing residents to the Salvation Army in Pahrump is inadequate and will not ensure that the neediest among us receive the help they need. Many people in Southeast Inyo County rely on supplemental food supplies for survival. We would additionally like to clarify that, contrary to a statement by IMACA in a local news outlet, that there is not a "seasonal closure" of town in Tecopa in the summer. Dozens of residents stay year-round. If IMACA commodities cannot resume year-round, a possible solution would be an allocation

from the county in the form of an annual grant or appropriation so that volunteers can purchase and distribute food to our community members. A program offering purchased "food cards" that can be distributed for use at local grocery stores in Pahrump is another option. These cards are available and can be restricted to use on food items.

We further experienced a 3.5 day power outage around Labor Day weekend, during a period of hot summer weather, and discovered that there is not an effective solution or plan at the county or local level for mitigating potential harms to our community members. The community center was only open for 3 hours over Labor Day weekend as a cooling center. A better system needs to exist for keeping it open for extended hours during these emergency events to protect those most vulnerable. Possible solutions include extended hours for staff and a volunteer system where trusted members of the community can take shifts in keeping the community center open for extended hours, whether in the summer's extreme heat, or when it's freezing in winter.

Overall, the objective of this letter is to convey the seriousness of these issues while additionally offering some ideas from which possible solutions can be crafted. We support our Supervisor, Will Wadelton, and the rest of the Inyo County Board of Supervisors, in working together with local partners to address these outstanding issues in our communities.

This letter was signed by 31 residents in Shoshone, Tecopa and Death Valley.

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comments from roughly 50 people on Zoom or at the board meeting. The board members were also silent before the unanimous vote.

The Southern Inyo Hospital building in Lone Pine contains an Emergency Department, several “swing beds” for short hospital stays, and a 25-bed Skilled Nursing Facility (SNF, a senior care and rehab facility). The district also operates a Rural Health Clinic.

It is designated as a rural “critical access” facility, which it hopes will spur the state to take action and write a check. The hospital serves travelers on US 395, Sierra hikers and climbers, and the towns of Lone Pine, Independence, Darwin, Olancho and Keeler.

The dire financial situation is not new to SIH. It has filed for Chapter 9 twice before, once in the 1990s, and most recently in 2016 after the hospital closed its doors. It reopened and exited bankruptcy in 2020.

The current situation has a familiar ring to it, with a new CEO coming in and discovering a fiscal mess –which sounds like the recent history of Northern Inyo Hospital, too. Oh, and Flanigan is familiar with NIH since he was CEO for several years before being shown the door. He set up his current medical practice in Ridgecrest after leaving NIH.

Addressing the board, Flanigan thanked them for the job, but noted he wished he “could have come in at a better time.”

The restructuring plan he presented started with his contract. He nixed an

undisclosed “signing bonus,” asked to cut his salary from \$210,000 to \$185,00 a year, and said since his medical licenses and credentials are intact he would be able to step in for shifts at the Emergency Department, Clinic or SNF.

The first boost to cash flow came from the insurance company Blue Shield agreed to provide an “advance” of \$210,000, which will be repaid over two years, Flanigan said.

Flanigan offered nothing but praise for the staff and their commitment to the hospital and the community. He said each department had voluntarily cut staff hours to generate about \$44,000 in savings. He expected the restructuring to eventually cut staff costs by close to \$100,000. However, he said “staff reductions” could not be taken off the table. Some services including expensive telehealth providers, and consulting contracts have been canceled or scaled back, he noted.

The Skilled Nursing Facility, which is vital to the community, is “the one thing that is viable,” Flanigan said, so maintaining its staffing will be a priority. Keeping the Emergency Department staffed and open 24/7 is also a priority, he noted. Getting patients to occupy the “swing beds” would also bolster revenue without increasing costs.

If SIH eventually files for Chapter 9 bankruptcy protection, it could continue to operate while it creates a court-approved plan to pay creditors and improve its long-term fiscal health.

MEANWHILE, SMHD FLUSH

By Fisher

Even as many rural healthcare districts struggle to keep doors open, the Southern Mono Healthcare District (SMHD) remains comparatively financially insulated as it moves forward with financing its \$150 million North Wing Project.

Chief Financial Officer Melanie Van Winkle presented an update on the project’s finances to the hospital board in Mammoth last Thursday, outlining plans to raise approximately \$50 million through a bond issuance.

The North Wing Project, already underway and slated for completion in 2028, will relocate inpatient and ancillary services, add 12 inpatient beds and four intensive care beds, and house a new Outpatient Services Center.

Financing for the new facility did not rely on the approval of a taxpayer-backed General Obligation bond in November, and is being paid largely through SMHD’s cash reserves.

And now, despite federal policy changes, including a sweeping federal budget package signed July 4 (the “Big Beautiful Bill”) that includes major Medicaid cuts, Van Winkle emphasized SMHD’s financial stability positions it well to absorb federal funding reductions.

The federal cuts, if imposed, would impact the district, but not nearly as severely as other healthcare providers in the region.

By 2027, when cash reserves are projected to be at their lowest point during

construction, SMHD still expects to hold \$95.5 million in unrestricted cash. This means the hospital could operate for 305 days without any new revenue.

“That’s our lowest point, which is really remarkable,” Van Winkle said. “And reserves begin to build back up in 2028 and 2029.”

That’s a conservative estimation. In the words of Board Vice Chair Ryan Wood, “Even if Trump does his thing and we lose a bunch of money, this is the worst-case scenario.”

The hospital currently relies on about \$11.5 million a year from federal funding, and expects to lose up to 30% of those funds, or about \$3.5 to \$4 million.

To support rural healthcare districts, the megabill also introduced the Rural Health Transformation Program, a \$50 billion federal initiative intended to support innovative care models in underserved, rural regions. But Van Winkle doesn’t think SMHD is going to get much from this fund, and expects most health care districts won’t either.

“Thousands of organizations are going to apply,” she said. “Even if California receives a sizable amount, it will be split among all rural providers. I’d be surprised if we even saw \$200,000.”

So, she’s not relying on those funds.

Credit agencies remain confident in SMHD’s ability to absorb the impact without jeopardizing long-term stability, Van Winkle noted. Not every

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Physician SPOTLIGHT

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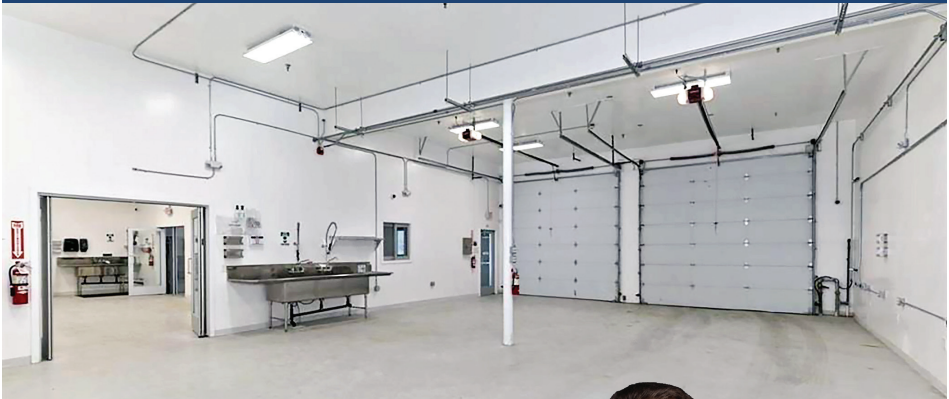
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healthcare district is so lucky.

As Klusmire reports on page 1 and 6, Southern Inyo Healthcare District is at risk of declaring bankruptcy or imposing significant budget cuts.

Meanwhile, Northern Inyo Healthcare District's bond rating was downgraded to a 'B' by S&P in May, partially due to its reliance on federal resources.

"NIHD's concentration in governmental payers is [...] contributing to its elevated social capital risk, as over 30% of net payers are attributable to Medicaid," the report states.

In contrast, S&P reaffirmed SMHD's A- rating with a stable outlook.

Keith Kleven of Piper Sandler, the hospital's bond underwriter, underscored the significance of SMHD's rating: "You are among the highest-rated rural access hospitals in the country."

With this momentum, SMHD is preparing to market its bonds. Bond pricing is scheduled for the week of October 6. Pricing is a one-day event when investor orders are taken and interest rates are locked in, followed by final documentation and the transfer of funds.

Some board members questioned the timing of the issuance, as the Federal Reserve recently cut rates, and reports indicate there may be further reductions. Kleven explained that markets had already priced in the latest cut, and current conditions, including strong investor demand,

make this a favorable window.

"I think it's a great thing the government cut rates," Kleven said.

Postponing could expose the hospital to political or market volatility. Alternatively, splitting the transaction into smaller sales would incur duplicative fees (approximately 2%, or \$750,000 per issuance) and reduce investor appeal. Larger bond offerings, Kleven emphasized, are more attractive and therefore achieve lower interest rates.

The project budget did include one unexpected item: a \$625,000 "capital improvement" fee imposed by the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

Chief Operating Officer Mark Lind explained that the charge is consistent with town policy adopted in 2018 to offset the infrastructure impacts of large developments, such as the new Limelight Hotel.

Even with the new fee, however, Board Vice Chair Wood remarked that the revised budget contained "nothing surprising, shocking, or weird."



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ESCA's 25th Anniversary

What began with a local nurse's single walk has grown into a 25-year commitment to local cancer patients and their families. This month, the Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance (ESCA) celebrates its silver anniversary with a fundraising event that honors its past, highlights its impact, and strengthens its future.

The story of ESCA began in 2000 when now-retired registered nurse Patricia Ramirez joined one of the nationally known Avon Walks for Breast Cancer. Inspired by the passion of participant but disheartened that little of the money reached rural women, Ramirez returned home determined to build something local.

Ramirez and fellow volunteers launched the Eastern Sierra Breast Cancer Alliance (ESBCA).

When they recognized a broader need, they dropped the "B" and expanded their mission to serve all cancer patients. By becoming a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, ESCA made donations tax-deductible, invited greater community support, and opened doors to grant opportunities.

"For ESCA, I saw it as neighbors helping neighbors – and it has stayed that way," she said. "Our funds are not capped, they stay in our community, and they go directly to people who need them. That has always been our promise."

Over the years, ESCA has reimbursed gas for long treatment trips, helped patients pay rent when illness kept them

from working, and covered groceries and utilities for families in need.

The group also runs support groups that connect patients with others who share their experiences and understand what they face.

Through a partnership with Northern Inyo Healthcare District, ESCA operates the WeCare program, which helps underserved women secure screening mammograms.

A 14-member volunteer board guides the organization, and a four-member resource team works every week with patients and families. Together, they connect people with financial assistance, transportation help, and resources that make treatment more manageable.

ESCA maintains an office at NIHD's Birch Street Annex, giving patients and families a welcoming place for information and compassion.

While ESCA operates with modest staffing, it multiplies its reach through decades of community partnerships, volunteerism, and sponsor support. President Cheryl Underhill summed it up:

"Our impact is measured not just in the dollars raised, but in the hope and stability we give families during their most difficult times."

The 25th Anniversary Celebration will take place on Saturday, Sept. 27, from 6 to 9 p.m. at the Tallman Pavilion, Tri-County Fairgrounds. Tickets cost \$100, with all proceeds supporting local cancer patients.

ESCA's 25th Annual Walk & Run hap-

pens on Saturday, Oct. 18 – registration begins at 7:30 a.m., with a 9 a.m. start. Local graphic artist Keri Davis designed a commemorative 25th Anniversary T-shirt for registered participants.

ESCA also added a March Walk dedicated to colorectal cancer awareness, extending its reach to more patients. The 2026 date will be announced at the beginning of the new year.

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Sunday, September 28/ The Resinators play Distant Brewing from 7-9 p.m.
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Friday, September 26/ MHS Football hosts Lone Pine. Time: 7 p.m.
The Mammoth 214-mile footrace starts 8 a.m. *Info @ themammoth200.com*

September 26-28/ Oktoberfest at Woolly's Adventure Summit from 12-6 p.m. all three days. Face painting, pumpkin decorating, and live music.
Annual Pow Wow and California Native American Day Celebration on the Bishop Paiute Reservation.

Saturday, September 27/ Fire Ring Restoration along Mammoth Scenic Loop from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. Location: Inyo Craters Parking Lot. *Info: friendsoftheinyo.org.*
Ridge Rambler Half Marathon in Bridgeport. Starts 8 a.m. Afterparty @ Bridgeport Inn from 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. *Info: bridgeportcalifornia.com.*
ESCA holds its 25th Anniversary Celebration from 6-9 p.m. at the Tri-County Fairgrounds. \$\$\$. Last chance to buy tickets at esacanceralliance.org.

Sunday, September 28/ Meet and Greet with State Senator Marie Alvarado-Gil @ the Wayfinder Hotel (725 N. Main) in Bishop. Time: 3-4 p.m.
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Tuesday, September 30/ MHS Volleyball hosts Desert. JV at 4 p.m., varsity at 5.

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September 30 - October 4/ Paint Mono County First Annual Plein Air Competition begins Tuesday 6 p.m. @ Mono Arts Council Community Center. All artists welcome. Prize money for winner. \$\$\$. *Info at monoarts.org.*

October 1-2/ Celebrate the Jewish High Holidays (Yom Kippur) in Mammoth. *Email: RabbiZalman@chabadmammoth.com*

Thursday, October 2/ TOML Winter Recreation Expo at the Community Recreation Center. Learn about recreation opportunities this winter and register for TOML programs. And come out for a free skate! *Info: See ad p. 9.*

October 2-5/ Volunteer Wilderness Week in the Inyo Mountains Wilderness. Volunteers spend 3 days dismantling a defunct cabin. *Email izzy@friendsoftheinyo.org to register.*

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October 4-5 (cont.)/ obstacles. *Info/registration: spartan.com.*

Friday, October 3/ Campfire Talks: Animal Adaptions. Location: Oh! Ridge campground in June Lake. Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m.
Friday Night Market on Academy Street in Bishop. Live music by Sandy and the High Country. Food, drinks and shopping. Time: 5:30-9 p.m.
BUHS Football hosts Rosamond. JV at 4 p.m., varsity at 7.

Saturday, October 4/ Wild Wild West Marathon in Lone Pine. Run the oldest trail marathon in the US. *Info/registration: wildwildestmarathon.com.*
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UPCOMING

Oct. 7-30: Mono County Public Health holds community flu vaccination clinics. Get your flu shot, for free! *For full schedule and information, see ad p. 14.*
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This business is conducted by an individual. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein starting May 15, 2025. This statement was filed with the Mono County Clerk on Sept. 9, 2025
File Number 2025-0134
TS #2025-0115 (9/20, 9/27, 10/4, 10/11)

This business is conducted by a limited liability company. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein during March, 2013. This statement was filed with the Mono County Clerk on August 19, 2025
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WINTER STARTS EARLY

The Felici Trio kicks off its winter concert series this weekend with a program featuring guest violist Jonathan Moerschel.

Moerschel moved to California from Boston in 1997 to study under Donald McInnes at the University of Southern California and never left.

He founded the Calder Quartet in 1998, which includes frequent Felici guest Tereza Stanislav.

This weekend's concerts feature works by the French composers Marin Marias, Louise Hérítte-Viardot and Gabriel Fauré.

Moerschel and the Felici Trio's pianist Steven Vanhauwaert, will open the concert with Marin Marias' "Five Old French Dances."

Like Felici principals Brian Schuldt and Rebecca Hang, Moerschel also married a fellow Chamber musician (and violist).

He, his wife Josephine and their two daughters live in Torrance. The daughters, 9 & 11, are also musicians, one studying piano and flute while the other studies violin and voice.

Moerschel said he started on violin before switching to viola his junior year of high school. At the time, his teacher said his tall, lanky build might be more suited to the instrument and he might also have more opportunities because there are a whole lot more violinists.

He described the viola as a solo instrument and said there was a ton of fantastic chamber music written for the viola in the late 19th and early 20th centuries.

In fact, one of those composers and pioneers, Scotsman William Primrose, was the teacher of Moerschel's teacher,



McInnes.

As Moerschel said, in music, "lineage is important."

He would know, having been born into a musical family—his mother a pianist and his father a cellist with the Boston Symphony.

While he has played with Felici pianist Steven Vanhauwaert previously, this is the first time Moerschel has played with the Felici Trio and just the second time he has visited Mammoth (during his previous visit, his kids saw snow for the first time).

In addition to his performance career, Moerschel teaches viola and chamber music at the University of California Santa Barbara. He is also the director of the Ensemble for Contemporary Music and Head of Chamber Music.

For more information on this weekend's performances, please see ad p. 2.



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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:

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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>.

RESI BOYS ARE BACK IN TOWN

By Fisher

When San Diego-based trio The Resinators take the stage, it's not just about the music; it's an experience.

With a sound they describe as "if Sublime and Red Hot Chili Peppers had a baby," the band blends rock, punk, reggae, and funk into a sound that keeps crowds moving. Add to that a giant inflatable octopus, surprise Cheez-it giveaways, and a sense of humor that's as much a part of their identity as their music, and you've got a show that sticks with you after the amps are packed up.

A chance for Eastern Sierra musicophiles to experience that energy comes this weekend. The Resinators are returning to the June Lake Autumn Beer Festival on Saturday for thier second year in a row, and will keep the music going Sunday night at Distant Brewing.

The Resinators came to be in Eugene, Oregon, in 2016, when Kyle Cameron and his brother, Kevin, decided to start a band. They found their drummer, Broc Sanders, now one of their closest friends through Craigslist, a twist of fate that cemented their lineup.

"He's like the brother we never had," Kyle said of Sanders.

The band relentlessly toured up and down the west coast in the years after its inception, playing anywhere between 75 and 100 shows a year just to get its name out. By 2018, the band had started to find its footing, and the bandmembers made a move.

"We realized if we really wanted to

grow, we had to relocate," Kyle said. San Diego became the band's new home.

The Resinators' sound evolved with them. Their first EP, Vacation, released in 2020, leaned into surf-rock and reggae, a nod to their new environment.

"It was a collection of songs I'd written in my early twenties," Kyle said. "Moving from the Northwest to California, being inspired by the beach vibe."

That surf-rock feeling suited them at the time, but they soon outgrew it. In 2024, they released their first full album, which pushed harder into punk and alternative rock.

That new energy informed their live shows and got more people dancing than ever before – a scene they were eager to lean into.

"We may have lost some people along the way, but we've gained even more. The shows are bigger than ever. People can tell we're being authentic."

Authenticity, it turns out, is at the core of The Resinators' identity. Right down to their name. Resin-ators. Get it?

"Back in the day, we were definitely inspired by weed culture," Kyle laughed. "It was a play on words, and we were shocked it wasn't already taken. Now a lot of people know us as the 'Resi Boys' in San Diego. I'll be walking down the street in Ocean Beach, and people yell it out."

Behind the stage antics and packed schedules, life for The Resinators is also about balance. Kyle recently welcomed his first child, Kevin is finishing school



The Resinators

and working as a studio engineer, and drummer Broc also works full-time.

"It's like running a business," Kyle said. "We've had to learn how to communicate, stay organized, and pivot when things don't go as planned. But we love it. We still make time to write and record, and we've got new material we're sitting on now."

Kyle also works with a San Diego brewery, a side job that unexpectedly helped connect The Resinators to the Eastern Sierra. While playing at a local beer festival in San Diego, the band caught the attention of someone from June Lake Brewery. The invite that followed led them to Gull Lake last summer.

As The Resinators approach a decade of playing together, they're not slowing down. With new material on its way, the band's sights are set on breaking into larger festivals and bigger stages.

"That's the name of the game," Kyle said.

"We could play in San Diego every weekend, but you don't want to oversaturate yourself. Festivals let us connect with new fans, and that's how we grow."

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Week 3 was a wild one. Some great games and upsets. I think people forget the NFL season is 17 weeks long and that all the teams are NFL teams and can win a game or two. All the teams run like a pro team and can beat anyone. Well, they all can beat anyone. The Browns, Bears and Cowboys are NOT run like pro teams. But the players and coaches are all professionals and if you slip up, you, too, can lose to the Browns.

And I ain't saying it's time to fire some coaches, but there are some coaches in trouble.

Theeeeeeeeee games

'Hawks laying 1.5 to the Cards. O/U 43.5. Card QB Kyler Murray, under 6'1" tall and underwhelming as a leader and player. 'Hawks D has been great so far. Of course they have played the Niners, Saints and Steelers. Three teams that are allergic to scoring points. And they have Sam Darnold at QB, who at any moment will turn into a pumpkin. But for now ... 'Hawks 20-17. But you can afford to take a nap during this one.

Vikings 2.5 point favorites over the Steelers. O/U 40.5. Game is being played in Ireland. Please leave the Steelers there. Just make them the first internationally-located NFL team. Maybe if they keep playing at 6:30 AM,

it will make me miss a few games and let me enjoy the rest of NFL Sunday without having to see their brand of miserable football. If the Patriots didn't use Coconut Oil on their hands last week, they could've whipped the Steelers. Outgained 'em 368-202 but turned the ball over five times. The Steelers still only scored 21 points.

The Pats moved up and down the field until they inexplicably continued to give the ball to Rhamondre Stevenson, who is either shaving points or betting on prop bets for how many times he can fumble in a game. Why do they keep playing him?

The Vikings put in Carson Wentz last week and blew out the Bengals. Coach Kevin O'Connell is that good because resurrecting that pile of excrement (Wentz) is amazing. Vikings 23-19.

Chargers lay 6 points to the Giants. O/U 43.5. Giants fans were booing Russell Wilson last week and the head coach. What the Giants are doing ... the league should step in. They shouldn't be allowed to collect money for their tickets or put NFL on their uniforms.

Meanwhile, Charger Coach Jim Harbaugh is still kissing Herbert's ass like he is Tom Brady. The media is saying how Herbert has proved all the hype he has had for 5 years. Talk to me when he wins a playoff game. Chargers 24-13.

Eagles laying 3.5 to the Bucs. O/U 43.5.

The Eagles are wild. So are the Bucs. Last week both teams were schizophrenic. Great one half and disastrous the next. This should be a fun game, but the Bucs are beat up. Their OL is a mess with NONE of the starters playing their usual position. Eagles 24-20.

Bills laying 15.5 to the Tulane Green Wave. Er, the Spencer Rattler Saints. O/U 48.5. To be this big a 'dog has to be embarrassing. The Bills sleepwalk through this one but don't cover. Bills 30-22.

Lions laying 10 to the Browns. O/U 44.5. The Browns defense is legit. Their offense? They need to stop wasting time and bench Joe Flacco. Or better yet, leave him in there to get a higher draft pick. Doesn't matter. Just think, they dumped Mayfield because Odell Beckham's daddy was posting negative propaganda about Mayfield. Where is Beckham? Mayfield is still balling. Browns are a clownshow. Lions 23- 15.

Falcons laying 1.5 to the Commanders. I am assuming that is because Marcus Marioverrated is playing QB this week for Washington. Didn't look bad last week. The Falcons came back to earth with an asswhipping by the ... Panthers?? Huh? Why are they playing dink and dunk with Penix when he is a bomber as a QB? Some teams just can't figure shit out with QBs. Build an offense that fits him rather than shov-

ing your system down his throat. Pitiful. Commanders 25-19.

Texans laying 7 to the Titans. O/U 38.5. How have the Texans regressed so much on offense? Cuz they don't care about their offensive line - so the young QB looks lost. Texan line reminds me of a game in high school where a guy on our team completely missed a block and turned around and yelled, "TIM, LOOK OUT!" As for the Titans, they are not serious about football. Their head coach is another one that got a nepo job. Texans 18- 12.

Pats laying 4.5 to the Panthers. O/U 43.5. The Pats are better than they have performed. I thought the veteran coach was supposed to stabilize all those mental errors. He should spend less time in fights and more time coaching. Tough team. Stupid, but tough. Pats whip Panthers 30-20

Rams laying 3.5 to the Colts. O/U 49.5, The Rams laid an egg last week. They had the Eagles stomped and let them block 2 FGs? What? Rams come out mad and rebound this week 30-20. The Colts? I know it's too early for the Contender/Pretender debate, but ... there are people calling Danny "Dimes" Jones, Danny Dollar now. Come on, man. In high school math, there's a phrase for Mr. Jones. It's called "regression to the mean." And it's coming.

see HARTLEY, next page



MONO COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH



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DATE	TIME	LOCATION
OCT 7	3pm - 5pm	June Lake Community Center
OCT 9	4pm - 7pm	Mammoth Lakes Civic Center 1290 Tavern Rd
OCT 14	1:30pm - 3pm	Benton Community Center
OCT 14	4:30-6:30pm	Chalfant Community Center
OCT 16	3pm - 5pm	Bridgeport Memorial Hall
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OCT 23	1pm - 3pm	Wheeler Crest (Swall Meadows) Fire Station
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Niners laying 3.5 to the Jags. O/U 47.5. Over is Brock Purdy's pain. After seeing Mac Jones lead the Niners offense as well as he can, Purdy is rushing his ass back on the field with a bone hanging out of his foot. I can play, coach. Why they paid him over \$50 mil a year is unimaginable. Their team is old and falling apart and they spent all their money on Purdy when they coulda just played Jones. Niners 22-18.

Ravens laying 2.5 to the Chiefs. O/U 48.5. This is an odd spot for the Chiefs. There used to be an old saying about having too many leaders and not enough workers. It was prevalent in the Navy. Well, the Chiefs just ain't got enough Indians on this team. Mahomes is doing all he can to save this team and this season. So he is leading the team in passing, rushing and fumbles recovered. A bad man. I hate to say it but Ravens win 23-20.

Raiders laying 1.5 to the Bears. O/U 47.5. The Bears are fixed! No, sorry, they are not. They played the worst defense in the NFL last week in the Cowboys. Raiders win 24-20.

Packers laying 7 to the Cowboys. O/U 47.5. The Pack is going to lay waste to the Cowboys. Now Jordan Love will throw an interception or two. Sometimes I think he is a little special he throws so many idiotic interceptions. But while doing that he might throw for 550 yards on this defense. And the Cowboys don't have WR CeeDee Lamb this week. Packers 33-16.

Aside: All the media and fans that cheered the Cowboys bringing in WR George Pickens and how he would unlock the offense were insanely stupid. People tell you who they are. I don't know why people try to make them something else. Pickens is the same unreliable asshole and dumbass he was in Pittsburgh. The people that expected anything else are the real dummies.

I am a black man.
I know you are, Harold, but we can make you something else.
No, you can't.
Harold I am going to make you understand the general public is smart.
NO, You certainly won't. The fact that you said that reiterates my belief that the general public is as stupid as you.

Dolphins laying 3 points to the lowly Jets. O/U 44.5. The Jets played hard last week. I will give them that. That is all I will give them. The Dolphins literally never play hard. They should join a flag

football league. Dolphins 24-20. Where are all the people that said Justin Fields would flourish. He was good that first game. He has been Justin Fields ever since. You hear all the clicking? That's 3 million fantasy football players dropping Fields every 20 seconds.
Broncos 7.5 point favorite over the Bengals. O/U 44.5. Jake Browning is hilarious. He is that guy who can't play with a shit 95% of the time but has a good game and says THIS IS WHAT I DO. Uhhhhh. That is NOT what you do or one of the many QB-starved teams in the NFL would have you as their starter and not a career backup. I hear every time a bad QB plays the following ... IF YOU GIVE HIM A CLEAN POCKET AND TIME TO

THROW AND OPEN RECEIVERS HE CAN BE AS GOOD AS ANYONE. So on 3 plays a week he can be a franchise QB? Stop saying that shit. Oh, the Broncos win 23-20.

BAD PARENTING. Deion Sanders admitted that leading up to the draft he advised son Shedeur to not talk to the Eagles and Ravens. Didn't want him on those teams to sit the bench because you don't learn on the bench. Well, he ain't his daddy. He ain't got that talent. Hence he slides in the draft. Deion a bad parent. Maybe a worse football coach, too. But that was just bad advice. If Shedeur hadn't done that, he might be in a situation to actually be the backup on a decent

team with a decent coaching staff and getting some play time when they are blowing out teams. But instead he's throwing passes to me on the scout squad for one of the worst organizations in all of sports.
Please explain what Travis Hunter is doing for the Jags. He isn't great at WR or CB. So he is just getting tired and reducing his effectiveness at both. Great story but that is all it is. Give him a position and let him excel.

Harold Hartley lives in Charleston, South Carolina. He watches too much football and remains angry from eight years of serving on a nuclear submarine.



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