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Mammoth Mercantile, a new storefront in the Mammoth Mall offering upscale homegoods and grocery selections, drew crowds for its grand opening and ribbon cutting on Saturday.

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50 WAYS TO LEAVE YOUR KILEY

By Libre

Prop 50 passed on Tuesday night by a landslide 64.7%. Although the redistricting measure was overwhelmingly supported across the state, locally the vote was more divided. In Mono County, the proposition was passed by 56.9%. In Inyo, 50.7% opposed the measure.

Prop 50 will temporarily bypass the state's voter-approved independent redistricting process until 2031, pushing forward a blue-favored gerrymandered redistricting in an effort to counter this summer's red-redistricting in Texas.

These newly drawn congressional district maps will be used for the 2026, 2028 and 2030 House elections in California, which could flip up as many as five seats for the Democrats.

Despite Inyo County's opposition to the ballot, there will likely be no partisan change as a result of Prop 50. Currently, both Mono and Inyo counties are a part of District 3, and are represented by Republican Kevin Kiley in the House of Representatives. In the new gerrymandered map, Mono and Inyo will be redistricted to solid red District 5, represented by Republican Tom McClintock.

The circumstances in which Prop 50 was passed were unique; a single measure ballot in a special election during an "off-year." What's more, California Governor Gavin Newsom first proposed the ballot measure in August, posing a quick turn around for voters.

"We stood firm in response to Donald Trump's recklessness," Newsom said on Tuesday after the ballot measure passed.

"And tonight, after poking the bear, this bear roared with unprecedented turnout in a special election with an extraordinary result."

ON THE MARSHALLS BANDWAGON



Marshalls opened last week, officially ending the region's undergarment drought. More photos, p.15. PHOTO: GAYLA WOLF

MAMMOTH, MONO DON'T SNAP

Continue funding for food programs despite fed shutdown

By Fisher

Even when the federal stiffs the waitress, Mono County will always pick up the tab.

This week, both the Mono County Board of Supervisors and the Mammoth Lakes Town Council unanimously approved allocating up to $100,000 each (a combined $200,000) to ensure residents can still buy groceries while CalFresh benefits remain stuck in political limbo.

The federal uncertainty began when, as a result of the ongoing government shutdown, the Trump administration announced it would halt funding for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) payments starting Nov. 1. The move also barred states from using federally contracted EBT systems to distribute aid for the first time in U.S. history. In California, SNAP is known as CalFresh.

In Mono County, 507 households depend on CalFresh to buy groceries, and more than half of them live in Mammoth Lakes. Each month, their benefits are loaded onto an EBT card, which works like a debit card. Counties handle eligibility, but the funds are entirely federal, said Kathy Peterson, Mono County Health and Human Services Director.

At least, they're usually entirely federal.

When she learned of the freeze, Peterson drafted an emergency plan for the County to provide its own prepaid grocery cards to CalFresh households, worth about 50% of their usual benefits.

She moved quickly to bring the idea forward, but not as quickly as the federal government backtracked.

Just days after announcing the halt, two federal judges ruled that the administration must keep funding SNAP through November. The federal government then announced it would authorize CalFresh benefits for the month.

Still, Peterson anticipated that even if the funds came, they'd be delayed.

"Even in the best-case scenario, people go 15 days without having received those benefits," Peterson said. "This program can be used to fill that gap."

Being that October's CalFresh benefits in Mono County

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WATERSHED MOMENT?

By Klusmire

It's okay to take a victory lap and celebrate a recent and quite rare "win" for Mono Lake over the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power. A little splash of reality, however, is also in order.

The "landmark" decision driving the happy dance around the lake was the LADWP commissioners' Oct. 28 decision to expand a recycled water plant and declare the drinking water from the "toilet to tap" facility means LADWP will not have to import Mono Lake Basin water. When LADWP actually stops diverting Mono Basin water (and whether that move helps restore the health of the lake) will take years to determine.

Getting LADWP to admit taking between 4,000 and 16,000 acre feet of water from the Mono Basin won't dry up water faucets in LA is more significant then it sounds. For decades, water warriors in Inyo and Mono counties have asked, strongly suggested, urged and demanded that when LADWP cuts water use in LA or expands its LA basin water sources, it should also reduce exports from the Eastern Sierra. That direct linkage was never made, until this recent decision.

Absolutely, that development is a solid win.

A solid public relations win.

For both LADWP and the indefatigable Mono Lake Committee (MLC) and the state's environmental movement.

The committee has mounted an impressive, multi-pronged PR and pressure campaign to spotlight that the lake is

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ANY PORT IN A DORM

Okay. I've changed my mind.

But only because, after at least a decade, someone finally bothered to adequately explain the affordable housing requirements at The Parcel.

Until now, I had been under the impression that if a tenant was in an 80% AMI (Area Median Income) unit, that they were subject to annual review of their income, and if they started making more than 80%, then they would have to move out.

In Libre's council story this week, she quotes Shellan Rodriguez of SMR Development, Project Manager for The Sawyer, who said a tenant can make up to 140% of AMI before their lease is non-renewed.

What? I called Rodriguez this morning to ask if this was true.

Yes, indeed.

To move in, you've got to qualify at the 80% AMI. "Once you qualify, it turns into a regular lease," she said. If you start making less, tough crap. Rent is still due. If you make more, great, so long as you make less than 140% AMI.

My biggest issue with The Parcel has long been related to disincentivization.

If people were leery of making more than 80% AMI (thus triggering a non-renewal of their lease), you'd cultivate a population of the semi-employed and ambition-less.

Instead, all you've got to do is have a bad year, qualify, get your shit together and then move into a new apartment that your fellow taxpayers will build at $700,000 a pop.

And then you'll never have to pay HOA fees or property taxes or worry about State Farm non-renewing your insurance - that's the property owner's problem.

Kingfisher #2 (approx. ~70 units) is supposed to be paid for via a $42 million state grant with another $7.2 million from the Town.

So let's look at the scorecard.

Aaron Nousaine of BAE Urban Economics also made a presentation at Council Wednesday where he talked about housing needs.

And then presented pretty PowerPoint slides.

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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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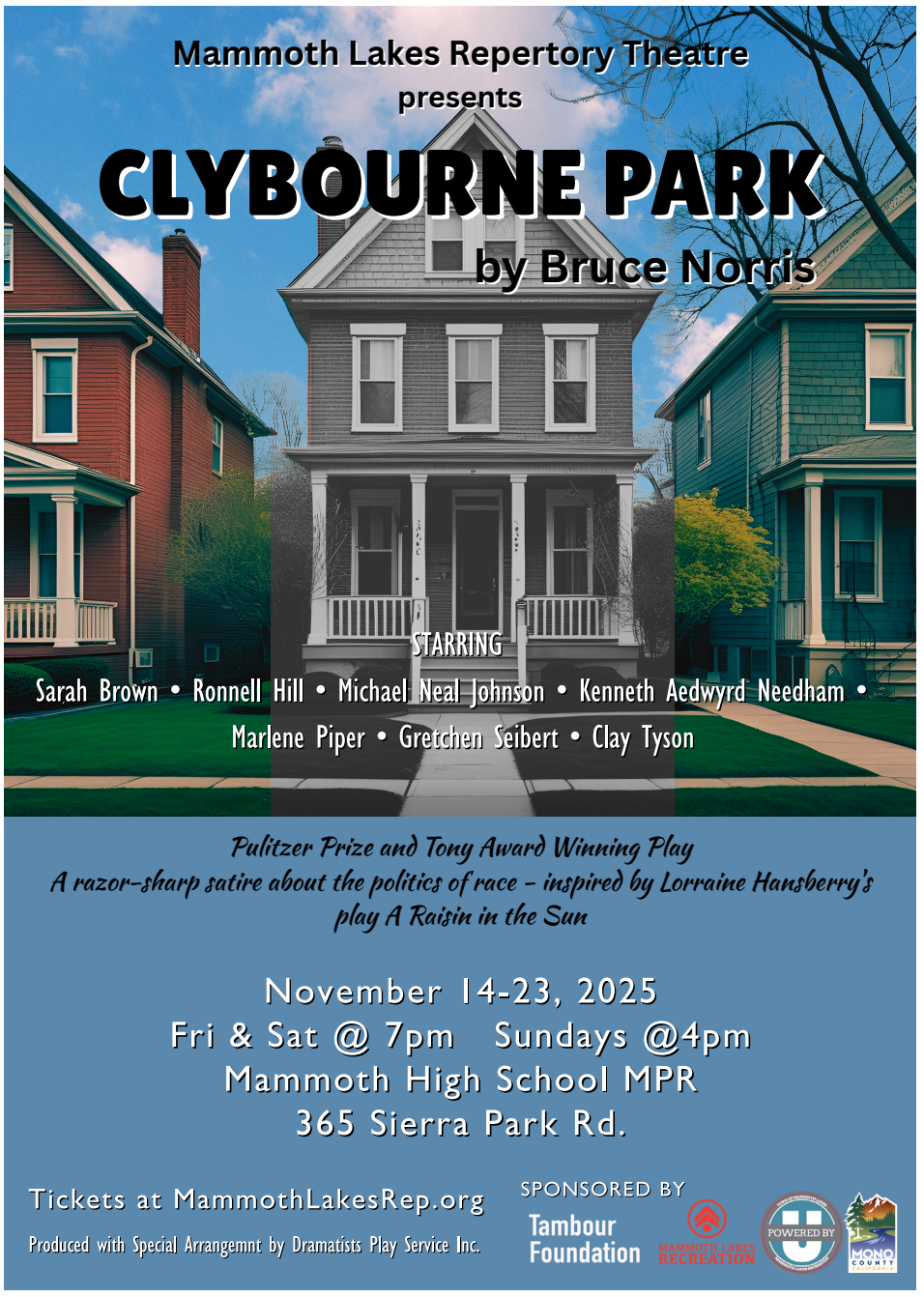
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Not sure of the methodology he used, but his determination of Mammoth's housing needs appears above.

Mammoth has built or has under construction 249 low-income units.

With 389 left to go, that implies an initial number of 638.

Another 70 were green-lit Wednesday. That makes 319/638 = 50% towards the Nousaine target.

Meanwhile 6/781 units for those considered median income and above have been built. Or approximately 8/10ths of 1%.

"We honestly need to do more in the missing middle category," said Community Development Director Nolan Bobroff in the understatement of the year.

Councilman John Wentworth promised "We'll get to you … next."

But I suppose it's tough to commit to the 'missing middle' when building low-income promises big handouts and a lot of units to brag about.

One absolute shocker in Nousaine's presentation was his revelation that BAE didn't collect any data about household incomes, which is the metric upon which affordable housing eligibility is based.

Councilman Brent Truax, in his polite and mumbling way, suggested the data Nousaine had drawn from wasn't current enough to forecast from.

"Onward through the fog," summed up Wentworth.

I spoke to Town Recreation Manager Stu Brown this week regarding the Parks and Recreation Master Plan update.

He said KTUA got the nod (among the eight firms that responded to the request for proposals) because the firm "went above and beyond."

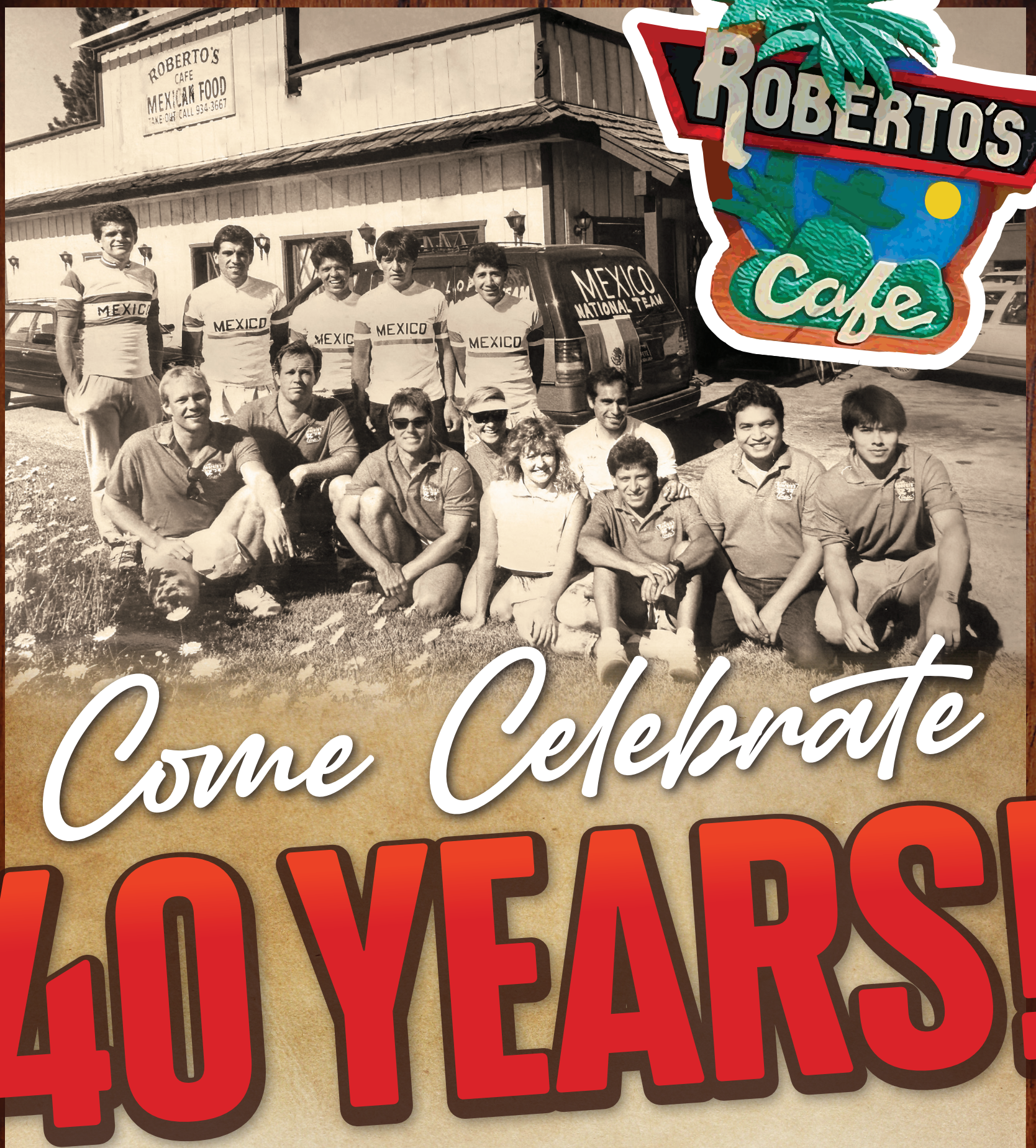
As an example of that, see the graphic on the jump page (12), which served as the cover of KTUA's bid proposal.

It shows a bunch of KTUA staff (whom Brown says are all bilingual) recreating in Mammoth.

He says their proposal also featured the best public 'engagement' plan.

Another differentiating part of KTUA's proposal (all 8 of the bids came in between $250-300K) was its "reconomics" study where it will review rec fees (like ice skating, for example) and make recommendations on pricing to maximize the nexus between cost recovery/community benefit.

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LETTERS

Pity The Nation

To the Editor:

This poem was written in 2007. Unfortunately, it is as relevant today as it was then.

"Pity the Nation"
by Lawrence Ferlinghetti

Pity the nation whose people are sheep
And whose shepherds mislead them
Pity the nation whose leaders are liars
Whose sages are silenced
and whose bigots haunt the airways
Pity the nation that raises not its voice
but aims to rule the world
by force and by torture
And knows
No other language but its own
Pity the nation whose breath is money
and sleeps the sleep of the too well fed
Pity the nation Oh pity the people of my country
My country, tears of thee
Sweet land of liberty!

Stephanie Sheltz
Bishop

Juvenile Lunch

Dear Editor,

The Sheet recently (Nov 1, 2025 issue) described a public admonishment from the Commission on Judicial Performance. The Commission severely criticized actions of Judge Susanne M. Rizo of the Inyo County Superior Court. Reporting details of this disapproval was a public service.

But the Sheet made itself look juvenile by using the headline "Ratso Rizo" for the article. We are old enough to remember that Dustin Hoffman played "Ratso" Rizzo in the 1969 movie Midnight Cowboy. Linking that irrelevant trivia to Judge Rizo was petty. The Sheet should have resisted the urge to sound clever.

Roberta and Peter Cummings
Bishop

No Clue, Plenty of Mire

Dear Editor,

In response to Mr. Klusmire's November 1st article "On Borrowed Time"

In this article the author seemed to infer that there is very little support to save and repair the Bishop Visitors Center A-frame. On the contrary, over the last months there have been many public comments and many in attendance at City Council meetings in support of repairing the building.

The author also quoted cost of a new building, neglecting to state until the end of the article the obvious fact, that because of new government code NO NEW building can be built in the same spot!

If there is opposition, as Mayor Kong suggests in the community against repairing the building, then why didn't a single one come forward? Where are these phantom community members?

If homework had been done for this article it would have been discovered that in an October 6th interview with the Sierra Wave, Robert Sharp, Chamber of Commerce President stated the Chamber wishes the Visitors Center to keep the Visitors Center in it's current location at the park. If the author had talked to the Chamber he would have also discovered that the building would not be "completely vacant" after November 11th, but will be used as storage for the Chamber.

The article stated that Dennis Freundt talked about the communities sentimental attachment to the A-frame building, what it failed to state was that Mr. Freundt stated that he himself had no sentimental attachment to the building and seemed to infer that his opinion was the one that mattered.

One of the the most astounding things stated in the article was the admonition of the City Council that demolition of the Visitors Center building had always been the discussion. Then why didn't the community know about it!!! Does the City Council have secret discussions kept from the public? This was also a statement that the City was on a path for demolition from the very beginning and wasn't interested in listening to the public at all.

Noel Gabriel-Guacheño
Bishop

A Framed Few Points

Dear Editor,

I have a few comments on the Nov. 1st 2025, printed article that I believe are misleading:

1. It was stated that the Chamber never spoke or said that they would stay in the Current A-Frame location.

This is very false and misleading. In multiple discussions with board members and Robert Sharp, they made it clear that they wanted to stay. It was elaborated to me that the board and its members were told specifically not to comment at any council meetings. They did have many discussions with city officials, and in those discussions, they stated many times they want to stay in the current A-frame. [As a reporter for the Sierra Wave] I had an interview with Robert, and I shared our discussions with Sierra Wave in an article. He specifically stated to me that the Chamber wanted to stay.

2. You specifically said "six" supporters showed up to defend the A-Frame.

Out of all the Council Meetings the last few months (many of which Jon was not at), there were countless comments from multiple people. Yes, some of the same people showed up, there was at least a unique participation number of 30 people, and I would say that's me being light.

I also got countless emails and people who came up to me on the streets thanking me for the coverage, stating they would hate to see it go. So the fact that the council tried to state otherwise is very hard for me to believe.

I believe it was very misleading to try to say only six people actively showed up.

3. Something that wasn't mentioned but should have been mentioned.

Dennis Freundt blatantly said he had no connection to the A-Frame building, and he personally did not find it sentimental. Many others and I believe this is because he has only lived in the area for less than a decade. He did state that the public had sentimental interest, but that he did not. He was sliding towards the "it's just another old building" group. I feel that could have been addressed better. What I read makes it seem like he had a sentimental value, which he clearly said he did not. I can rewatch the video and send you the exact timestamp he says this.

4. My last comment: I believe when there's a will, there's a way.

The City could have handled this better, and I believe there are 100% underlying factors at play. Even Stephen started commenting on that note, stating the city wants to eventually move the entrance to the park, which is all a part of a bigger master plan. The A-Frame is a building that the council finds in its way. I feel like this article that was posted to the Sheet is doing the local politicians' bidding and helping them justify making the wrong decision. They could easily let someone else pay for the repairs, but demolishing is part of a broader plan. Which might make for a great article in the future.

This topic and discussion is something that I hold close to my heart, so I had to comment.

Tyler Beadle
Bishop





LOCAL NEWS

GO FISH

By Libre

On Wednesday night, Mammoth Lakes Town Council approved an additional $7.2 million to fund the Kingfisher 2 affordable housing project at the Parcel. Town staff expect this funding will allow Pacific West Communities, the developers building the Parcel, to accept an award from the state of approximately $42 million.

The Kingfisher 2 project is the third piece of the Parcel, a low-income housing development spearheaded by the Town of Mammoth Lakes. People are currently living in the Sawyer, the first piece of the Parcel project, and Kingfisher 1, the second piece of the puzzle, is under construction. The housing is intended for individuals who make 30-80% of the Mono County Area Median Income (AMI).

Who qualifies to live in the Parcel? Shellan Rodriguez, a consultant from SMR development, compiled a list of jobs an individual with a dependent in a two-person household could hold while living there, if the dependent does not work. These included a custodian working in Mono County (making $43,272-$52,597; 37-44% AMI).

"If you are a single person working full-time, you just have to make under $27.50 [an hour] to qualify for 80% AMI," said a voice from the audience. It belonged to Amanda Greenberg, a social worker living at the Sawyer.

There is also an income cap on these units.

"When you get to 140% of the area median income, that unit no longer qualifies for the welfare tax exemption, so generally speaking, we would not re-up that lease," Rodriguez said. "That has never happened at the Sawyer."

Before the council approved the additional funding, members of the audience gave public comments in support of the project.

"You are building connections and fighting the loneliness epidemic," said Robin Roberts, Director of Behavioral Health for Mono County.

"My housing at the Sawyer has been a huge asset," a Sawyer resident and long-time employee at DIY homegoods echoed. "Now that my rent is affordable, I can also afford to take better care of my health."

The vote from the Town Council was passed relatively quickly, given the extensive discussion on the funds during the last council meeting in October.

The council's affirmative vote came with a contingency: prior to distributing any portion of the committed funds, the town can amend or terminate the Development Agreement for the Parcel and negotiate an option agreement with Pacific Communities to bring the agreement back to the Town Council. In layman's terms: in case something disastrous happens in Sacramento, and the state isn't able to deliver on the $42 million, Mammoth Lakes won't have to pay the $7.2. An insurance policy of sorts.

The $7.2 million will come from the General Fund, which consists of Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) money. Since voters approved a TOT from 12% to 15% last year, the town has more money in the General Fund.

A presentation given earlier in the night by Aaron Nousaine, a consultant for BAE Urban Economics, highlighted the need for housing in Mammoth Lakes. He drew on a variety of data sources, ranging from the US census bureau to reported data from The Sheet. Some of his numbers were from 2017 and 2020, although he included 2025 market rate rents.

Nousaine began his presentation with data which displayed a declining population in both Inyo and Mono Counties. He stated the population decreased between 2010 and 2020, and is projected to continue to decrease. Inyo's population loss, he said, will be more stable between 2025 and 2035, whereas Mono's is projected to lose up to 1.5% of its population by 2035.

"It seems as though housing availability and cost may be one contributing factor [to the declining population]," Nousaine said.

He then turned to migration patterns in Mammoth, presenting numbers from 2019 to 2022 which showed 1,368 people requested to change addresses to leave Mono County in 2022. Who are these people? Nousaine did not know.

"Can we get data from '23 and '24?" Mayor Chris Bubser asked. "The period from '19 to '22 was odd. I would feel more comfortable saying this was a real thing if we had some more recent data."

Nousaine responded that the most recent data from the source they previously collected this data from was too expensive to collect, he said.

He also presented data from a worker response survey which showed 34% of workers in Mono and Inyo counties are looking for a new place to live, 35% are concerned about finding housing, and 53% are overpaying for housing, meaning these individuals spend more than a third of their income on housing.

In the final part of his presentation, Nousaine laid out the housing needs per income bracket in the town, which he listed as 1,170 units. Roughly a third of the need exists at the low income bracket, which serves individuals who make 80% of the AMI or below (the Parcel sweet spot). About 19% of the need is categorized as "upper incomes," meaning 150-350% AMI, and usually encompasses median priced single-family homes. But the majority of housing needs exist in the middle income bracket, totalling 560 units at 80-150% AMI.

Mayor Bubser hopes completing the Parcel project will alleviate some of these housing needs.

"A lot of people have asked us why we're not focusing more on the missing middle," she told The Sheet on Wednesday. By the "missing middle," she means the middle income bracket most in need of housing. "When you help people in the lowest income bracket get into housing, they move from somewhere, so it opens up housing that these people could move into."

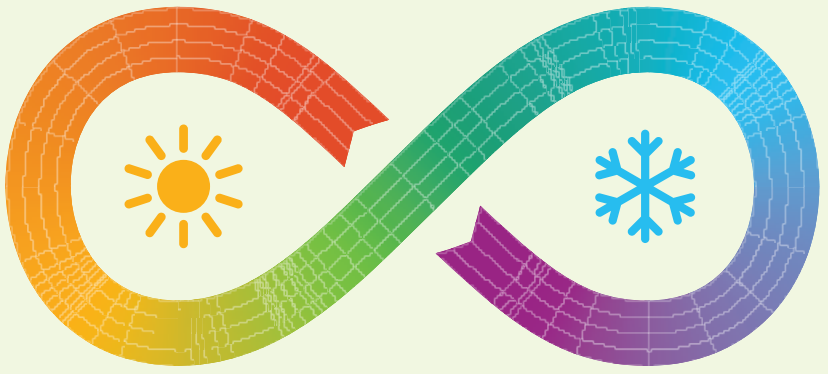
Bubser added Pacific West Communities is able to receive federal tax breaks on the Parcel project due to the income bracket the developer is focused on. Those tax breaks are not available for building units in the missing middle.

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still about 9 feet below the target level set by the State Water Resources Control Board in1994. The message has been LADWP should stop exporting any Mono Basin water until that mandated lake level is achieved.

The committee has initiated legal challenges to that 1994 ruling. Well-publicized hearings in front of powerful state agencies put the Mono Lake issue back in the public eye and put LADWP in a bit of defensive crouch. But those maneuvers have yet to result in any big changes in LADWP's operations.

More successful has been the MLC's effort to put people in front of the LA City Council and LADWP commission. The ability to rally citizens, scientists, academics, and environmental heavyweights was on full display at the September commission meeting. Almost 20 people urged the commission to not only expand the recycled water plant, but to loudly declare the "new" local water would allow LADWP to reduce Mono Basin exports.

It worked.

"We won't need Mono Lake water to meet the supplies in LA" once the recycled water starts flowing, said Richard Katz, LADWP commission president.

That's quite a statement and might hint at a changing political sentiment in LA regarding water exports from the Eastern Sierra.

Of course, LA never needed the yearly infusion of Mono Basin water.

The Mono water could have been "replaced" by purifying 25 million gallons a day, which was the original capacity for the Donald C. Tillman Water Reclamation Plant in Van Nuys. The plant will be expanded to purify 45 million gallons. That's 40,000 acre feet, versus the 4,000 to 16,000 acre feet LADWP can divert from the creeks which feed the lake. That's about 2% of the city's annual water supply.



PHOTO COURTESY MONO LAKE COMMITTEE

Mono Lake Committee staffers with a big stick showing how high the lake should be while floating on where the water is now.

Math aside, the commission gets kudos for making the link. As a plus, it gets pats on the back from environmentalists and the environmentally sensitive LA mayor and other elected officials. Smiles all around.

The commission might also get some brownie points from the state agencies ruling on any changes to the current water rules around the lake.

Time will tell if that decision results in more water in Mono Lake. The recycled water won't hit taps in LA for two years, and LADWP did not give up its water rights in the basin. Finally, it was noted that, during a drought, LADWP could resume diversions from Mono Basin. Thanks to groundwater bubbling up in the Mono Craters Tunnel which feeds into the Owens River, LADWP will still be collecting water from the basin even without the creek diversions.

If LADWP allows more water to flow into the lake, it will test its longstanding theory that snowpack, runoff, summer heat and evaporation have a far more significant impact on the level of the huge lake then its water diversions.

The worst-case scenario would be to have all available water flow into the lake without dramatically raising the water level because climate change continues to increase evaporation and reduce snowfall, snowpack and precipitation.

If that happens, Mono Lake will become yet another example of climate change overwhelming the best efforts of engineers and scientists to manage an ecosystem.

Jon Klusmire of Bishop will quote Mike Prather's insightful observation about how to work for change: "Endless Pressure, Endlessly Applied."



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LOCAL BRIEFS

Slow Your Roll

The growing popularity of e-bikes and e-scooters and an accompanying increase in rude and sometimes dangerous riding of said electric machines has prompted the City of Bishop to approve a new set of E-Mobility Rules of the road and sidewalks. The Bishop police will be enforcing the new rules, so the city isn't kidding.

The powerful little wheeled items can buzz right along, so speed limits have been imposed. On sidewalks the limit is a staid 5 mph. And no blocking the sidewalk, either. E-machines using bike lanes, paths or motoring on city streets have a 15 mph speed limit. Yielding to pedestrians is always mandatory.

How about doing stunts and tricks on streets and public areas? How about a hard no. Same goes for stacking two riders on a single bike or scooter. In general, anyone on wheels has to obey the standard "rules of the road" when it comes to signaling turns, staying in a lane, yielding, and on and on.

The E-Mobility Rules went into effect on Sept. 10, and Bishop police have rolled past the "information" phase of the rollout and are now engaging in some "education" for those breaking the rules. The police will shift into the "enforcement" gear in mid-November.

County Mandates Naked Soaking

Inyo County is once again inviting bathers to take off their clothes and enjoy a soak in its nude-only hot springs.

Tecopa Hot Springs and Campground, which is owned by the county, has reopened with a new concessionaire. One unique feature of the hot springs baths is that no bathing suits are allowed in the separate men's and women's soaking pools.

The naked soaking policy has been in effect for decades to maintain the purity and healing powers of the hot springs water, according to indigenous people who first enjoyed the area's hot springs. Tecopa is named for the Paiute-Shoshone Chief Tecopa, by the way, and was a stop on the Old Spanish Trail.

Another unique feature is that full-time residents of Tecopa and Shoshone, maybe 150 hearty desert dwellers, get to soak for free after paying a minimal yearly fee.

The concessionaire agreement is also a unique approach to managing and improving the bath house, community center and 200-space camping and RV park.

Under the 10-year agreement, Flippin Hamrick, LLC, of Las Vegas, will pay a minimum fee starting at $10,000 a month or 5% of gross sales that will eventually hit a $15,000 minimum and 7% of gross from years five to ten. In a first, the county will retain the fees and then use them to maintain and upgrade all the facilities.

The concessionaire will get permits, bids and manage any improvements, then the county will pay for them.

No Need for Meter Maids

Inyo County will pay about $900,000 to buy and install new water meters in Lone Pine, Independence and Laws, towns where the county owns and operates the water systems.

Core & Main LP of Lancaster, CA, will handle the purchase of 875 "smart" water meters at a cost of $544,000. Digging up the old meters and installing the new ones will cost about $358,000. That work will be completed by Four Point Engineering of Wellington, NV. Both firms submitted winning bids for the work, which will be overseen by the county Public Works Department. State grants will fund both contracts.

The old meters are a remnant of the 1970 Water Wars between Inyo County and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP), which owned and operated the water systems at the time.

When the county started suing LADWP over groundwater pumping, LADWP installed the water meters, which just added another layer of outrage to the battle. The lawsuits led to the Inyo-LA Long Term Water Agreement. The agreement made LADWP turn over the water systems to the county.

"This smart meter project will be a step toward modernizing the County's water infrastructure, enabling accurate measurements of individual water usage and allowing for efficient monitoring of the town's overall water demand," according to the county Public Works Department. The meters will be "read" remotely.

No timeline was given for when residents and businesses can expect to see the disruptions from installation of the new water meters.

The state has mandated all water services be metered by 2032.

Invasive Plants in Mammoth Waters

During surveys at Twin Lakes, Clean Up The Lake, in collaboration with the California Department of Agriculture, identified three aquatic plant samples from the Myriophyllum genus, commonly known as milfoil.

Because native and invasive species in this group can appear nearly identical, the samples were submitted for genetic sequencing to confirm their identification. Results revealed that two samples were Myriophyllum spicatum (Eurasian watermilfoil), an aquatic invasive species, while the third was Myriophyllum sibiricum (Northern watermilfoil), a native species.

"This discovery is extremely significant for the entire Sierra Nevada region," said Colin West, Founder and CEO of Clean Up The Lake. "It provides critical information that will help us prevent the further spread of this invasive species into lakes that are not yet affected. We all have a role to play, by cleaning, draining, and drying our gear in order to protect the health of our waterways."

Clean Up The Lake continued to expand its mission across the Eastern Sierra this September through the Mammoth Lakes Project, a high-altitude cleanup and Aquatic Invasive Species research initiative conducted at McLeod, George, Mary, Mamie, and Twin Lakes.

The goal was to evaluate submerged litter accumulation, document aquatic invasive and native species, and strengthen regional partnerships that advance the understanding of alpine freshwater ecosystems. Laboratory test results confirmed the presence of the aquatic invasive species, Eurasian Watermilfoil, in Twin Lakes.

Clean up the Lake's Operations Manager Klemen Robnik who facilitated much of the sampling program in Mammoth Lakes this year added that "This means Mammoth Lakes locals and visitors will also need to monitor their movements between lakes and avoid going directly into unaffected lakes after fishing, kayaking or paddle boarding in Twin Lakes".

The organization is looking forward to working with agencies to help mitigate the spread of this invasive species moving forward.





SNAP

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totaled around $150,000, Peterson recommended the County still allocate at least $75,000 toward the grocery cards and another $5,000 toward local food pantries.

The Board of Supervisors ultimately approved $100,000 for the program, and the Town of Mammoth Lakes followed suit the next day with a 1:1 match.

"I'd prefer more of the funds get spent on direct support, sort of like when we did the food bank stuff during COVID," County Supervisor John Peters said in advocating for a higher allocation than Peterson's recommended $80,000. "I think this is going to root out more need than maybe we can meet the demand for."

The County pulled the $100,000 from savings, while the Town committed its full contingency fund, planning to refill the fund during upcoming quarterly budget reviews based on actual expenditures.

With $200,000 committed, the program could cover up to a month and a half of missed federal benefits. Once the government does begin administering SNAP benefits again, there is no way the County or the town would be reimbursed for the money spent on the pre-paid cards.

"Well, then [the recipients] will just have a nice Christmas," said Amanda Rice, Mammoth Lakes Council member, hearing this. "That's okay."

As of Wednesday evening, the County's Health and Human Services Department had already purchased about $20,000 worth of grocery cards from Grocery Outlet and Vons. In unincorporated areas with fewer grocery options, eligible residents may instead receive prepaid Visa gift cards, since some shop in bulk across the border in Nevada.

To receive a card, residents must already be enrolled in CalFresh and pick it up in person from the Health and Human Services office. Unlike CalFresh EBT cards, the county-issued cards won't restrict what items can be purchased, though recipients will sign a certification agreeing not to use them for alcohol or tobacco.

"It won't be perfect," Peterson said. "We're charting new territory without precedent to follow."

The County plans to continue purchasing cards in batches and distributing them weekly until federal benefits resume or funds are exhausted.

Inyo County Still Developing Plan

The Inyo County Board of Supervisors has not taken any action to adress food insecurity so far.

It is currently looking at options to support the approximate 1,200 residents on SNAP in the County, but is still solidifying the details of such plans, said Jeff Griffiths, Inyo County Supervisor. It may release more information next week.

Food Assistance Resources

Some of the funding will also go toward bolstering food pantries at Health and Human Services offices in Mammoth (1290 Tavern Road), Bridgeport (37 Emigrant St.), and Walker (107384 Hwy 395).

Inyo Mono Advocates for Community Action (IMACA) will also continue its regular food drops this month:

Mammoth Lakes — Nov. 13, 3–4 p.m. (St. Joseph's Church)

June Lake — Nov. 18, 11:30 a.m.–12:30 p.m. (Community Center)

Lee Vining — Nov. 18, 10:30–11 a.m. (Community Center)

Walker — Nov. 26, 10–10:45 a.m. (Senior Center)

Bridgeport — Nov. 26, 12:30–1 p.m. (Community Center)

The Salvation Army (220 Sierra Manor Rd, Mammoth), the Second Chance Thrift Store (501 Old Mammoth Rd, Mammoth), and Eastern Sierra Community Housing (587 Old Mammoth Rd, Mammoth) offers emergency supplies and support.

Visit www.cdss.ca.gov/ for the latest information on CalFresh benefits.

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Outlaw Saloon Happy Hour Monday through Friday from 4-6 p.m. *More info: See ad p. 15. And remember to catch all the NFL games right here!*
The Mogul happy hour 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the bar. Food and drink specials.
Main Street Pizza - *See ad page 13 for details.*
Distant Brewing happy hour Monday-Thursday from 3-5pm. $1/off beer/wine/cider/seltzer/kombucha

Sunday, November 9/
Live music @ Distant Brewing (568 Old Mammoth). Starts 6 or 7 p.m.

Monday, November 10/
Open mic @ Distant Brew. Time: 6-9 p.m.

Wednesday, November 12/
Cassie Dunn plays Shelter Distilling from 6-9 p.m.

Thursday, November 13/
The Great North Special plays Liberty Bar. Music starts 9:30 p.m.

Friday, November 14/
1910 Opening Weekend party w/ Spliffriff & Deviates @ Liberty. Starts 9:30 p.m. *More info: See ad p. 6*
"Nexus" Ski Movie Premiere Event at Bar Sierra. Doors open 8 p.m., movies start 8:45 p.m.

Saturday, November 15/
Pay The Rent Movie Premiere w/Blind Fortune @ Liberty. Starts 9:30 p.m.
Deep Thicket Dwellers performs at C5 Community Arts Center (210 S Warren St. in Bishop). Doors at 6:30, music starts 7 p.m. Cost $20-30, donation-based. *Tix: c5studios.org.*

TOWN STUFF

Friday, November 7/
Sierra Classic Theatre presents **"Going Postal," Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre** at Liberty from 6-9:30 p.m. *Tix: sierraclassictheatre.org*
Bishop Bronco Football hosts a 1st round CIF playoff game v. Golden Valley (Bakersfield). Time: 6 p.m.

Saturday, November 8/
Mammoth Disposal Collection Event, accepting green waste, electronic waste and household hazardous waste. Runs from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Mammoth Disposal Transfer Station. *Contact cmoyer@wcnx.org with questions.*
Wildlife Tracking Workshop with Phil Johnston by Sierra Forever and Eastern Sierra Land Trust. Starts 9 a.m. *Info/register: eslt.org/events*
Coaching workshop for the Poetry Out Loud competition by the Inyo Council for the Arts. Starts at noon. Lunch provided. Location: 150 Willow St. in Bishop.
Holiday Boutique from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Bishop Country Club. Start your holiday shopping! *Email kelliesuebell@gmail.com with questions.*
"After the Snowfall" Ski Movie by Matchstick Productions premieres at Mammoth Brewing Company. Doors open at 6 p.m., show at 7. $10 suggested donation to benefit ESAC. *Info: esavalanche.org*

TOWN STUFF

Monday, November 10/
Bishop City Council meets. Time: 6 p.m. Location: Council Chambers @ 377 West Line or online via cityofbishop.ca.gov
Sierra Classic Theatre presents **"Going Postal," Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre** at Lakanuki from 6-9:30 p.m. *Tix: sierraclassictheatre.org*
Inyo County/LADWP Standing Committee meets. Time: 11 a.m. Attend via Microsoft Teams:
https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/2985944991811?p=mwq35iRSMO19CTjWfx
Meeting ID: 298 594 499 181 1
Passcode: hW378xh9

Wednesday, November 12/
Mammoth Lakes Planning and Economic Development Commission meets 9 a.m. in Suite Z in the Minaret Mall and online at townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.
Access Mammoth Rebrand Power Lunch.Access Mammoth, formerly Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra, will present on its history and vision for the future. $$$. Time: 12- 1:30 p.m. Location: Mammoth Coffee Roasting, Co. *Info: accessmammoth.org.*
Bishop Chamber of Commerce Board meets 10:30 a.m. to noon in the Conference Room at the Alta One Federal Credit Union.
Mammoth Lakes Recreation Board meets from 3-7 p.m. in Suite Z in the Minaret Mall and online at townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.
Eastern Sierra Chess Club holds informal play sessions every Wednesday from 5-8 p.m. at Salsa's Taqueria in Bishop.
Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District holds a special meeting at 6 p.m. in the Chalfant Community Center (123B Valley Road) to discuss the Mono County Tri-Valley Groundwater Model Project.

Thursday, November 13/
Sierra Classic Theatre presents **"Going Postal," Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre** at Tom's Place from 6-9:30 p.m. *Call 760.935.4239 for tix.*

Friday, November 14/
Mammoth Mountain's Scheduled Opening Day. Join Woolly for the first annual chair and banner breakthrough followed by a toast to the new season. First chair from Main Lodge at 8:30 a.m.

November 14-23/
Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre presents "Clybourne Park." Showtimes Friday & Saturday 7 p.m., Sunday 4 p.m. in the Mammoth High School MPR. *Tix: mammothlakesrep.org. Info: Ad p. 2*

TOWN STUFF

UPCOMING

Monday, November 17/
The Inyo Associates meet at the Legion Hall in Independence, courtesy of the Indy Civic Club. 5:30 p.m. social and 6:30 p.m. dinner by Ellen Harrison. $25.

Tuesday, November 18/
Not Your Grandma's Bingo Night from 6-8 p.m in the Eatery at Mammoth Brewing to benefit Rhiannon's Kids.

Wednesday, November 19/
Great Basin Water Justice Summit, featuring a presentation by the Owens Valley Indian Water Commission, "Collaborating in Payahuunadu: Creating Pathways for a Healthy Homeland" online from 5:30-7:30 p.m. *Register at bit.ly/GBWJS2025.*

Saturday, November 22/
Chilly Nights, Warm Delights Art Walk starts at C5 Studios (210 S. Warren St. in Bishop). Time: 5:30-8 p.m.
Snow and Avalanche Workshop with the Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center (ESAC). Time: 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Location: Eagle Lodge in Mammoth. *Info: esavalanche.org*
Season Kickoff and Fundraiser for ESAC. $30 entry. Doors 5 p.m., event 7 p.m. *Info: esavalanche.org*

This is Rocky!
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Footloose Sports is hiring Bootfitters and Demo Ski Technicians for the upcoming winter season. We are looking for outdoor enthusiasts who enjoy skiing and prefer working in a fast paced, team-oriented environment. We are searching for individuals with experience but also provide paid training to entry level candidates demonstrating reliability, enthusiasm, and excellent customer service skills. This is a great opportunity to join a legendary Mammoth ski shop. Please submit a current resume to footloose@footloosesports.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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For questions, please email hr@mammoth. To view more positions and apply, pls.visit www.mammothhospital.org/jobs

Shilo Inn is accepting applications for FT housekeepers, FT maintenance worker and Front desk/night auditor. Immediate Front Desk opportunity starting at $18/hour. Please call Human Resources (Sarina Quintero) at 925.813.2331 or email your resume to squintero@marquishotelsgroup.com.

Sweetwater Plumbing Inc. FT position for Journeyman Plumber and/or Apprentice Plumber. Full Benefits. Job is located in Mammoth Lakes. Contact 760-914-1266 info@sweetwaterplumbing.com

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TOWN OF Mammoth Lakes

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For more information, to subscribe to job alerts, and to apply:

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Help Wanted

DOUBLE EAGLE RESORT AND SPA

Reservations Desk Clerk immediate opening at the Double Eagle Resort and Spa in June Lake CA (20 min from mammoth). Must have excellent customer service and computer skills. Full or part time, health benefits, fitness membership and PTO. Great place to work! Email Lodging@doubleeagle.com
Creekside Spa and Fitness Desk at the Double Eagle Resort and Spa, immediate opening for enthusiast team member. Help in creating a wonderful experience for our spa and fitness center guests. Customer service, computer, cleaning, food service. Full or part time, health benefits, fitness membership and PTO. Great place to work! Email Lodging@doubleeagle.com
Restaurant Server for Eagles Landing Restaurant at the popular Double Eagle Resort and Spa in June Lake CA. Experience in restaurant service, computers and working as team member are essential.

Surefoot

Surefoot Mammoth is hiring bootfitters for the upcoming winter season. We are looking for enthusiastic skiers who want to work hard and play hard. No experience necessary, we provide paid training. This is a great opportunity to learn a valuable skill in the ski industry. Season pass and custom ski boots provided with employment. Contact Todd at Mammoth@Surefoot.com.

Help Wanted

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Restaurant bartender for Eagle's Landing Restaurant at the popular Double Eagle Resort and Spa. Experience in restaurant bartending, computers and working as a team member are essential. FT and PT work available. Health benefits, fitness membership, PTO. Great place to work. Email Lodging@doubleeagle.com
Cooks and Prep Cooks jobs available at the famous Eagles Landing Restaurant in June Lake. We offer health benefits, fitness membership and PTO. A great place to work! Email lodging@doubleeagle.com

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SKADI

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Request for Proposals

2025 2026 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SNOW REMOVAL

The **Hilton Creek Community Services District** is requesting proposals for snow removal service for the 2025/2026 winter season in the Crowley Lake area. Areas to be plowed are:

*Juniper Loop Road
*Lager Lane
*Pinion Drive
*Hilton Creek Community Services District sewer plant road and parking lot
*Sierra Springs sewer pump station road

A description of the specific services to be provided is as follows:

Contractor shall provide snow removal services for the period of November 18, 2025, through June 30, 2026. Upon the accumulation of two (2) inches of snow or more from each storm or when conditions require the roads to be cindered, and prior to 7:00 a.m. each day when such accumulation or conditions occur, or as otherwise requested by the District. Contractor shall provide snow removal and cinder services for Lager Lane, Pinion Drive, Juniper Loop Road, the Hilton Creek Community Services District sewer plant road and parking lot, and the Sierra Springs sewer pump station road in Crowley Lake, California during the contract period. Snow removal shall continue until optimum accessibility at the above locations is achieved. Snow shall be blown or hauled off the property with the prior approval of the District.

Contractor shall provide all labor, equipment, material and supplies required or necessary to properly, competently, and completely perform the work or render the services. Contractor shall determine the method, details and means of doing the work or rendering the services.

Contractor shall use snow removal equipment that will satisfactorily perform the required services and specify such equipment in the proposal.

The snow removal contractor will be required to carry specified insurance and comply with prevailing wage law requirements.

To review these and other contract requirements, as well as obtain other pertinent information, or to obtain answers to questions, contact: Lorinda Beatty, Board Secretary at (760) 965-9696.

Please submit all proposals to Hilton Creek CSD, 3222 Crowley Lake Drive, Crowley Lake, CA 93546 or info@hiltoncreekcsd.com

Proposals must be received by 4:00 p.m. November 15, 2025 (postmarks not accepted) to be included in the award process to take place at the Board of Directors Regular Meeting for November 18, 2025 at 5:00 p.m., Crowley Lake Community, Crowley Lake, CA. The contract will be awarded to the lowest responsible, responsive bidder.

TS #2025-0122

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR DISCUSSION OF POSSIBLE STATE CDBG APPLICATIONS

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the County of Mono will conduct a public hearing no earlier than 9:00 AM on Tuesday, November 18, 2025, the Mono Lake Room (1st floor) at the Mono County Civic Center, 1290 Tavern Road, Mammoth Lakes, and the meeting will be accessible remotely by Zoom at https://monocounty.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_bgvkJY02QsStRKSnbM_2TA or in-person, to discuss possible applications for funding under the State Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) 2025 Notice of Funding Availability and to gather residents' ideas for possible activities to be included in the application.

The County anticipates submitting an application during this funding application cycle. The County has or anticipates receiving approximately $1,500,000 in CDBG Program Income.

The purpose of this hearing is to review eligible CDBG program activities and solicit public input on the County's housing and community development needs (which includes services, facilities, and/or infrastructure that will improve livability within the community) for inclusion in a possible 2025 State CDBG Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) application.

The following information related to the project is available at 1290 Tavern Road Mammoth Lakes CA 93546 between the hours of 9:00 AM – 12:30 PM and 1:30 PM – 5:00 PM on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays (excluding County-recognized holidays) or by emailing the contact listed below:

A. Amount of funds available and range of activities that may be undertaken.
B. Information on proposed project(s), if any.
C. Estimated amounts proposed for activities benefiting low- and moderate-income persons;.
D. Plans for minimizing displacement of persons as a result of activities associated with CDBG funds and plans for providing assistance to persons displaced as a result of CDBG-funded activities.
E. Records regarding the past use of CDBG funds.

If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the Mono County Administration Office at the address above, or you may contact Allison Shaw, by telephone at (760) 932-5408 or by Email at ashaw@mono.ca.gov no later than 9:00 AM on November 18, 2025 to ensure placement in the official record of the hearing.

The County of Mono does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender identify, age, religion or disability. To request disability accommodations or language interpretation, including translation of meeting materials, please contact Allison Shaw at (760) 932-5408 or ashaw@mono.ca.gov at least 48 hours before the hearing.

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that I am employed by the County of Mono and that I caused this Notice to be posted in the County Notice Case on November 8, 2025.

Allison Shaw
Office Manager County Administration

TS #2025-1023

Notice of Public Hearing (cont.)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, **November 19, 2025**, beginning at 4:00 p.m. and continuing until finished, at the **Town Council Chambers, Suite Z, within the Minaret Village Shopping Center, 437 Old Mammoth Road** the **Mammoth Lakes Town Council** will conduct a public hearing for the following:

Appeal of the October 8, 2025 Planning and Economic Development Commission decision to approve Use Permit Application (UPA) 24-003, Major Design Review 24-006 and Adjustment 25-005 for a six-unit, multi-family residential apartment project subject to the Town's Density Bonus Ordinance located in the Residential Multi-Family 1 (RMF-1) zoning district at 54 Mono Street.

CEQA Determination: Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Guidelines this project is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to Categorical Exemption Section 15332 – In-fill Development Projects.

Appeal Summary: An appeal was filed by the property owners of the adjacent property, 56 Mono Street, alleging that the shared access easement located on 54 Mono Street is exclusive to the property owners of 56 Mono Street and that the property owner of 54 Mono Street is not authorized to use or access the easement area, thereby eliminating access to the 54 Mono Street site.

All persons having an interest in the proposed application request may appear before the Town Council either in person or represented by counsel and present testimony or may, prior to said hearing, file with the Executive Secretary written correspondence pertaining thereto. Pursuant to Government Code Section 65009(b), if this matter is subsequently challenged in court, the challenge may be limited to only those issues raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Town of Mammoth Lakes at, or prior to, the public hearing. For additional information, or to obtain a copy of the staff report which will be published no later than November 14, 2025, contact Gina Montecallo, Assistant Planner, at (760) 965-3641. Public comments may be sent via email to gmontecallo@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov

Additional information, including project plans, can be found on the project website, which is located at: https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1389/54-Mono-Street-Apartments

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Mammoth Lakes Town Council
P.O. Box 1609
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

TS #2025-0124

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Need an immigration lawyer?

DYAD Law - an immigration law firm based in San Diego will be in Mammoth this weekend to help Eastern Sierra business owners and residents to understand their rights, as well as helping they or their employees to find a path to citizenship. Lead attorney Shannon Englert will be here with her team, which will be attending the Chamber Gala on Thursday night. They are then staying for the weekend to meet with business owners as well as individuals who need help.

If you know anyone that is interested in talking to DYAD:

• Have them go to DYADLaw.com and get pre-qualified.
• Once they are pre-qualified, they will be told where and when to show up for their appointment.
• The appointments are confidential and can be on Zoom if preferred.
• To keep applicants safe, no one will be given the location of the meeting without getting pre-qualified.

Finally, as an addendum to last week's story on Judge Susanne Rizo.

Rizo, despite being admonished by the Commission on Judicial Performance, is in line to become Presiding Judge in Inyo County next year.

By statute, in two-judge counties, once a judge has sat on the bench for a certain number of years, he/she is eligible to serve as Presiding Judge on an alternating basis. And it's Rizo's turn.

Presiding Judges have all sorts of discretion in terms of assigning cases, managing the court calendar, et. al. which are outlined in California Rule of Court 10.603.



KTUA used this collage to convince the Town of its local chops and interest.

ARTS

WHAT'S 'NEXUS'?

By Fisher

Aaron Durlester grew up in Mammoth Lakes and has been skiing professionally for more than five years, largely making his name in the halfpipe. But before he entered the professional circuit, he watched that world from afar with starry eyes.

He remembers watching the Level 1 Productions' Ski Film, "Sunny" premiere in 2012, complete with goofy b-roll, urban stunts, powder slashing and a hell of a soundtrack.

Ever since then, he's dreamt of creating something similar in Mammoth.

"Watching that was always so fun," he said. "And I didn't really know a premiere in Mammoth like that. I just feel like there really hasn't been anything, especially for the kids."

Last year, he decided to change that. Inspired to create an event by locals, for locals, Durlester hosted his first hometown premiere at Distant Brewing, screening his film "maybe i should." It was a small but special addition to a tour that had already taken him through Salt Lake City and Vancouver, and the community showed up for it.

"It was a random Tuesday night, and we packed out the bar," he said. "It was pretty cool to see the community come together."

That experience sparked the idea to create something bigger. Something that local kids, like himself years ago, could prop up and imagine themselves continuing the legacy of.

Enter "Nexus," Durlester's newest ski film: a solo project that pays homage to the halfpipe community and the creative side of skiing. Alongside his own film, he'll also screen ON3P 8, a production by Espen Bølum featuring Mammoth skiers Oscar Weary, Andrew Branch, and Meeks Foster.

To round out the evening, Durlester's invited local artists including photographer Cody Mathison and ceramicist Sean Walker to display their work.

"I thought it'd be cool to put all my focus into having a fun Mammoth premiere, to give back to the community that taught me to ski because I wouldn't be here without it," he said.

The project, more than just a chance to shine light on his hometown, also represents a turning point in Durlester's career. He's decided to wind down his competitive side and focus on filming. Over the course of last season, he realized it was his creative outlet and that it was more in line with what he wanted to represent.

"I wanted to make a film that's an homage to halfpipe skiing and what it's given me," he said. "Something that shows how creative and fun it can be."

The film reflects this transition. Mixing psychedelic visuals and superimposed shots with a dreamy, sometimes melancholy soundtrack, it feels nostalgic and introspective as it moves from slow-motion halfpipe clips to playful urban segments.

It's his first solo project, and it showcases both his personal style and his evolving relationship with the sport he's dedicated his life to. Competition had long been central to his skiing, but over time, he found it less fulfilling.

"I just wanted a year without pressure," he explained. "No contests, no expectations. Just skiing for myself and seeing what came out of it."

Even as he transitioned away from his competitive side, he worries that halfpipe is dying out, and that fewer people are getting started out in it than they used to. It's increasingly important to him that young kids see that, as far as he's concerned, halfpipe is less about big contest tricks and more about flow, style, and expression.

"Halfpipe skiing doesn't have to be all double corks," he explained. "It can be handplants, butters, or whatever you want to make it."

The film was edited by Kai Martin, a fellow skier from Whistler who spent the season recovering from an ACL injury. Martin helped to bring Durlester's vision together and add creative elements to bring it to life.

"He's one of the most talented people I know, especially with editing," he said. "We've been working together to make it feel personal and different from anything I've done before."



A shot from "Nexus," premiering Friday.

In many ways, "Nexus" brings Durlester's story home. It's a blend of past and present, skill and creativity. What began as inspiration from a ski premiere more than a decade ago has come full circle, now reflected on screen for the next generation in Mammoth to watch and potentially even imagine themselves doing the same.

The show is scheduled to premiere Friday, November 14th at Bar Sierra. Doors open at 8 p.m., movies start at 8:45 p.m.

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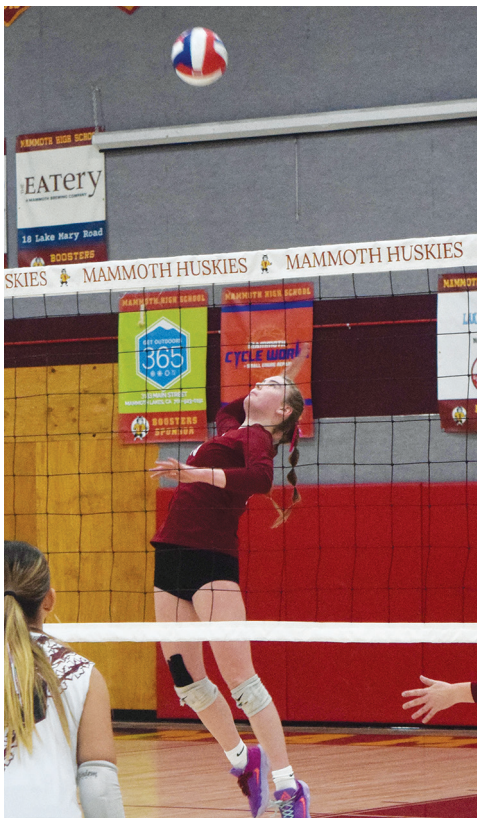
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Left, the Mammoth Huskies volleyball team, and its passionate supporters, erupt in celebration as the final point drops, sealing a CIF Semifinal victory over Fresno Christian, the team that had bested Mammoth for the past two years. Above (L-R), Addison Koenig and Greta Koehler put in the work to secure the game.

Tuesday's matchup was a battle from start to finish, with both sides trading leads and momentum, but the Huskies held strong to take the win, 3–1, with set scores of 25–18, 25–23, 17–25, and 25–23. Mammoth is scheduled to host the championship game against Immanuel on Thursday.

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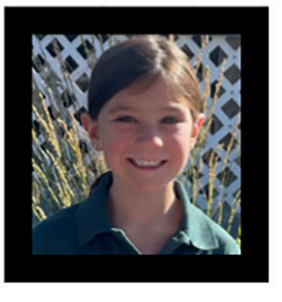
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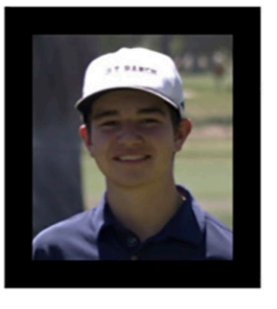
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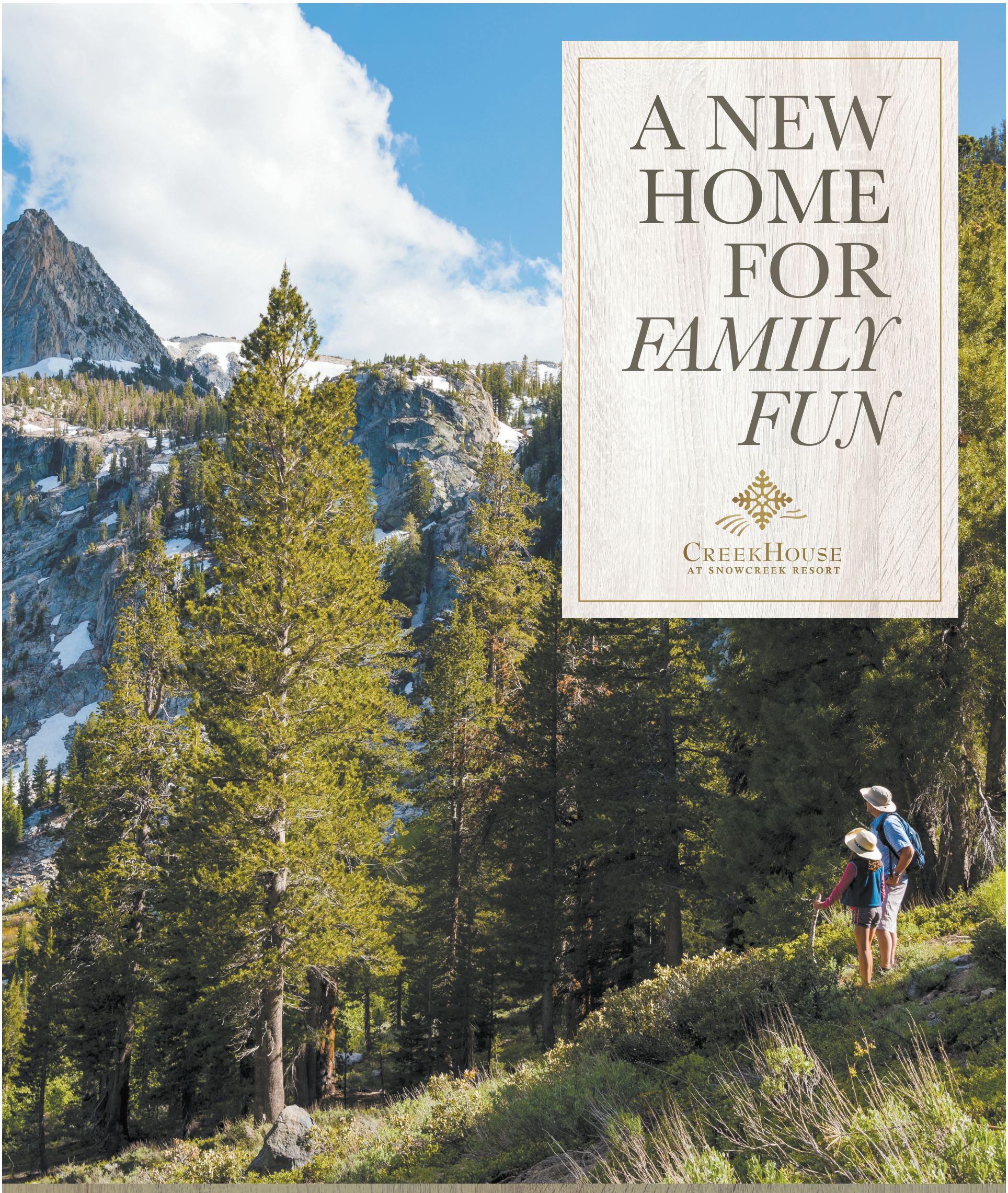


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