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Outgoing Mammoth Lakes Mayor Chris Bubser recently awarded Chamber Music Unbound founders and Felici Trio members Rebecca Hang and Brian Schuldt with the Spirit of Mammoth Award.

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SOMEONE BLINKED

By Klusmire

The mediators have done quite a job.

After a lengthy third-party mediation session on Tuesday, Dec. 9, a tentative agreement has been reached that, if approved by a vote of union members, would avert a strike by several hundred nurses and technical workers at Northern Inyo Hospital District (NIHD) that had been slated to begin on Monday, Dec. 15.

The agreement “resolves our disputes,” the union said in a Dec. 10 press release. However, “in order to protect this process,” details of the deal will not be released until after Thursday’s union vote, the press release stated. The voting will run all day and wrap up at 8 p.m.

“If the agreement is ratified, the Union will withdraw notice of the ... Strike and release further details on Friday,” the union said.

“This tentative agreement represents a positive step for our employees, our organization, and the community we serve,” said NIHD CEO Christian Wallis. “If it is ratified, we look forward to moving ahead together with a shared focus on safe, consistent patient care.”

As in most labor deals, the devil (and the money) is in the details.

The union, Local 315 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), offered a serious set of reasons for authorizing the strike. It challenged NIHD’s handling of negotia-

tions, staffing issues, executive pay, paid vacation and time off rules, annual raises, and the district’s delay of a planned cost of living pay hike.

A sharp response to those union positions was released by NIHD on Friday, Dec. 5. It said the district’s first move would be spending between \$650,00 to \$900,00 to “arrange temporary staffing to keep essential services open” during any strike. The nurses authorized a four-day strike, Monday through Thursday, with the technical workers striking only on Monday.

Bringing on temporary workers would “help hospital, clinic, and emergency services remain available for the community,” NIHD stated.

AFSCME represents separate bargaining units for roughly 100 nurses and about 230 tech workers, a group that includes medical assistants, admissions clerks, kitchen staff, lab and radiology techs, licensed vocational nurses, certified nursing assistants, environmental services staff, and specialty clinic technical staff.

The district, not the union, requested the state mediation that took place on Tuesday, “after several weeks without a response from the union,” NIHD said. The last face-to-face meeting occurred on Oct. 8 (The Sheet incorrectly reported in the Dec. 6 edition that the last meeting was in July).

The NIHD press release

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'TIS THE SEASON



PHOTO GAYLA WOLF

Rolling into the holiday season, floats paraded down Bishop Main Street Saturday night. For more, see p. 14.

MUCH ADU ABOUT EVERYTHING

By Libre

Notice anything new on 164 Mono Street? Caution tape, a gutted garage, construction vehicles?

What about a few doors down, on 158 Mono? See how the bottom unit’s walls are flushed together, like a closed garage door? Good eye! Maybe you’ve also wondered where all these people are going to park.

The answer?

“Don’t know,” said Nolan Broff, Mammoth’s community and economic development director.

These multi-unit properties are Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) projects. In the case of 164 Mono, three garages are being converted into a

four-bedroom housing unit. The permit for the ADU was submitted in January 2025 and issued in October.

ADUs, also known as granny-flats, in-law units, or backyard cottages, convert areas that are already developed but underutilized, such as existing garages, basements, attics, or pool houses, into housing. California first passed legislation legalizing ADUs in 2016. The state advertises these units as a source of income for homeowners, a mechanism to allow extended families to be near one another while maintaining privacy, and a cost-effective way to create new housing.

In 2020, state legislation AB

64 and AB 881 streamlined building these units through overriding local ADU ordinances and replacing them with state-mandated rules.

These rule changes now allow ADUs to be built on multifamily properties and forbid requiring replacement parking if a parking garage is converted into an ADU. Moreover, in 2024, California Governor Gavin Newsom passed SB 66332, legislation which allows multi-family units to build as many ADUs on their property as existing units, up to eight.

Take 164 Mono. The property owner could theoretically build three more ADUs.

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COMPASS

I SMELL A RAT

So a few weeks back, I'm crossing the yard to walk in the door and I spy a dead mouse lying on the grass, tummy up, rigor mortis not yet settled in. But upon closer inspection, it's not a mouse - it's a rat. A young one. I figure one of the neighbor's cats got him - glad they're earning their keep. When I casually mentioned this to a friend, the response was anything but casual. She referred to the rat "problem" as an "infestation."

"Talk to Craig London."

I call the jovial Mr. London. He lives out in the Rocking K neighborhood, and says he recently got rid of five in two nights.

"I could hear 'em in the barn ... and then they took a few eggs."

By the way, London has three cats and the neighbor's two are also frequent visitors."

Lunch: I thought you said a good cat will keep the rats away.
London: Well, I guess I have five that aren't worth a damn.

London said at Elks this week, one guy who lives off Barlow has caught 30 at his property over the past few years. It's gotten so that he's set up a Ring camera in his attic to keep tabs.

"Jake Rasmuson lives over there, too. He's got a bunch of rental properties around town. You should talk to him."

So I call Jake.

Jake says up until about two years ago, he'd never killed a rat. Now it's a consistent thing.

"They're in every neighborhood. And I've got pest control at every property."

"You should talk to Brandon," he says.

Brandon Helmbolt is the local Dewey's Pest Control guy, and he says he's "inundated" with rodent issues right now in Inyo and Mono counties, so much so that he's hired an extra tech in Bishop (first time that's happened in twenty years), and is likely to add another in 2026 after the company set a sales record this year.

Helmbolt, a Bishop native whose grandparents moved here in '52, said his normal day used to be 15 calls. Now it's 25-30 stops. And he added four new clients in Aspendell on Tuesday alone.

"Both in Mammoth and Bishop, there is so much rodenticide being put

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"I won't insult your intelligence by suggesting that you really believe what you just said."

-William F. Buckley Jr.

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down," he said. "And within the past ten days, I've been getting calls from Chalfant because cars are getting eaten."

"Rats are so much more destructive than mice." And its rats which are prevalent right now in areas that back up to ranch land or open space.

In Bishop, ground zero appears to be in the McLaren area as well as the neighborhoods off Barlow.

"At least do a cursory check of your attic," he said. "Because if they start eating into your plastic tubing [for your water lines], it could quickly become a \$15,000 problem."

Helmbolt says the world changed when David Muir did a story on his ABC World News Tonight program this past spring about the rash of hantavirus deaths in Mammoth Lakes.

"My phone rang 62 times that night. And it's been ringing nonstop ever since."

You can ring him at 760.920.4949.

Bishop City Council was packed on Monday night for discussion of a proposed transitional housing project.

The location would be the Elms Motel, which would house approximately 30 residents for anywhere up to 24 months, with most stays lasting less than six months.

A company called Kings View based out of Fresno would be the service provider.

It was an informational item for Bishop City Council. The extent of Inyo Supervisors authority would be the ability to direct \$1.3 million in bridge housing funds.

But that's dependent upon property acquisition by a managed care provider - in this case Blue Shield.

The argument for is pretty simple. In a world where it often takes \$800,000 to build an affordable housing unit, here's an opportunity to acquire 30 beds for not much more.

And as Steve Peck of Aspendell said during public comment, "We will have homeless [in Bishop] whether we help 'em or not ... we have a [moral] obligation to help."

Many neighborhood residents, however, spoke against the proposal, citing safety concerns.

Kevin O'Hara observed, "This is not a low-risk endeavor." Tim Pomykata added, "Kings View will need to be transparent in sharing how it deals with problem residents."

Others fumed, "Bridge housing? Where is it a bridge to? What affordable housing do we have in place?"

And still others noted the proximity of the Elms to the county wellness center not 200' away.

So it feels to them as if all the county services for the indigent population are being shoehorned into their neighborhood.

"And I'm not sure if we want this next to hotel row," chimed in Aaron Schat.

There was no discussion as to the economic impact of eliminating a TOT [room tax] producing property in favor of one that costs significant money to operate (with two FT staff on 24/7).

The Elms is one of several bridge housing sites under consideration.

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LETTERS

We should consider ourselves lucky ...

To the Editor:

Your experience going to the candle-light vigil of the 12-year-old girl that took her own life was heartbreaking. I read the piece the day I found out a friend's 18-year-old son killed himself, so I already had a pit in my stomach. Suicide is the worst possible thing to imagine. As a mother, getting through the next thousand weeks carrying that lead weight of sadness would be unbearable.

What I took issue with was the letter you included. I understand the desire to fix, but in trying to fix one inevitably assumes superiority and points fingers - at parents that don't go to church or have the correct moral clarity, at bullies, at screens, at the Kardashians, at liberals that have gotten out of hand. This family needs pure, unadulterated empathy not someone telling them where they went wrong.

When I was 10 years old, I got so upset for not being able to land an aerial (no handed cartwheel) in a Toronto hotel room that I ran out to our 44th floor



balcony and tried to fling myself off. Whether it was my mom's yells or my own stomach muscles that enabled me to stop the momentum and pull myself back to safety, I can't remember. But I do remember knowing in that moment that my life could have just as easily ended that day - my parents' lives, my brother's life, my friends' lives forever and tragically altered.

Had I died that day much blame would have been passed around. My parents would have blamed themselves for somehow lacking, not anticipating, being too hard on me (they weren't!). Maybe they would have sued the hotel, and railings in Canada would never be that low again. Perhaps gymnastics itself would be blamed or if only I had been sent to a psychiatrist. (I was surely sent to one; after this happened.)

But what I believe is, my attempt to fling myself off that balcony was nobody's fault. I had a force in me, a perfectionist, self-critical force in me that was greater and more powerful than my rational mind and it took over in that moment. How do you prevent that? There have been many times as a parent when my kids were sad, and I didn't do the right thing. All of us lose sight of what's important, and can always do better. When something doesn't go tragically wrong, we should consider ourselves lucky, ready to support others when tragedy takes hold.

Allison McDonell Page
Mammoth Lakes

The culprit? The phone

Dear Editor:

That "just go to church" mantra is such a crock. There isn't anything wrong with it on the surface, but it is just empty words to hide behind if you are a lazy parenting schmo.

As Harvey Danger sings in Flagpole Sitta - "only stupid people are breeding." I quote him all the time.

You have to work hard, very hard to raise a kid/kids and not have them fall by the wayside. I made a point to know my daughters friends from pre-K on. To know the parents and to make sure everyone knew my eyes were always there even if I wasn't.

So just forcing them to go to church or sticking them in the Girl Scouts ain't gonna do much.

I personally believe the culprit (as it relates to childhood depression) is the cellphone.

Young people are impressionable, (duh) and they are conditioned to do everything on their phone except talk!

Suicide is viewed - and some would say sensationalized - by young cell phone zombies. Think Kurt Cobain, Amy Winehouse and now a poor young girl from Bishop. Cobain kept trying, Winehouse was clear in her path to die and this poor girl from Bishop was shamed into it. Some would say Hendrix, Morrison and Joplin were suicidal and the phone analogy doesn't work, but I would say they were addicts in a new world of drugs mixed with old world booze.

When life is conducted on a phone there is no human connection. Just type a couple of under-profound words, attach a photo and you have done your part. Eight seconds later it is on to the next meaningless post.

When someone is depressed, how in the hell would anyone know it if people aren't talking. Posting it on a phone is useless.

My daughter is older now and social media didn't really kick in until she was well into high school. While in middle school, she and her friends were sitting on our couch and not speaking for a while. I later asked her what that was all about and she said everyone was talking by text so we don't need to speak.

My point? They are being conditioned to not have feelings, emotions, etc., when using their phones for EVERYTHING.

So no feelings, compassion, empathy or concern for a fellow human is needed as Snapchats evaporate 10 seconds after

viewing.

Do I have an answer - no. But don't take that easy to use old road to suggest it is so easy to correct. CAUSE IT AIN'T THAT SIMPLE!!!

Don't be sad that young girl died. Get mad.

Brad Orrico
Granada Hills

No wokeness left behind

Jack,

The last Japanese soldier on Saipan still fighting WWII into the 1970s (for Gen Z, WWII ended in 1945) probably thought he had to continue the battle so as not to be "left behind."

At least that soldier had the excuse of having been cut off from all outside news for a couple decades. Not so Mammoth Town Council, which whooped through a climate action plan to the tune of a quarter million dollars to fight the last war so as to "not be left behind."

Council cited the Pack Fire as evidence of the depredations of a phenomenon that has sunk of its own dead weight from public consciousness. Climate change now ranks well behind health care, the economy, and immigration as a concern of Americans according to polls such as the AP-NORC Center poll and Monmouth (finding that concern about climate change is plummeting especially among younger respondents). As to the anecdotal Pack Fire, ProPublica and others have laid the blame for wildfires at the feet of misguided fire suppression policies - not climate change. Indeed, we're doing pretty well, climate change be damned. In prehistoric California, a halcyon period devoid of the internal combustion engine and oil-drenched tycoons, between 4 million and 11 million acres burned yearly compared to about a million in our worst burn years now. By the way, there is still ice in the Arctic and polar bears are thriving, but if I were to recite all of the climate disaster predictions gone wrong by virtue of never occurring, it would fill The Sheet and then some.

But there is good news. Mammoth only had to come up with around 10% of the lucre for the boondoggle. The rest comes from the state! Er, the one we are all also members of, and taxpayers to.

John Rogitz
Mammoth Lakes



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ADU

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“It’s kind of ludicrous,” Bobroff said. “Sure, it’s sort of adding housing, but at the cost of livability.”

Since 2020, Mammoth has issued 25 ADU permits, nine of which have been completed. These permits are approved the way other building permits are, by individuals in the building division, the planning division, and the public works department ultimately reviewing and approving the project.

“We have to process things in accordance with state law,” said Public Works Director and Town Engineer Haislip Hayes. “It doesn’t give us a lot of flexibility.”

In Mammoth, state ADU legislation overrides local parking ordinances, which poses a particular problem in the winter.

Extra cars on the street are an issue for snow removal later in the season, precisely the reason why the town forbids overnight parking on city streets from November 1 to April 30.

“[In the case of ADUs] we are not allowed to require what we’ve determined are the normal parking requirements and snow storage for a regular development,” said Bailey Thompson, a permit technician and plans examiner for the town.

Every street in Mammoth north of Dorrance Street, which includes Mono Street and Lupine Street, which also has an ADU, is substandard, meaning these streets are only 40 feet wide, Bobroff added. This compounds the parking

problem.

“We don’t have adequate snow storage there,” Bobroff said. “We’re utilizing every spot we can to put snow.”

Steve Searles, who has owned property on Mono Street since the ‘70s, described wintertime situations in which Mono Street becomes one lane, and drivers are forced to back down the street. He worried about the density ADU residents could add to Mono Street. Parking, he said, acts as a multiplier.

“[The ADUs] are a disaster,” Searles said. “It lowers the quality of life.”

Searles owns several garages on his property. He recognized that he could transform these into ADUs and make a significant profit from the process.

“Why wouldn’t I? Because I have morals,” Searles said. “I wouldn’t want to f*** over my town, my street, and my community.”

Although some town employees made it clear to the Sheet that they felt their hands were tied, and they couldn’t do anything to solve the ADU density problem, Searles disagreed.

“The town is just multiplying our problems,” Searles said. “We’re not interested in you,” is what I hear the town saying.”

Bobroff explained the town’s efforts to lobby to the state haven’t worked. He threw out a couple other solutions, like creating extra parking in the Parcel, or creating an economic incentive to build ADUs for long term renters. But the

town hasn’t actually made any moves towards this.

“Building parking is expensive,” Bobroff said.

The town is “trying to encourage people to build ADUs,” said newly minted Mammoth Lakes Mayor Amanda Rice.

The town has published five different ADU prospective design plans on its website, each outlining a different mechanism for building these units.

According to Bobroff, only one ADU permit has used one of these plans. He edited Rice’s statement.

“I think we’re to encourage people to build ADUs in the right places,” he said. He meant somewhere less-dense like the Bluffs.

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STRIKE

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defended the district’s approach to negotiations, presented reasons to delay a planned 3.5% Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA), and justified the salaries for NIHD executives. The district also released a 25-page response it submitted to the California Public Employment Relations Board countering union charges that the district had violated the union contract, and thus the proposed strike was undertaken as an Unfair Labor Practices action.

Counter to union claims, CEO Wallis said the district had been “bargaining in good faith” for six months.

The district proposed “pausing” the slated 3.5% COLA due to its current \$6 million fiscal year loss and the unknown impacts of President Trump’s “One Big Beautiful Bill.”

That legislation has already been blamed for the closure of numerous small, rural hospitals and long-term fiscal impacts are still mostly unknown. Rising operating and supply costs and changes in insurance and government healthcare reimbursements (Medicare and Medicaid) add to the district’s “financial pressures,” it said.

The district wanted to resume wage and benefit negotiations in April 2016, when there is a “better understanding of the hospitals financial position.” The union rejected that proposal and asked for the COLA as scheduled, NIHD said.

The district provides eligible employees a 2.5% annual raise, NIHD

said. Employees who have hit the maximum salary or pay level for their job classification do not get the annual raise. Overall wages, including for nurses and tech workers, “have increased to approximately 25 percent more than the Consumer Price Index during the last 10 and five years,” the press releases stated. That has helped recruit and retain staff, it added.

The salary of CEO Wallis and other NIHD executives was also highlighted by the union which was “alarmed” by those costs. The \$460,00 a year for Wallis is less then what he made as interim CEO, the press release stated, and is “within fair market value for the area.” It added he has 30 years of experience, 16 of which were at top tier executive levels, and his pay is lower than CEO pay at “neighboring healthcare systems.”

Numerous executives at NIH “hold combined or expanded roles to reduce costs and maintain essential services in a small rural hospital.”

The filing contesting the fair labor complaint categorically rejects the union charge that the district “unilaterally” changed staffing ratios without negotiating with the nurses’ union.

The filing cites sections of the current nurse’s union contract that allow hospital managers to adjust staffing based on fluctuating numbers of patients and other factors. At no time did the district change its staffing policies or procedures, the filing states.

The compliant was based on “pre-emptive concerns” that management would not “exercise good judgement” regarding numerous staffing situations.

There has been no indication when the California Public Employment Relations Board would make a ruling on the dispute.

If the tentative agreement is rejected by the union membership and a strike

starts next week, NIHD reiterated that it will bring in temporary employees to maintain operations: “Northern Inyo Hospital, the Rural Health Clinic, and all other NIHD services remain open and operating normally. Any temporary schedule changes during the strike will be announced through NIHD’s website, social media channels, and local media partners,” the press release concluded.

BRONCOS OFF TO STATE FINAL

The Bishop Union High School Broncos used a big 3rd quarter to pull away for a 47-28 win over South Gate in the State High School Football Regional Championship game Saturday.

Bishop led 20-14 at the half thanks to a goal line stand as time expired in the 2nd quarter. Bishop then outscored South Gate 20-0 in the 3rd quarter putting the game away. Bishop will now travel to Fullerton on Saturday to face Calaveras in the CIF State football Championship Game.

Bishop advances thanks to a monster game from quarterback Emory Dondero. The senior completed 15 of 23 passes for 242 yards and 4 touchdowns. Emory also rushed 7 times for 38 yards and a touchdown.

Hunter Dailey rolled up 125 yards on 14 carries. Richie Talavera had a big night receiving with 116 yards and a touchdown on 7 receptions. Carlos Sualdez caught 3 passes for 76 yards and

a pair of touchdowns. Dom Dondero caught 3 passes for 34 yards and a touchdown.

Defensively the Broncos were led by DeVaun Mitchell who made 10 solo tackles and 3 assists. Levi Derr had a pair of quarterback sacks, a tackle for a loss and blocked a punt. Chucky Delgado made 8 solo tackles and broke up a pass. Dom Dondero made 4 solo tackles and 5 assist. Malachi Orrick had 4 solo stops and David Smith had 4 solos including a sack.

Dom Barlow had 5 total tackles and broke up a pass. Elliott Douda had 3 solos, 5 assists and a pass break up. Carlos Sualdez had 4 solos and Darrick Cortez had 3 solos and 2 assists. Wyatt Miers recovered a fumble and had a pair of tackles.

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FISH KILL RAISES URGENT QUESTIONS ABOUT CLEANUP

By Beth Chasoff

Ten days after the wildfire now known as the Pack Fire ripped down McGee Creek, dead fish were all that was left in the water. Scientists surveyed the creek’s fish population and found dozens of dead fish in the stream with no live fish spotted. Adult brown trout in their spawning season were wiped out throughout the stream. Fish carcasses of all ages and sizes were observed, including adult trout, as well as young-of-the-year, one-year-olds, two-year-olds, and older cohorts. Survey results indicate the creek experienced a total fish kill.

Raging fires can heat creeks enough to kill fish outright. This fire’s intense heat—strong enough to blast home windows and melt metal containers—may have pushed creek temperatures beyond what fish could survive. If fish survived the fire itself, the aftermath could have been deadly.

Rain that fell after the blaze—though a welcome relief for firefighters—likely flushed heavy ash, debris, and chemical compounds into the creek. Sediment and ash can choke fish gills and suffocate eggs and larvae in the streambed. Toxic compounds from the burned residences, vegetation and materials likely leached into the water, creating conditions that ultimately led to a complete fish die-off.

Just like the human community, the fishery is expected to rebuild. The creek’s connection to Crowley Lake provides a pathway for downstream fish to return upstream, promoting the recovery of the fishery as conditions improve.

However, a major concern is the spring snowmelt, which would carry pollutants from the wildfire and burnt homes along the creek into the water. This would worsen the already dire conditions in the creek, making it even less suitable for fish to survive. The runoff could also harm fish populations and impact drinking water in Crowley Lake.

This raises important questions: What steps can be taken to restore the creek, and who will take responsibility for cleaning up the riparian area?

The loss of creekside vegetation from the fire will accelerate erosion and weaken banks, but it can be mitigated by planting native species, installing fish-friendly rock or wood structures, and controlling runoff. Creek restoration will benefit the resident fish populations, as

well as other wildlife, nearby communities and downstream users. Removing household hazardous waste and toxic ash is critical to protect this important watershed, considering the creek’s upstream connection to Los Angeles’ drinking water. Los Angeles Department of Water and Power owns Crowley Lake and many adjacent lands and the Bureau of Reclamation and the Inyo National Forest manage other public lands in the area.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Affordable housing in Bishop?

The California Strategic Growth Council approved \$26.46 million in grant funding to Visionary Home Builders of California, Inc. (VHB) and the City of Bishop for the Silver Peaks housing development this week.

Silver Peaks will bring 60 new affordable homes for families at 30%, 50%, and 60% AMI, along with a community center, Head Start childcare space, ADA-adaptable units, and energy-efficient features—creating a safe, modern, and connected community for Bishop residents.

The award also invests in citywide mobility and sustainability improvements, including 2.28 miles of new bikeways, upgraded bus stops, 1,200 feet of accessible walkways, and expanded anti-displacement services, supporting Bishop’s long-term commitment to equitable and sustainable growth.

“The City of Bishop is thrilled to see this project moving forward,” said Stephen Muchovej, Bishop Mayor. “This award brings unprecedented investment in affordable homes, safe transportation options, and community-serving infrastructure. Silver Peaks will serve families for generations and strengthen our commitment to creating a thriving, inclusive Bishop.”

Quit trashing the dump

All Inyo County-operated landfills have started enforcing the Untarped

Load Fee for vehicles arriving with untarped loads that contain blowing or unsecured trash.

To reduce roadside litter and improve safety and cleanliness at landfill sites, a \$10 fee will be added to any load that is not properly tarped or secured. This policy applies to all residential and commercial customers.

The county is asking everyone to do their part by securing their loads before traveling to the landfill. Unsecured trash not only creates a mess but also poses hazards to other drivers and the environment.

Customers are encouraged to use tarps, nets, or other appropriate coverings to prevent debris from scaping during transport. Loads that are fully enclosed or properly secured will not be subject to the fee.

Now will you fix the roads?

The Inyo County Road Department recently purchased about \$1.7 million worth of heavy equipment and other vehicles. The equipment was purchased from Coastline Equipment Company of Las Vegas, Volvo Construction Equipment, and various companies in Bakersfield.

The list of new goodies:
* \$166,379.71 for a John Deere 320 P-Tier Backhoe Loader;
* \$458,511.70 for a John Deere 672 P-Tier Motor Grader with 6WD;
* \$298,146.74 for a John Deere 624 P-Tier Wheel Loader;

* \$235,304.45 for an RPM Tech RPM 220 Snow Blower;
* \$90,979.09, for a Volvo Asphalt Roller;
* \$217,114.85 for a 2025 Freightliner Ten Ton Dump Truck;
* \$84,950.71 for a Caterpillar Fork Lift;
* \$234,156.20 for a 2025 Ford F550 Regular Cab 4x4 Crane Truck;
* \$46,250.80 for a 2025 Ford Ranger (R4H) XLT 4WD SuperCrew Truck.

The new rigs replace older, outdated machines and comply with California Air Resources Board laws and requirements, staff said. Payment will come from dedicated Road Department funds, not the General Fund.

Surplus vehicles and equipment will be auctioned off to reduce total costs.

Lee Vining’s very own Parcel

At his town hall Wednesday night, Supervisor Paul McFarland announced the County has been developing plans for a housing project on County-owned land near the Lee Vining Community Center.

The County’s housing ad hoc committee conducted a housing yield study to assess what could potentially be built on the site.

“We drew up a whole bunch of different scenarios — from triplexes to duplexes to manufactured homes to tiny homes,” McFarland said.

The developer and the County plan to present their findings at a community meeting in Lee Vining in February.

“I’m really viewing that February meeting as a red light or a green light,” he said. “Do we want to go forward with this? Because it’s one of the few places we’ll be able to make fast progress.”

The golden brick road

McFarland also announced Wednesday that the Caltrans Lee Vining Pavement Rehabilitation Project went out to bid for \$7 million more than expected.

The project aims to revitalize the stretch of U.S. 395 running through Lee Vining to make it more walkable, and construction is slated to begin Spring 2026. Caltrans plans to implement a “road diet,” reducing the roadway to three lanes and adding pedestrian-friendly infrastructure.

The project was estimated at roughly \$26 million, but the recent bid came in at around \$33 million.

“A little bit of a disconnect there,” McFarland said. “We’re working to figure out what to do.”

Bell ringers wanted

The Salvation Army is looking for bell ringers for shifts at the Mammoth Vons on December 12, 13, 19 & 20. If you can help, please contact Greg Jennison at 760.935.4343.

Crom is running

On December 4, 2025, District Attorney Dana Crom announced her intention to run for Inyo County Superior Court Judge. She is running on a platform of transparency.

Crom has been practicing for 35 years. With a background in criminal and civil law, Crom’s career centers on a collaborative approach to justice, working closely with law enforcement, victims, and families.

“My decision to run comes at a time when our community rightfully deserves a justice system with strong leadership, experience and accountability,” Crom said in a statement.

As her campaign continues, Crom plans to host community forums and outreach events throughout Inyo County.

SCE forks over lunch money

Much-needed relief is coming to local food resources in Inyo County this winter thanks to a grant from Southern California Edison (SCE).

The \$20,000 was initially granted to the Eastern Sierra Foundation in response to the government shutdown that delayed CalFresh (food stamp) benefits to 2,087 Inyo County residents and their families.

When CalFresh benefits resumed at the end of the shutdown on November 12, SCE allowed Eastern Sierra Foundation to pivot and re-distribute the money to local foods banks and other organizations instead. According to Supervisor Griffiths, the following entities will be receiving a portion of the SCE grant to bolster their food reserves and support their general efforts to provide food security to local families: St. Vincent de Paul, Eastside Student Center, United Methodist Social Services Soup Kitchen, Owens Valley Growers for food banking in Independence and Lone Pine, Inyo-Mono Community Advocates for Community Action (IMACA)

The latter donation, Supervisor Griffiths said, will enable IMACA to resume food commodity distributions to Southeast Inyo communities like Shoshone, Tecopa, and Charleston View.

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NEWSOM ISSUES STATE OF EMERGENCY FOR PACK FIRE

By Fisher

On Tuesday, December 9, 2025, Governor Gavin Newsom issued a formal State of Emergency for Mono County to support ongoing recovery efforts in communities impacted by the Pack Fire.

The wildfire, which ignited on Nov. 13 in McGee Creek and was fully contained on Dec. 3, destroyed 30 structures, 27 residential and three commercial, and damaged six others.

The proclamation authorizes expedited cleanup of debris and household hazardous waste, and unlocks state resources for homeowners, renters, and businesses affected by the fire.

“This helps protect the county’s budget and ensure funding for rebuilding or preventative infrastructure,” Christine Bouchard, Mono County Assistant CAO, said in a presentation to the Board of Supervisors Tuesday morning.

The proclamation builds on existing relief efforts, including those by the Small Business Administration (SBA), which is offering low interest federal disaster loans to those affected by the fire.

Businesses and nonprofits are eligible to apply for business physical disaster loans and may borrow up to \$2 million to repair or replace disaster-damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory, and other assets.

Homeowners and renters are eligible to apply for home and personal property loans and may borrow up to \$100,000 to replace or repair personal property, such as clothing, furniture, cars, and appliances. Homeowners may apply for up to \$500,000 to replace or repair their

primary residence.

Applicants may be eligible for a loan increase of up to 20% of their physical damage, as verified by the SBA, for mitigation purposes. Eligible mitigation improvements include insulating pipes, walls and attics, weather stripping doors and windows, and installing storm windows to help protect property and occupants from future disasters.

Interest rates are as low as 4% for businesses, 3.625% for nonprofits, and 2.875% for homeowners and renters with terms up to 30 years. Interest does not begin to accrue, and payments are not due until 12 months from the date of the first loan disbursement.

The deadline to return physical damage applications is Feb. 9, 2026. The deadline to return economic injury applications is Sept. 9, 2026.

SBA also set up a Disaster Loan Outreach Center at the Crowley Lake Community Center (482 S. Landing Rd., #474), which is open Dec. 11 through Dec. 18.

Residents whose homes were destroyed or who lost personal property may also qualify for FEMA housing assistance and home repair grants. Medically dependent individuals or displaced residents may access rental assistance, housing support, and social and behavioral services through FEMA, state programs, and local coordinating agencies.

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has already begun rehabilitation and cleanup on its land and is remapping property boundaries in the burn area, Supervisor Rhonda Duggan announced

Tuesday. This may explain why heavy equipment is visible in the area.

If a homeowner chooses to self-manage debris removal, they may only do so with a licensed contractor. The contractor must obtain a demolition permit and hazardous-materials transport permit, and debris must be taken to a facility capable of handling fire-related material, Bouchard said. In the past, burned material has been taken to Lancaster, Calif., though the county may also have the option of hauling it to Fallon, Nevada.

Meanwhile, the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District is installing a new monitor to provide air-quality indicators of toxins in the area, Duggan said.

Also this week, the Mono County Board of Supervisors voted to waive fees associated with solid waste, environmental health, and community development when those fees are related to recovery and rebuilding from the fire.

Similar motions were adopted following the 2020 Mountain View Fire and the 2025 Inn Fire. The difference this time is that the waiver can be applied retroactively, making anyone who applied for permits after the fire and before the resolution eligible for reimbursement.

The County also adopted interpretations of the General Plan allowing temporary living facilities, such as RVs, on damaged properties to avoid displacing residents. These temporary facilities may remain on the property for up to 18 months after the owner notifies the County, or until the structure is rebuilt. The fee waiver has no sunset date.

As for what went wrong with the notification system, Genasys, when many residents did not receive emergency alerts, Bouchard attributed the issue to “user discrepancies.”

Genasys confirmed that all messaging was activated correctly, she said. But some residents did not receive notifications because their addresses were not entered properly in the system.

“I was one of them,” she said. “I looked at my own personal setup and realized I did not have my own address in there. I do reside in Crowley Lake, and I did not receive the notification.”

Christopher Mokracek, the County’s Director of Emergency Management, was “out of office” the day of the meeting and could not present the findings.

However, per The Sheet’s Nov. 22 reporting and interview with him, the system was supposed to trigger alerts for people whose phones were physically in the area, not only for those who had updated their information.

Regardless, it’s probably not a bad idea to update your information at ready. mono.ca.gov.



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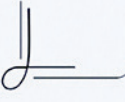


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Outlaw Saloon Happy Hour Monday through Friday from 4-6 p.m. *More info: See ad p. 15. And remember to catch all the NFL games right here!*
The Mogul happy hour 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the bar. Food and drink specials.
Main St. Pizza - *See ad p. 13 for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

Friday, December 12/
Fitz and the Tantrums & Two Feet play the **Limelight Mammoth**. \$\$\$. Tix @ livenation.com.
Downtime & Stelth Ulvang play C5 Studios in Bishop. Time: 7 p.m. \$\$\$. Info: C5studios.org.

December 12-13/
Full Blast! (Neo Soul and R&B with Jellybread's Cliff Porter) plays Liberty in Mammoth. Time: 9:30 p.m. No cover. *For Liberty's December schedule, see ad p. 2*

Wednesday, December 17/
Cassie Dunn plays Shelter Distilling in Mammoth. Time: 6-9 p.m.

Thursday, December 18/
Big Smooth plays Distant Brewing in Mammoth. Time: 7-9 p.m.

TOWN STUFF

Friday, December 12/
Mammoth Hospital North Wing "Topping Out" celebration at the Hospital as the final steel beam is placed. Time: 1 p.m.
Town of Mammoth Lakes Community Tree Lighting @ the CRC on Old Mammoth Rd. Time: 5-7:30 p.m. *Open skate, holiday market, Santa, more!*
MHS Basketball hosts Frazier. Girls play 4 pm; boys hit court at ~5:30.
Whobilation at the Bishop Twin Theatre. Ornament and cookie contest. Dress in costume to enter raffle! Movies start 7 p.m. *For info/tix, visit bishoptwintheatre.com.*

December 12-13/
It's A Wonderful Life: A Radio Show final two performances @ 7 p.m. at the Bishop Elks Lodge. Info/tix: playhouse395.com.

Saturday, December 13/
Railroad Express @ Laws Museum off Hwy. 6 just east of Bishop. Time: 10 am - 3 pm. Train rides, Santa and a dose of Christmas magic.
Sage to Summit 5k Winter Race Series @ Millpond. Registration opens 8 a.m., race starts 9 a.m.
Santa and the High Country Christmas event @ High Country Lumber in Bishop. Time: 12-3 p.m. *More info: See ad p. 5*
Mammoth Mountain hosts Night of Lights. Fireworks, live music, and more. Starts 5 p.m. Location: Canyon Trail Restoration in the Pat Keyes Trail Area. Join Friends of the Inyo for a fun workday. Come prepared. Time: 8-3. Meet 621 West Line St., Bishop and carpool/caravan to work site. Info: friendsoftheinyo.org

TOWN STUFF

December 13-14/
Holiday Market @ Paiute Shoshone Cultural Center. Craft booths (bead, leather, and wood work), baked goods, and Santa! Time: 8:30-4. Location: 2300 West Line St.

Monday, December 15/
Inyo Associates meet this month at the Elks Lodge in Bishop @ 151 East Line. 5:30 social hour and 6:30 dinner. \$25. RSVP to execdir@bishopvisitor.com

Tuesday, December 16/
Inyo County Board of Supervisors meets. Public session: 10 a.m. Location: Board chambers at 224 N. Edwards in Indy or online @ inyocounty.us.
Mono County Board of Supervisors meets. Time: 9 a.m. Location: Bridgeport Courthouse or online via monocounty.ca.gov.
Eastern Sierra Strummers community ukelele group meets. Time: 5-6:30 p.m. (*New beginners meet 4:30). Location: 501 Old Mammoth Rd. #5.

Wednesday, December 17/
Mammoth's Town Council meets. Time: 4 p.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall or online via townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.
Mono County Candidate Filing Virtual Workshop. If you wish to run for office in '26, this would be a good primer. Time: 12-1 pm. *More info, see ad p. 12*

Thursday, December 18/
Community Coffee and updates from Mammoth Lakes Tourism and Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce. Time: 8:30-9:30 a.m. *Join Webinar via mammothlakeschamber.org.*
Women in Business Holiday Mixer at

TOWN STUFF

Limelight Hotel lobby in Mammoth. Time: 5-7 p.m. \$. Register at mammothlakeschamber.org. **Note that parking is valet and also costs.*
Art & Wine: Out of Office @ Outbound in Mammoth w/Mono Arts Council for \$\$\$. Time: 5:30-8:30 p.m. Info/register at monoarts.org
Caltech Astronomy Lecture Series Nikita Kosogorov on exploring the universe with gravitational waves and radio light. Time: 6 p.m. Location: Cerro Coso's Bishop campus.
Holiday Mixer @ Trends in Bishop. Join for refreshments and prizes hosted by High Country Lumber & Trends. Time: 6:30-8 pm.

Friday, December 19/
Martinis and Mistletoe Christmas Show @ the Bishop Elks Lodge. Doors: 5:30 p.m. Show: 6:30 p.m. \$\$\$. Info/tix: 760.873.3221 or eventbrite.
Mammoth Hospital hosts free Blood Pressure clinics for patients seen in the last year. Time: 8-12 and 1-4. Call 760.924.4045 to schedule a visit. Walk-ins also welcome. *See ad p. 15*

UPCOMING

Saturday, December 20/
June Mountain Projected Opening Day. Lifts start 8 a.m. As always, kids 12 and under ski free. Bonus: Enjoy Bucky's Bonfire @ 2 p.m. in front of the Chalet with live music.

Sunday, December 21/
So-Li Solstice celebration in Bishop to support your favorite local small businesses south of Line Street. Time: 3-8 p.m.

LET THEM EAT FRUITCAKE!

Independence's Internationally Acclaimed Fruitcake Festival will take place **Saturday, December 20th** at 5:30 pm at the Legion Hall.
The 18th annual event is an opportunity to bake your prize-winning fruitcake, as well as dress in costume and participate in the costume contest.
This year, Sandy and the High Country will be playing!
You must bring a fruitcake or eggnog to go down the rabbit hole. Fruitcake judges will evaluate entries for the following categories: oldest, travelled the farthest, best of theme, most solids, and judges' award. And, introduced last year, is the most popular fruitcake, as rated by attendees. Yes, YOU get to judge this category. For the other prizes, our fruitcake judges employ mechanical, empirical, and philosophical techniques to select winning fruitcakes in those categories.



Most people participate by wearing theme-oriented costumes. Not only do many people dress up their fruitcake, but they like to wear a costume as well.
This is a FREE event if you bring a fruitcake or eggnog (with or without alcohol) to gain entrance to the Festival, and it is a family-friendly gathering. Home-made fruitcake or eggnog is preferred. The eggnog can be transported to the Festival in a milk jug. We have refrigeration on site. The eggnog is always served in elegant punch cups at the bar. It is worth the trip to Independence for that alone.

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Help Wanted



Wild Iris is hiring for an Operations Coordinator! We're looking for an organized, motivated person with good attention to detail and ability to meet frequent deadlines who can help us keep our offices running in Mammoth Lakes and Bishop. **HIGHLY PREFERRED:** Bilingual and biliterate in English and Spanish

Pay Range: \$26.25-\$32.55/hr.
Job Type: Full time, hourly, non-exempt
Benefits: Employee retirement with employer contributions, medical insurance, paid holidays, vacation, and sick accruals. (*Benefits available after successful completion of introductory period.)

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- Train, schedule, and supervise indirect service volunteers.
- Purchase and maintain inventory of office supplies, program materials, and staff uniforms.
- Provide day-to-day logistical support to staff in the absence of the Executive Director and Programs leadership.
- Oversee maintenance and cleaning of agency vehicles.
- Coordinate cleaning, maintenance, and repair of agency facilities and office equipment.
- Coordinate purchase, use, maintenance, and repair of agency phones and computers.
- Manage facilities security systems.

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.

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Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District (GBUAPCD) seeks an Information Technology Administrator to lead and oversee all information technology activities of the agency and work as part of the management team to fulfill the agency's mission to protect public health and the environment from the harmful effects of air pollution. The position is full-time and in-person based in Bishop. The annual salary for the position is \$105,072 to \$140,832 per year plus generous benefits. For more information, please visit www.gbuapcd.org/employment. Recruitment is open until January 4, 2026.

Help Wanted



Reservations Desk Clerk immediate opening at the Double Eagle Resort and Spa in June Lake CA (20 min from mammoth). Must have excellent customer service and computer skills. Full or part time, health benefits, fitness membership and PTO. Great place to work! Email Lodging@doubleeagle.com

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Restaurant Server for Eagles Landing Restaurant at the popular Double Eagle Resort and Spa in June Lake CA. Experience in restaurant service, computers and working as team member are essential. Full and part time available, health benefits, fitness membership and PTO. Great place to work. Email Lodging@doubleeagle.com

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

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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PUBLIC NOTICES

Candidate Filing
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December 17, 2025
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Join the Mono County Elections Office for a workshop to learn about the requirements for running for public office and the basics of running a political campaign.

Visit our website or scan the QR code
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www.monocounty.ca.gov/elections/page/candidates-3

Local Offices up for Election in the June 2, 2026 Primary Election:

LOCAL OFFICES UP FOR ELECTION *			
OFFICE TITLE	CURRENT OFFICEHOLDER	LENGTH OF TERM	NEW TERM BEGINS
Assessor	Barry Beck	4 years	January 4, 2027
Supervisor, District 1	Jennifer Kreitz		
Supervisor, District 5	Lynda Salcido		
Superintendent of Schools	Tammy Bennett Nguyen		December 11, 2026

* If no candidate for any one local seat receives more than 50% of the vote in the June Primary Election, the top-two candidates for that seat will move forward to the November General Election.

The Candidate Filing period for the June 2, 2026 Primary Election
opens February 9, 2026 and closes March 6, 2026.

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The Following Entity
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Access Mammoth
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Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

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act business under the fictitious business
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File Number 2025-0161
TS #2025-0133 (12/6, 12/13,12/20, 12/27))

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

Gold Stone Notary

Katalin Kerekes
404 Lupin St.
P.O. Box 8225
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

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File Number 2025-0159
TS #2025-0132 (12/6, 12/13,12/20, 12/27)

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

Second Chance Thrift Shop

Access Mammoth
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File Number 2025-0160
TS #2025-0134 (12/6, 12/13,12/20, 12/27)

Mammoth Community Water District Sale of Surplus Goods

Notice is hereby given that Mammoth
Community Water District (MCWD) will
sell the following surplus items:

Make/Model: Bobcat S250 Skid Steer
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Hours: 4,122
Serial #: 526018605
Minimum Bid: \$15,000.00
Item Number: 12185-6

Make/Model: Ford F-250 4X4 w/ 6' Service
Bed & Piperack
Year: 2006
Odometer Reading: 91,262
VIN #: 1FTNF21576EA30280
Minimum Bid: \$5,000.00
Item Number: 121825-52

Make/Model: Ford F-550 4X4 Diesel Hydrau-
lic Dump Flat Bed
Year: 2006
Odometer Reading: 56,595
VIN #: 1FDAF57P76EC67985
Minimum Bid: \$15,000.00
Item Number: 112825-53

Bid forms are available at the MCWD
office or on our website at MCWD-Sur-



plus-Bid-Form.pdf (dst.ca.us) and must
be received at the District offices no later
than 3:00 pm on Thursday, December 18,
2025. Each bid form must be submitted
in a sealed envelope labeled with the item
number.

Bids may be submitted to the MCWD
offices, located at 1315 Meridian Bou-
levard, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546 or
mailed to PO Box 597, Mammoth Lakes,
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To view or inquire about the item(s)
listed above, please call the MCWD
Purchasing Office during regular business
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TS #2025-0135

Notice of Ordinance

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES

Notice is hereby given that on December 3, 2025 the
Town Council introduced an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE
TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, STATE OF CALIFOR-
NIA, AMENDING TITLE 15 OF THE MAMMOTH
LAKES MUNICIPAL CODE TO ADOPT BY REFER-
ENCE THE 2025 EDITION OF THE CALIFORNIA
BUILDING STANDARDS CODE, WITH CERTAIN
ADDITIONS, INSERTIONS, DELETIONS, AND
CHANGES THERETO.

A copy of the complete text of the Ordinance is
posted and may be read at the Town Offices, Minaret
Mall, Old Mammoth Road, Mammoth Lakes, and/or
a copy may be obtained from the office of the Town
Clerk at a nominal charge.

Dated: December 8, 2025
JAMIE GRAY, Town Clerk
Town of Mammoth Lakes

TS #2025-0138

Notice of Public Hearing

Residents are invited to attend a public hearing
conducted by the Mono County Board of Supervisors
to consider an increase to the **Solid Waste Service
Fee Floor Rates**.

The hearing will be held at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday Decem-
ber 16th at the Board of Supervisors Chambers, Mono
County Courthouse, Bridgeport.

Community members can also attend virtu-
ally via Zoom at <https://monocounty.zoom.us/j/83537511698> or visit <https://www.zoom.us/>,
click on "Join A Meeting" and enter the Zoom Webi-
nar ID 835 3751 1698. Oral and written presentations
will be made, and the public will have the opportu-
nity to speak.

All Solid Waste Providers in Mono County are re-
quired to enter into a Franchise Agreement. Service
Floor Rates are set as the minimum that a Solid Waste
Franchisee can charge. These rates are set to support
fair competition with Solid Waste Removal. The Two
Existing Franchisees can and have been charging
more than the present Floor Rates that were set in
2021. There has been a request to increase Floor
Rates. The new floor rates will be considered and may
be approved at this meeting.

TS #2025-0136

HARTLEY

ONLY IN AMERICA

Week 15 and that means one thing is certain: Fantasy Football playoffs are starting. Time to get some Xmas money.

Time is short, gotta blast this out. Steelers suck. They win another Steeler Mediocrity Crisis Game. Let's get one thing straight. The Ravens are the dumbest team in the league. The QB does dumb shit and the coaches do dumb shit. Whatever they SHOULD do in a game, they do the opposite. The Steelers couldn't stop the runs with Depends but the Ravens refused to run the ball early. When they finally did, they ended up with over 200 yards rushing, but they also kept letting Lamar throw the ball and when you let him throw a lot, he does, drumroll please, dumb shit.

The AFC North is trash and the Steelers are the least trashy of the trash right now. The others are HOT GARBAGE right now and they are just WARM GARBAGE. The season ticket holders should start selling their seats to opposing teams' fans for this year and next year.

You have got to be kidding me. It was called Vibes Bunny (see picture right) and was supposed to promote positivity in the Eagle locker room. After losing to the Chargers, it was removed. I seriously cannot stop laughing. I can't believe this team won a Super Bowl LAST YEAR. They are messing with us right? Reports are AJ Brown stabbed this bunny and dragged it behind some insanely overpriced car he obviously drivesfor attention.

Theeeeeeee games. Short and Sweet. Bills laying 1.5 to the Pats. O/U 49.5. That's disrespectful that, line. Young QB Maye, big spot. McDaniels is smart enough to not put the whole game on him. Bills can't stop the run



Vibes Bunny but Pats can't run. Interesting game. Being disrespectful and taking the Bills 30-27. Bears laying 7.5 to the Browns. O/U 38.5. Over is my run in the Lone Survivor pool this year because the Browns lost to the Titans. I am still irritated. Bears 59-2. Eagles laying 11.5 to the Raiders. O/U 38.5. Both teams suck on offense

and have inconsistent QBs. The Eagles shouldn't be laying that many points if they played me and 53 people reading this article. They are a mess. Still leading the division. Eagles 23-15.

Ravens laying 2.5 to the Bengals. O/U 52.5. I think Lamar just doesn't like Harbaugh anymore. He isn't practicing and all Harbaugh says is ... "If the player thinks its best for him." Lamar is messing with him, with everyone.

Chargers 5.5 point dogs to the Chiefs. O/U 41.5. Over is the Chiefs dynasty? That is stupid. They have been on an epic run. They are allowed one down year. Chiefs RISE UP 26-24. Just to piss off the Chiefs haters.

Hawks laying 14 to the Colts. O/U 42.5. Well the Hawks are gonna lay WOOD to the Colts. Speaking of the Colts. They brought in 44-year old Philip Rivers to play QB this week. Hilarious. He is a grandfather. Hasn't played since 2020. The Colts coach is so stuck on his "system" that he brings in grandpa just because grandpa knows his system? How about adapt your system, dumbass? Hawks 30-9.

Titans 12.5 point dogs to the Niners. O/u 44.5. The Titans are hopeless. What does that say about the Browns.

Niners 30-10. Packers 27 - Broncos 20. Cuz I hate Bronco Coach Sean Payton and Bo Nix. Rams 34 - Lions 27. Panthers 20 - Saints 10. Cuz I started the Panthers D in fantasy. Cowboys 29 - Vikings 16. Cuz JJ McCarthy sucks.

The NCAA playoffs. Screw Notre Dame. I am glad they got left out of the playoffs. They get too many benefits for no reason.

But ... what are James Madison and Tulane doing in the playoffs. Stop the charity. They are gonna get their doors blown off.

... Authorities in SC intercepted a drone that was delivering drugs and food to a South Carolina prison. That is rich. There was marijuana. That ain't even a drug anymore. They should sell that at 7-11 like beer and wine.

There was also Old Bay seasoning and crab legs in the package. Oh man. You have to laugh. You would think someone in prison would be asking for a burger. Nope, I am high brow. Need me some crab legs and Old Bay.

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PEARCED IN THE HEART

By Libre

Last month, President Donald Trump tapped Rep. Steve Pearce, (R-N.M.), to head the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

The BLM manages 245 million acres of public land and 700 million acres of underground mineral real estate. The agency is responsible for balancing public lands with private uses, such as mining and cattle grazing.

Pearce served in House from 2003 to 2009, and then again from 2011 to 2019. During his tenure in the House, Pearce was an advocate for privatizing public lands.

Over 90% of Mono and Inyo Counties is federally managed public lands.

He co-authored a letter to Congress that pushed for selling public lands for oil and gas drilling, called for the reduction of the Organ Mountains-Desert Peaks National Monument in southern New Mexico from roughly 500,000 acres to 54,800, and co-sponsored a bill aimed at amending the Antiquities Act by placing limits on the designation of National Monuments.

His nomination faced significant backlash from environmental advocacy groups. Chief among them was local non-profit Friends of the Inyo.

"Steve Pearce is hostile towards the very existence of public lands," said Wendy Schneider, executive director of Friends of the Inyo. "He certainly will not be motivated to manage them with conservation or preserving them as part of our heritage as Americans in mind."

Schneider worried that if confirmed, Pearce would push the outright selling of public lands.

"As head of BLM, he could make public lands available for industrial extraction and other kinds of development," she lamented.

However, Pearce's nomination gained support from organizations like National Cattlemen's Beef Association (NCBA). According to the NCBA website, the organization represents U.S. cattle producers and works to advance the economic, political, and social interests of the cattle industry.

"Pearce's experience makes him thoroughly qualified to lead the BLM and tackle the issues federal lands ranchers are facing," said Kaitlynn Glover, NCBA official. "Ranchers need a permanent BLM director. NCBA members support his nomination, and we urge the Senate to swiftly confirm him."

Pearce is Trump's second nomination for this position, after Kathleen Sgamma withdrew her nomination from the agency in April. Sgamma is a native Coloradan and leads the Western Energy Alliance, a Denver-based oil and gas industry group. She did not give a reason for her withdrawal, though she did heavily criticize the Jan. 6, 2021 attacks on the capital.

Pearce's nomination has yet to be approved by the Senate Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. The date for his approval hearing has not been set. After the hearing will be a Senate confirmation vote.

IT'S A WONDERFUL LIFE

Playhouse 395's radio play, *It's a Wonderful Life*, took to the stage and the air this week, and photographer Gayla Wolf was ready with her camera to capture it all. The play will continue this weekend, with showings Friday and Saturday at 7 p.m. at the Bishop Elks Lodge. Tickets are available at the door for \$25.

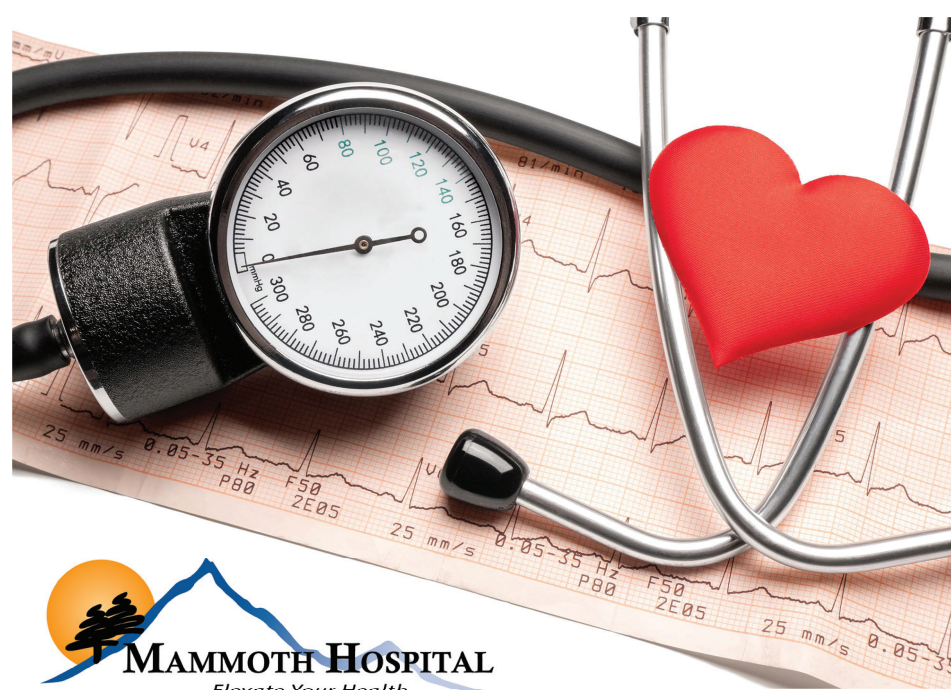
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SQ FT: 1867



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CONDO
BEDS: 2
BATHS: 2
SQ FT: 1375

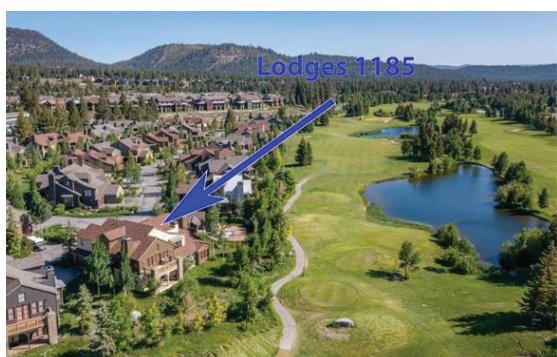
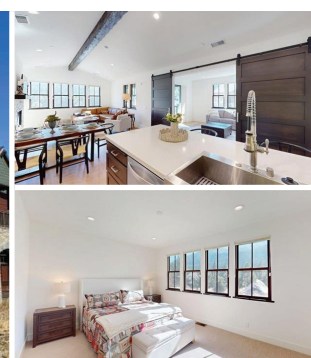


IN ESCROW!

CreekHouse, 1384 Timber Creek Rd. - \$1,825,000

Immaculate 3-bed + flex room, 3.5-bath CreekHouse townhome with 2-car garage, stunning mountain views, wood floors, two decks, and modern upgrades—sold furnished, blending rustic charm with contemporary comfort.

CONDO
BEDS: 3+flex
BATHS: 3.5
SQ FT: 2152



The Lodges, 1185 Pyramid Peak Dr. - \$1,799,000

Stunning townhome located on the Snowcreek golf course - spa adjacent. Like new condition with vaulted ceilings, gourmet kitchen, open views, primary suite with fireplace and large covered deck. Sold with furnishings.

CONDO
BEDS: 3/LOFT
BATHS: 3.5
SQ FT: 2762



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Snowcreek V, 819 Fairway Circle - \$1,950,000

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