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Founders of Coalition Mammoth. From left to right: Cassidy Moyer, Emily Markstein, Skyler Low, and Eva Bissonette. For story on Girl Winter Film Festival, see p. 8.

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SMELLS LIKE HOUSING

By Fisher

What's that saying again? Don't sh*t where you eat?

Well, on Wednesday night, Lee Vining residents gathered to discuss what, if anything, could be built on what one attendee described as “a very small, very strange parcel on the bluff overlooking the sewage ponds.”

The roughly one-acre site, adjacent to the Lee Vining Community Center, is the only Mono County-owned, unused parcel in town. As a result, county officials are exploring a housing development there to help address unmet housing needs.

Mono County recently completed its first housing project, the Bridgeport Apartments, and is working on several assistance programs. Still, compared to the Town of Mammoth Lakes, the county

has moved slowly on constructing affordable housing, making the prospect of building on its own land appealing.

To assess the site's potential, development consultant Shelan Rodriguez of SMR Development (who also worked on the Parcel project in Mammoth Lakes) conducted a yield study and presented her findings to about 20 residents at the Mono Basin Regional Planning Committee meeting. Under current standards, the parcel could accommodate 14 units, or 25 with density bonuses.

What gets built would depend largely on funding.

At the lower end, the county could develop up to 13 two-bed, one-bath manufactured homes at roughly \$450,000 per unit including

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A SALOUTE TO ROESER



Eastern Sierra icon Lou Roeser passed away recently. We remember him on p. 12



Tiger Bar in June Lake showed off its icy mascot at the June Lake Winter Festival last weekend.

THE MAN WHO WOULD BE KINGSLEY

At Inyo Water Commission, Huette do you think you're fooling?

By Klusmire

The Feb. 9 Inyo County Water Commission meeting began with some hearted verbal theatrics when commissioner Paul Huette insulted two fellow commissioners and county staff and then threatened to quit the commission if he was not elected as chair. The five-member commission duly elected Huette chair; he rewarded their confidence by proceeding to lead a meandering three-hour meeting.

The night's only concrete action was the commission approving the final Environmental Impact Report for the Owens River Water Trail, a project that has been bubbling up and down for at least a decade. Public comments and discussion then centered on vegetation cover in the Owens Valley. Moved to a March Water Commission meeting

was the effort by the public and environmental groups to have a louder voice in local water policy by offering suggestions to help guide the county's response to the upcoming Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's (LADWP) annual pumping and operations plan.

After plenty of chat and discussion regarding how the county Water Department staff handles LADWP, data collection, public presentations and a full calendar of meetings this spring, commissioner Teri Red Owl made a concrete suggestion. She asked Water Department Director Holly Alpert if she could put together an estimate of how much additional staff would be required to fully handle the department's ongoing workload. With that estimate in hand, the Water Commission and public could go to the Inyo County Board

of Supervisors to advocate for additional staff in the Water Department, Red Owl said. In addition to its constant engagement with LADWP, the Water Department's workload includes staff support and data analysis for the Owens Valley Groundwater Authority and reviewing and commenting on all county EIRs that include issues about groundwater or surface water (the Crystal Geyser EIR for its new plant in Olancho, for example). Alpert said she could try and work up some estimates of additional staffing levels.

But let's get back to the tantrum and the drama!

The meeting started with the usually humdrum and routine election of a new chairperson. Commissioner Randy Keller, an attorney who is retired from the Inyo County Counsel's office,

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ALL GOOD THINGS

The latest news on the state of journalism is as abysmal was ever.

Between 2014 and 2025, an index of media freedom by Reporters Without Borders regressed from a score of 67 out of 100 (where America is today) to under 55 out of 100 (as bad as Serbia). **In 2025 btw, there were 91 physical attacks on journalists in Serbia.*

From this week's Economist: "Curbs on press freedom are unleashing corruption around the world."

The feedback loop is described as follows: Politicians who want to rob the public have an incentive to gag the press. The tighter they gag it, the easier it grows to steal. And the more guilty secrets politicians accumulate, the greater their incentive to stifle future critical reporting.

The strategy is then further explained.

"One of the most alarming trends is that governments which claim to be democratic are increasingly using tools pioneered by more authoritarian regimes. Typically, they do not try to silence truth-tellers entirely. Rather, they seek to create a media ecosystem in which voters hear amplified praise of the ruling party and only faint whispers of dissent.

They use taxpayers' cash to promote fawning coverage: deploying yes-men to run the public broadcaster, directing state advertising budgets towards pliant newspapers and nudging friendly tycoons who rely on public-works contracts to take over independent media firms and neuter them."

At the same time they make it harder for critical outlets to thrive - or even survive. Those that insist on doing investigative reporting may find that the government not only refuses to advertise with them but leans on private firms to shun them too ... in 160 out of 180 countries surveyed, news outlets can achieve financial stability "with difficulty" or "not at all."

I found the timeframe ironic just because Mammoth passed its TBID in 2013 and suddenly enjoyed an unending string of \$10 million annual marketing budgets.

When I started The Sheet in 2003, Mammoth's annual marketing budget was about \$2 million and The Mammoth Times was running 100+ page weekly editions and had three times the staffing budget as the Visitor's Bureau.

In 2025, I would guess MLT (Mammoth Lakes Tourism) spent about ten times what the two local papers spent on labor.

And these days, Mono County spends more than \$100,000 annually on a PR firm to sing its praises.

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The future of journalism as expressed by a favorite Disney character:

"Hey, we were just talking about you! All good things, all good things."

-Olaf, Frozen

At Bishop City Council on Monday, Police Chief Nate Derr announced that his department had hired Dennis Saulque as a lateral transfer.

Saulque is a controversial hire because he was one of two officers involved in the deadly shooting of Mammoth resident Jesus Uribe last March.

The investigation of that shooting by the California Attorney General's office remains ongoing.

Saulque had been reinstated at the MLPD in the meantime.

Derr told The Sheet, "He's a good officer, proven, has experience ... if he screws up, I'm willing to accept the responsibility and take on the political risk."

"I know there'll be some questions. But I can look myself in the mirror on this," he added.

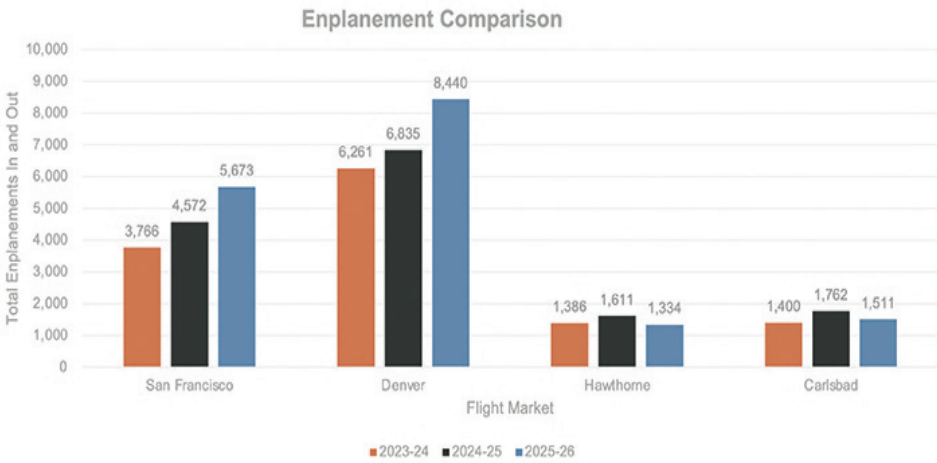
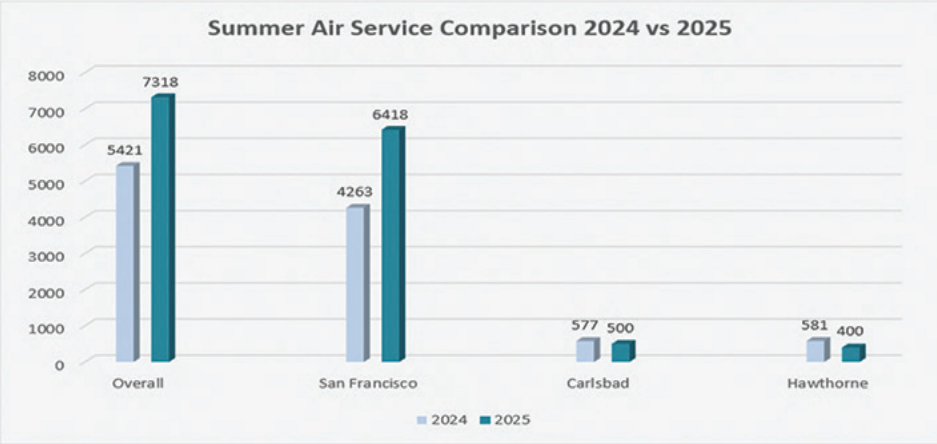
According to Derr, Saulque was born and raised in Bishop, has 16 years law enforcement experience and is a member of the Benton Paiute Tribe.

Also at Council, to circle around and tie this in a nice little bow, Interim MLT CEO Sarah Winters and MLT Board Chair Pat Foster came before Council to ask the city for a contribution to commercial air service.

Council was divided on the issue, with Freundt and Schwartz seemingly disposed to support some nominal contribution while Kong, Garcia and Muchovej were more circumspect.

As Muchovej said, and I'll paraphrase, Mammoth Mountain has a \$300 million budget and Inyo County \$150 million. Let them fund this. We've got an \$8 million budget. I'm all for the service but reality is, our budget is tiny.

And yet, the City can maintain a beautiful park while Millpond County Park is a shambling mess. Go figure.



The enplanement comparison is through Jan. 21.

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police force. Staffing has declined. Coverage and availability have shifted. Staff are being stretched across a growing resort footprint that continues to add beds, guests, and pressure without adding proportional support systems.

Parking scarcity is not a policing problem. It is a planning problem. It is a development approval problem. It is an infrastructure investment problem. Yet time and again, enforcement is asked to absorb the consequences while upstream decisions remain invisible.

Continuing to escalate penalties is not leadership. It is deflection.

Meanwhile, the obvious solution remains in plain sight.

The Town does not own the Village parking lot at 111 Berner Street, as is often assumed. But the Town does own the adjacent acre to the Westin, the site where a four-story parking garage was proposed in 2007, before the recession derailed the plan.

Today, that acre holds just a 40-space surface lot.

If parking supply is truly the structural problem, why aren't we revisiting that plan? Why are we not building up on land already identified for this purpose? Or considering alternatives such as the Community Center site on Forest Trail?

Build underground. Two or three levels. Then build up if needed. Design a real parking garage.

Charge a reasonable daily rate. Ten dollars. Twenty dollars. Use basic technol-

ogy. Hire one or two people to manage it. Do it right, and it pays for itself over time.

This is the Real Unreal of Mammoth right now. Big aspirations. Glossy branding. And hopelessly inadequate infrastructure.

At some point, we have to stop pretending that higher fines solve a static supply problem. They do not. They only make the failure more expensive.

And that is not unreal. It is entirely predictable.

Dr. Arianne Weiner
Mammoth Lakes

P.S. Steve Searles asks two questions in his letter from last week that matter far beyond wildlife policy: Have bears taken more from this community than they have given? And when the last local bear is gone, what will Mammoth say it gained—and what will it have lost?

When local knowledge is replaced by rigid protocols, when enforcement substitutes for planning, and when systems prioritize control over coexistence, something essential erodes. Trust. Identity. The sense that this place is still guided by people who understand it intimately.

Whether we are talking about bears, parking, or public safety, when we stop investing in solutions rooted in how Mammoth actually works, we end up managing fallout instead of stewarding a community.

ENOUGH OF DRY JANUARY

By Klusmire

Looks can be deceiving when it comes to the Eastern Sierra snowpack.

The floor of the Owens Valley hasn't been graced with snow all year and the snowcapped Sierra peak and ridges are looking a little threadbare. Mammoth Lakes has enjoyed days on end with no snow shoveling while Mammoth Mountain is still snowy enough to entice skiers, thanks to one big December storm.

In general, snow surveys show the Eastern Sierra snowpack is right where it should be for the first weeks of February (this week's snowstorm should add to the totals, which were shrinking, see below).

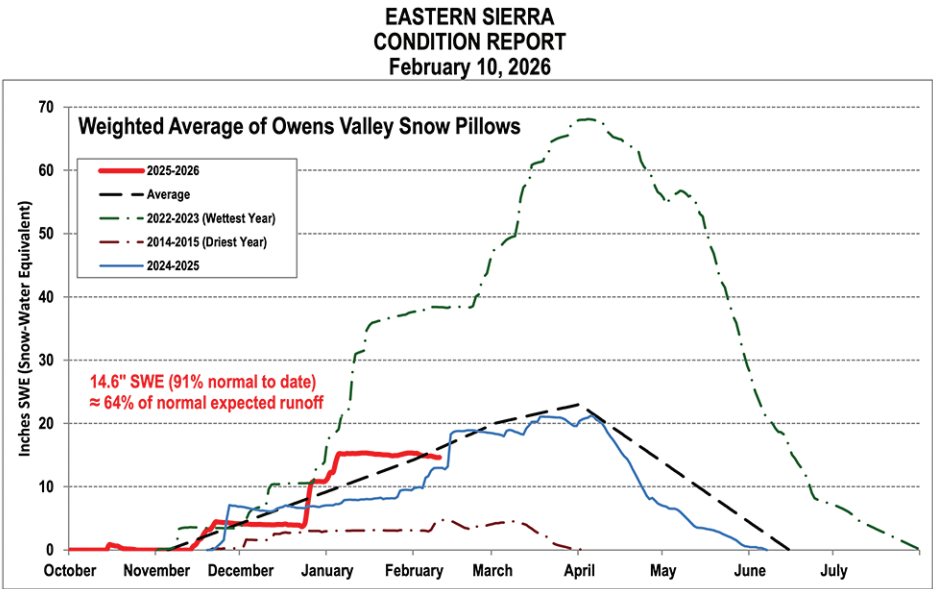
The first on-the-ground snow survey of 2026 put the snowpack from Mammoth to Lone Pine right at 100% of normal for Feb.

1, according to data collected by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

The average of 11 snow courses showed water content at 11.1 inches, which is "normal." A full year's worth of water content would be 17.7 inches.

Despite the big December dump in Mammoth, the area lags behind Bishop and points south in snowpack. The three snow courses in the Mammoth Lakes area are at 80% of normal to date.

The Sawmill course which predicts Bishop snowpack is at 101% of normal to date and 60% of the yearly total. Big Pine is deeper, at 124% of normal to date and 78% of a yearly total. Cottonwood Lakes is the leader of the snowpack pack with 136% of normal to date.



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OUT OF THE ASHES

Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce hands out checks to Pack Fire victims

By Fisher

The morning after the Pack Fire tore through McGee Creek, displacing families, the Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce made a decision.

Rather than allow relief efforts to scatter across social media posts and disconnected fundraising campaigns, the Chamber activated the McGee Creek Pack Fire Relief Fund through its nonprofit arm, the Mammoth Community Foundation (MCF).

Within hours, a centralized webpage was live, creating a single hub where community members could donate money, offer resources, or find help.

“We saw right away that there were efforts popping up everywhere: meals, clothing, fundraisers, GoFundMes,” said Chamber President Brianna Goico. “We wanted one trusted place people could go, whether they were looking to give or looking for support.”

That early move proved critical, especially as county-led cleanup programs and related information are still in development (see last week’s coverage, p. 6).

Through coordinated outreach and social media, the Chamber quickly spread word that the Mammoth Community Foundation would serve as the financial intermediary for private-sector relief.

The effort resulted in \$226,880 in direct donations and more than \$11,000 in donated gift cards.

Nearly 5% of contributions came from out of state (from places as far as New York, Virginia, Massachusetts, Indiana, and Minnesota) but the effort was overwhelmingly local. Businesses hosted benefit nights and concerts. Mammoth Mountain Ski Area contributed a \$50,000 matching gift through a joint community fundraising campaign. Ormat Technologies gave \$10,000. MCF itself contributed \$10,000.

In total, 24 families received just under \$10,000 each in direct financial support.

Funds went to primary residents who occupied their homes at the time of the fire, whether renters or owners. Second homeowners were not eligible.

“We followed the model we used for the Round Fire,” Goico said. “It was an equal distribution. We didn’t look at [damage levels] or insurance status. If you lived there, you qualified.”

And with McGee Creek being such a small, tight-knit community, verification was straightforward.

“Pretty much someone in the room knew the person or knew their story,” Goico said. “And honestly, people were incredibly forthcoming.”

The fund launched Nov. 14. By late November, once it became clear the effort would raise a significant amount, MCF formed a seven-person distribution committee. The ultimate goal was to get money into people’s hands before the holidays.

The first round of checks and gift cards went out in mid-December 2025. A second distribution followed in mid-January 2026. And for many families, immediate financial relief made a tangible difference.

“The checks and gift cards were a life raft,” said Ray Turner. “The first few months after the fire were incredibly confusing. The support upfront made a real difference.”

For the first distribution, families were asked to come to the Chamber office in person to pick up their checks. At the time, many families were juggling displacement, insurance claims, winter housing, all while trying to live their normal lives.

“Being displaced by the Pack Fire felt like starting over at square one,” said Peter Clark, who moved to Mammoth 26 years ago. “The logistics were daunting. The Foundation’s support helped me get situated for winter so my kids could stay in school and I could keep working.”

For the Brode family, the response

reaffirmed their sense of belonging.

“We have always loved this community and are so proud to be part of it,” they shared. “The love and support shown to us during this disaster has been unprecedented.”

Goico believes proximity played a significant role in the scale of giving. Because the Pack Fire directly affected members of Mammoth’s workforce and business community, the response surpassed what the Chamber saw during the Mountain View Fire in 2020 and the Round Fire in 2015.

“This was very much Mammoth’s community,” she said. “That connection mattered.”

The Pack Fire Relief Fund officially closed December 31, with final incoming donations processed in early January. At this time, no additional distributions are planned.



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NO SETBACKS FOR SETBACKS

By Fisher

The Mammoth Lakes Planning and Economic Development Commission approved two residential projects Wednesday morning, granting setback reductions of 80% and 60%, respectively.

The first project, at 436 Mammoth Knolls Drive, requested the setback reduction to construct a stand-alone garage. The second, at 506 Lakeview Boulevard, requested it to build an accessory dwelling unit (ADU). Both projects passed unanimously among the three commissioners present: Dawn Vereuck, Lana Grand, and Cynthia Fleming.

In the garage case, setbacks on the property were reduced from 20 feet to approximately four feet on one side, and from 10 feet to approximately two feet on another. The lot borders a vacant lot to the west and U.S. Forest Service land to the north.

The western neighbor, Chris Lizzo, supported the variance.

"The property is highly strained, and variances are required to provide a parking solution for these folks," Lizzo said.

On the other hand, The ADU project at 506 Lakeview Boulevard was not met with the same cheery attitude.

The applicant's variance request asked for a 60% reduction in setbacks to allow for an attached ADU intended for rental to a local resident. With the reduction, there would still be about eight feet of separation between build-

ings, compared to the standard 10 feet. The reduced setback would encroach on property owned by Seasons 4 Condominium Rentals.

Architect Britton spoke on behalf of the project.

"I have worked on several ADUs in town, and this is the first that is truly intended for the purpose of providing housing for a local resident rather than using it for their own studio," he said.

ADUs were legalized in California in 2016, and have since become a popular option among homeowners to add extra units to their properties. Especially after 2020, when state laws made it easier to construct ADUs in an attempt to maximize housing possibilities within the state. Since then, the Town of Mammoth Lakes has authorized at least two dozen ADU permits.

But Seasons 4 HOA president Roman Stemprock took issue with his neighbor getting closer.

"We are afraid we could get snow chunks rolling down and we feel this 60% reduction is too much and would create problems for us," he said, speaking on behalf of the HOA.

Assistant Planner Houseman clarified that the applicant plans to construct the roof to accommodate snow loads, retaining most of the snow on the roof. The roof's pitch would also be designed to mostly shed snow in the middle of the two buildings.

UNITED WAY COMES TO BISHOP



United Way of Central Eastern California is excited to announce a new chapter of impact and growth. This expansion to Bishop reflects the organization's commitment to serve Mono and Inyo residents and families by connecting them to vital resources and expanding access to programs. Its work responds directly to community needs, especially as rising living costs and limited affordable housing continue to affect stability throughout California. Program officials are beginning with housing and will continue expanding programs to strengthen communities in the Eastern Sierra. Please feel free to call the local office at (760)925-50757 or stop by at 686 W Line St.

VAN WINKLE APPOINTED CEO

Following the announcement of Tom Parker's departure, Melanie Van Winkle was appointed to serve the Mammoth Hospital Interim CEO.

She has spent 16 years as Chief Financial Officer, and has served in hospital leadership for over 30 years. Mammoth Hospital is the fourth District Hospital of Van Winkle's career.

From 2013 to 2017, she served as the hospital's Physician Clinics Administra-



tor. In 2013, she established the initial Population Health department.

"I welcome the opportunity to serve as your Interim CEO," she said. "My goal is to sustain the successes we have built together and continue driving improvements in patient safety and quality care."

Notice Inviting Bids

REQUEST FOR BIDS
Mono City Well #3 Project

In general, the Work involves the construction and testing of a residential supply well within the community of Mono City (Lee Vining, CA). The well will be located 500' from the community's existing supply well, within an established BLM Right of Way. When complete, the new well will provide a redundant supply source in conjunction with the existing well.

1. Sealed bids will be received by the Lundy Mutual Water Company prior to 1:00 p.m. (local time) on Monday, March 16, 2026, and following said deadline all bids will be publicly opened and read. Bids shall be submitted by mail to P.O. Box 323, Lee Vining, California 93541, or hand delivered to the Mono City Fire Department Building at 1057 Silver Lake Way, Mono City, California 93541, only during the last hour before the specified deadline. Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Mono City Fire Department Building.

2. Bidders must submit all questions no later than 2:00 P.M. (PST) Monday, March 9, 2026.

3. Bidding Documents, including design specs, bid forms and sample contract, may be obtained in electronic format by email request to lundymutual@gmail.com.

4. Prevailing Wage Rates: Pursuant to Section 1770, California Labor Code, the successful Bidder shall pay not less than the prevailing rate of per diem wages as determined by the Director of California Department of Industrial Relations. A copy of such prevailing rate is on file at the offices of the Lundy Mutual Water Company, which copy will be made available for examination during business hours to any party on request. Prevailing wage rate information is also available on the internet at the following website address: <http://www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr/PWD>.

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developer fees. At the higher end, it could construct up to 20 stick-built townhomes (three-bed, two-bath) costing about \$1 million a pop.

Officials have yet to decide whether the units would be rentals or for-sale housing, how they would be managed, or what amenities they might include. Storage? Patios? Parking?

Several attendees advocated for designating a unit as an in-home childcare center, potentially subsidized through local partnerships.

While there’s a preschool in operation for children aged roughly 2.5 to 4, there is no established childcare for younger children, one mother noted while bouncing a baby on her hip.

Then there’s the sewage ponds.

“As a bird watcher, I love the view of the sewer ponds,” one resident pitched in. “Smelling the sewer ponds, though, is a consideration [...] during the summer, especially on hot days, there’s some funk in the air.”

This was, in the words of Mono County Supervisor McFarland, “one of the biggest drawbacks of the site.” But, he rationalized, that when it stinks at the community center, it stinks everywhere in town.

Rodriguez floated the idea of fencing or screening to buffer views of the ponds as an amenity to prioritize.

A preschool employee said odors are rarely noticeable during the school year. “Most days I don’t smell

the ponds,” she said. “And when there is a smell, it’s not so bad that the kids are asking about it. But I haven’t been here in the summer.”

In the end, officials agreed to survey residents and return with a more defined proposal shaped by community priorities.

But questions about smell, scale and amenities are only part of the equation. Housing proposals in Lee Vining have struggled before.

“This project specifically is one of those perennial things that every now and then pops back up,” McFarland told The Sheet. “A decade ago, it was discussed at RPAC and the County was going to put out a request for proposals to hire a development consultant, but it just didn’t go anywhere.”

More recently, Tioga Gas Mart owners Dennis and Jane Domaille were denied approval when they attempted to add workforce housing to their property.

The Mono Lake Committee opposed the housing, citing concerns about water and energy use and warning it could create a “company town” disconnected from the broader community. The Kutzadika’a Tribe objected to what it described as insufficient consultation and called for formal meetings and protections for tribal heritage.

In 2021, the Mono County Board

of Supervisors deadlocked 2-2 on the housing component, effectively denying it. Supervisors Jennifer Kreitz and John Peters voted in favor, while Bob Gardner and Rhonda Duggan opposed. Supervisor Stacy Corless recused herself. Without a majority, the project could not proceed.

This proposal may follow a different path. The parcel is County-owned and located within an already developed area. And with Paul McFarland and Lynda Salcido now on the Board, the political dynamics may have shifted, potentially improving the project’s chances for approval.



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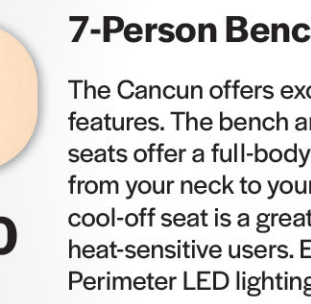
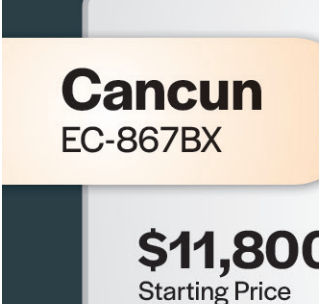


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Your Guide to Local Real Estate

INYO CAPS SHORT TERM RENTALS

By Jake Rasmuson

Inyo County has recently updated their permit requirements for Short Term Rentals, within the County. Short-term rentals are those where the occupants stay for less than 30 days. You may also be more familiar with the terms Vacation homes, Airbnb, and VRBO's.

This new regulation outlines the conditions under which short-term rentals are permitted in Inyo County, focusing on specific zoning areas and implementing limitations and requirements to ensure responsible operation.

Short-term rentals are allowed in properties zoned as Open Space (OS), Rural Residential (RR), and specific residential zones (R-1, R-2), subject to the detailed conditions.

The total number of short-term rental permits issued is capped at varying percentages of available dwelling units in each designated area.

The number of permits varies by area, ranging from as few as two in certain areas (e.g., Starlite) to as many as 29 in South/Southeast County. Although an area may have a certain number of permits allowed under the ordinance,

it does not mean that is the number of available permits for any given area. It is best to contact the Planning Department to determine if a permit is available in your area before applying.

- Area Breakdown:
- Area 1 (North County)
 - Area 2 (Dixon, Meadow Creek, Early Pond.)
 - Area 3 (McLaren, Milovich, Desiderata)
 - Area 4 (Manor Market, Poleta)
 - Area 5 (South Barlow)
 - Area 6 (Starlite)
 - Area 7 (Wilkerson, Chipmunk Canyon, Rossi Hill)
 - Area 8 (Aspendell, Mountain View)
 - Area 9 (Big Pine, Glacier, Birch Creek)
 - Area 10 (Independence, Oak Creek)
 - Area 11 (Lone Pine, Alabama Hills, etc.)
 - Area 12 (South/South East County)

All rentals must be hosted, with an owner or representative available for any issues. In R2 zones, hosted short-term rentals shall only be permitted in a dwelling unit that is concurrently occupied as a primary residence.

Only two hosted rentals per parcel, except in R-2 zones, where only one is allowed. Owners can maintain permits for rentals on only one parcel.

No more than two guests may occupy each room, with one vehicle per room allowed, and off-street parking must be provided.

Quiet hours are from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m., and outdoor amplified sound is prohibited. Safety and building compliance is mandatory, and insurance for short-term rental activities must be maintained.

Outdoor fires are prohibited except for gas fire stoves and barbecues that have an on/off switch.

Permits are reviewed annually, and unused permits can be revoked. Non-compliance with the rental rules can result in penalties and possible permit revocation. Permits issued under the new ordinance are limited to three years and upon the end of each three

period the applicant must reapply to establish another three-year period.

Non-hosted permits and hosted permits applied for prior to the new ordinance will not be subject to the limitations and will be grandfathered in.

The City of Bishop has similar requirements for short term rentals. They are required to be hosted and require notice to potential affected neighbors, however there is no limit on the number of permits or area requirement within the City of Bishop.

This regulation aims to balance the economic benefits of short-term rentals with the need to maintain neighborhood character and minimize adverse impacts on the community.

Jake Rasmuson is the Broker/Owner of Bishop Real Estate which has been locally, and family owned for 45 years. For more local real estate information visit www.BishopRealEstate.com

SALES UPDATE

By Matthew Lehman

The condominium market in Mammoth Lakes is the biggest residential market and the best indicator of residential buyer attitudes. Short term rentals continue to be an important driver, with notably more units being planned on development sites near the Village. December pricing was exceptionally high due to 10 Limelight sales, but sales volume dropped significantly last month. Still, these figures weren't unusual for January. Active listings are up

44% over last January, but down compared to December.

Meanwhile, median home prices in Mammoth are notably higher than the \$1,300,000 median for all of 2025 and significantly higher than the \$980,000 observed this time last year. Total days on market continues to drop while inventory increased slightly over the past year. Interest rates continue to drop, making purchases slightly more attractive.

Metric	January 2026	December 2025	YoY
Median Sale Price	\$1,650,000	\$1,300,000	\$980,000
Active Listings	26	24	19
Closed Sales	3	4	2
Median Days on Market	96	167	185
Interest Rates (30 Year Fixed)	6.08%	6.19%	6.6%

Key metrics in the Mammoth single family home market (above) condominium market (below).

Metric	January 2026	December 2025	YoY
Median Sale Price	\$925,000	\$1,715,000	\$972,000
Active Listings	81	96	56
Closed Sales	7	41	12
Median Days on Market	48	97	151
Interest Rates (30 Year Fixed)	6.08%	6.19%	6.6%

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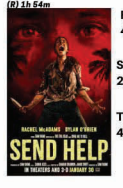
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IT'S A GIRL WINTER

By Libre

The women behind Coalition Mammoth believe representation is crucial to getting young girls to ski and snowboard. That's why on Friday, Feb. 20, the organization will host an independent screening of "Girl Winter," an all female film festival spearheaded by professional backcountry skier Sierra Schlag, at Minaret Cinemas in Mammoth.

Coalition Mammoth's rendition of "Girl Winter" will feature six femme forward ski films. The films vary in content, ranging from the story of an Alaskan Native skier returning to ski on her homelands, an artistic piece featuring big mountain skier Piper Kunst, and a high school English teacher setting out to ski 33 of the highest peaks in the Catskill Mountains, alone.

"Growing up in the ski industry, I never saw people that looked like me in ski films," said Coalition Mammoth founding member Skyler Low. "They were all predominately white men."

Low, whose mother is Ecuadorian, has been skiing in the Eastern Sierra since she was two.

"I very rarely see people of color on the slopes," Low said.

She hopes that by bringing these films to Mammoth, and amplifying previously marginalized voices, young girls will see

new role models on the screen who look like them.

"We're really hopeful these role models will inspire them to be lifelong skiers, snowboarders, and snowmobilers," Low added.

The film festival sheds light on the goals of Coalition Mammoth: youth engagement and community activism.

The coalition was founded last year by Low, Eva Bissonette, Cassidy Moyer (who are all 23) and Emily Markstein (32). The group focuses on the intersection between environmental justice, immigration, social justice, voter engagement, and community development, all while centering the next generation.

"Our goal is to facilitate engagement with younger generations and marginalized communities in Mammoth and on the Eastside," Markstein said.

Coalition Mammoth is the only active group of its kind in Mammoth, as Eastern Sierra Pride focuses primarily on LGBTQ+ rights and Mono 350 has not hosted an event for years. Coalition Mammoth works closely with Friends of the Inyo and Inyo 350 to coordinate protests and host events.

"We wanted to go to a protest," Bissonette said when asked why they founded the Coalition, "So we decided to just have a protest here."

Last March, Bissonette teamed up with Low to organize a human rights protest. Since then, Coalition Mammoth has organized six protests, including the No Kings events in June and October, and ICE Out For Good in January. These have ranged in size from 20 to 550 attendees.

"We wanted to show people that activism doesn't have to be intimidating," Low said. "Activism can just be coming together as a community and building resilience and showing each other that our voices matter."

Moyer and Markstein soon joined the team, both eager to find ways to fight for what they believed in on a local level.

"There's too much happening in the world right now to just have it go ignored," Moyer said. "Living in Mammoth, it feels like a bubble."

The group also offers another kind of activism – bringing the Eastside together through regular "family dinners" and offering a free, warm meal to members of the community. These events are often hosted in the Mammoth Lakes Community Center.

Though Coalition Mammoth is donation based, much of the funding for these events comes from the member's own pockets.

The ticket revenue from the Girl

Winter screening will go toward these dinners.

In the future, the young women hope their group will continue to inspire others to get involved in their community.

"I really hope that we can inspire and teach people how to become their own activists," Markstein said.

"None of us have a college degree in this, we all just cared a lot. And I hope that that in itself can help people to take action and create a larger group of people taking action in Mammoth."

The Girl Winter event will begin with speakers at 6 p.m.; the films will kick off at 6:30. Tickets are \$25 and free for indigent individuals. For more information on Coalition Mammoth, check out their Instagram page @coalitionmammoth.



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COWBOYS, GOVERNORS AND BIG FISH

Lou and Marye Roeser tell tales of life in the high country

By Abagael Giles

The Sheet learned this week of the passing of Lou Roeser, one of the last of the old school Sierra pack station legends. In his honor, we reprint a profile of Marye and Lou Roeser written by Abagael Giles which appeared in our July 1, 2017 issue.

When Marye Roeser first came to work summers as a guide at High Sierra Camp, the only road to the Lakes Basin was Old Mammoth Road. "It wasn't paved, in fact, none of the roads in Mammoth were paved," Mary told The Sheet. "It was little more than the wagon road it started out as." She relayed this over iced tea at the ranch she and her husband own in Coleville, up by Mount Patterson in the Antelope Valley.

Marye and her husband Lou owned and operated the Mammoth Lakes Pack Outfit for thirty-eight years, from 1960 to 1998. They created Sierra Meadows Equestrian and Cross-Country Ski Center, from which they led sleigh rides and ski tours for twenty-five winters. Marye taught at Antelope Elementary and Coleville High Schools for twenty years, and Lou did location scouting and provided horses for the western film industry and for commercials shot in the Eastern Sierra. He starred as a cowboy in a few Marlboro commercials, and John Wayne once tried to buy his favorite horse – he naturally declined the offer.

Marye and Lou met while Marye was working as a Manager and guiding day-trips by horseback out of High Sierra Camp in 1952. Lou, an Arizona cowboy, found Eastern California while traveling to Oregon. He worked his first summer at High Sierra Camp as a packer in 1952. He and Marye were married six months after they met, in March of 1953.

At a time when many of their peers were settling in suburbs south of the Sierra, Marye and Lou decided to make packing their lifestyle. Marye wrangled and cooked, and Lou packed for several local pack stations before deciding to purchase Mammoth Lakes Pack Outfit in 1960.

All the while, Marye painted the Sierra backcountry, and even led watercoloring pack expeditions for UCLA. When their four kids were little, Lou took up photography, in part so Marye could continue to paint the places she loved from the front country.

The Roesers tell tales of a very different Mammoth Lakes, in which there was no electricity, no Main Street, no ski resort. They recall the old ice house next to the post office in Old Mammoth, where the handful of restaurants in town would pick up ice chipped from Twin Lakes the previous winter to pack with straw and food for the summer.

Marye remembers the first laundromat and electric irons, and even a man named Hans Georg, who pulled a Forest Service Permit to build a ski area on the back side of Mammoth Mountain while Dave McCoy was still operating at McGee Peak.

"He thought he had the right one, but he sure pulled the wrong permit," said Marye of the gasoline-powered opera-



Above: Marye and Lou in 1965 at Mammoth Pack Station Corrals.



Above: Son Lee with Lou and a model on the set of a Velamint commercial, at Rock Creek Road.

tion that provided skiers with direct, rope-tow access to Dave's Wave and the Hole in the Wall, which Marye referred to as "The Bottomless Pit."

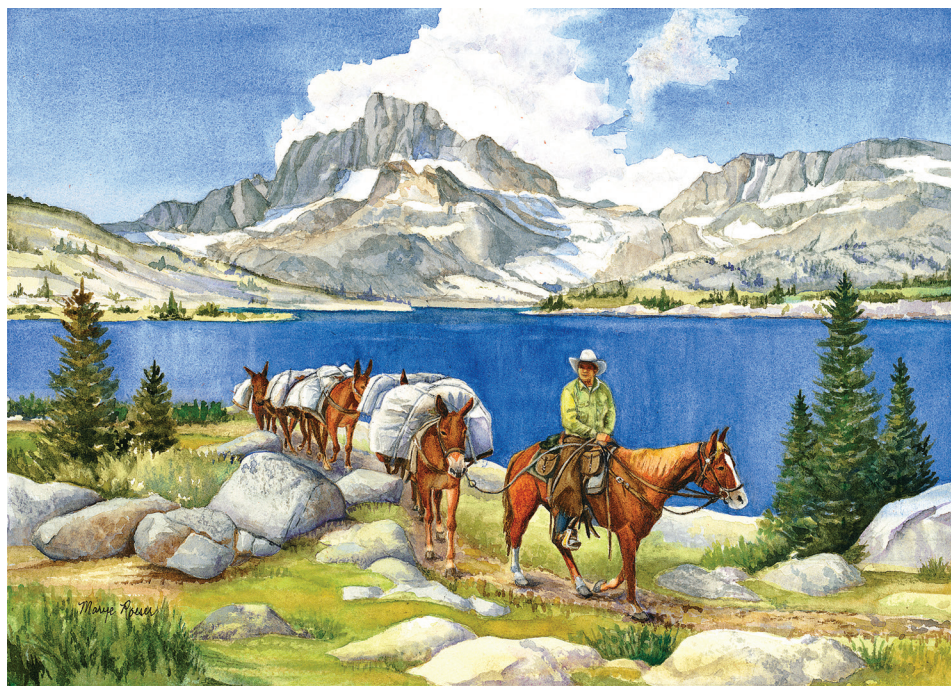
John Wayne Tried to buy Lou's Horse

When Marye and Lou bought the Mammoth Lakes Pack Outfit in 1960, Lou started a side business, called Old West Film Outfitters. He used his knowledge of the backcountry and photography skills to scout locations for commercial films. Later that year, he agreed to supply the horses for John Wayne's film, "North to Alaska." Lou developed a niche business staging and supplying horses and wagons for western films and commercials shot in the Eastern Sierra throughout the 1960s and 70s. Although he never smoked, he starred in a few Marlboro Cowboy commercials.

On two occasions, movie stars took interest in the Roeser's impressively trained and cared for horses. John Wayne reportedly approached Lou on the set of "North to Alaska" and asked if he could ride his horse, Buellah. "She was a registered quarter horse, and I thought he was just too big for her," reflected Lou. Wayne reportedly said, "Well, how much would you take for her?" to which Lou replied, "She is not for sale."

In 1965, the Roesers supplied horses and a chuckwagon for "Nevada Smith." Marye lent her horse Chongo as a stunt horse in that film. Steve McQueen, who starred as Nevada Smith, wanted to buy Chongo. Lou told McQueen that the horse belonged to his wife and that she certainly wasn't interested in shipping him off to a stable in Southern California.

"Besides, Steve McQueen rode a horse like a motorcycle," said Lou.



Above: One of Marye's watercolor paintings from her time in the backcountry. The image shows a packer riding at Thousand Island Lake, near Mammoth Lakes. Below: One of Lou's many photographs of old Western Film sets.



The Legend of the Nine and a Half-Pound Golden Trout

In 1952, Lou had just graduated from the University of Arizona with a degree in Animal Husbandry and Agricultural Business. He had worked on a few cattle ranches in Montana, and was making his way to Oregon to continue that work when he found Mammoth Lakes. Struck by the remote nature of the region and the culture of mule packing, he took a summer job with the Mammoth Lakes Pack Outfit. That was the summer he met his future wife, Marye, while she was guiding trips for High Sierra Camp.

Lou was on one of his first pack trips ever, to Virginia Lake. He accompanied a party looking to go trout fishing. They proceeded to catch a nine-pound, fourteen-ounce Golden Trout in the high lakes. Lou was in disbelief, and estimated the fish, which he was tasked with keeping pristine for the pack out, was one and a half feet long. This fish remains the largest Golden Trout ever recorded anywhere. He reported, a bit regretfully, that a friend told him it's mounted somewhere on a wall in San Francisco.

Riding with Ronald Reagan

The Roesers, along with Genny Smith, Andrea Lawrence, and Ray Sherwin, were leaders in the movement to stop

the trans-Sierra highway. In the late sixties, the Federal government announced plans to build a Trans-Sierra Highway from Highway 395 to Fresno.

In the summer of 1972, Ronald Reagan, then the Governor of California, visited Mammoth Lakes for a pack trip to the site of the proposed highway. Mammoth Lakes Pack Outfit supplied the horses for the trip, which Lou recalled mostly carried television cameras and reporters. Reagan rode to Summit Meadow, which was in the proposed path of the highway.

"There was Ronald Reagan, wearing Levis and a western hat with a stick on an easel, carrying a map of the proposed highway as he rode," said Lou, shaking his head. "As I watched, he reached into his jeans pocket, and pulled out a crumpled telegram he had received that morning from President Nixon, announcing that he had pulled funds for the Federal Highway." Both Marye and Lou were very impressed with his manners.

Old Fashioned Snow Removal

In the winter of 1969, snow remained on Duck Pass well past the 4th of July. Back then, most of the region's trails were built and maintained by packers. In fact, the packers used to haul dynamite out to "loosen the snow up a bit" so that they could shovel their way out to Duck Pass.

INYO STUDENTS GIVE INNOVATIVE SPEECHES

The Inyo County Office of Education proudly announces the winners of the 2026 Inyo County Speech Contest, highlighting the talent and dedication of local students.

Reed Magan of Round Valley Elementary School earned first place for his speech titled “Hooked.” Second place went to Vivien Reinhardt, also from Round Valley Elementary, for her presentation, “Why Glass is a Smash.” Zayne Reed of Bishop Elementary School captured third place with his speech, “Green Light Idea.”

Additional students who represented their schools in this year’s competition included:

- Walker Rosen, Round Valley Elementary (5th Grade) — “The Most Important Invention of All Time: The Alphabet”
- Iris Perez, Bishop Elementary (5th Grade) — “Spectacular Spectacles”

- Iona Sharma, Bishop Elementary (5th Grade) — “The Needle of Safety”
- Elizabeth Edwards, Bishop Elementary (5th Grade) — “The Flush of a Toilet”
- Sean O’Connor, Bishop Elementary (5th Grade) — “Word Perfect”
- Isabella Sinforiano-Solorio, Bishop Elementary (5th Grade) — “The Highlighter”
- Patience Williams, Home Street Middle School (6th Grade) — “The Device Behind Mass-Media”
- Tulie Saenz, Home Street Middle School (8th Grade) — “A Game-Changer for Women”

Sponsored by Bishop Real Estate, the contest took place on February 10 at the Jill Kinmont Boothe School. Students in fifth, sixth, and eighth grades from Bishop Elementary, Round Valley Elementary, and Home Street Middle School participated.



Isabella Sinforiano-Solorio (left) and Winner Reed Magan (right).



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This year’s theme, “The Best Invention Ever,” challenged students to speak about an invention that has significantly changed the world and explain its importance.

Audience members were struck by the confidence, creativity, and preparation demonstrated by the speakers, each of whom devoted considerable time and effort to researching and presenting their chosen topics.

A panel of three community judges evaluated the speeches based on content and delivery. The judges included Inyo/Mono County Horticulture Advi-

sor Dustin Blakey, Language Specialist Amara Keller, and Community Schools Coordinator Serena Johnson. The Inyo County Office of Education expressed appreciation for their time and thoughtful evaluation.

ICOE also extended its thanks to Jake Rasmuson and Bishop Real Estate for sponsoring the event and awarding trophies and cash prizes to the top speakers.

Special recognition was given to the dedicated school coaches who supported students throughout the preparation process.

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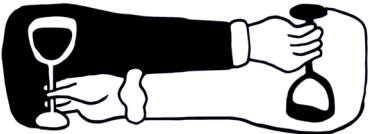
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Bar Sierra happy hour from 4-5:30 p.m. Thursday through Monday.
Minaret Club happy hour daily 'til 6:30 p.m. Weekend wine bottle specials. *More info: See ad p. 4.*

Friday, February 13/
Galentines Party @ Minaret Club.
Ted & The Wranglers (Roots Rock) play Liberty.

February 13-14/
Weekend apres parties @ Canyon Lodge. DJ. 21+. Starts 2:30 p.m.

Saturday, February 14/
Good Night Club (DJ/Live band mash-up) @ Liberty in Mammoth. Time: 9:30 p.m. No cover.
Love Box Cash Givaway at the Wanaaha Casino in Bishop (2742 North Sierra Highway). Drawings from 6:45 p.m. to 10 p.m. Live DJ all night.

Sunday, February 15/
The Midwatch (eclectic, three-piece jazz/pop/rock) plays Distant Brewing in Mammoth. Time: 6-9 p.m. No cover.

Monday, February 16/
Open mic night @ Distant Brewing. Time: 6-9 p.m.

Wednesday, February 18/
Cassie Dunn plays Shelter Distilling in Mammoth. Time: 6-9 p.m.
Karaoke @ Mammoth Rock 'n Bowl with MC Maurice. Discounted bowling! Starts 8 p.m.

TOWN STUFF

Friday, February 13/
Bingo Night @ the Bishop Elks Lodge. Doors 4:30 p.m. with games beginning @ 6. There will be food service. Location: 151 East Line St.

Saturday, February 14/
The Inyo County Clerk's office will be open on Valentine's Day if you feel like getting married. Time: 10 a.m. 'til 4 p.m. Call 760.878.0224 for appt.
Free Guided Snowshoe Hike with Sierra Forever from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Meet at the Mammoth Lakes Welcome Center.
Woolly's dance party @ the Village at Mammoth. Music, cocoa & photos. Time: 3:45-4:30 p.m.

February 14-15/
Train rides @ Laws Museum from 10:30 a.m. 'til 2:30 p.m. \$. Also: Engine house tours, origami Valentines and a kids' story hour @ 2. Laws is located just east of Bishop off of Highway 6. *Info: 760.873.5950*

TOWN STUFF

Monday, February 16/
Inyo Associates meet this month in Lone Pine @ the Alabama Hills Cafe. Time: 5:30 p.m. Cost: \$25. RSVP to the Lone Pine Chamber at 760.876.4444.
Dancing and drumming workshops with renowned musician Fara Tolno at Bishop City Auditorium. Drum from 5-6:30 p.m. and dance from 6:30-8 p.m. Suggested donation \$\$

Tuesday, February 17/
Not Your Grandma's Bingo Night @ The Eatery in support of the Eastern Sierra Avalanche Center. Registration starts @ 5 p.m. with first game @ 6! *More info: See ad p. X*
Inyo County Board of Supervisors meets. On the agenda: Mid-year budget review. Public session generally begins 10 a.m. *Location: 224 No. Edwards in Indy or online via inyoconomy.us*

Wednesday, February 18/
Mammoth Lakes Town Council meets. Time: 4 p.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall or online via townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.
As The World Turns, your local **Northern Inyo Hospital District soap opera**, returns with its monthly board meeting. Time: 5 p.m. Location: 2957 Birch St. or online via Zoom.
Mammoth Lakes Tourism Board meets. Time: 1 p.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall or online via townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

TOWN STUFF

Wednesday, February 18 (cont.)/
Final installment of the BUSD Parent Series takes place from 5:30-6:30 p.m. @ C5 Studios in Bishop, 210 S. Warren St. This week's topic: Connection. *More info: 760.258.1059*
Master Your Money: Financial Literacy with Mary Ann Sullivan @ the Mammoth Lakes Library. Time: 12-1 p.m.

February 18-19/
Outbound Mammoth hosts a pair of **dancing and drumming workshops with renowned musician Fara Tolno**. Drum from 5-6:30 p.m. and dance from 6:30-8 p.m. Suggested donation \$

Friday, February 20/
Girl Winter Film Tour comes to Minaret Cinemas in Mammoth. Speakers 6 p.m. with film at 6:30.

Saturday, February 21/
Bird Babes birding group meets at Blue Heron Farm in Wilkerson. Time: 9 a.m. *More info: bird-babes.com.*
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PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice Inviting Bids

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town of Mammoth Lakes (“Town”) invites and will receive sealed Bids up to but not later than 3:30 PM on Friday March 20, 2026 through the Town’s Online Bid Portal at <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids> (“Online Bid Portal”), for the furnishing to Town of all labor, equipment, materials, tools, services, transportation, permits, utilities, and all other items necessary for the **TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES MINARET MUP CAP 22-004** (the “Project”). After said time, Bids will be publicly posted on the Online Bid Portal. Bids received after said time shall be returned unopened. Bids shall be valid for a period of 70 calendar days after the Bid opening date.

This project includes a 12-foot wide multi-use path with 2-foot shoulders connecting to the Old Mammoth Trail MUP and Lakes Basin Trail MUP. The Class I MUP is approximately 7,200 linear-feet and physically separated from the roadway.

Engineer’s Estimate: \$2,809,000.00

Bids must be submitted on the Town’s Bid Forms. Bidders may obtain a copy of the Contract Documents by registering on the Town’s Online Bid Portal located at <https://www.townofmammothlakes.ca.gov/1016/Bids>. To the extent required by section 20103.7 of the Public Contract Code, upon request from a contractor plan room service, the Town shall provide an electronic copy of the Contract Documents at no charge to the contractor plan room.

It is the responsibility of each prospective Bidder to download and print all Contract Documents for review and to verify the completeness of Contract Documents before submitting a bid. Any Addenda will be posted on the Online Bid Portal. It is the responsibility of each prospective Bidder to check the Online Bid Portal on a daily basis through the close of Bids for any applicable addenda or updates. The Town does not assume any liability or responsibility based on any defective or incomplete copying, excerpting, scanning, faxing, downloading or printing of the Contract Documents. Information on the Online Bid Portal may change without notice to prospective Bidders.

The California Air Resources Board (“CARB”) implemented amendments to the In-Use Off-Road Diesel-Fueled Fleets Regulations (“Regulation”) which are effective on January 1, 2024, and apply broadly to all self-propelled off road diesel vehicles 25 horsepower or greater and other forms of equipment used in California. A copy of the Regulation is available at <https://ww2.arb.ca.gov/sites/default/files/barcu/regact/2022/off-roaddiesel/appa-1.pdf>. Bidders are required to comply with all CARB and Regulation requirements, including, without limitation, all applicable sections of the Regulation, as codified in Title 13 of the California Code of Regulations section 2449 et seq. throughout the duration of the Project. Bidders must provide, with their Bid, copies of Bidder’s and all listed subcontractors’ most recent, valid Certificate of Reported Compliance (“CRC”) issued by CARB. Failure to provide valid CRCs as required herein may render the Bid non-responsive.

Each Bid shall be accompanied by a bid security in the form of cash, a certified or cashier’s check, or Bid Bond secured from a surety company satisfactory to the Town, the amount of which shall not be less than ten percent (10%) of the submitted Total Bid Price, made payable to Town of Mammoth Lakes. The bid security must be submitted in original hard copy directly to the Town prior to the specified date and time for bid opening as set forth in the Instructions to Bidders. The bid security shall be provided as a guarantee that within ten (10) working days after the Town provides the Successful Bidder the Notice of Award, the Successful Bidder will enter into a contract and provide the necessary bonds and certificates of insurance. The bid security will be declared forfeited if the Successful Bidder fails to comply within said time. No interest will be paid on any cash deposited with Town as bid security. Bidders are advised that mail going to and/or coming from the Town may be slower than the Bidder anticipates, particularly during inclement weather. Accordingly, Bidders sending documents by mail are advised to send any required documents as soon as reasonably possible to avoid late submissions. The Town is not responsible for the Bidder’s late submissions of Bids, Bid securities or any other required Bid Forms or other required documentation.

A NON-MANDATORY Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for February 25, 2026 at 1:00 PM at a conference room at the Town of Mammoth Lakes office located at 437 Old Mammoth Rd Suite 230, Mammoth Lakes, California, to review the Project’s existing conditions. The Pre-Bid Meeting is also available for participation via Zoom, as follows:
Microsoft Teams meeting
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Meeting ID: 253 277 643 763 02
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Phone conference ID: 181 011 883#

Representatives of the Town and consulting engineers, if any, will be present. Questions asked by Bidders at the Pre-Bid Meeting not specifically addressed within the Contract Documents shall be answered via addendum posted on the Town’s Online Bid Portal. Oral statements regarding this Bid made at the Pre-Bid Meeting should be considered unverified information unless confirmed in writing.

The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Faithful Performance Bond and a Labor and Material Payment Bond each in an amount equal to one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Price. Each bond shall be in the forms set forth herein, shall be secured from a surety company that meets all State of Califor-

nia bonding requirements, as defined in California Code of Civil Procedure Section 995.120, and that is a California admitted surety insurer.

Pursuant to Section 22300 of the Public Contract Code of the State of California, the Successful Bidder may substitute certain securities for funds withheld by the Town to ensure its performance under the contract. Pursuant to Labor Code Section 1773, Town has obtained the prevailing rate of per diem wages and the prevailing wage rate for holiday and overtime work applicable in Mono County from the Director of the Department of Industrial Relations for each craft, classification, or type of worker needed to execute this contract. A copy of these prevailing wage rates may be obtained via the internet at: www.dir.ca.gov/dlsr/. In addition, a copy of the prevailing rate of per diem wages is available at the Town’s Public Works Department Engineering Division and shall be made available to interested parties upon request. The Successful Bidder shall post a copy of the prevailing wage rates at each job site. It shall be mandatory that the Successful Bidder, and any subcontractors, comply with all Labor Code provisions, which include but are not limited to the payment of not less than the specified prevailing wage rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the Contract, employment of apprentices, hours of labor and debarment of contractors and subcontractors.

Pursuant to Labor Code sections 1725.5 and 1771.1, all contractors and subcontractors that wish to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, or enter into a contract to perform public work must be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations. No Bid will be accepted nor will any contract entered into without proof of the contractor’s and subcontractors’ current registration with the Department of Industrial Relations to perform public work. If awarded a contract, the Bidder and its subcontractors, of any tier, shall maintain active registration with the Department of Industrial Relations for the duration of the Project. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the contractor registration requirements mandated by Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1 shall not apply to work performed on a public works project that is exempt pursuant to the small project exemption specified in Labor Code Sections 1725.5 and 1771.1.

This Project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. In bidding on this Project, it shall be the Bidder’s sole responsibility to evaluate and include the cost of complying with all labor compliance requirements under this contract and applicable law in its Bid. Each Bidder shall be a licensed contractor pursuant to sections 7000 et seq. of the Business and Professions Code in the following classification(s) throughout the time it submits its Bid and for the duration of the contract Class A - Engineering or Class C -12 Earthwork and Paving Contractor license. The Contractor, and all subcontractors will be required to procure and maintain a valid Town of Mammoth Lakes Business Tax Certificate.

Town shall award the contract for the Project to the lowest responsive, responsible Bidder as determined by the Town from the Base Bid Alone. Town reserves the right to reject any or all Bids or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any Bids or in the bidding process.

For further information, contact Matthew Freedman, PE, Associate Engineer at mfreedman@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov or 760-965-3656.

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, CALIFORNIA
Jamie Gray, TOWN CLERK
DATED: February 10, 2026
TS #2026-0016

Notice of Ordinance

Notice is hereby given that on February 4, 2026 the Town Council introduced an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AMENDING TOWN OF THE MAMMOTH LAKES MUNICIPAL CHAPTER 9.32, TOBACCO AND RELATED PRODUCTS.

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: February 5, 2026
JAMIE GRAY, Town Clerk
Town of Mammoth Lakes
TS #2026-0017

Notice of Summons

Notice is hereby given that on January 8, 2026, Mono County Superior Court granted an order for alternative service in case No. 25FLM332.

Steven Matthew Luke Meiers, Petitioner v. Aida Cecilia Ferguson, Respondent.

The Respondent, who was present in court, has made a request to modify a restraining order.

The alternative service is made in accordance with the court’s California Code of Civil Procedure.

The matter is set for March 5, 2026 at 9:30 a.m. in Mammoth Court Room #1.

TS #2026-0009

ELECTION

INYO JUDICIAL RACES TAKE SHAPE By Lunch & Fisher

Inyo County will elect two Superior Court Judges this year. We know one of them will not be Susanne Rizo, who decided not to seek reelection.

The other sitting judge, Stephen Place, has drawn a challenger, Public Defender Gerard Harvey.

Rizo’s open seat will be filled by either Attorney Taylor Fitzmaurice or Inyo County D.A. Dana Crom.

This week, The Sheet interviewed candidates Harvey and Fitzmaurice.

Lunch began by asking Harvey how the straws were drawn.

The answer was simple: For the sake of his family (and Thanksgiving dinners for years to come), he was NOT going to run against his ex-wife (Crom). He knew their two sons were not thrilled about that prospect.

So even though he had long planned to challenge Rizo (“everybody knew I was running”), the glib, witty and sometimes profane Harvey has pivoted to a race against Place.

A classic matchup between a gritty, boisterous man of the people (Harvey) and a tall, soft-spoken patrician (Place).

While any electoral race versus an incumbent is an uphill battle, Harvey leans into his experience, both personal and professional (“I’m the most experienced trial attorney in Inyo County”), to make his case.

First, a little background. Harvey hails from Pittsfield, Massachusetts and has the accent to prove it. He graduated from UMass-Amherst in 1984 with a degree in economics before working in Boston and then applying to law school.

He then packed his bags and headed across country to attend the McGeorge School of Law in Sacramento.

That is where he met his first wife, Crom.

“I wanted to go into criminal law,” he explained. “I just didn’t know which side.” Until he got a job post-law school with a criminal defense firm in Hayward, Calif. and loved it.

But Crom, who is from Bishop, wanted to return home, so the couple moved to the Eastside in ‘95 and Gerard opened up a private practice.

By ‘96, he’d signed on as a Public Defender and remained in that job until 2008.

That’s when the wheels fell off in his personal life - but this also, he believes, gives him the experience and gravitas to



Gerard Harvey

be a judge.

He was arrested for being under the influence of methamphetamine during court.

He then went to rehab for six months.

Upon his return, he was fired two weeks later for allegedly threatening a client.

Those charges were ultimately dismissed.

He entered rehab a second time of his own volition in 2015 and has been sober ever since.

He’s held his old position as Public Defender for the past five years.

While Harvey had nothing negative to say about his opponent - “In my experience, he’s capable” - Harvey simply believes he’s more capable.

“I have more experience in criminal law,” he says. “I’ve represented more clients in my career than there are residents in Inyo County ... I could come in and handle a felony criminal trial on day one.”

Harvey believes his experience would make him a better manager - he thinks the court could run more efficiently.

“It takes experience to know what a case is worth ... and what settles a case is the threat of trial.”

A judge who asks the right questions and applies the right pressure, says Harvey, can move a case and lawyers along.

One thing that Harvey hopes to demonstrate to voters during the campaign is his work ethic and resolve.

“I’m gonna hang 9,000 of these [he said as he handed me a laminated campaign door hanger] throughout the county and I’m gonna be at every

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Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Entity Is Doing Business As:
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Mammoth Altitude Inc. 587 Old Mammoth Rd. #1 P.O. Box 100, PMB 577 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
This business is conducted by a corporation. The registrant has yet to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein. This statement was filed with the Mono County Clerk on Jan. 16, 2026 File Number 2026-0006 TS #2026-0010 (1/31, 2/7, 2/14, 2/21)

Fictitious Business Name Statement
The Following Entity Is Doing Business As:
REAL ESTATE OF MAMMOTH
Mammoth Altitude Inc. 587 Old Mammoth Rd. #1 P.O. Box 100, PMB 577 Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546
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event. This is a lesson he learned from former 28-year Inyo D.A. Buck Gibbons - “that’s how he got his job.”

Harvey got remarried to his long-time partner Davina Boling five years ago and has a blended family of five boys - one of whom they share.

Taylor Fitzmaurice

To local attorney Taylor Fitzmaurice, the mark of a good judge isn’t temperament, it’s knowledge.

“I can handle bad temperament. I like a strong judge,” she told the Sheet this week. “But when you’re arguing with the judge to follow the law, that’s not fair.”

Frustrated by what she describes as the bench’s ineffective application of the law, Fitzmaurice entered the race for judge this year, facing Inyo County District Attorney Dana Crom for the seat held by current Judge Susanne Rizo, who is not seeking reelection after a public admonishment from the state.

She brings more than three decades of legal experience and has never confined her practice to a single specialty.

After attending American University’s Washington College of Law in Washington, D.C., where she represented children in abuse and neglect cases as a student advocate, she moved to Los Angeles and joined a firm representing public agencies and municipalities.

There, she handled matters ranging from water and environmental law to civil rights and police litigation. Later, in Ventura County, she expanded into property and environmental law before relocating to the Eastern Sierra to raise her children in a small-town setting.

Working alongside longtime local attorney Doug Buchanan before opening her own practice, Fitzmaurice has handled family law, criminal matters, tribal cases, civil litigation, business disputes and appeals.

That breadth, she argues, is essential for a rural judge.

“[The current judges] are not mas-

ters of the law. They don’t have control over the courtroom. They don’t know how to manage litigants or attorneys, cut through the nonsense and get to the critical issues,” she said.

After more than two decades practicing in Inyo County, Fitzmaurice said she has grown increasingly troubled by what she views as an inefficient court calendar.

“The process takes so long,” Fitzmaurice explained. “And I can see the damage it’s doing.”

She points to custody disputes that stretch for years, repeated evidentiary hearings, and litigants who return to court again and again because no final ruling has been issued.

“It’s the same names [on the court calendar] over and over again,” she said. “There’s no finality.”

She cited one case in which a client endured 19 evidentiary hearings and was later diagnosed with post-traumatic stress disorder, which the client attributed to “prolonged exposure to an unmanaged and hostile courtroom environment.”

In another example, she said a case was retried after Judge Rizo stepped away due to disruptive and threatening behavior from a party in the courtroom, prolonging what the client described as an already lengthy and emotionally exhausting process.

Fitzmaurice argues that part of the problem stems from the fact that judges sometimes come to the bench after working in narrow areas of law and must suddenly preside over criminal, family, civil and property matters simultaneously.

“If you’re going to become an expert in one area as an attorney, that’s phenomenal. But then don’t become a judge. Not in a rural community.”

With the current bench, she said, she often finds herself reminding judges of basic points of law.

“I feel like the judge should be calling our feet to the fire,” she says. “Instead, I’m holding theirs to the fire.”

If elected, Fitzmaurice said her focus would be on reducing delays and restoring decisiveness to the courtroom.



Taylor Fitzmaurice

One change she would prioritize is stronger courtroom control. She believes judges must be confident enough to challenge attorneys and, when appropriate, sanction repeat filers. More decisive rulings, she said, would reduce the number of repeated hearings and bring cases to resolution faster.

Beyond courtroom management,

Fitzmaurice said she would advocate for structural changes. Currently, one Inyo judge handles criminal cases while the other handles civil matters for extended periods before switching. She said she would prefer a system more like Mono County’s, where judges regularly rotate between calendars.

She believes that keeping both judges active in civil and criminal matters would maintain sharper legal fluency and lead to quicker decisions.

Litigants, she said, should expect fewer continuances and clearer rulings.

“A judge needs to say, ‘We’ve heard you. We’ve listened. We applied the facts to the law. There’s been a final order.’”

Ultimately, Fitzmaurice describes herself as compassionate but firm; understanding of litigants who arrive in court overwhelmed or traumatized, but committed to accountability.

For her, the race comes down to one principle.

“Everyone says temperament,” she explained. “But I think knowledge is critical.”

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DRAMA

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nominated former Inyo County Supervisor and new Water Commissioner Matt Kingsley, because of his experience with the region's water issues. Kingsley, of Lone Pine, recently stepped down after serving as a District 5 supervisor for 12 years and represented Inyo County on the Inyo-LA Standing Committee for 10 of those years. Kingsley said he would not be offended if he didn't get the chairman's role, since he was fairly new to the Water Commission.

Huette, a longtime member of the commission and an operator for the Big Pine Tribe's water plant, jumped in and offered a rambling challenge to

Kingsley. As the vice chair he said he should be moved to the top spot, or else he would resign from the commission. Huette said making Kingsley chair was a set up, "a done deal," since "people on the staff don't like me." He said he knew the plan to make Kingsley chair was coming after a previous meeting when then-chair Red Owl was absent and Alpert suggested Kingsley chair. "Shame on you Randy Keller," Huette said, and also added Alpert to his shame list.

He said he knows how to speak to LADWP officials, is a personal friend with one LADWP commissioner, and has the time to attend and represent

Inyo County at the Inyo-LA Standing Committee meetings. He said he would fight to protect the valley's water and was dedicated and committed to representing "the people," the implication clearly being Kingsley would not.

The board then voted and handed Huette the gavel.

The only action item on the agenda was certifying the final EIR for the Owens River Water Trail. The commission had reviewed the EIR previously and quickly approved the final. Water Department Mitigation Manager Larry Freilich, who has been working on the River Trail for about 12 years, said the Inyo Board of Supervisors will have to

also certify the final EIR.

That approval should clear the way to receive a grant from the Sierra Nevada Conservancy to start construction on the 6.3 miles of river trail, which will run from where the Owens River crosses the Lone Pine Narrow Gauge Road to the Keeler Bridge. The work includes mechanically clearing the tule-choked river channel and building put-ins, parking and other amenities to allow public access to the river. Once complete the river will be able to host floaters in kayaks, canoes, paddleboards and, in true Inyo County tradition, float tubes.

Also, LADWP and the county still have to finalize a lease agreement to allow work on LADWP land. The department paid about \$500,000 for the EIR and Freilich said LADWP's initial concerns have been addressed in the final EIR.

Next came another chapter in the perennial saga over vegetation cover, how it is measured, how it is interpreted, legal issues surrounding vegetation cover in the Inyo-LA Long-Term Water Agreement, accusations the county is not aggressive enough in pressing LADWP on the issue, and more.

Those issues and more will likely be aired at the hastily scheduled March Water Commission meeting. The public will have a chance to suggest how the county should pre-emptively question and then respond to the 2026-27 LADWP Operations Plan. The numerous environmental groups in the Eastern Sierra Water Alliance will "do some work" and present data, ideas and other information at the meeting, said Wendy Schneider, executive director of Friends of Inyo. The groups hope their suggestions will be incorporated into the county's official response to the LADWP operations plan.

That meeting has been scheduled for March 16 in Independence.



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The sports calendar is dead. No more football. Basketball is unwatchable and if you turn it on, you might not see any starters because they are all not playing. They call that LOAD MANAGEMENT. Funny, I thought load management meant wearing a condom. Sure, you've got golf started but I only watch for the majors and if Tiger shows up. College basketball - don't care 'til March. Which is why I never fill out March Madness brackets anymore. Don't know anything about who is playing well. Baseball sucks until the playoffs. Long sports drought coming up.

The 'Hawks whipped the Pats. Beat them like they stole something. There was a talent difference, but Patriot OC Josh McDaniels got worked by the 'Hawks D-Coordinator. He never adjusted to the blitzes and never altered the game plan until it was too late. You could also see Patriot Coach Mike Vrabel playing not to lose or make a mistake with Drake Maye and that was ridiculous. Kudos to the 'Hawks on that defensive roster. They looked fast and relentless. If their other defense in the 2010s was the Legion of Boom, this one is the Legion of Doom. I can no longer dog Sam Darnold. Although he didn't do anything in this game. But he is no more than Brad Johnson.

The Niners have had investigations into why they have too many injuries, including their facility being too close to an electrical substation. Hilarious. How about they check their workout regimens and training staff? Maybe they practice too much. Who knows? I think what is more intriguing is why two of their players have been shot in the last two years. One (Keion White) was shot in the leg the other day at a party he was hosting that the rapper Da Baby tried to bumrush. The party was so good that Da Baby had to get in? The funniest report about the incident was the police reporter describing the scene: "As I entered, I saw numerous scantily clad females picking up dollar bills that were strewn all over the floor. Some of the females were topless and appeared to have been adult entertain-

ers."

Just something to look at: Mike, Kevin, Jesse, Joe, Dave, Ben, Zac, Todd, Brian, Sean, Dan, Matt, Shane, Andy, Clint, Jim, Sean, Jeff, Kevin, Mike, Kellen, John, Aaron, Nick, Mike, Kyle, Mike, Todd, Robert and Dan.

That is the list of the head coaches in the NFL. If you want your kid to be an NFL head coach make him white or have a white, boring ass name. That is wild. Outside of Demeco and Liam all these names look like the roster at the whitest fraternity at an Ivy League school or the golf membership at a country club.

Oh boy. Cardi B finally woke up. Got some self-esteem. Or she found out the first baby of 2026 for Stefon Diggs is already on the way with another baby momma. She gave him a vote of confidence just a week ago. A vote of confidence for your serial-babymaking philanderer of a boyfriend is like when the owner of an NFL team states WE HAVE OUR FULL CONFIDENCE IN OUR HEAD COACH during a season where they are 2-12 coming down the stretch. That dude is getting fired.

So Cardi B was partying it up with Bad Bunny at the Super Bowl after seeing the first six minutes of that game. She knew after the Pats got their ass whipped and were exposed for not having a true #1 receiver that Diggs' ass would be gone and he wouldn't have that baby momma money anymore. And she no longer felt like swiping credit cards down her abnormally oversized ass to pay for his kids*. She said.....Bye Felicia. Smart move.

**Note: I was accused of being racist last week. Is that racist too? I mean she does have an abnormal ass. I don't know if that ass was formed by Biscuits 'n Gravy or dollar bills and injections. Probably the latter. Is that racist too?*

Some bozo has come up with a new ailment to label young wayward miscreants looking for something else to feel sorry for themselves about. Have you heard of Bigorexia? "Bigorexia" or muscle dysmorphia is a disorder characterized by the American Psychiatric

Association's Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Mental Disorders (DSM-5) as a condition where a person struggles with an obsessive and exaggerated belief that their body is "too skinny," "too small," or "insufficiently muscular."

Stop it. Apparently this is on the rise among teens. First of all, the name is not very creative. Bigorexia? How stupid is that? I'm no scientist, but I am sure there are some better terms. And stop giving more labels for young folks to hide behind. What's next ... Lackof-CellPhoneorexia? A fear of losing their cell phones or having them restricted at work?

As noted, I was called a racist for comments about wayward "fathers" ruining the black family structure. Racist? Don't say things that are true. I would say it's a Trump fan with "fake news" but that doesn't fit. And Trump has bought himself a few slaves in Snoop, Nikki Minaj, Nelly, Kanye West and Lil Wayne to name a few. So maybe it does fit. For now. A little fact to back up what i am talking about:

1. Nearly 70% of all black babies in America today are born to unmarried mothers.
2. Nearly 64% of all black children grow up in a single-parent home. That

number is down around 25% for white children. Hmm. Interesting.

3. Tragically, fatherlessness strongly correlates with negative outcomes in nearly every aspect of a child's life. Fatherless families are 25% more likely to raise a child in poverty, and 90% of all homeless and runaway children do not have a father. Additionally, 85% of children and teens with behavioral disorders come from fatherless homes. Fatherless children also account for 71% of child substance abuse cases, and approximately 70% of all youths in state-operated institutions are fatherless.

Some facts, that's it. Not racist. It's true. I don't know if the person is complaining because her name is hyphenated like Karen Kemp-White or because she's got some babies with hyphenated names like Tra'quon Diggs-White. Not racist. My disdain for it isn't the problem; the persistence of the practice is the problem and the fact that someone takes offense to my disdain and not the practice. I am not a racist against my own people. I hate ignorance wrapped in any color. The kids are the issue. I would hope someone could see that. If they can't, I have to color them a shade of ignorant too.



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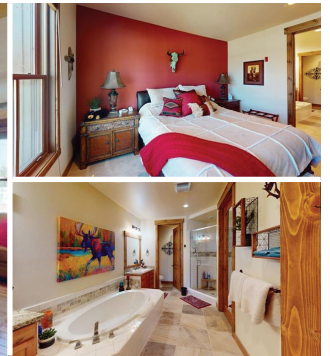
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BATHS: 2
SQ FT: 1152

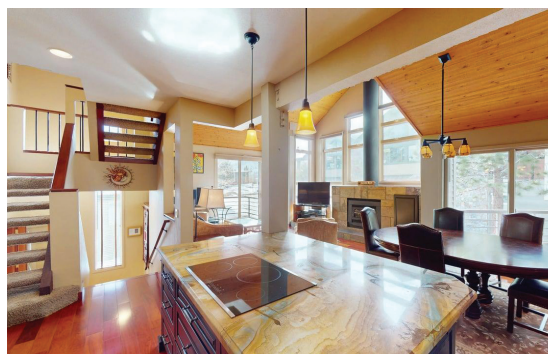


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