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Alphonso and his owner Lee Adriano at the St. Pat's party at the Catholic Church on Tuesday. For more photos, see p. 18.

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OH, BLUE!



Umpire Randy Byerly called the Bobcat runner safe on this play, saying Bishop first baseman Brayden Leeson's foot came off the bag. Inyo County 72-hour Sheet replay shows the call should have been overturned. Can't accuse Byerly of being a homer! Bishop won its league opener against Boron at home on Wednesday by a score of 16-6. More photos, p. 17

LAWYERS AND LATTES

By Libre

The smartest, most driven people I've met in Mammoth all have one thing in common: their J1 visas.

These are non-immigrant visas for individuals approved to participate in work-and-study-based exchange visitor programs in the U.S. For J1s in Mammoth, their stays in the states typically last three to four months. Roughly 300,000 - 350,000 individuals participate in this program per year.

J1s make up approximately 10-12% of Mammoth Mountain Ski Area's (MMSA) workforce in the winter.

The majority come from South America: Chile, Argentina, Peru, Brazil. They fly under the radar, casually frying guests' chicken in Main Lodge or quietly bussing tables at Smokeyard.

But hidden beneath their roles in the service industry are high powered, white-collar careers. Doctors. Lawyers. Architects. Organic chemistry Ph.D. students.

Take my friends Giovanna Koide and José Oliveira, a Brazilian J1 couple I met while working at the Canyon Coffee Bar.

Koide, 28, is a pretty, fresh faced pharmacist with dreams of starting her own botox aesthetic clinic. Oliveira, is a boisterous 26-year-old, will take his final test to become a certified dentist in April.

His true interest, he told me, lies in oral and maxillofacial surgery, focusing on the mouth, jaws, face, and neck.

Koide and Oliveira make six times as much in the United States as cashiers and baristas than they do in the early stages of their careers in Brazil. Hence why they wanted to participate in the program.

The path to becoming a J1 is not easy, they told me. Candidates must apply through a J1 program paired with the U.S. State Department (Koide and Oliveira used a program called Work and Travel

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A WHOLE LOTTA STUDY MONEY

By Fisher

Last week, Mono County approved a \$95,000 consulting contract to assess its Office of Emergency Management and recruit a new director, a position which has sat vacant for months.

The December departure of the County's first emergency management director, Chris Mokracek, left a gap at a critical moment. The department failed to send emergency alerts during the November Pack Fire and is now overseeing cleanup efforts that remain only partially funded. Assistant

County Administrative Officer Christine Bouchard has been overseeing the office in the interim.

To evaluate the department and guide hiring, the Board of Supervisors last week approved a contract with Municipal Management Solutions, LLC, a public sector consulting firm based in Incline Village, Nevada. The item was pulled from the consent agenda by Supervisor Lynda Salcido for discussion.

"The goal is that when we recruit the new person, we're recruiting the right person for

the job, and we're also being very clear about the expectations of that person," County Administrative Officer Sandra Moberly said.

The \$95,000 price tag represents roughly 25% of the department's 2025-2026 office of emergency management budget ... without yet funding a permanent director.

Moberly said the review will examine the department's structure, staffing, operational capacity and alignment with

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BIRD IS THE WORD



PHOTOS: FISHER

The Bird and the Biscuit, a new Southern-inspired fast-casual spot, opened its doors Thursday morning at 7:30 a.m. in the Gateway Center in Mammoth. Former Vulcania chefs Ryan Bock and Nate Johnson lead the kitchen, while local restaurateurs Brandon and Theresa Brocia run the business side.

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AN OLD-FASHIONED Q&A

Let's channel Paul Oster for this column, shall we?

Q : (courtesy of Allison McDonell Page)
I see you are running for Inyo County Supervisor. Do you see a conflict of interest as the owner, publisher and editor of the local paper, the paper that often covers these elections?

A : This prompts me to share a few parts of my origin story with The Sheet. First part dates to the spring of 2003, creating the template with Brian Knox and Russ Reese, pre-selling the ads (all business card size, \$10 for color and \$6 for black-and-white), and then launching the first issue on May 14. I printed and distributed 1,000 double-sided 11x17 copies. I had no news boxes. I just left them all over town, on counter-tops and barstools and reception coffee tables.

On May 15, I printed and distributed another 1,000 copies, picking up 980 copies of the May 14 edition along the way.

On May 16, I still printed 1,000 copies, because that's the promise I'd made to advertisers, that I was going to print 1,000 per day, even though it took a few months for it to catch on.

I recall sending the first few issues of the paper to my father back in New Hampshire. His first reaction to my latest entrepreneurial effort came in the form of a three-word postcard: Worst Idea Yet.

But there was a rationale behind his words. He couldn't understand how I was going to walk the tightrope. Because I was just letting it rip, covering the local scene as I saw fit, not worrying too much about what toes were getting stepped on in the process.

But some of those toes belonged to advertisers, and they pulled their ads. Sometimes, they got so upset they called on other advertisers to pull their ads, too, in an effort to put me out of business.

Fortunately, I had some stalwart clients like Robbie Tani and Eric Olson who couldn't be bullied. The paper survived.

But the experience illuminates the fundamental conflict in journalism between the editorial side and the business side, and in this organization, I represent both sides. The Jack of all Lunches.

It's not about seeing or not seeing a conflict of interest - there are several,

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and I've navigated that thorny dilemma every day for the past 23 years.

Question is, should that be disqualifying?

The paper is adjudicated in Mono County, and I do 90% of my business in Mono County. I honestly don't have a lot of financial conflicts in Inyo. The Bishop Chamber runs about \$1,000 worth of ads per year. Maybe Inyo County in total has run a \$1,000 worth of ads over the past three years. High Country Lumber runs an ad every other week. The Fairgrounds doesn't run ads. Northern Inyo Hospital runs ads once in a blue moon, and probably not anymore based upon recent news coverage.

There's just nothing there.

Whereas ... I have one opponent who, though he has resigned as the Bishop Paiute Tribal Chairman, still remains a member of the Tribal Council. That position pays a stipend. Is he incentivized to prioritize Tribal interests as a result? Perhaps. But does that really pose a serious financial conflict? I doubt it.

My other opponent, the incumbent, said in a Board meeting a month ago that the hospital has saved his life twice recently. That sounds expensive. How valuable is the county's employee health coverage to him? How might he vote if NIHD came before the Board seeking a bailout? Again, sure, there's some conflict there, but it's largely tangential. A nothingburger.

In terms of coverage, both of my opponents will be offered the choice of either submitting a candidate profile or asking one of our staffers for an interview.

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What should be most troubling to people is not the spectre of conflict [of interest], but the spectre of no conflict [of ideas]. There are no competitive Supervisor races in Mono this cycle. The Inyo Supervisor race in District 1 is a rematch from four years ago. Only the District 3 race in Inyo promises to be interesting. Besides hand out raises, I honestly don't know what Scott Marcellin has accomplished over the past four years. I look forward to having him lay out his case.

Of the meetings I attended this week ... Northern Inyo Hospital Board sees an opportunity in offering in-patient dialysis services. And in general, the tone at the meeting seemed to (finally) be one of acceptance. That they're in a tough spot. Then the question is how much latitude do they have to grow business.

Bishop resident Lynn Greer said bluntly during public comment that "I don't see spending and borrowing as the solution to growing out of anything ... to me, math is math and business is business and I don't see anywhere on the agenda where there is a place you're looking to cut ... You're trying to paint a pretty picture, but it's just not there."

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Then there was the Inyo Water Commission on Monday. And you know, I don't attend a lot of this commission's meetings, but it seemed super odd that the Commission took a presentation from a consortium/interest group which included Friends of the Inyo, the Sierra Club and the Indian Water Commission, and then used the three planks from the presentation to drive and direct the agenda.

It just made the Commission seem ... not independent.

One thing that everyone could agree on is that more vegetation studies need to be done. Of course, everyone also wants LA to pay for it.

Newbie interim Inyo CAO Jay David Fraser jumped in at one point to say a lot of words. The proper characterization would be pabulum. Gotta look at his contract. Does he get paid by the word? Thank goodness we spent five months in that job search. What's that Lincoln aphorism: "Better to remain silent and be thought a fool than to speak and remove all doubt."

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LOCAL NEWS

LEASE TO LOCALS ON LIFE SUPPORT

By Fisher

The Mammoth Lakes Town Council approved an additional \$120,000 Wednesday to extend the Lease to Locals program, keeping the initiative alive despite a slow start and mixed results.

Under Lease to Locals, the town provides financial incentives to property owners to rent their units to people who live and work locally. The program operates through Placemate, an online platform where tenants can browse listings and connect directly with owners.

The town initially committed \$425,000 for rental subsidies and \$105,000 for administrative and marketing costs in June 2024, but the program was slow to gain traction. Officials originally aimed to enroll 40 properties within the first year. But one year later, administrative costs had nearly matched rental subsidies, and only a handful of properties had been leased.

Rather than scrap the program, Town Manager Rob Patterson and Community Development Director Nolan Bobroff returned with an amendment shifting Placemate to a performance-based payment model.

Under the revised agreement, the town paid Placemate \$1,667 per property enrolled, up to \$30,000, in addition to the original \$425,000 allocation.

A second amendment, approved November 2025, removed the program's expiration date, allowing it to continue until funds are exhausted. It also increased the per-property administrative fee to \$2,200 and raised rent limits by 20% across all unit types.

Now nearing two years in, the program has secured leases for 26 households, well short of the original 40-property goal.

With less than \$30,000 remaining from the initial funding, the newly approved \$120,000 is expected to support roughly 10 additional leases. Housing Manager Marcus Sproll said this would likely sustain the program through May 2026.

The Council approved the funding in a 4-1 vote, with Councilmember Bill Sauser dissenting.

"I still have a problem with short-term solutions for long-term problems," Sauser said.

Despite the approval, all of the council members expressed some reluctance.

Lease to Locals serves households earning 80-120% of Area Median Income, often referred to as the "missing middle," a group that can be difficult to reach through traditional housing programs.

And since there are so few programs to address this income group, killing the one program that does was apparently just too

painful for the council.

"I would love for us to find another alternative, but until then, I'm hard pressed not to fund this," Councilmember Brent Truax said.

Councilmember Chris Bubser echoed that sentiment.

"This is an area in which we struggle, and we have so far been successful in putting roofs over heads at a very reasonable cost given the other alternatives," she said.

Kingfisher with a Catch

The council also moved forward on two fronts for the Kingfisher II affordable housing project Wednesday, both in advancing a \$25 million bond financing plan and in securing the option to walk away from its existing development agreement.

Kingfisher II is the third phase of the Parcel and is envisioned as a home ownership project aimed at middle-income residents, earning between 120% and 200% of Area Median Income, with deed restrictions to maintain long-term affordability.

By contrast, the first two phases – the Sawyer (now complete) and Kingfisher I (currently under construction) – are

rental properties which target residents earning 80% of AMI or below and have relied largely on state funding.

The council approved steps allowing the California Municipal Finance Authority to issue up to \$25 million in bonds to developer Pacific West Communities, Inc. to finance construction.

Pacific West Communities also developed the first two phases of the project. If the Kingfisher II development goes forward, the debt would be carried by the developer, not the town.

In a separate but related item, the town authorized an agreement giving it the unilateral right to terminate its deal with Pacific West Communities through 2035.

"The purpose for considering termination [...] is to allow the town a diversity of affordability for the units in the remaining areas of the Parcel," Bobroff said.

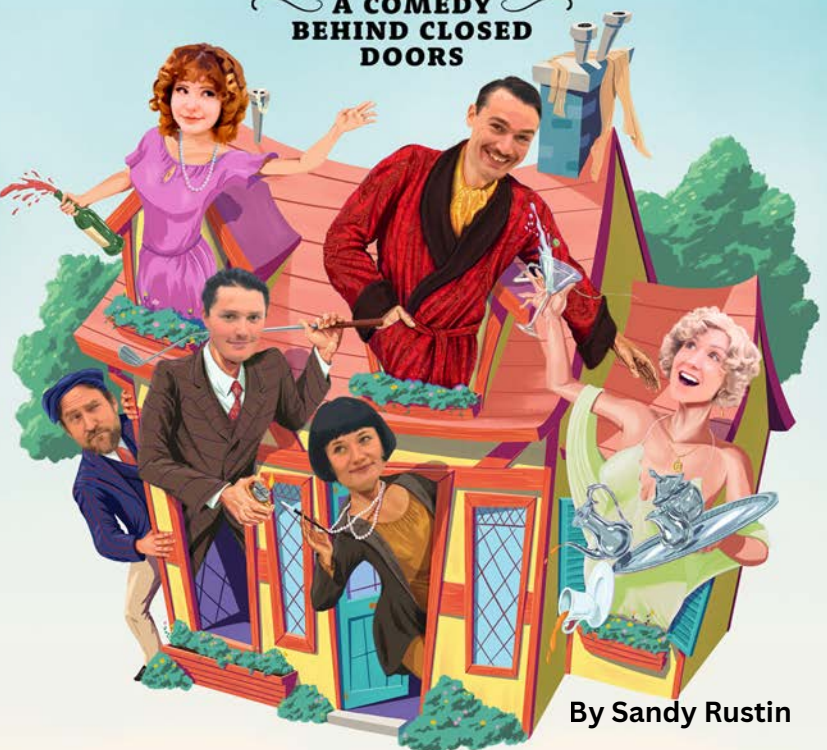
"The current [agreement] commits those units to being all lower-income units, at 80% or below."

To obtain that flexibility, the town will pay the developer \$150,000 for work already completed on the homeowner-ship phase, an amount owed regardless of whether the town ultimately exits the agreement.

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THE LEASE YOU CAN DO

By Klusmire

Someone finally shook the tree hard enough in the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power offices to make some new leases fall out.

After the federal government, Los Angeles is the biggest landlord in the Owens Valley, holding 285,000 acres of land and dozens of leases in every town in the county. A significant number of those leases are expired and just rolling over year to year, putting the nervous lease holders in legal limbo.

But finally, some action on the effort to renew and update leases. Thirteen new leases have been revamped by LADWP. The “new” leases were called a “priority” by LADWP real estate managers, at the March 17 Inyo County Supervisors meeting.

Great, so were the new deals for some of the roughly dozen commercial leases for buildings and businesses in downtown Bishop? Maybe avoid a repeat of the lease fiascos that made Allen’s Outdoor and the Home Lumber store close without the ability to cash in any accumulated equity after decades of running successful, profitable businesses?

Those remaining business leases in Bishop must be on the “priority” list, right?

No.
How about Independence where county history is on a lease. The Eastern California Museum, the Edwards House, the core of which is the first house in the county, and the Commander’s House, built using some remnants of the actual

US Army commander’s house at Fort Independence, are all on LADWP leases that have expired. Are they on the priority list?

No.
Lone Pine? Maybe redo the Chamber of Commerce Courtyard lease which houses the chamber and a handful of small businesses?

No.
None of the new leases were for the assortment of business leases in the county.

Instead, the 13 new leases are all held by Inyo County, which approved the new deals at the March 17 supervisors’ meeting. They now await final approval in L.A. The brand-spanking-new leases were for well-established, existing county parks and campgrounds and the Independence and Lone Pine airports.

Love parks and airports, but hard to believe county residents would put them at the top of a priority list for updating.

The most significant aspect of the new leases is they are for 30-year terms, far longer than the original leases. The longer leases should make it easier for the county to do long-term planning and obtain grants, donations and other sources of funding for projects on the leased land.

The county’s total yearly lease payments for the 13 properties will increase by \$6,742, for a total of \$12,682. That’s still peanuts. And to be fair, LADWP could have probably jacked up the rents by huge amounts and the county would

still pay since the parks, campgrounds and airports are integral parts of each community.

Another new feature is that every five years the leases will be reviewed, opening the door for rent increases, county staff noted. The new rates were set based on “fair market value,” which was undefined by LADWP, and the value of streams or creeks running through the property (why \$737 is the most cited lease cost remains a mystery).

Here’s the rundown: with the previous and new lease costs.

Bishop area: Pleasant Valley Campground \$360 to \$1,683; Izaak Walton

Park: \$500 to \$1,300.
Lone Pine: Lone Pine Airport \$500 to \$737; Spainhower Park \$500 to \$737; Portuguese Joe Campground \$360 to \$737.
Big Pine: Mendenhall Park \$500 to \$737; Baker Creek Campground \$500 to \$1,079.
Taboose Creek Campground \$360 to \$1,183; Tinnemaha Creek Campground \$500 to \$1,031.
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But work isn't always a guarantee. Sometimes, candidates pay the fee and the program can't find them an employer.

Koide and Oliveira applied for their J1 program in Oct. 2024. The first year, the program didn't find them work, catapulting the pair into limbo.

"We had to wait the entire year," Oliveira said. "No interview, no hiring, no happiness. I was so nervous."

They were faced with a choice: to either withdraw entirely from the op-

portunity, and have only 60% of their fee refunded, or take a chance and try again next year. The pair chose the latter.

Finally, in November, 2025, they were told they had work in Telluride. Under one condition: they had to find their own housing.

Telluride doesn't have the same employee housing infrastructure that Mammoth does, so Koide and Oliveira had to look on Facebook to find lodging options.

"There were a lot of scams," Koide lamented.

Like people advertising housing that didn't exist, hoping to ensnare young

people.

In December, Koide and Oliveira found a place an hour away from the mountain. They worked in a Mexican restaurant. Things were good for a week, they said, until the Telluride ski patrol decided to strike.

"The mountain closed," Oliveira said. "Our boss told us we were fired."

The pair had ten days to find new work in the states, or they'd have to leave the country and go back to Brazil.

"We had spent a lot of money [to be in the states]," Oliveira said. "So we focused and sent our resumes."

"To Vail, Alterra ... no one respond-



Koide and Oliveira

ed to me. No one had space," Koide added.

Four days before they had to return to their home country, Koide made a call to a friend of theirs, a Brazilian medical student they knew who worked in rentals at Canyon Lodge. Rentals didn't have open positions for the couple, but food and beverage did. The pair landed gigs as cashiers and baristas and moved into a house on Old Mammoth with 12 other Brazilians. For \$1,500 per month, they slept on a covered porch.

Despite the tight quarters and quick adjustment to new jobs, Koide and Oliveira immediately fell in love with Mammoth. They soon found themselves immersed in a tight-knit community.

"I like it here more than Telluride," Koide said. "Here, we make friends. We didn't make friends in Telluride. But here it's more fun."

Living in town allowed them to have more time to snowboard, something the distance from their living arrangement in Telluride didn't allow for, and doesn't exist in Brazil's temperate climate.

"It's the best experience of my life," Oliveira said. "You practice your English, you improve yourself, you make friends."

March 14 marked the end of Oliveira and Koide's time working at Canyon lodge, but the couple hope to return to Mammoth next winter.



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ASPEN ONE

ELECTION

WHO'S NUMBER ONE?

By Fisher

It's a rematch for Trina Orrill's seat as Inyo County's District One Supervisor. Orrill, who was first elected in 2022, will again face Carl Hoelscher, the same candidate she ran against in her initial campaign.

Trina Orrill

"I'm truly in this to serve my community," Orrill said at the outset of our interview at Little Looney in Bishop, the very town she grew up in.

Orrill graduated from Bishop Union High School in 1990 and married her husband, Richard, also born and raised in Bishop, in 1995. The couple now has two adult children, a daughter living in Sonora and a son in Arizona.

Orrill spent most of her career self-employed as a nail technician at Euphoria Salon and still co-owns a storage facility business with her husband. These days, though, she said her focus is the county.

Before becoming a county supervisor, Orrill served for 12 years on the Bishop Unified School District Board, leaving in 2020. That experience, she said, prepared her for the difficult financial and policy decisions required at the county level.

Since taking office, Orrill said the job



Trina Orrill

has largely matched what she expected. And she believes she has stayed consistent with the center-right, limited-government philosophy she initially ran on.

"Anytime you hear me advocate for some kind of increase, it's because I truly believe in my heart that it is necessary to serve the public," she said. "Because I really do think that the government should be limited."

When asked where the government should play a role in people's lives, Orrill answered without skipping a beat. Infrastructure. Her proudest accomplish-

ments, she said, reflect that priority.

One example was helping revive the Mustang Mesa Community Services District, which she described as essentially "defunct" when she took office.

"They're active and proactive now," Orrill said, and noted that the district, located north of Bishop, has taken steps in wildfire mitigation and flood prevention.

She also pointed to her participation in creating a memorandum of understanding to resolve a long-running dispute between the county and the Bishop Creek Water Association over maintenance of irrigation culverts running beneath county roads, and cited her efforts to push for an ingress-egress study examining evacuation routes in wildfire-prone areas and to advocate for wildfire mitigation grants.

Still, there are areas where her limited-government philosophy runs into practical limits.

Housing is one example. Orrill said she believes the county should stay out of the development business, but can play a role in helping outside partners build housing.

"I don't think that we should become landlords of any sort," she said. "But I do think that there is a place for local government to facilitate."

Personnel costs, she said, are another difficult area. Government staffing expenses are largely driven by union

contracts, retirement and benefit obligations that are difficult to reduce once established, Orrill said.

"I don't know that we're ever going to really see that expenditure go down simply because of the nature of personnel," Orrill said.

In practice, she said, reducing costs would likely require layoffs, which she does not support.

"When you do layoffs, you're reducing the services to your constituents," she said.

Another big example? Emergency medical services (EMS).

Orrill opposes property tax increases but believes a sales tax could be a viable option to help fund EMS in the county.

"With a sales tax, it distributes that burden a little bit better for all users," she said. "Locals are not the only ones utilizing those services."

Before placing any proposal before voters, Orrill said the county would need detailed conversations with first-response agencies to determine how much funding is needed.

Any tax measure, she said, would also need strict guardrails to ensure funds are used only for emergency services.

"I would never support anything that

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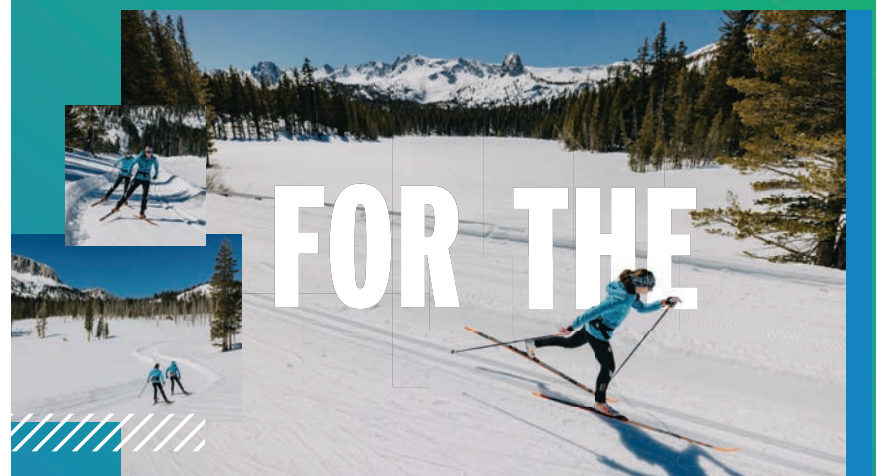


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just brought it into the general fund," Orrill said. "It would have to be very, very specific."

She also said she is closely watching financial challenges facing rural hospitals, including Northern Inyo Healthcare District, which is running in an increasingly worse deficit.

Because hospitals operate as independent districts with their own taxing authority, Orrill said the county's role is largely advocacy. Still, she noted that if a hospital ultimately fails, counties are legally required to provide indigent care and she's invested in preventing that.

Orrill also addressed the departure of former County Administrative Officer Nate Greenberg, though she said there are limits to what she can publicly explain.

"These are the kinds of situations where, when I'm asking for somebody's vote, I'm asking for their trust," Orrill said. "Because I know I'm going to have to make these types of decisions, and I can't always tell you why."

Greenberg and the county "mutually agreed to part ways," she said, and the separation agreement prevents either side from discussing the details. But Orrill characterized the decision broadly as an issue of "accountability."

The roughly \$35,000 severance payment, she said, reflects common terms built into the contracts for high-level county administrators. Department heads and other senior officials are typically "at-will" employees whose contracts

include about six months of severance if they are dismissed without cause.

Those provisions exist in part to protect the county from costly litigation, Orrill said.

In the meantime, the county has hired former Carson City manager David Fraser to serve as interim CAO while the board determines what it wants in a permanent replacement.

"He's been here for a month, which is five minutes in the grand scheme of things," Orrill said. "But he's helping us figure out what we need in the next CAO."

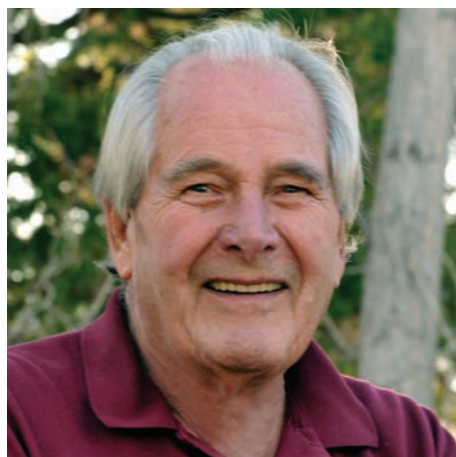
Carl Hoelscher

Carl Hoelscher declined an interview but wished to submit the following.

I am looking forward to working with the county supervisors and community members on ideas. I am motivated to work on finding practical solutions to improve our community's healthcare, local economy, housing, water and utility resources, and infrastructure.

I purchased a home in the Owens Valley 30 years ago and began spending time in the area. I moved here full time, with my wife Kathy in 2005. I have been involved in many local groups including acting as an officer of Bishop Elks Lodge, and as a Commander of the American Legion Post 118. My company produced and donated the doors and windows for the Brill Car at Laws Railroad Museum.

I have a Bachelor of Science degree



Carl Hoelscher

in Business Management and Accounting from USC. I founded and managed a general contracting business. I was also the owner of a manufacturing business. Management of these businesses gave me a comprehensive knowledge of government operations and experience working with state agencies. In business, I became familiar with financial management and budgets and planning and adapting to changing market conditions.

I was elected and served as Vice President of Georgetown Public Utility Board which broadened my knowledge of public utilities, including residential and agricultural irrigation.

I served four years on the Inyo County Natural Resources Board. This experience was invaluable in gaining knowledge of the inner workings of government and in building relationships with local community members.

One of the most important issues for our area is the financial stability of our hospital. This is fundamentally linked to quality of care for patients. Since Owens Valley has a high population of seniors, it is vital that we have the highest quality of healthcare so that our seniors and families with children don't need to travel out of the area for care. Having reliable and professional ambulance services is also an essential need that must be met.

I am looking forward to finding ways to boost our local economy, including promoting opportunities for new projects and businesses that will create jobs for the community.

Coming from a construction background, I am uniquely qualified to help with ideas and plans to create and build affordable housing for local young people and families, especially those who are just starting out.

Applying fiscal responsibility in the use of tax payer dollars and resources in wise, responsible, and practical ways will benefit everyone in the community. In business management, I became familiar with financial budgets, payrolls, and planning and adapting to changing market conditions.

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emergency management best practices, but she doesn't yet know what shape the outcome will take.

"It could mean that we might have more positions," she said. "The consultant could come back and say it can't just be a single person."

The \$95,000 contract is divided into eight phases, including initiation and document review (\$10,000), an organizational and governance assessment (\$12,500), staffing and resource analysis (\$11,250), evaluation of priority programs (\$10,000), and a review of the County's wildfire coordinator role (\$7,500).

The consultant will also compare Mono County's program to peer counties (\$7,500) before moving into its most expensive phases, drafting recommendations and an implementation plan (\$18,750), and finalizing the report and presenting findings (\$17,500).

The consulting team includes a retired county administrator, sheriff, police chief and fire chief from jurisdictions across California, though none have worked locally.

The evaluation is expected to run through at least the end of May.

During discussion, Supervisor Paul McFarland asked whether the County had considered sharing costs with the Town of Mammoth Lakes. Moberly said it had not, but could as the program evolves.

The contract was approved 4-1, with Supervisor Rhonda Duggan dissenting. Duggan said the proposal failed to

adequately address communication issues, which she viewed as the department's primary breakdown throughout the period of the position's vacancy. She also questioned the cost, and said the department's shortcomings were already clear.

Plain and simple, she thinks the money should go towards hiring a new director.

"We need an interim as soon as possible," Duggan said. "We have had a lot of staff cover this with no compensation."

Supervisor John Peters disagreed, and said the County must better define the distinction between emergency management and emergency response before hiring a new director, thereby necessitating the consultant cost.

Salcido said the County's program had been strong from 2003 to 2014 but declined during and after the COVID-19 pandemic.

"Changes were made... that led us to where we are now," she said. "If what it takes is what appears to be a very expensive endeavor to ascertain where we are currently... I would like to get back to that."

Sheriff Ingrid Braun also expressed support for the action and said emergency management had once been an "ancillary" duty of a sergeant but expanded significantly during the pandemic.

Supervisor Jennifer Kreitz said she supported the contract and the opportunity to learn from other jurisdictions, though she acknowledged the cost was "exorbitantly expensive."

ARTS

WELCOME TO THE COTTAGE

By Fisher



From left to right, Kaytee Long Becker as Sylvia, Jesse Steele as Richard, Alexander James (AJ) Taylor as Beau, Drew Heenan as Clark, and Ulla-Britt Libre as Marjorie

I've been sitting here for twenty minutes trying to come up with a way to introduce "The Cottage" without giving away its plot, but then I realized there's no real way to spoil a story like this.

It's a fast-paced comedy of errors, packed with so many twists, betrayals, and quick forgiveness that even if I told you what happens, you probably wouldn't believe me. Especially if I mentioned that the entire cast delivers it all in British accents, which, yes, they do.

The simplest way to describe the show is that "The Cottage" starts with an affair and somehow degenerates from there. What begins as a carefully planned romantic escape quickly unravels as spouses, lovers, and a few very inconvenient guests begin to arrive, each one bringing their own version of the truth.

But don't worry, you won't get lost in the plot, as contrived as it is.

That's partly because director Juliana Olinka-Jones knows how to put on a good show, drawing on her extensive experience in the theater, and partly because she's working with a cast strong enough to keep up.

Alexander James (AJ) Taylor as Beau and Kaytee Long Becker as Sylvia open the show with a cat and mouse exchange about their ongoing affair, setting the tone early. Their carefully managed secret doesn't stay contained for long, as the arrival of other characters pushes the pair from confident to scrambling in short order.

Neither is new to the stage, as Tay-

lor brings a BFA in performance and a lengthy theatrical resume, while Becker, more familiar to local audiences, recently appeared in "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and the 26th annual Murder Mystery dinner.

Becker's character, Sylvia, expands as the show continues, taking on a sort of protagonist role trying to make sense of the messy, often contradictory ways people love, giving a philosophical breadth to an otherwise lighthearted slapstick comedy.

And comedy it is.

In Sunday's matinee performance, the audience was laughing within minutes of the curtain rising. And they didn't stop as the other three thespians (plus a surprise cameo) arrived on the stage in full-bodied personality.

Among the cast is one of The Sheet's very own, Ulla-Britt Libre, whose performance marks her theatrical debut. Her character, Marjorie, is enormously pregnant, sly and unexpectedly cunning. In my (completely unbiased and objective) opinion, she more than held her own alongside a seasoned cast.

Not an easy feat, mind you. Jesse Steele, Inyo County Film Commissioner and established local actor, gave a strong performance as a gentle but deceptive Richard – truly a two-part role (you'll understand more once you watch it).

Drew Heenan as Clark and Baylee Topham also have stage experience, having taken roles in several recent productions. Topham, in particular, quietly steals multiple scenes, earning some of the biggest laughs without saying a word, often reacting in the background as the increasingly tangled web of lies plays out around her.

The set itself is simple, a quaint and unassuming rustic cabin. And though it is unmoving, it too takes on a character of its own throughout the course of the play.

So if you're in need of a laugh, a clever twist, or a few lessons on love, "The Cottage" is well worth a visit.



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LIBERTY GOES COUNTRY

By Lunch

When I reached touring country musician Chuck Briseno (Bri-say-ño) this week, he was sitting on the couch in the red dirt country of George West, Texas. His 87-year old grandmother was a few feet away, riding a stationary bike and watching a soap opera.

A ho-hum day in an otherwise extraordinary life.

Typically, Briseno is on the road 250 days a year, playing approximately 150 shows. I would characterize his sound as "arena country." He could headline the Tri-County Fair tomorrow.

But next weekend, you'll have the opportunity to see him at Liberty in Mammoth, about as intimate a venue as one can find.

Locals last had the opportunity to see Briseno at the Rock 'n Rye Festival in the Village at Mammoth over Labor Day, 2025.

His story is one of "aw shucks" exceptionalism.

George West is about 90 minutes south of San Antonio and an hour northwest of Corpus Christi. It's one of those small towns where you spend your high school years driving out of town, parking trucks, playing music and drinking beer.

And then getting to the end of high school, saying "shit, now what?" and enlisting in the Army with your best friend to go get revenge on some Taliban.

The 2010 documentary "Restrepo" about the war in Afghanistan focuses on an operation Briseno was a part of with the 173rd Airborne.

During his combat tour, he literally applied to West Point. Took the SAT and ACT during a brief leave window at Bagram Air Force base 50 kilometers north of Kabul. And then became one of 85 soldier admissions to the next class.

Why did he have to take the SAT? Hadn't he taken it before?

"I'm pretty sure my grandmother gave me the money for it [when I was in high school] and I bought beer with it instead."

One week he was in the theater in Afghanistan. The next week he was getting drunk and hanging out with German girls. The next week he was in West Point, New York as a 22-year old combat vet undergoing basic training (again).

And then a month later, The Battle of Wanat took place. It was one of the deadliest battles in the war. And it involved the 173rd Airborne Brigade. The result: Nine dead and 27 wounded.

Briseno's song "Folded Flag," which he plays at most shows, honors the 43 paratroopers he served with who never made it home.

Music began creeping back into Briseno's life in the late 2010s. He was stationed at Colorado Springs, serving



Chuck Briseno

as a platoon leader, taking graduate student classes (the near high school dropout now has a Masters in Civil Engineering), and ...

A buddy of his was playing a regular gig at a local bar. Briseno would often stop by and sit in with him. One day, his buddy couldn't make it. The bar owner said, "Can you fill in?" Briseno

said sure, put down a credit card at the local electronics shop to buy the equipment he needed, and had his first solo gig that night.

And when he got out of the army in 2018, he didn't look back.

"I like writing songs," he says, "finding points of commonality and intersection for people ... and there's nothing like jamming out, having a good time, sharing that emotion. My biggest privilege is bringing happiness to folks."

"How do I write? I dunno. They [songs] come to my brain and I've gotta be quick enough to capture 'em."

He says the best of his work isn't even out there yet.

"I've got 120 songs ... 20 or 30 of which are really solid, catchy, commercial. I know I've got to get 'em out there."

But it takes time and money.

Mike McClure (the frontman for one of Briseno's favorite bands, The Great Divide) recorded each of Briseno's first two records.

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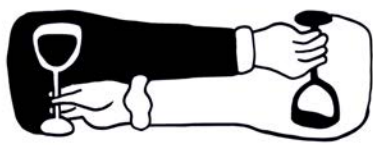
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Sunday, March 22/ Sunday Apres Series @ Limelight Mammoth. Time: 3-6 p.m. Linger in the lounge with Live DJs, tiny 'tinis and more. *More info: See ad p. 10*

Monday, March 23/ Open mic night @ Distant Brewing. Time: 6-9 p.m.

Wednesday, March 25/ Karaoke @ Mammoth Rock 'n Bowl with MC Maurice. Discounted bowling! Starts 8 p.m.

March 27-28/ Chuck Briseno (Red Dirt Country) plays Liberty. *For Lunch's profile on Briseno, see p. 13*

TOWN STUFF

March 20-22/ Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theater production of "The Cottage" continues at the Mammoth High School MPR. Showtimes 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 4 p.m. Sunday. *For tix/info, see ad p. 4*

Saturday, March 21/ Annual Blake Jones Trout Derby in Bishop. *More info: bishopvisitor.com.*
Sierra Forever hosts a **guided walk in the Alabama Hills** from 2-3 p.m. Meet Mobius Arch Trailhead. Discussion Topic: Origin and Geology of the Hills.
Congressional candidate Michael Masuda makes two stops on the Eastside today, in Lone Pine @ the Bistro from 10-11:30 a.m. and in Crowley @ the Community Center from 3:30-5:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 22/ Annual Wild Spirits fundraiser for Wildcare Eastern Sierra. Time: 5-7:30 p.m. Location: Cerro Coso college in Bishop, 4090 West Line St. Cost: \$20 for adults

Monday, March 23/ Congressional candidate Michael Masuda hosts a town hall at the Bishop Senior Center from 3:30-5:30 p.m.
Inyo County/LADWP Technical Group meeting @ the COB in Bishop. 1360 N. Main St. Rm. 100. Time: 10 a.m.

TOWN STUFF

Tuesday, March 24/ White Mtn. Research Center lecture series: Bill Krebs, UCLA & WMRC alumnus will discuss how past changes in Antarctic climate and oceanography can be recognized through diatom sedimentation. Starts 6 p.m. Location: 3000 E. Line St., Bishop, CA in the South Classroom. Free.
Final installment of SIGHT's Live Full, Die Well film series @ C5 Studios in Bishop. Time: 6-8 p.m. \$. Film w/ discussion to follow.
Mammoth Lakes Chamber After Hours @ Peak IV inside the Minaret Mall. Time: 5-7 p.m. Free for Chamber members/\$20 for non-members.
Blue Heron Farm in Wilkerson hosts the USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service for a morning of **soil tests and result interpretation.** Time: 10 a.m., 'til Noon. Location: 475 Sierra Grande St. Info: Spencer @ 760.903.6965.
Owens Valley Groundwater Authority meets @ the COB in Bishop, 1360 N. Main St. Time: 2:30 p.m.

March 24-29/ Tibetan Monks visit Lone Pine. Public events daily at the Metabolic Studio space, 127 No. Main, starting 10 a.m. *More info: monkstourlonepine@gmail.com.*

Thursday, March 26/ California/Nevada Lions Club Regional Speech contest. Time: 5 p.m. Location: Inyo-Mono Title Bldg. @ 873 No. Main St. in Bishop. Info: Stan Smith @ 760.873.7826



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TOWN STUFF

Friday, March 27/ MAC Gallery artist reception and opening for the inaugural Sierra 7 regional touring exhibition. Also for Tim Aston's "Branches in Time" and Cathy Enright's "Mountain Stories." Time: 5-7 p.m. Location: 500 Old Mammoth Rd., Suite #5.

UPCOMING

March 28: Eastern Sierra Cancer Alliance Colorectal Cancer Awareness run/walk fundraiser at Millpond Recreation Area. 8:30 a.m. registration and 9 a.m. event. \$. *Info: escanceralliance.org.*

March 28: The latest No Kings protests in Mammoth (Main & Minaret) 3:30 p.m. and Bishop (City Park) and Indy (courthouse) 11 a.m.

March 28: Woolly's After Hours at Woolly's Adventure Summit. Time: 5-8 p.m. Snowcat tours, coaster rides, food & drink specials. *More info: See ad p. 5*

March 30: TOML Summer Recreation Expo at the Community Rec Center on Old Mammoth Rd. Time: 4-7 p.m. *More info: see ad p. 3*

ONGOING

Free tax help! The AARP Foundation Tax Aide offers programs in Bishop and Mammoth. Call for an appt./more info:

Bishop	(760) 938-0468
Mammoth	(760) 914-4352

DISTANT BREWING HAS BEER AND CIDER AND SELTZER AND KOMBUCHA AND WINE AND BEER AND SODA AND SOUPS AND SALADS AND PIZZAS AND COOKIES AND SANDWICHES AND APPETIZERS AND BEER AND COFFEE AND LIVE MUSIC TWICE A WEEK AND AN OPEN MIC EVERY MONDAY AND BEER AND A POOL TOURNAMENT EVERY WEDNESDAY AND A MONTHLY VINYL NIGHT AND OH YEAD DID WE FORGET TO MENTION ALL THE BEER?



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Help Wanted



Footloose Sports is looking for outdoor enthusiasts who enjoy skiing and prefer working in a fast-paced, team-oriented environment. We are searching for individuals with experience but also provide paid training to entry level candidates demonstrating reliability, enthusiasm, and excellent customer service skills. This is a great opportunity to join a legendary Mammoth ski shop. Please submit a current resume to footloose@footloosesports.com.

Hilton Creek Community Services District in Crowley Lake is seeking a **Full-Time Wastewater Treatment Plant Operator II**. Hourly Range: \$33.43 to \$40.64 with benefits. For more information visit <https://www.hiltoncreekcsd.com/employment> or email info@hiltoncreekcsd.com

Mammoth Disposal/Bishop Waste is now hiring for the following positions:
Administrative Clerk (Mammoth)
Accurately enter, update, and maintain data in company and other reporting systems. Supports daily office operations as needed. Strong data management and accuracy skills are required.

Transfer Station Attendant (Mammoth)
Handles customer interactions, cash-handling, data entry, and labor-intensive tasks at the Mammoth Disposal Transfer Station.
Yard Laborer/Bin Technician (Bishop)
Hands-on role supporting yard operations, equipment upkeep, and facility maintenance. Skills include pressure washing, painting, and welding.

Application details for these positions can be found at the Waste Connections Careers Webpage <https://careers.wasteconnections.com/us/en/search-results?keywords=&p=ChIjnxzeV8MloARbY3uD9fZFPE&location=Mammoth%20Lakes,%20CA,%20USA>



MAMMOTH COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT Now Hiring: Temporary/Seasonal Construction Crew
Construction & Maintenance Worker — \$30/hour
Construction Equipment Operator — \$32/hour
Construction Heavy Equipment Operator — \$34/hour

To Apply: Visit the District's employment page at: <https://mcwd.dst.ca.us/employment>. Review the job bulletin for full details and minimum qualifications.

MAMMOTH COMMUNITY WATER DISTRICT'S Personnel Services Department is also currently recruiting for one permanent **Human Resources Manager** position. FOR APPLICATION INFORMATION/TO APPLY: Please see the District website listed above.



Friends of the Inyo is now accepting applications for 2026 Trail Ambassadors! Pay is \$21/hour plus a \$200 gear stipend. Trail Ambassadors get paid to hike the Eastern Sierra all summer long while taking care of trails, stewarding the land, and educating visitors. Benefits include Wilderness First Aid training, 4/10 schedule, outdoor industry pro-deals, and 3% retirement match during employment. Visit friendsoftheinyo.org/professionaloportunities to view the full job description. Applications due April 10th, 2026. To apply, email a resume and cover letter to izzy@friendsoftheinyo.org.

Help Wanted



Elevate Your Career At Mammoth Hospital! We have an immediate need for the following positions:

- **Preschool/Associate Teacher**
- **Maintenance Technician**
- **Housekeeper**
- **Environmental Services Tech**
- **Registered Nurse - Pediatrics**

Mammoth Hospital offers; success sharing incentives program; staff development program; generous retirement match and PTO Accrual.

For questions, please email hr@mammoth. To view more positions and apply, pls.visit www.mammothhospital.org/jobs



Dream Opportunity for a Snowboarder
**Skiers may also apply, climbers will be considered!*

Expanding to meet community demand. Hiring Licensed Psychotherapist, Psychologist, or Associate for our Mammoth office. Private practice with a full caseload, admin/billing support, clinical consultation. Highest paid insurance-based practice in the country and unheard of flexibility to give you plenty of time to get after it in the great outdoors. www.easternsierracounseling.com

JOB OPENINGS
WAGE RANGES SHOWN IN COMPLIANCE WITH CALIFORNIA LAW

EXECUTIVE
Total compensation includes competitive benefits package

Finance Director NEW!
\$162,196.00 – \$198,690.00 annually
Send cover letter& resume to:
resumes@affionpublic.com
Reference: TOMLFD26
Visit www.affionpublic.com for more information
Deadline is April 07, 2026

FULL-TIME
Full-time total compensation includes competitive benefits package (scan QR or visit website for details).

Police Officer - Lateral NEW!
\$126,959 – \$154,320 annually

Airport Compliance Manager NEW!
\$74,545.00 – \$96,909.00 annually

TEMPORARY & PART-TIME

Summer Seasonal Positions NEW!
Parks & Recreation
Outdoor Recreation
\$19.63 – \$31.82 hourly

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

(760) 965-3604
townofmammothlakes.ca.gov

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

Creskide Spa and Fitness Desk at the Double Eagle Resort and Spa, immediate opening for enthusiast team member. Help in creating a wonderful experience for our spa and fitness center guests. Customer service, computer, cleaning, food service. Full or part time, health benefits, fitness membership and PTO. Great place to work! Email Lodging@doubleeagle.com

Mammoth Gear Exchange in Bishop. Retail sales staff. We are looking for enthusiastic customer-focused Retail Sales Associate to join our growing team. Competitive hourly pay. Employee discounts, Flexible scheduling, ski pass, regular raises, 401k. To apply visit store or email jobs@mammoth-gear.com



Crowley Lake Fish Camp is looking for a **seasonal dock worker**. Our season is from late April till the end of October. This job requires great customer service skills, teamwork, self-motivation, and long days out in the elements. Normal work week consists of four, ten-hour shifts. We also have a PT position available for weekend afternoons. Interested? Please send us an email @ crowleylakefishcamp@gmail.com.

We are also looking for a new team member to **cook** at our Pelican Point Grill, a concession-style grill that feeds hungry fisherman Fridays through Sundays. Job includes cooking, teamwork and customer service in an outdoor environment with great co-workers and beautiful views. Please email crowleylakefishcamp@gmail.com to learn more or apply. Pay starts \$18 plus tips.



EASTERN SIERRA COMMUNITY HOUSING

Seeking an Executive Director
Reports to Board of Directors
FLSA Status: Exempt
Full-Time with competitive benefits package

The Board of Directors of Eastern Sierra Community Housing is seeking an Executive Director to lead the strategic vision, community outreach, financial management, fundraising, and daily operations of the organization. Key responsibilities include serving as a face and voice of the organization, securing grants, managing board relations, ensuring regulatory compliance (HUD/local), and overseeing property management, affordable housing development, and community services. The Executive Director serves as the organization's visionary leader and chief operational officer, bridging the gap between strategic board governance and day-to-day community impact. This role is multifaceted, requiring expertise in real estate finance, public policy, and community development.

If you're an experienced leader, committed to affordable housing and social justice, apply now!

Position open until filled. Salary Range \$120,000 - \$165,000 commensurate with experience.

Help Wanted

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

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

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



Whitebark Institute, a nonprofit advancing wildfire resilience and environmental adaptation in the Eastern Sierra, is hiring a **Communications Manager**. This full-time role will lead organizational storytelling and communications strategy, translating complex environmental work into clear, engaging content for diverse audiences. Salary \$70K-\$80K/year, benefits, hybrid work. Apply at whitebarkinstitute.org/careers.

Whitebark is also hiring an **Environmental Planner** to prepare environmental compliance documents and lead resilience projects for communities and ecosystems. Salary \$80K-\$110K/year, benefits, hybrid work. Apply: whitebarkinstitute.org/careers.

Read the full job description here: <https://eschousing.org/blog/>
For more information contact Patricia Robertson at (760) 934-4740

Eastern Sierra Community Housing, whose mission is to support affordable housing for a viable economy and sustainable community, is a 501(c)3, certified Community Housing Development Organization ("CHDO") serving the rural, frontier region of the Sierra Nevada including the counties of Alpine, Mono, and Inyo, California. Our vision is that communities in the Eastern Sierra thrive because everyone has access to safe, affordable, quality housing. Eastern Sierra Community Housing is an Equal Opportunity Employer.

PRIVATE OFFICES FOR LEASE

Direct street access, perfect for professionals looking for an accessible, high-visibility location in Mammoth Lakes.
Call Stephanie for availability & details:
(760) 914-1500

PERSONALS

I saw you ... are a big fan of the Super Bloom, but I don't think that term should be used in association with chlamydia.
I saw you ... gave more money to your Lease to Locals program. Perhaps you should also establish a Lease for Locals program to be implemented after 2 a.m. each night.

PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Ordinance

ORDINANCE NO. ORD26-002

AN ORDINANCE OF THE MONO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ESTABLISHING A WATER VESSEL INSPECTION PROGRAM TO PROTECT MONO COUNTY WATERS FROM THE INVASIVE GOLDEN MUSSEL

WHEREAS, aquatic non-native invasive freshwater mussel species pose a significant and imminent threat to the water bodies within the County of Mono, as they have already created serious and irreparable harm to bodies of water located in other parts California; and

WHEREAS, water vessels entering Mono County from other areas of the state and country may have recently been launched in infested counties or waters, making those vessels at high risk to carry mussels (adults and larvae) into Mono County waters; and

WHEREAS, an education, access management, inspection and decontamination program is integral to the preservation of the water bodies and water distribution systems within the County of Mono, and to the drain-ages from Mono County.

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

SECTION ONE: Chapter 13.45, “Water Vessel Inspection Program,” attached hereto as Exhibit A, is hereby added to the Mono County Code.

SECTION THREE: If any provision or any part of any provision of this ordinance or the application thereof to any person, property or circumstance is held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or parts of a provision or applications of the ordinance which can be given effect without the invalid provision, part of a provision or application, and to this end, the provisions and the parts of each provision of the ordinance are declared to be severable.

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

PASSED, APPROVED and ADOPTED this 10th day of March, 2026, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Duggan, Kreitz, McFarland, Peters and Salcido.
NOES: None.
ABSENT: None.
ABSTAIN: None.

Jennifer Kreitz, Chair
Mono County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST: Queenie Barnard, Clerk of the Board
APPROVED AS TO FORM: Dave Beck, County Counsel

EXHIBIT A

MONO COUNTY CODE CHAPTER 13.45: WATER VESSEL INSPECTION PROGRAM

• Chapter 13.45.010. – Findings and Purpose.

A. Aquatic non-native invasive freshwater mussel species pose a significant and imminent threat to the water bodies within the County of Mono. Non-native invasive mussel species have already created serious and irreparable harm to bodies of water located in other locations in the United States and California. Once introduced into a water body, these mussels proliferate at an alarming rate, drastically altering the ecosystem of that water body, harming and/or consuming native species and food resources within the ecosystems they infest. Non-native invasive mussels additionally pose a significant and imminent threat to the water distribution systems of Mono County which draw water from water bodies within the County. These mussels attach to inside water treatment intake structures, pipes, and facilities to such a significant degree that the ability to distribute water through existing, and in some cases, antiquated infrastructure, will be severely compromised.

B. Presently, it does not appear that any water body in Mono County has been infested with Nonnative invasive mussels. However, water vessels entering Mono County from other areas of the state and country may have recently been launched in infested counties or waters, making those vessels at high risk to carry mussels (adults and larvae) into Mono County waters.

C. An education, access management, inspection and decontamination program is integral to the preservation of the water bodies and water distribution systems within the County of Mono, and to the drain-ages from Mono County.

D. This article is enacted under the police power of the County pursuant to Article XI, Section 7 of the California Constitution which authorizes the County to adopt and enforce regulations for the protection of the public health, safety, and welfare that are not in conflict with general laws.

E. While the threat of invasive aquatic freshwater mussels is an international, national and state issue, this local ordinance and pursuant program(s) are required to ensure preventative action at the County level given the current lack of a coordinated statewide program.

• Chapter 13.45.020. - Definitions.

For purposes of this article, the following words and phrases shall have the following meanings:
A. “Affidavit of Compliance” means a declaration to

be executed by all water vessel owners and operators who wish to launch said vessels in a water body in the County of Mono which attests to the responsibility of that owner/operator to ensure that his/her water vessel is properly inspected and, if necessary, decontaminated prior to launching.

B. “Authorized Inspector” means an individual authorized by the Mono County to conduct the screening process necessary to determine whether a water vessel is at high risk to carry any nonnative invasive mussels such as Quagga, Zebra, Golden mussels and any other aquatic, nonnative invasive species.

C. “Launch” means the introduction or placing of any trailered water vessel into a water body within the County of Mono.

D. “Live bait” means any fish, or other organisms used in conjunction with fishing the waters of Mono County.

E. “Mussel Sticker” means the stickers issued by an Authorized Inspector evidencing the fact that the vessel to which the stickers are affixed has been inspected for, and decontaminated from if required, the presence of any Non-native invasive mussels such as Quagga, Zebra or Golden mussels and any other aquatic, non-native invasive species.

F. “Non-native invasive species” means species identified by the State of California that establish and reproduce rapidly, and which may threaten native species through competition, predation, parasitism, introduction of pathogens, or physically or chemically alter the habitat.

Such species include, but are not limited to, Quagga, Zebra, and Golden mussels, Channeled Apple Snail, New Zealand Mud Snails and non-native aquatic plants.

G. “Non-resident water vessel” means a vessel that does not meet the definition of a resident water vessel.

H. “Resident water vessel” means:

1. A vessel whose owner can demonstrate that it is moored or stored at a private or commercial facility located in Mono County.

2. Any other means deemed acceptable by the County as to proof of residency in Mono County providing that the vessel is on the Mono County Assessor’s current unsecured tax roll for boats.

3. Either of the above, as applied to Inyo County instead of Mono, provided that the Mono County Administrative Officer makes a finding that Inyo County has established and maintains an Inspection and Decontamination Program consistent with that established herein.

I. “Inspection and Decontamination Program” means the mandated program created by this article to ensure that all water vessels traveling through and/or launching into water bodies in Mono County are free from contamination from adult and larval non-native invasive mussels and other aquatic, non-native invasive species.

J. “Water vessel” means any trailered watercraft, or jet ski, or float plane capable of being launched into a water body within the County of Mono except as specifically exempted herein. Canoes, kayaks, car-top boats, float tubes, rafts, wind surfers/boards, boogie boards, nonmotorized paddle boats, and nonmotorized sail boats that are eight (8) feet or less in length are not considered water vessels for purposes of this article and are thereby exempt from the provisions herein.

K. “Water Vessel Inspection” means the process used to determine if a water vessel and its trailer have a substantial risk of being =infested with non-native invasive mussels and needs to be decontaminated.

L. “Attempted Launch” means an effort to launch a water vessel into a water body within the County of Mono as defined herein which, on a launch ramp and/or within fifty (50) feet of a water body within the County of Mono, evidences an endeavor to accomplish the launching of a water vessel, carried beyond mere preparation, but falling short of the ultimate execution of launching.

• Chapter 13.45.030. - Applicability.

This article shall be applicable to any trailered water vessel within the County of Mono.

• Chapter 13.45.040. - Mussel Stickers for Resident Water Vessels.

Because the weight of scientific evidence presently available strongly indicates, the greatest risk of contamination to our water bodies is by water vessels entering Mono County from other jurisdictions, the following program shall be applicable to all resident water vessels:

A. Owners and operators of resident water vessels, having submitted to and successfully passed an inspection, as applicable, in either Mono or Inyo County, shall receive Resident Mussel Stickers designating the vessel as a Resident Water Vessel and absent an event necessitating reinspection, these Mussel Stickers shall be valid until at the end of each calendar year. If an Resident Water Vessel is moved outside of Mono or Inyo County and utilized in any fresh water body, the vessel must submit to reinspection and be issued a new Resident Mussel Sticker before launching in any freshwater body of Mono County.

B. Every resident water vessel and its trailer must be affixed with a current Resident Mussel Stickers prior to launching that vessel in any water body in the County of Mono.

C. Resident Mussel Stickers shall be issued according to a color code that will change annually on January 1 of each year.

D. After expiration of the annual Resident Mussel Stickers, which occurs every December 31, and prior to launching a boat within Mono County, the resident vessel must undergo the necessary inspection to obtain a current and valid Mussel Sticker.

E. This section shall apply to water vessels in Inyo County that meet the definition in Section 13.45.010.H.3.

• Chapter 13.45.050. - Mussel Stickers for Non-resident Water Vessels.

A. All non-resident water vessels and their trailers

must be affixed with color-coded, monthly, Non-resident Mussel Stickers after inspection and prior to launch in any water body in the County of Mono. Stickers are not transferable between vessels.

B. Non-resident Mussel Stickers shall be issued according to a color-code that will change monthly.

C. After the expiration of a Non-resident Mussel Sticker, and upon entering into Mono County, or prior to launching a non-resident water vessel into an Mono County water if the non-resident water vessel has not left Mono and Inyo County since obtaining its last valid Non-resident Mussel Sticker, the non-resident water vessel must undergo the necessary inspection to obtain a valid Mussel Sticker for the next calendar month.

• Chapter 13.45.060. - Inspection Requirements.

A. Inspection Requirements. Inspection shall be required of:

1. All resident water vessels prior to their first launch in every calendar year; or

2. All non-resident water vessels upon entering into Mono County in any calendar month, unless the non-resident vessel can demonstrate that an inspection was already submitted to in Inyo County; or

3. All water vessels, resident or non-resident, that have been launched in a body of water outside of the County of Inyo subsequent to receiving a valid and otherwise current Resident or Non-resident Mussel Sticker.

B. Inspection Process.

1. The inspection process shall be conducted by an Authorized Inspector and shall consist of:

(a) A series of questions concerning the past location of the water vessel prior to launching in a water body in the County of Mono, designed to determine whether said past location constitutes an appreciable risk that said water vessel may be infested with non-native invasive mussels. Said questions shall be answered on the County of Mono Screening Application Invasive Species Inspection Program form; and

(b) A thorough search of the exterior and interior of the water vessel, including but not limited to bilge pumps, motors, and live wells, bait wells, ballast tanks, bladders, and all areas of standing water.

2. Water vessels which, as a result of the Inspection process, are found to be clean, drained and dry, and do not pose an appreciable risk to the water bodies of Mono County shall be affixed with Mussel Stickers in a location as designated in the instructions accompanying the Mussel Stickers, which affixation signifies that the vessel may be launched into a water body in the County.

3. Water vessels which, as a result of the inspection process, are not clean, drained and dry, or do appear to pose an appreciable mussel infestation risk to the water bodies of Mono County shall be required to undergo a decontamination performed by an Authorized Inspector.

4. A water vessel owner or operator may refuse to consent to said inspection. If the water vessel owner or operator refuses to consent to inspection, that water vessel shall not be allowed to travel through the County of Inyo and shall be in violation of this article if he/she should nonetheless attempt to do so.

C. Decontamination. Decontamination stations shall be operated by the County or an Authorized Inspector. Said stations shall be open to all owner/operators of water vessels. Decontamination shall be required of all vessels that have been determined to constitute a significant risk of being infested with non-native invasive mussels. Such determination shall be made if the vessel is not clean, drained and dry, OR was last in the water outside of the County less than thirty (30) days prior.

D. If, in any instance pursuant to an inspection or otherwise, a water vessel is found to be infested with any type of adult non-native invasive mussels, the vessel shall be quarantined. If the vessel is found to be infested with non-native invasive mussels, the vessel owner may not launch his/her vessel until such time as that vessel has been decontaminated as required by this ordinance and State law, and re-inspected by an Authorized Inspector. The vessel owner shall be directed to a decontamination station where the vessel will undergo a decontamination process. Once the vessel has been decontaminated, reinspected and found to be at no risk of contaminating Mono County waters, the vessel can be affixed with Mussel Stickers as described hereinabove.

• Chapter 13.45.070. - Inspection Stations.

A. Designated locations are available within the County. The current list of Authorized Screeners is available from the Mono County Department of Public Works Sustainable Outdoors and Recreation Division.

B. Inspections are required for all water vessels and may be carried out by County personnel at any time for a water vessel being transported or parked on a public roadway, parking lot open to the public, or on the water.

C. Nothing in this article precludes inspections at other locations within the County which may be offered by private persons and/or organizations if such inspections are performed by Authorized Inspectors.

• Chapter 13.45.080. - Fees.

The following fees are hereby established for County-operated screening and inspection services:

A. Any fee for the inspection and/or decontamination performed by the County of Mono shall be as set forth in the current fee schedule as established from time to time by resolution of the Board of Supervisors.

B. Fees collected for screening and/or inspection, that are not otherwise encumbered, shall be used to fund the Program as set forth in this Chapter.

C. Private Authorized Inspectors may establish their own reasonable fee.

• Chapter 13.45.090. - Disposing of Live Bait into a Water Body in Mono County is Prohibited.

It shall be unlawful to dispose of any live bait and/

or any liquid containing live bait or any liquid which previously contained live bait in a water body in Inyo County.

• Chapter 13.45.100. - Criminal Sanctions. Criminal Penalties.

A. Any person violating any provision of this article shall be guilty of an infraction or misdemeanor as hereinafter specified. Such individual shall be deemed guilty of a separate offense for each launch in a water body in the County of Mono. The Mono County Sheriff is authorized to enforce this article and that power may be exercised by any deputy of the sheriff and/or by any person so authorized by law. In addition to the above, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, as well as the United States Forest Service, are also authorized to enforce the provisions of this Chapter to the extent that they may otherwise lawfully exercise concurrent jurisdiction.

B. Any individual convicted of a violation of this chapter shall be:

1. Guilty of an infraction and punished by a fine of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the first offense;

2. Guilty of an infraction and punished by a fine of two hundred dollars (\$200.00) for the second offense;

3. The third and subsequent offenses shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) but not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and/or up to six (6) months in the county jail or both.

C. Notwithstanding sub-sections (A) and (B) above, the first or second offense may be charged and prosecuted as misdemeanor.

D. Impound. A water vessel unlawfully launched or which is attempted to be unlawfully launched in a water body in the County of Mono may be subject to impound pursuant to a misdemeanor arrest or issuance of a misdemeanor citation by a peace officer for violation of this article.

1. Any water vessel which is operated, managed, controlled, or otherwise used in violation of the provisions of this code may forthwith be impounded by any authorized officer and held pending determination of the charge of the violation pursuant to which the water vessel was impounded.

2. When a water vessel is impounded from the immediate possession of any person by the County pursuant to this Chapter, the authorized officer shall immediately deliver to said person a notice in writing signed by the authorized officer which shall state:

(a) The fact of such impound;

(b) The name of the owner of the water vessel;

(c) The name of the person from whom possession was taken, if any and known;

(d) A description of the water vessel sufficient for identification;

(e) Any available identification number of the water vessel;

(f) The particular location at which the impounded water vessel will be stored; and

(g) A statement of the charge of violation pursuant to which the water vessel has been impounded.

3. Upon conviction of any person for any said charge of violation pursuant to which the water vessel is impounded, any person lawfully entitled to the possession of said vessel who demands possession shall pay to the County all storage charges as well as all charges incident to the impoundment of said vessel prior to the release of said vessel to the owner.

4. In the event any person is acquitted of the charge of violation pursuant to which the water vessel is impounded, said vessel shall be released to any person entitled to possession thereof and the costs of storage shall be a County charge.

E. Lien and Sale of Impounded Water Vessels.

1. The County shall have a lien upon any water vessel impounded pursuant to this Chapter and the proceeds of any sale thereof for the payment of impound and storage charges incurred pursuant to the provisions of this Chapter.

2. Irrespective of the disposition of any criminal charge against a person for a violation of this article pursuant to which a water vessel is impounded and stored, if possession of said water vessel is not obtained by a person lawfully entitled to such possession within thirty (30) days of such disposition, the County is empowered to sell the water vessel at public auction in satisfaction of its lien for impound and storage charges. For California registered vessels, the California Boaters Lien Law shall apply.

F. Payment of any penalty herein shall not relieve any individual from the responsibility of correcting the violations as found by the authorized officer.

G. Any person found not in compliance with the provisions of this article shall be ordered off the water body and shall be subject to any other legal action as deemed necessary by the authorized officer.

H. Forfeiture. Whenever any person is convicted of a misdemeanor violation of this article, the judge may, upon the conviction of the person, order the forfeiture of the water vessel that was used in committing the offense charged.

• Chapter 13.45.110. - Nonexclusive Remedies.

The remedies provided in this article are cumulative and shall be in addition to any other remedies provided by law.

• Chapter 13.45.120. - Use of Fines Collected.

Fines collected as a result of violating this article, that are not otherwise encumbered, shall be used to fund the program as set forth in this Chapter

PUBLIC NOTICES

Request for Proposals

2027-2035 HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE AND HMO FEE STUDY UPDATE

Mono County seeks proposals from qualified consultants or consultant teams to complete a housing element update, related rezoning, coordination with the Regional Transportation Plan, and all necessary environmental review as required under State law, in a manner consistent with the Regional Housing Needs Allocation Cycle 7 (RHNA 7) planning period (2027-2035).

Concurrently, the County will update its Housing Mitigation Ordinance (HMO) and seeks proposals from qualified consultants or consultant teams to update the 2019 fee study. The fee study update should incorporate all residential and non-residential development, and use the existing methodology to calculate impacts as Inclusionary Units and in-lieu, per-square-foot fees.

Proposals may be for only the Housing Element update, only the HMO update, or both. Both a digital and hard copy are required in the proposal submittal. Digital proposals must be submitted via the County's bid portal at <https://www.bidexpress.com/solicitations/46022> on or before 8:00 am, May 18, 2026.

Bidders must submit all questions by 5:00 p.m., April 17, 2026. All responses will be posted to the bid portal by 5:00 p.m., April 24, 2026.

The full Request for Proposals, including background, project description, requirements, and evaluation criteria is available through the County's bid portal at <https://www.bidexpress.com/solicitations/46022>.

TS #2026-0027

Notice of Fictitious Business Name Statement:

All-Temp Heating and Air Conditioning

J&C Eighty-Three Enterprises, Inc.
123 Commerce Dr., Unit B5
P.O. Box 100, PMB 169
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by a corporation. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein on January 1, 2026. This statement was filed with the Mono County Clerk on February 25, 2026

File Number 2026-0018
TS #2026-0025
(3/7/26, 3/14/26, 3/21/26, 3/28/26)

Notice of Ordinance



Notice is hereby given that on March 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 MUNICIPAL CODE SECTIONS 3.12.060, 3.12.070, AND 5.32.060 REGARDING TRANSIENT OCCUPANCY TAX AND TRANSIENT RENTAL OF RESIDENTIAL UNITS.

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: March 5, 2026
JAMIE GRAY, Town Clerk
Town of Mammoth Lakes

TS #2026-0028



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SPORTS

BISHOP WINS LEAGUE OPENER



Richie Talavera (#24) beat this throw to first.

Bishop Broncos Baseball trailed 6-5 heading into the bottom of the 4th against Boron on Wednesday in the team's league opener, but scored the final 11 runs of the contest to win 16-6.

Sophomore Knox Moffett started for the Broncos. He also homered to left in the bottom of the first to help his own cause. Truth be told, he never should have hit in the first, but the Boron 2nd baseman dropped a pop-up to extend the inning.

In the 4th, Bishop played some small ball in scoring four runs to take control of the game. The 8-9 hitters (Mike Trejo and Jesiah Dondero) got on, setting the table for Richie Talavera.

Talavera hit a high Baltimore Chop, and his speed caused a rushed throw which sailed into right field and tied it up.

The team is now 5-3 (1-0 league). Its next home games are March 24 (Frazier Mtn.) and March 27 (Mammoth).



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Eastern Sierra Community Housing, Inc. (ESCH) seeks new directors for its Board. This is an opportunity to contribute to the future of affordable housing in our majestic region. Our service area encompasses Inyo, Mono and Alpine counties.

We are currently recruiting two representatives of the low-income community. To meet this definition, eligible applicants will either have a low-income household, live in a low-income neighborhood, or be an elected representative of a low-income community organization.

All those interested in volunteering on the Board should work well in a team setting, be willing to put in time and effort, share in the mission and values of ESCH, and enable the Board to address the corporation's program areas.

Some of our exciting programs and projects include expanding services, diversifying funding and partnerships, new housing developments, homeownership programs, and much more.

There are many personal and professional benefits that come from serving on a non-profit Board of Directors such as: the development of leadership skills, the possibility to effect change, networking opportunities, the chance to give back to the community, an understanding of non-profit governance, and experience with big picture thinking.

If interested, please visit our website www.eschousing.org for an application or submit your resume/CV or letter of interest to Executive Director Patricia Robertson. Patricia@eschousing.org

Household Size	1 person	2 people	3 people	4 people	5 people	6 people
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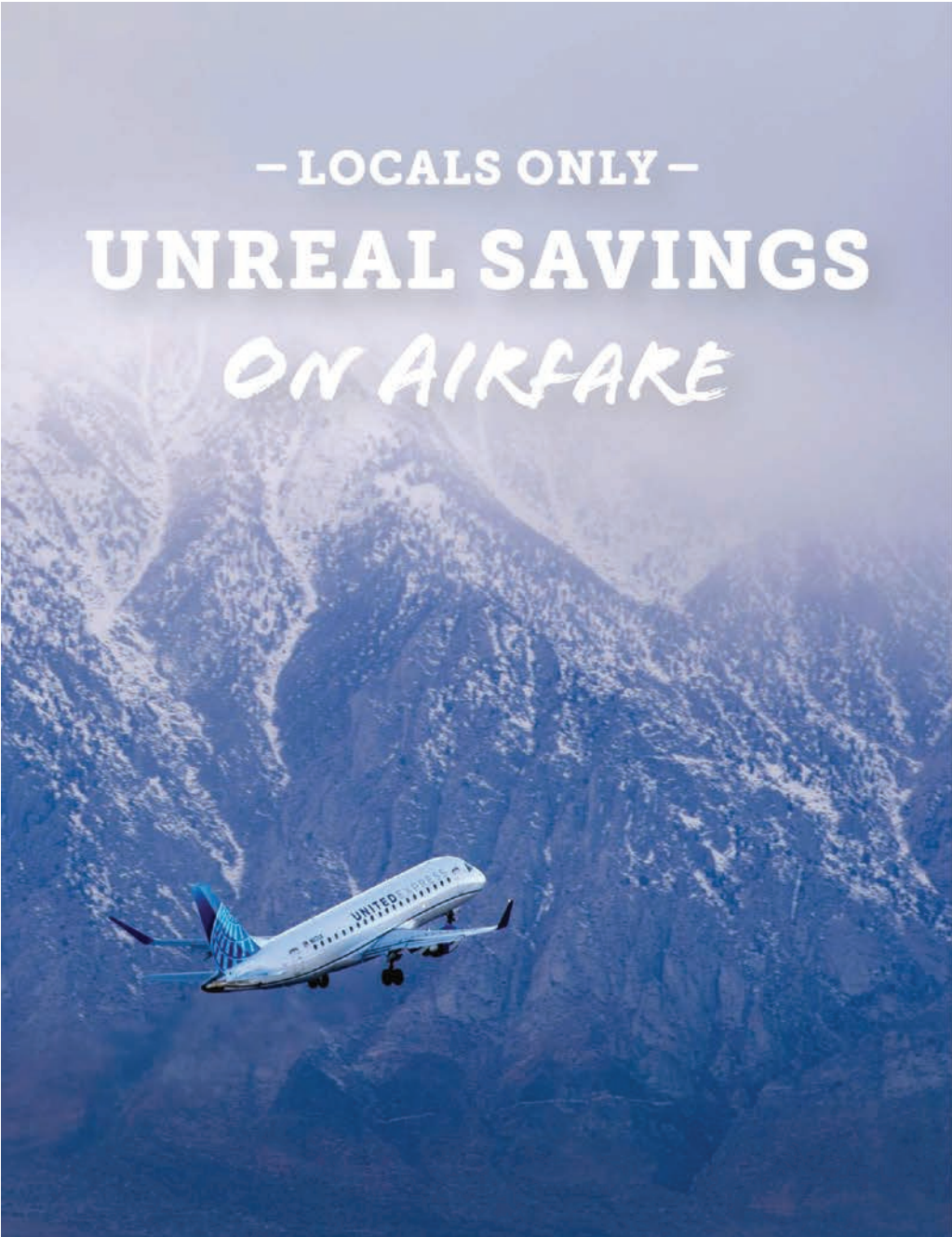
Corned beef, cabbage and community at the St. Patrick's Day celebration at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church in Bishop.



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OBITUARY

WILMA ALICE WHEELER 1930-2026

Wilma Alice Wheeler, a woman of remarkable energy, curiosity, and compassion, passed away peacefully on March 3, 2026, at the age of 95. Born on December 17, 1930, Wilma lived a vibrant and purposeful life defined by adventure, service, and a deep devotion to her family and community.

Wilma was the beloved wife of Bryce Wheeler, with whom she shared a rich life filled with exploration, music, and community involvement. Together, they made their home in Mammoth for 37 years, embracing the beauty of the mountains and the close-knit spirit of the town they loved.

A lifelong learner and achiever, Wilma graduated Magna Cum Laude after the age of 40 — an accomplishment that reflected her determination and love of knowledge. Her passion for the outdoors led her to hike and conquer more than 100 mountain peaks, a testament to her strength and adventurous spirit. She also enjoyed running and proudly completed numerous 5K races, proving that age was never a barrier to her goals.

Wilma believed deeply in giving back. She supported many causes close to her heart, including a founding role in Mammoth Lakes Friends of the Library. She was a lifetime member of the Sierra Club, active in the Angeles Chapter and the Range of Light Chapter. Wilma served with dedication as President of the Mono County Democratic Central Committee, where she served several times on the board and worked tirelessly to support civic engagement and community

dialogue.

Music was one of Wilma’s great joys. She and Bryce attended countless concerts and cultural events together, sharing a love of the arts that enriched their lives and created cherished memories.

Wilma is survived by her children Linda Holman, Carol Cadorette Rees, Matthew Curtis, and John Curtis; and by her stepchildren Ben Wheeler, Janel Vaisbort, and Rebecca Shivers, along with their spouses, children and grandchildren. She took immense pride in her family and embraced each member with warmth and acceptance.

Her legacy continues through her 13 grandchildren and five great grandchildren, who brought her endless joy. She



delighted in their accomplishments, encouraged their dreams, and passed down traditions and stories that will be treasured for generations.

Wilma will be remembered for her kindness, her resilience, her love of learning, and the adventurous spirit that carried her up mountains, both literal and figurative. Her presence enriched the lives of all who knew her, and her memory will remain a guiding light.

A celebration of Wilma’s life will be held at a later date, where family and friends will gather to honor her extraordinary journey and the lasting impact she made.

May she rest in peace, surrounded by the love she so generously shared.

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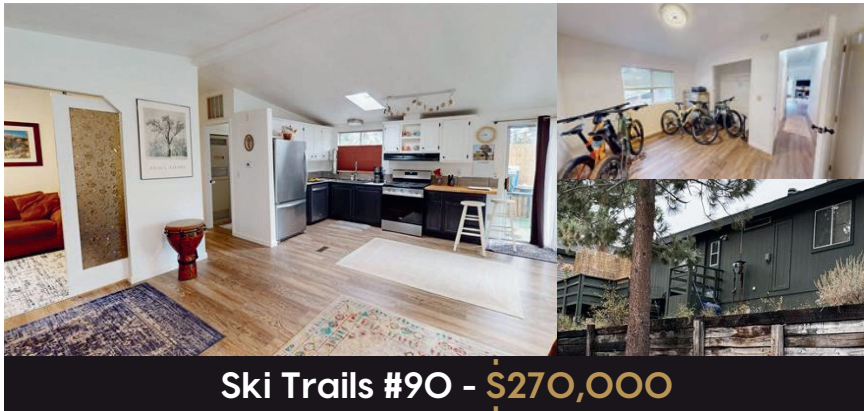
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BATHS: 2.5
SQ FT: 1867



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CONDO
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BATHS: 2
SQFT: 1143



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CONDO
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BATHS: 1
SQ FT: 712



The Pointe #2, 3600 Chateau Rd - \$1,249,000

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CONDO
BEDS: 2/LOFT
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