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HE'S AN ALL-AMERICAN

His name is Dave and he wants to feed you

By Fisher

Dave Swanson has lived several lives.

He has been a professional wakeboarder, a Las Vegas personal trainer to celebrities and poker stars, the owner of a booming meal-prep business, and a man who lost nearly everything.

Now, as "All American Dave" of "All American Dave's," Swanson has started over in Mammoth, bringing with him the same brand and food philosophy that once fueled some of the biggest names in poker.

Swanson moved to Mammoth just over a year ago, first launching out of a food truck before expanding into the Snowcreek restaurant space in January.

But the road here was anything but straightforward.

Swanson grew up in Oregon and spent much of his early life chasing competition. He became a professional wakeboarder, but after tearing his ACL twice, he started looking for a new outlet.

That led him to natural bodybuilding.

"It was a lightbulb moment for me," he said. "Understanding the precision of diet, how important it was to reach your fitness goals."

At the time, Swanson was working as a personal trainer. He realized that nutrition was often the missing piece for his clients looking to shed weight.

"If I could do this for my clients, I could look like the best trainer in the world," he said. "All my clients would be getting great results."

That idea eventually brought him into the world of Las Vegas poker.

One of his clients was professional poker player Antonio Esfandiari, who later helped



give Swanson the nickname "All American Dave." Swanson began cooking meals for him and bringing them to the poker table.

The clientele was an unusual fit for a nutrition-focused business. Poker players were known for long nights, casino food and sedentary routines, but Swanson saw an opportunity.

"They had all this money, and they weren't doing anything with it," he said.

Beyond food, Swanson became a kind of lifestyle coach, taking clients rafting, snowmobiling and on other adventures. But meals remained the foundation.

At first, he cooked out of his own kitchen, creating personal-chef-style meals for players who were used to high-end restaurants.

"These guys were high-end, eating out all the time," he said. "I'm watching how much money they're spending at restaurants every night, and I put together this plan."

The challenge was making healthy food that still tasted good.

Swanson said Esfandiari, a serious foodie, pushed him to create meals that went beyond traditional bodybuilding fare.

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SHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHHH

Nope. Former Mono County Library staff will not be silenced amidst recent purge

By Lunch

Most of us think of libraries as welcoming places, safe havens, removed from greed and politics and ambition.

But even libraries are susceptible to the whims of petty tyrants.

This may help explain why your neighbors whom you've known for decades are no longer working at your local library branch. Meanwhile, a guy you had never heard of until a few weeks ago, with the tacit consent of Mono County School Superintendent Tammy Bennett Nguyen, remains.

In her capacity as superintendent, Nguyen runs the Mono County Office of Education (MCOE).

And the MCOE runs the Mono County Library system.

This is atypical. Mono County is the only county in the state

whose libraries operate under the aegis of the Office of Education, according to Nguyen.

The MCOE Board, therefore, also operates as the Library Authority Board.

Nguyen says the Library Authority Board is advisory in nature. It approves budgets and oversees land and facilities. However, in the words of MCOE Board President Jake Suppa, "As a trustee, we don't handle personnel or staffing issues ... I am aware of the situation and the culture shift."

So by situation and culture shift, what is he referring to?

Well, he's referring to the guy you had never heard of until a few weeks ago, Mono County Libraries Director Joe Bopp.

The Sheet wrote about Bopp three weeks ago because he's been sitting up in his glass castle at Mammoth Library

surveilling the parking lot and writing unenforceable and illegal parking tickets.

When he's not doing that, he likes to fill personnel files with disciplinary complaints.

Twenty-five-year MCOE employee and former Crowley Lake Branch Librarian Lori Michelin said curtly, "I get pissed off when people doing bad things get rewarded."

"But it's not illegal to be an asshole."

Her disciplinary write-ups are the stuff of a Monty Python sketch.

"I was disciplined for asking Joe to put the seat down in the staff bathroom [after he's finished]."

Dissent (and common courtesy and basic hygiene) will not be tolerated!

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BEATING THE CROWD



Lunch has a prime position outside Sam's Woodsite for first entry into this weekend's annual Bluesapalooza and Festival of Beers, brought to you by Dirk Winter, Mammoth Lakes Tourism and the Town of Mammoth Lakes.

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Michelon said that when she opened the library, she had entered via the back door which is not monitored by a remote camera.

So a half hour into her shift, Bopp calls and asks why she’s late.

What do you mean? I wasn’t late. She calls him out. Are you watching me on the camera?

No no. A patron called to say the door is locked.

Really?

*It’s one thing to be a weenie. It’s another to be a liar.

Bopp is the Lieutenant Haulk character played by Bruno Kirby in Good Morning Vietnam.

Michelon resigned in October 2025.

Peter Hodges last day was June 30, 2026.

He was a 22-year employee, and was also in Bopp’s crosshairs.

“Joe is pretty abusive. A raging narcissist.” said Hodges. “For my mental health, I just had to get out of there.”

“Everyone [there] has to get physical/mental health counseling because of Joe, who’s incompetent and blames employees [for his own shortcomings].”

“He blames Christopher [the previous director] for everything that’s wrong. But in my opinion, I thought Christopher was pretty great.”

“You would assume that after twenty-plus years, me, [former Mammoth Branch Head Librarian] Doug Oldham and Carole [Lester, June Lake Branch Librarian] know how to do our jobs.”

Hodges referenced a write-up that he received earlier this year.

“In my write-up ... I’d say 20% of it was true and something I could accept and work on. But 80% of it was literally made up. Joe Bopp lies.”

Doug Oldham retired in September 2025 after 24 years of service.

He admitted he would not have retired if the Library leadership had been different.

“I enjoyed being there and what I did and helping people.”

Oldham described Bopp as manipulative and sneaky.

He found the Sheet reporting on Bopp and his traffic tickets ironic. “Bopp’s been in town two years. As of six months ago, he still hadn’t changed over his car registration [from Washington state].”

Jo Bacon has long served as a board member for Mammoth Lakes Friends

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“In a time of deceit, telling the truth is a revolutionary act.”

-Orwell

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of the Library, and, until last year, had served as a super-sub for Mono County Libraries, filling in at Mammoth, June Lake, Lee Vining and Crowley branches for approximately a decade.

Bacon was then told she had to quit because of a Calpers issue - that it would put her state retirement at risk if she continued to sub.

Other subs like Janet Carle and Deanna Dulen were similarly excised.

But honestly, Bacon said she didn’t shed too many tears about losing the job.

“It was a hostile work environment ... I didn’t want to see [my fellow] employees in tears. The worst part is, his bosses [County Schools Superintendent Tammy Nguyen and the County Board of Education] aren’t doing anything about it.”

Bacon singled out Nguyen.

“She’s done nothing with what we’ve told her.”

Beth Chasnoff Long’s last day as the Lee Vining Branch Librarian was July 11.

She still loved her job. And was four months shy of her 10-year work anniversary, which would have vested her in the state retirement system.

Long was the victim of a staff restructuring.

The Lee Vining branch used to have a 20-hour position (Long) and a 4-hour position (held by Russ Reese).

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LOCAL NEWS

DEAD BEAR-LY WALKING

By Fisher

For weeks, campers and campground staff across Mammoth Lakes watched the same young black bear limp through campgrounds on a badly injured rear leg.

The bear, described by camp hosts as emaciated and increasingly unable to walk, traveled between Sherwin Creek Campground, Shady Rest, Mammoth RV Park and areas near Mammoth Hospital, prompting repeated calls to the California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). Over the weekend, wildlife officers finally tranquilized, examined and relocated the animal at Sherwin Creek Campground.

Former Mammoth Lakes wildlife specialist Steve Searles, who spent decades responding to bear incidents, said residents repeatedly contacted him about the bear rather than wildlife officials.

"People are calling me every single day," Searles said. "I ask each one, 'Why don't you call the authorities?' They tell me, 'We don't trust them. We trust you.'"

Searles said he believes the bear should have been evaluated much sooner and he questioned how the capture was handled.

According to Searles, wildlife officers initially missed the bear with a tranquilizer dart before successfully sedating it, which startled the animal. He also alleged campground hosts helped carry the sedated bear without protective equipment, a practice he believes violates CDFW policy.

CDFW's Black Bear Policy states that responses involving sick or injured bears should consider both public safety and animal welfare. The policy directs wildlife officials to evaluate the severity of an animal's injuries, consult wildlife health experts when appropriate and minimize unnecessary suffering.

Campground staff interviewed by The Sheet confirmed the bear had been seen for several weeks and that they had repeatedly reported its condition to CDFW, though their accounts added context to Searles' assertions.

A supervising camp host, who

requested anonymity because employees are not authorized to speak to the media, said the bear was first reported roughly three weeks before it was captured.

"We actually did keep calling CDFW because he was so injured," the supervisor said.

"He was in every campground."

The supervisor said wildlife officers attempted to trap the bear earlier in the season but were diverted to another wildlife emergency in northern Mono County.

"I knew where they were," the supervisor said. "They were here. Then they had to go somewhere else, and they came back."

Camp hosts at Sherwin Creek Campground said they had also been monitoring the bear as it moved between campgrounds.

"We wanted to get help because he'd been limping around here for days,"

one camp host said.

The hosts said CDFW had been attempting to locate the bear and responded quickly once officers learned it had returned to Sherwin Creek.

"They were over here within an hour," one host said. "I think they had been trying to find that injured one for a while."

Camp hosts said wildlife officers sedated the bear, examined its injuries and carried it to a nearby creek (with help from on-duty hosts) after it became overheated during the tranquilization process. After treating the bear, the officers told the hosts they relocated it after determining it could be released.

The Sherwin Creek camp hosts interviewed by The Sheet were not present during the capture but said the two camp hosts who were on scene helped carry the sedated bear to the creek so it could be cooled.

"They were just there at the right place, right time," one host said.

The supervising camp host said CDFW followed up after the incident to report that the bear had recovered from the tranquilizer and been released.

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Everybody kind of wanted him put down because he was so bad. They said no, there was no reason to. They said he was going to be fine.

- Camp host

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“They did actually call back within a few hours,” the supervisor said. “They said they cleaned up the wound and released him back, and he was doing fine.”

That level of communication, the supervisor added, was unusual compared with previous years.

“I’ve had more communication with them this year,” the supervisor said. The injured bear’s condition also prompted differing opinions about what should have happened next. While residents often urge wildlife officials to avoid euthanizing bears, campground staff said many people believed the animal’s condition appeared severe enough that euthanasia might be the more humane option..

“We asked them, ‘Are you going to put him down?’” the supervising camp host said. “Everybody kind of wanted him put down because he was so bad. They said no, there was no reason to. They said he was going to be fine.”

Camp hosts said the incident unfolded during an otherwise quieter summer for bear activity. They credited improved food storage by campers and increased education efforts for reducing conflicts.

“I think the campers have been more responsible this year,” one Sherwin Creek camp host said. “Everybody’s doing the right thing.”

The supervising camp host said campground staff are also working closely with Mammoth Lakes Police Department to prevent bears from becom-

ing food-conditioned. Camp hosts issue warnings and contact MLPD when campers repeatedly fail to secure food, which results in citations and fines. The supervisor also credited the department’s campground compliance officer, who regularly patrols the campgrounds, with improving compliance. As of press time, CDFW had not responded to questions about the bear’s injuries, why it remained in the area for several weeks before being captured, whether campground hosts were asked to assist during the capture, or the bear’s condition following its release.



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“It wasn’t just chicken and rice,” he said. “It was like, let me add a ton of flavor. Let me change it up and keep it fresh.”

The word spread, and the business grew quickly.

What started as personal training became a meal-plan company. Swanson hired cooks and delivery drivers, bought a food truck, and eventually built a major operation around the World Series of Poker at the Rio Casino.

By 2019, he had 63 employees.

His philosophy was to change his client’s habits, not just a good one-time meal.

“You couldn’t just get one meal,” he said. “You had to buy 20 meals.”

Then came COVID-19.

When the Rio implemented COV-

ID-19 vaccine requirements connected to operations at the property, Swanson said he was unwilling to require his employees to get vaccinated, citing his belief in personal choice.

“The Rio basically said, ‘You can’t be on property unless you have the vaccine,’ and I wasn’t willing to do that for my staff,” he said.

Swanson tried to keep the business running by splitting operations, with some employees working off-site out of his food truck. But losing access to the Rio’s facilities and infrastructure made the operation increasingly difficult.

In 2021, he lost his contract with the casino.

Then came another loss.

During the World Series of Poker main event that year, Swanson’s father

died.

“He was my best friend,” he said.

The business eventually went bankrupt, and the collapse affected customers who had unused meal-plan credits from previous purchases.

“I contacted every one of my customers that had a rollover balance and said, ‘Hey, what can I do? We’re busted. We’re bankrupt. The company is going under,’” he said. “I gave away blenders, beef, and protein powder.”

Swanson said many longtime customers understood what happened, but criticism from others spread online and damaged his reputation within parts of the poker community.

“It was the worst year of my life,” he said.

In early 2022, he moved back to

Oregon with his family, living in an RV while working construction and assisting a family with various jobs.

But the dream of restarting his brand never went away.

“I knew I had built something really special,” he said. “If I let this horrible situation just end me and not try, I’ll regret it for the rest of my life.”

So how’d he end up here?

Swanson had stayed close with Esfandiari, who had been visiting Mammoth with his family to snowboard. Eventually, Esfandiari bought a home in town and encouraged Swanson to consider moving.

Another former Vegas client, Tom Cage, offered him a place to park his food truck.

Last summer, Swanson took the chance.

The food truck opened in late 2025, and earlier this year he expanded into the Snowcreek bistro area.

For Swanson, Mammoth fits the larger vision he has always had, which is a place where healthy food, fitness and outdoor adventure intersect.

“I’m not in this business because it’s the best financial business,” he said. “I’m in it because it matters.”

Today, Swanson is once again offering meal plans, including many of the same dishes that built his reputation in Las Vegas. The business is still young, but he believes in the concept.

“If I can pay my staff, pay my bills and make a dollar, that makes me successful,” he said. “Because this matters.”



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DAVID T. PAGE
1968-2026

David T. Page, devoted husband, father, uncle, brother, and son, and an award-winning journalist, author, and conservation leader, died on July 7, 2026, in a tragic multi-vehicle car crash on Teton Pass in Wyoming. He was 57. His family's beloved dog and adventure partner, Rio, also died in the crash, with David's arms encircling her at the end.

David was born September 7, 1968 in Omaha, Nebraska and grew up in Denver, Colo. From his earliest days, the ski slopes and mountains of the Rockies were his playground. With his brother Langdon and sister Priscilla, David was on skis, in a tent, or on the road, on a quest for some kind of epic Western adventure.

He spent a year abroad at Ecolint in Geneva, Switzerland, before graduating at the top of his class at East High School in Denver.

A man of many trades and with a thirst for further knowledge, David helped build a pumice-crete house for his father Bill and stepmother Claudia after they had moved to rural Northern New Mexico. As a dare against his acute sea sickness, he then moved onto a sailboat near his mother Barbara in Los Angeles. A further self-description: "David Page has run sled dogs into the Maroon Bells, seined for salmon off the Kenai, hunted for T-Rex eggs in Patagonia, and traveled from the Algerian Sahara to Paris in the back of a Belgian floral delivery van." (DTP, author bio.)



After studying History and Spanish Literature at Dartmouth College, David pursued a Master's degree in Comparative Literature at UC Berkeley (landing him in Santiago, Chile), and another in Creative Writing at UC Irvine. From screenplays to short stories to magazine articles and guidebooks, David held fast to the belief that words had the power to change the world: his passion for literature acting as a powerful thrust throughout his life.

In the 2000s, David established himself as an accomplished outdoor and travel writer. He wrote for the Discovery Channel, the Los Angeles Times Magazine, Eastside, Backcountry, Men's Journal, Skiing, and The New York Times, was a contributing editor at-large for MatadorNetwork.com, editor-in-chief

of BETA magazine, and was a longtime senior correspondent for POWDER. His critically-acclaimed 2008 Yosemite & the Southern Sierra Nevada: An Explorer's Guide reflected David's intimate knowledge and awe of the nooks and crannies of his beloved mountain range, and would successfully go on to three editions. He won several awards for his writing, including BATW's Best Guidebook of 2010, a 2009 Lowell Thomas Travel Journalism Award, OWAC's 2008 Writer of the Year, and was a finalist for a 2015 National Magazine Award.

His writing combined meticulous reporting with wit, empathy and a deep feeling for landscape. He could explain the psychological forces that lead experienced skiers into dangerous avalanche

terrain, introduce readers to the immigrants whose labor quietly sustains mountain communities, and describe a remote slope, a forest in winter, or a beer after a long ski tour, all with equal precision and delight.

David's seriousness of purpose was balanced by irreverence, playfulness and uncanny humor. At POWDER magazine's annual ski test, the tall, lanky and generally prudent David could be counted on to arrive in a wig or costume and ski as hard as anyone - especially those 25 years younger.

Spurred by the Yosemite guidebook, David made Mammoth Lakes his home. Mammoth, in the heart of the Sierra Nevada, is "a place of extremes, of measurements and calculations of the sort that help define the edges of what we know." (DTP)

The fit for David, wife Allison, and sons Jasper and Beckett was seamless. When he wasn't hosting epic Halloween parties, or cleaning up after them, David took the family camping. The Pages were easily identified in David's 1983 Toyota Landcruiser with a 1954 Silver Streak trailer in tow.

He encouraged his kids to get up at ungodly hours and set them off running free up dunes, into woods, down mountains, and across valleys in search of freedom and connection to beauty and wild spaces.

David also cherished near-daily excursions into his backyard backcountry

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on skis, ice skates, mountain bikes, or pretty much any non-motorized mode of transport, to glimpse “something else, something nourishing.” (DTP) These trips were not for the faint of heart. What were pitched by David as 2-hour jaunts would quickly become 8-hour epics, at times resulting in tossing the 95-pound dog off a cliff onto Manzanita bushes in order to safely get down. David was one of the most capable humans, especially in untrod-den terrain, but his ability to estimate the length of time of excursions forever eluded him. (We all learned to bring snacks, and a high threshold for pain.)

David was a man of the earth: with deep integrity, boundless energy, easy laughter, and the rare ability to connect with nearly anyone. He was equally comfortable speaking with scientists, policymakers, resort representatives, athletes, immigrant families, conservationists, and strangers he encountered along the way. (Being fluent in Spanish and French, and being able to converse in Arabic didn’t hurt.)

He was a man who believed people could be better, do more. He held himself and others to a very high standard. “It’s not judgment, or criticism,” he would tell his wife Allison: it was a belief that we, mere mortals, were capable of more, of getting There, of actually reaching the ideal, the dream, the mountain peak, if we just cared and tried hard enough.

He believed beauty and perfection could be found in almost every thing

or action – in a dinner dish, a hallow-
een costume, a campfire, a sentence, a
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“The distance between the labored
expression of a human being and the
synthetic slop of even the most com-
plex algorithm is the distance between
a hand-woven Navajo rug and the
thousands of cheap, garish textiles
hucked hourly out of machines in
Southeast Asia to be sold at truckstops
across the American West. You can tell
the difference. One evokes something
essential about what it is to be human;
the other is quite useful as protective
padding in the moving of furniture.”
(DTP, Substack, June 2026)

During Covid, when Mammoth was
inundated with tourists, David coined
the phrase, “Ski Kind,” which evolved
into his personal motto, “Be Kind” – to
our fellow human beings and to the
land that we live in.

At the time of his death, David was
executive director of Winter Wildlands
Alliance, a national nonprofit dedicat-
ed to protecting America’s wild winter
landscapes. He joined the organiza-
tion as advocacy director in 2016 and
became executive director in 2022. His
colleagues remember him as a fearless
and thoughtful leader who believed
that meaningful progress began with
curiosity, open dialogue and collabora-
tion. It was characteristic of David
that he spent his final day engaged in
the work that had become central to



David, Beckett, Jasper, Allison and Rio

his life: protecting the mountains he
loved and encouraging people with
differing interests to find common
ground.

“The preservation of the world –
whatever that means, exactly – has yet
to be determined. In the meantime,
the wildness from which it may derive
awaits your pleasure...” (DTP)

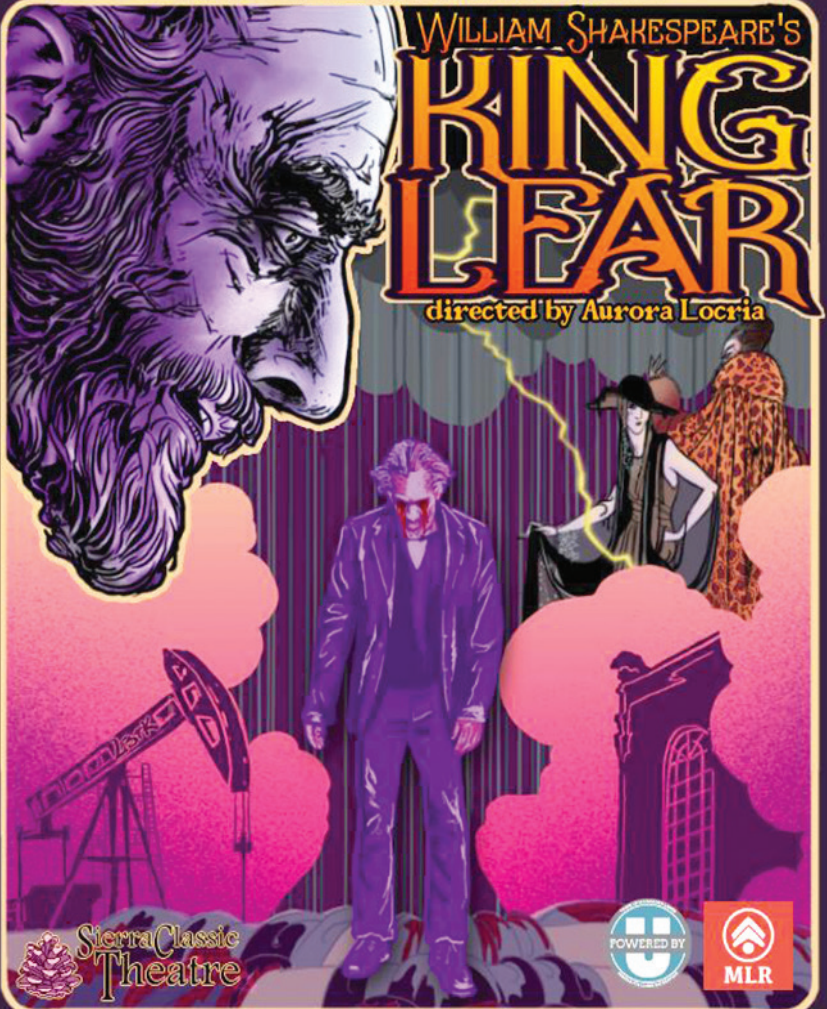
David is survived by his wife Allison,
sons Jasper and Beckett, his mother
Barbara, father Bill and stepmother
Claudia, brother Langdon and four
nieces.

A celebration of David’s life will be
held at Canyon Lodge on Saturday,
August 22 from 4-7 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family invites
donations to Winter Wildlands Alli-
ance (<https://give.winterwildlands.org/a/in-honor-of-david-page>), and
asks that people honor David by pro-
tecting wild places, approaching oth-
ers with curiosity and kindness, and
getting someone they love outside.

For more info, to donate or RSVP, or
to share a message or memory, please
visit: <https://www.online-tribute.com/DavidPage>

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calendar of events

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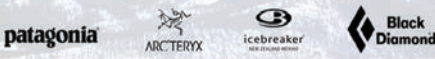
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BARS & MUSIC

Happy Hour/
The Liberty Sports Bar and Grill
Pursuit of Happiness Hour Daily 3-6 p.m. Live Music. Best viewing spot in town for **live sports**, other than across the parking lot @ **Main Street Pizza and Tap**. *More Liberty info, see ad p. 2*
Outlaw Saloon Happy Hour Monday through Friday from 4-6 p.m. *More info: See ad p. 13*
The Mogul happy hour 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the bar. Food and drink specials.
Main St. Pizza - *See ad this page.*
Distant Brewing happy hour Monday-Thursday from 3-5 p.m. \$1/off beer/wine/cider/seltzer/kombucha
Whitebark @ The Westin. Half-off lounge menu and drinks daily from 4-6 p.m. and 9-close. *See ad p. 14.*
Mountainside Bar and Grill (Mammoth Mtn. Inn) happy hour daily 4-6 p.m. and 9 p.m. to close. *See ad p. 5*

Friday, July 31/
Soul2Soul plays the Bishop Country Club patio party. Time: 6-9 p.m. Start your weekend right!

July 31-August 1/
Black Market III (raw blues) plays **Liberty** in Mammoth. Time: 9:30 p.m. No cover. *More info: See ad p. 2*

Saturday, August 1/
Woolly's After Hours takes place every Saturday from 4-6 p.m. at Woolly's Adventure Summit. Save on activities, enjoy live music and food & drink specials. *More info: See ad p. 2*

Sunday, August 2/
Live music Sundays @ Cardinal Village (Aspendell). Time: 12-3 p.m. This week: Cassie Dunn
Liberty hosts professional stand-up comic Casey Skinner. Time: 7 p.m. No cover.

Monday, August 3/
Open mic Mondays @ Distant Brewing (568 Old Mammoth Rd.) Time: 6-9 p.m.

Tuesday, August 4/
It's Vinyl Night @ Distant Brewing in Mammoth (568 Old Mammoth Rd.). Time: 6-9 p.m.

Wednesday, August 5/
Live music @ locals' night @ the Mountain Rambler Brewery in Bishop. Starts 7 p.m.

Friday, August 7/
Kickoff of Tropical August nights @ Wanaaha Casino in Bishop. Every Friday night in August features live DJ, food & drink specials, and don tropical attire for \$10 in free play. *More info: See ad p. 5*

August 9-10/
Deltaphonic (Internationally touring southern swamp rock) plays Liberty in Mammoth - note Sunday/Monday dates. Time: Starts ~ 9:30 p.m. No cover.

TOWN STUFF

July 31-August 1/
Mammoth Lakes Repertory Theatre's production of "Always ... Patsy Cline" continues @ Hayden Cabin in Mammoth. Time: 7:30 p.m. Tix @ mammothlakesrep.org or at the door.

TOWN STUFF

Saturday, August 1
Mono Lake Committee guided canoe tours. \$. Time: 8-9 a.m. Visit monolake.org to reserve your spot.
Sierra Stem Days @ Woolly's Adventure Summit. Time: 12-3 p.m. *For info, see ad p. 13*
Sierra Forever hosts a campfire talk on the "secret lives of bears." Time: 6:30-7:30 p.m. Location: New Shady Rest campground (Sawmill Cutoff) in Mammoth. Free.
Join Sierra Forever for an easy hike around Horseshoe Lake and learn about the fascinating natural history and geology of the Mammoth area. Time: 10-11:30 a.m. Meet at the trailhead kiosk for an easy 1.75 mile loop hike. All ages are welcome, but children under 16 must be accompanied by an adult. Free.
Sunset Tour of Valentine Reserve in Mammoth. Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m. Register @ valentine.nrs.ucsb.edu

August 3-7/
Mono County Adult Education Spanish Summer Language program. Learn & practice. Multiple class options. Info: monocoe.org/adult-education, or see ad opposite page.

Tuesday, August 4/
Mammoth's Parks and Recreation Commission meets. Time: 2:30 p.m. Location: Suite Z, Minaret Mall.
Eastern Sierra Strummers Community Ukulele Group meets 5-6:30 p.m. @ Mono Arts Council (501

TOWN STUFF

Tuesday, August 4 (cont.)/
Old Mammoth Rd., Ste. 5). *Beginners meet 4:30.

Wednesday, August 5/
Sierra Classic Theatre's summer Shakespeare production of "King Lear" opens and runs through August 16. Wednesday-Sunday. Showtime at 7 p.m. Suggested donation. *See ad p. 9*
Mammoth Lakes Town Council meets in Suite Z, Minaret Mall or online via townofmammothlakes.ca.gov. Time: 4 p.m.
Mammoth Market at Outbound Mammoth (164 Old Mammoth Road). Time: 4-7. Local farmers, ranchers and makers.

Thursday, August 6/
Farm to Table Market @ the Methodist Church (205 N. Fowler) in Bishop. Time: 4-7 p.m. Live music, demos, workshops, more.

August 7-8/
Mammoth Margarita Festival @ the Village at Mammoth.

Saturday, August 8/
June Lake Fire Department annual BBQ @ Gull Lake Park. *More info: See ad p. 8*
Bodie Fest @ Bodie State Park just south of Bridgeport off Hwy. 395. Tours, vendors, food, live music. Event is free but day-use fee at gate still required. Time: 9-6.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE BY MONO COUNTY REGISTRAR OF VOTERS OFFICES FOR WHICH CANDIDATES ARE TO BE ELECTED AT THE NOVEMBER 3, 2026, GENERAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that offices for which candidates are to be elected at the General Election to be held on the 3rd day of November, 2026 are as follows:

TOWN OF MAMMOTH LAKES *
Qualifications: Must be a registered voter residing in the Town of Mammoth Lakes.
Council Member – 3 Seats (4-year term)

SCHOOL DISTRICT GOVERNING BOARDS
Qualifications: Must be a registered voter residing in the district or trustee area as applicable.

BISHOP UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
(Coordinated with Inyo County)
3 Seats (4-year term)

EASTERN SIERRA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
1 Seat – Trustee Area #1 (4-year term)
1 Seat – Trustee Area #3 (4-year term)
1 Seat – Trustee Area #5 (4-year term)

KERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
(Coordinated with Inyo and Kern County)
1 Seat – Trustee Area #2 (4-year term)

MAMMOTH UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT
2 Seats (4-year term)

MONO COUNTY OFFICE OF EDUCATION BOARD
1 Seat – Trustee Area #2 (4-year term)
2 Seats – Trustee Area #3 (4-year term)

ROUND VALLEY JOINT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DIST.
(Coordinated with Inyo County)
2 Seats (4-year term)

SPECIAL DISTRICT BOARDS (COMMUNITY SERVICE DISTRICTS, FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICTS, GROUNDWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS, HEALTHCARE DISTRICTS, PUBLIC UTILITY DISTRICTS, RESOURCE CONSERVATION DISTRICTS, WATER DISTRICTS)
Qualifications: Must be a registered voter residing in the district. Additional qualifications may apply depending on the specific office. Please confirm with individual districts.

Antelope Valley Fire Protection District
2 Seats (4-year term)
Antelope Valley Water District
3 Seats (4-year term)
Birchim Community Services District
3 Seats (4-year term)
Bridgeport Fire Protection District
3 Seats (4-year term)
Bridgeport Public Utility District
2 Seats (4-year term)
Chalfant Valley Fire Protection District/CSD
2 Seats (4-year term)
Hilton Creek Community Services District
3 Seats (4-year term)

Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - GREAT BASIN UNIFIED AIR POLLUTION CONTROL DISTRICT

Air Toxics Hot Spots Program 2025 Annual Report

Pursuant to Health & Safety Code Section 44363, on September 3, 2026, at 10:05 am, the Governing Board of the Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District will hold a public hearing to discuss the contents and significance of the Air Toxics Hot Spots Program Annual Report for 2025. This report describes the priorities and categories designated pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 44360 and summarizes the results and progress of the health risk assessment program undertaken pursuant to this part; ranks and identifies facilities within the District according to the degree of cancer risk posed both to individuals and to the exposed population; identifies facilities which expose individuals or populations to any noncancer health risks; and describes the status of the development of control measures to reduce emissions of toxic air contaminants.

Any interested member of the public may participate in the public hearing by attending in person or virtually. Written comments may be submitted prior to the meeting. Written comments received by close of business on August 10, 2026 will be included in the board packet and should be addressed to Ann Logan, Air Pollution Control Officer, Great Basin Unified Air Pollution Control District, 157 Short Street, Bishop, California 93514 or may also be sent to permits@gbuapcd.org. Comments will also be accepted at the hearing. The full text of the reports will be available at the time of agenda publication for the September 3, 2026 meeting.

To attend via zoom:
Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85113531120?pwd=Taz9skKbBXWDgBnvsLLsFJM33qWa25.1>
Passcode: 634481
Phone: +1 408 638 0968
Webinar ID: 851 1353 1120

This link will be available on the District website at www.gbuapcd.org at the time of the agenda publication.

To attend in-person:
Alpine County Administrative Center
99 Water Street (State Hwy 89)
Markleeville, California 96120

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June Lake Fire Protection District
2 Seats (4-year term)
June Lake Public Utility District
2 Seats (4-year term)
Lee Vining Fire Protection District
3 Seats (4-year term)
Lee Vining Public Utility District
2 Seats (4-year term)
Long Valley Fire Protection District

2 Seats (4-year term)
Mammoth Community Water District
2 Seats (4-year term)
Mammoth Lakes Community Services District
2 Seats (4-year term)
Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District
2 Seats (4-year term)
Mono City Fire Protection District
2 Seats (4-year term)
Paradise Fire Protection District
2 Seats (4-year term)
3 Seats (2-year term)
Southern Mono Healthcare District
2 Seats (4-year term)
Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District
3 Seats (4-year term)
Wheeler Crest Community Services District
2 Seats (4-year term)
Wheeler Crest Fire Protection District
2 Seats (4-year term)
White Mountain Fire Protection District
3 Seats (4-year term)

Candidate forms will be available from July 13, 2026 to August 7, 2026, and may be obtained from the Mono County Registrar’s Office at 74 N. School Street in Bridgeport, CA.

* Candidates wishing to run for Mammoth Lakes Town Council must speak with the Town Clerk at 760-965-3602, or via email at jgray@townofmammothlakes.ca.gov.

If an incumbent has not filed by 5:00 p.m. on August 7, 2026, any qualified person, other than the incumbent, may file by no later than 5:00 p.m. on August 12, 2026.

If by 5:00 p.m. on August 12, 2026, an insufficient number of persons have filed for the Special District Board Offices, and a petition for an election has not been filed, appointments will be made pursuant to Elections Code §10515.

If by 5:00 p.m. August 12, 2026, an insufficient number of persons have filed for the School District Governing Board Offices, and a petition for an election has not been filed, appointments will be made pursuant to Education Code §5326, §5328, §5328.5.

More information regarding Candidate Filing can be found on the County Election website: <https://mono-county.ca.gov/elections/page/candidates-4>

Dated: July 15, 2026
QUEENIE BARNARD
MONO COUNTY CLERK-RECORDER-REGISTRAR
TS #2026-0088

Notice of Availability/Public Hearing

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF 2026-2027 MONO COUNTY RECOMMENDED BUDGET AND PUBLIC HEARING BY THE MONO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Notice is hereby given that the Recommended County Budget for fiscal year 202627 will be available to the public on August 4, 2026, on the Mono County website at: <https://monocounty.ca.gov/budgets/page/2026-2027-budget-0>

Notice is also hereby given that the Mono County Board of Supervisors will hold a public hearing on the fiscal year 2026/2027 Recommended Budget on August 4, 2026, at 9:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, in the meeting room of the Mono County Courthouse.

Any member of the public may appear and be heard regarding any item in the Recommended Budget or request the inclusion of additional items. Public testimony may be provided in person at the Bridgeport Courthouse, at the Mammoth Lakes Civic Center (Mono Lake Room, 1290 Tavern Rd), or via Zoom. All proposed revisions must be submitted in writing to the Clerk of the Board before the close of the public hearing. Meeting details and the Zoom link are available at: <https://monocounty.ca.gov/meetings>

TS #2026-0091

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

Mammoth Luxury Home Rentals

Mammoth Hospitality Management LLC
10001 Minaret Rd.
P.O. Box 24
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

This business is conducted by a limited liability company. The registrant began to transact business under the fictitious business name listed herein in 1980. This statement was filed with the Mono County Clerk on June 24, 2026

File Number 2026-0072
TS #2026-0094
(8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22)

Request for Public Comment

On behalf of Cellco Partnership and its controlled affiliates doing business as Verizon Wireless, **American Towers LLC is proposing to increase the height of an existing stealth monopole telecommunications tower** from 56’ to 80’ along with a 30-foot buffer surrounding the current lease area, at 133 Vista Point Dr., Lee Vining, Mono County, CA 93541, APN: 021-080-026-000, lat: 37.94553, long: -119.11257.

The modified tower will be fitted with A0 IR lighting. American Towers LLC seeks comments from all interested persons on any potential significant impact the proposed action could have on the quality of the human environment pursuant to 47 C.F.R. Section 1.1307, including potential impacts to historic or cultural resources that are listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Interested persons may review the project application pending with the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) at www.fcc.gov/asr/applications by entering Form 854 File No. A1383934. Interested persons may comment or raise environmental impact concerns about the proposed action by filing a Request for Environmental Review with the FCC. The FCC strongly encourages all interested parties to make such filings online, following the instructions found at www.fcc.gov/asr/environmentalrequest. Paper filings can be sent to: FCC Requests for Environmental Review, Attn: Ramon Williams, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. The Request must also be sent to American Towers LLC, by e-mailing a copy to enviro.services@americantower.com or mailing a copy to: American Tower, 10 Presidential Way, Woburn, MA 01801 ATTN: Environmental Compliance.

Requests or comments should be limited to environmental and historic/cultural resource impact concerns and must be received on or before 8/22/2026. This invitation to comment is separate from any local planning/zoning process that may apply to this project.

TS #2026-0089

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

The Hotel at North Village

Mammoth Hospitality Management LLC
10001 Minaret Rd.
P.O. Box 24
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

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File Number 2026-0073
TS #2026-0099
(8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22)

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

North Village Hotel & Resort

Mammoth Hospitality Management LLC
10001 Minaret Rd.
P.O. Box 24
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

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File Number 2026-0073
TS #2026-0098
(8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22)

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

North Village Inn

Mammoth Hospitality Management LLC
10001 Minaret Rd.
P.O. Box 24
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

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File Number 2026-0071
TS #2026-0096
(8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22)

PERSONALS

LIBRARY

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MCOE removed the four-hour position, and then rewrote the job description and flew the remaining 20-hour position.

Similarly, there was a vacancy in Bridgeport where they promoted the assistant to the manager position, and then removed the assistant position, reducing Bridgeport library hours from 36 to 30.

Anyway, MCOE decided to promote Reese to the 20-hour job and eliminate Long.

She wasn’t terribly surprised she was on the outs. She spoke up at a meeting in January, 2025 and soon became a staff member others approached to talk about things. “It opened my eyes as to how many problems there were.”

That doesn’t mean it stung any less. Former Library Director Christopher Platt “relied on us to know our communities,” she said.

In the case of Lee Vining, you’ve got no arts council, no senior center, a small population ... the library fulfills a lot of roles.

Nguyen naturally would like to shift the conversation and focus on Mr. Bopp’s strengths, which she said are in technology.

Bopp came to the Eastern Sierra from the Seattle area, where he worked for both the Seattle Public Library system and the University of Washington.

The library system website is undergoing a complete reboot, and she said Bopp is focused on mobile and app capacity to reach a younger demographic.

Carissa Devine has also been promoted to “Branch Operations and Patron Experience Manager” at the Mammoth branch. This should reduce Bopp’s interaction and exposure with patrons and staff.

But removing responsibilities from a job description isn’t necessarily the solution, said Doug Oldham.

“The position is not just administrative. The job is about being part of the community.”

Or as Lori Michelin said succinctly, “Joe Bopp is just not the right guy.”

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

The Lodge at North Village

Mammoth Hospitality Management LLC
10001 Minaret Rd.
P.O. Box 24
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

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File Number 2026-0071
TS #2026-0097
(8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22)

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

North Village Hotel

Mammoth Hospitality Management LLC
10001 Minaret Rd.
P.O. Box 24
Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546

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File Number 2026-0072
TS #2026-0095
(8/1, 8/8, 8/15, 8/22)

KIDS FISHING FESTIVAL

On Saturday, kids got hooked on fun at the 37th Anniversary Kids Fishing Festival at Snowcreek Resort Ponds on Old Mammoth Road.

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Here are some examples of how you can jumpstart a full-throated reply text instead of resorting to some of the most common cartoon characters on your phone.

The red heart and all its variations leave a lot out. Try this: Glad you love eating a great cinnamon roll, and I'm betting diabetes will look good on you in a couple of years.

Okay, that was a little harsh, a little Mom-like, and maybe a little too much truth for a text message, so try something like this: Your effervescent being is glowing with joy and happiness as you chart your path into the future with a sure step and deep knowledge of where your soul journey will lead and how to achieve the goals you have set for this phase of your incredible life-affirming journey into a bright and happy future. Congratulations. Oh, and where did you get that cinnamon roll?

Thumbs Up: Come on, you have

more to say. How about: Good job getting in the car and driving to work alone without eight supportive phone calls -- this is another step on your move toward living your best life and enjoying every moment and basking in the beauty of the universe while embracing the total sense of you and your potential and your life adventure and how you fit in the universe and your ongoing exploration into the mystical arts and spirituality. Oh, does this mean you got your license back after that DUI?

Thumbs Down: You need to do some more explaining and get into specifics. As in: Questionable life choice there, my friend, becoming an influencer with just 47 followers on Facebook, no Instagram and no clue about TikTok might not be the best career move. Plus, you are not good looking, not funny, have a body as puffy and pale as a marshmallow, live in a basement apartment with bare, cinderblock walls, and don't have any insights into anything but "what fast food burger pairs well with Malt Liquor." Hmm actually that might be your ticket to viral fame. Go for it.

Smiling Dude: There are dozens of variations of the Smiling Dude (but no Smiling Women, which is weird,

and might say something about how the basement-dwelling tech bros who made emojis see women in general... But that is something I absolutely don't want to comment about because I know quite a few women and they all have radiant smiles that light up a room, are a tangible vision of joy and acceptance, and make everyone who knows them happy to be alive).

Anyway, the Smiling Dude is not enough. If you are happy for someone, let them know: My heart (no heart emoji, spell it out) is feeling your power and strength and how it mixes with your intelligence, determination and skill in navigating the ever-changing tides of life with competence and compassion, you got this, you are living your best life every day, and congratulations on buying a new spatula.

The Happy Party Hat Dude: Oh, for God's sake, a party emoji? Lame. If you're celebrating, do it up right: I'm dancing naked around my living room to celebrate your most recent accomplishment before I eat a half-dozen cupcakes in your honor and break into a primal scream of joy while yelling your name to the universe to commemorate your valiant and earth-shattering decision to buy new

underwear.

Frowning Dude: Plenty of these depressing units on phones (but no Frowning Women, which is right and good and true, since women are the light of the world -- yes, I'm trying to score brownie points, and any male who does not understand why will be doomed to a life defined by the Frowning Dude). Cut to the chase here: You have made my life a veil of tears and sent me into a deep depression and a soul-searching venture leading me to reflect on our alleged friendship and my role in sustaining a viral friendship with someone who inconsiderately does not respond to text messages in less than 30 seconds. I need a soul refresh, I will meditate after sending this so make sure you take the full 28 seconds to respond and reassure me that you are still my friend.

I'm hoping you, dear reader, are catching on. Instead of responding with a quick and thoughtless emoji, dig into your inner child and offer the best version of yourself to the bozos who keep texting you.

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LOCAL BRIEFS

Baron is the MACC Daddy

David Baron has been chosen by the Town of Mammoth Lakes as the first Executive Director of the MACC (Mammoth Arts and Cultural Center).

The \$20 million MACC, which will feature a 250+ seat theater, is currently under construction at College Parkway.

Baron is the husband of Chris Bubser, current Mammoth Lakes Town Councilmember and former Mayor. He is a former Hulu executive and a former board member of the Los Angeles-based Sacred Fools Theater Company.

He will be playing King Lear in this summer's Sierra Classic Theatre production which opens on Wednesday, August 5.

His first day on the job at the MACC will be August 17.

Copeland Center

Access Mammoth, formerly Disabled Sports Eastern Sierra, will host its first major military event at the Jack and Kathy Copeland Center when Operation High Altitude (OHA) returns Aug. 2-7.

The six-day adaptive recreation camp will bring together more than 15 veterans, active-duty service members, and peer mentors, marking a significant milestone as Access Mammoth begins using the Copeland Center as a hub for year-round programming.

The Copeland Center is the result of nearly two decades of work by founder Kathy Copeland and the Access Mammoth team. Initially envisioned as a National Wounded Warrior Center, the project was reconfigured with the purchase of 100-year-old Fern Creek Lodge

and renamed in honor of Jack and Kathy Copeland.

The property has been restored to be entirely accessible and includes 10 individual cabins surrounding a central lodge.

Throughout the six-day camp, participants will stay at the Copeland Center while taking part in adaptive paddling at June Lake Beach, rock climbing at Horseshoe Slab, fishing at Crowley Lake, mountain biking at Mammoth Mountain, and small-group activities at the Copeland Center.

Through funding from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Adaptive Sports Grant, and community donations, Access Mammoth provides all adaptive equipment, instruction, lodging, wellness workshops, and activities at no cost to military participants.

The Copeland Center is beginning to welcome lodging inquiries. To learn more about availability, contact Brent Truax at btruax@accessmammoth.org or (760) 935-3759.

New pipes in Death Valley

The National Park Service announced Wednesday that Death Valley National Park will begin a three-year, \$69.5 million infrastructure project this fall to modernize two critical water systems and a wastewater system.

The project is funded through funds established by the Great American Outdoors Act, which was signed into law by President Donald Trump in 2020.

Many components of the existing utility systems date to the 1960s and have exceeded their intended service life. Extreme desert conditions, including water

temperatures that frequently exceed 100 degrees Fahrenheit and recurring flash floods, have accelerated deterioration of pipelines, valves and other infrastructure, increasing maintenance demands and the risk of service disruptions.

The project will rehabilitate the water systems at Cow Creek and Furnace Creek and their shared wastewater treatment facility.

Construction is slated to begin this fall

and will be phased to minimize disruptions to visitors and park operations. While short, localized water outages may occur, visitors and residents can expect continued access to safe drinking water and reliable sanitation throughout the project. Temporary impacts will include reduced parking in some areas for construction staging. Any service changes or closures will be announced on the park website at nps.gov/deva.

GET OUT!

No, stay!
By Fisher

An evacuation alert intended for areas affected by the Rock Fire and newly developing Cinder Complex was mistakenly sent to residents throughout Inyo County Friday evening.

The alert was intended for evacuation zones near Big Pine, including areas impacted by the Rock Fire and the Cinder Complex, a group of lightning-caused fires that started Friday near the perimeter of the Rock Fire. Instead, residents in Bishop, Round Valley and Paradise also received the notification.

The City of Bishop and Bishop Police Department posted at 8 p.m. that the alert "appears to have been intended for areas of Inyo County that are currently under evacuation orders but was inadvertently distributed to the Bishop area."

"There are NO evacuation orders or evacuation warnings in effect for the

City of Bishop," the city stated.

The Inyo County Sheriff's Office later confirmed the alert was sent accidentally, stating that "Inyo County accidentally sent out a county-wide evacuation order." Officials said some alerts were also distributed outside Inyo County due to a technical error.

The Sheriff's Office directed residents to check Ready Inyo County, the Genasys emergency map or Watch Duty for current evacuation information and apologized for the confusion caused by the erroneous alert.

As of Thursday, The Rock Fire had burned approximately 12,008 acres and was 62% contained, according to CAL FIRE. The Cinder Complex, a group of lightning-caused fires that started July 24 near Tinemaha Road and Taboose Creek, had burned 2,784 acres and was 39% contained.

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BATHS: 3
SQFT: 1572

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CONDO
BEDS: 3+Loft
BATHS: 2.75
SQ FT: 2111

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