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New Mural in Lee Vining

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Booming sage grouse are the theme of a Nick Carle mural at the Mono Lake Committee's Information Center and Bookstore in Lee Vining.

When the Committee commissioned Mammoth High grad Nick Carle to "do something" to spruce up the Committee's old sheds on the back side of the Lee Vining store, Nick decided to paint sage grouse. "They're funny," said the dreadlocked artist. "They're so weird compared to other birds, all puffed out like that." Nick was referring to the ritual puffing, strutting, and booming that male sage grouse engage in to attract females.

"I liked working on the mural. It's a pretty accurate nature scene, but it's also surreal, with abstract lighting. I liked that," said Nick.

Nick is locally known for his art, including the comic strip “Nick & Speedy,” which formerly ran in the Review-Herald, and for murals at Navy Beach at Mono Lake. He’s currently a freshman at Humboldt State University, where he’s majoring in... art!

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