



Behavioral Health

Behavioral Health Director will present discussion on strengthening community connections - Join

Robin Roberts, Director of Mono County Behavioral Health, for a discussion on creating stronger communities and understanding one another better.

These events will be held at:

MAMMOTH LAKES LIBRARY-TUESDAY, MAY 27TH @ 6:00 PM

&

BRIDGEPORT LIBRARY-THURSDAY, MAY 29TH @ 12:30 PM

Bring a Brown Bag Lunch on the 28th.

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Clerk Recorder's Office

Elections Division - This week the Elections Division put out two public announcements reminding people to vote in the upcoming election. Radio and TV media were asked to make this public announcement:

- Citizens of Mono County, the last day to register to vote in the June 3, 2014, election is Monday, May 19th. If you need to register, or are uncertain about your registration, contact the Mono County Registrar's office by calling 760-932-5537, or emailing elections@mono.ca.gov. Don't miss your opportunity to exercise your right to vote on June 3rd. Lynda Roberts, Mono County Registrar of Voters

And the following letter was sent to both Mammoth Times and The Sheet:

- Letter to the Editor

In November of 1863, President Abraham Lincoln delivered *The Gettysburg Address* in which he said that "government of the people, by the people, for the people, shall not perish from the earth". This coming June 3rd is Election Day, a day dedicated to every citizen to represent their opinion by voting. Without voting, citizens would not have the right, power, or liberty of choosing, or the ability to hold elected representatives accountable.



Voting is fundamental to preserving a strong democracy, and it is important to remember that outcomes depend on those who participate. It may please you to know that in the last General Election, November 6, 2012, out of the 58 counties in California, Mono County ranked 2nd in voter participation with a turnout of 87.30%, only .07% behind the number one county. This is something the voting public of Mono County can truly be proud of. But you can't vote unless you are registered. If you are uncertain about your registration or if you need to update your information, I encourage you to contact my office before May 19th, which is the last to register to vote in the June 3rd election.

Please call 760-932-5537 or email elections@mono.ca.gov. Lynda Roberts, Mono County Registrar of Voters

CONTACT: Lynda Roberts, (760) 932-5538

Community Development

Planning Commission – At a special meeting in Mammoth yesterday, Courtney Weiche and Nick Criss presented an amendment to Sierra Business Park Specific Plan's requirements. Garrett Higerd assisted after introducing Paul Roten, Mono's new engineer. The commission recommended that the BOS adopt Brent Calloway's update of the General Plan Housing Element. Stacey Simon introduced a resolution updating Planning Commission rules, and Brent led a workshop on development credits pertaining to agricultural lands around Bridgeport, Hammil Valley and Bodie Hills.

June Lake CAC – On Tuesday evening, the CAC concluded its update of the Regional Transportation Plan with Gerry Le Francois and Courtney Weiche. Peter Kosomoto of USFS discussed with the group the status and management response of the bark beetle infestation. Claude Fiddler of Public Works received direction for possible ball-field improvements. Supervisor Alpers provided an update on BOS matters, and Jim Leddy spoke on the outcome and status of the County's strategic planning efforts. Courtney concluded with a planning update.

CONTACT: CD Ritter, (760) 924-1804

County Administrator's Office

California State Association of Counties Highlights Mono County's award winning program - The following email was sent out to county supervisors, county administrators and other targeted county groups throughout California on Thursday May 8th by the California State Association of Counties. It showcases Mono County's own award winning mental health services.

Both the video and the blog on the CSAC Website at www.counties.org, as well as through various social media pages.

CSAC staff sends their personal thanks to thank Robin Roberts, Shirley Martin and the staff for doing such a great job of telling their story and spending time with me on this project.

As the final segment of our ongoing series spotlighting California Counties' best practices, today we take a look at ***"Mono County's Whole Person Wellness Approach."***

To watch a video of the program, [click here](#).
 To read a blog about the program, [click here](#).
 To review other videos in our Best Practices series, [click here](#).

CONTACT: David Liebler, (916) 327-7500

The Strategic Plan needs you! - The next Steering Committee meeting will be May 15th from 4:00pm to 6:30 pm in Lee Vining and will see the first draft of the report which came from May 1st.

The next steps are to:



- Share the process with all those employees that were unable to attend on May 1st;
- Gather their input;
- Refine the Plan and circulate with everyone;
- Bring to the Board on June 10th Board a workshop which presents the great ideas and

All of the data that employees provided has created a framework which will be that road map. Our employees work will not be a dust collector on the shelf but the needed strategies to

provide better services.

Thank you again to everyone who attended and the Steering committee is open to ALL employees. Also, we will have dinner for folks (not paid for by the County) available for those who attend!

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

Safety Newsletter highlights need for good ergonomics - Attached with the Board Update please find a newsletter with several safety meeting ideas for April. As always, please let Sarah know if there is anything I can do to assist your department in having monthly safety meetings. I am trying to finalize my annual safety meeting attendance, if I haven't been to a meeting in your department yet this evaluation period, please send me a note when your next is scheduled.

CONTACT: Sarah Messerlian, (760) 932-5405



County Budget Town Halls Underway! – All staff are invited to attend. These presentations were started last year and go through the entire county to provide budget information and an opportunity for questions and ideas from the community.

All meetings are from 6:00 pm to 8:30 pm and here is the calendar of the when and where:

Monday, May 12th
Antelope Valley Community Center
442 Mule Deer Road, Walker

Tuesday, May 13th
Bridgeport Memorial Hall
73 North School Street, Bridgeport

Monday, May 19th
Crowley Lake Community Center
58 Pearson Road, Crowley Lake

Tuesday, May 27th
Benton Community Center
58869 Highway 120, Benton

Tuesday, May 27th
North County Employees Budget Briefing
Memorial Hall
8:00am

Wednesday, May 28th
South County Employees Budget Briefing
Sierra Center
Board of Supervisors Chamber - 8:00am

If people are unable to attend those, we are also able to meet with people at their convenience to answer questions and receive feedback on ideas to help us with our Budget development.

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

Risk Management has been working all year long to prepare for the annual Trindel evaluation- As the date gets closer, our efforts are focusing in. We have finalized 2 program documents related to Heat Illness Prevention and Hazard Communication. Trainings will be held at the Lee Vining Community Center on May 20th and all applicable employees are invited to participate:

Tuesday, May 20, 2014
Lee Vining Community Center
10:00 am – 12:00 Noon

OR

Tuesday, May 20, 2014
Lee Vining Community Center
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

CONTACT: Bill Van Lente, (760) 932-5413

Risk Management continues safety training efforts - Last month Sarah attended the Loss Prevention Specialists meeting and got together with peers from the other member counties to discuss safety efforts and participate in training. Currently HR Director/Risk Manager Bill Van Lente is attending the Trindel Board meeting in Susanville.

Later this month, Mono County staff members from across the organization, will be attending both the Road Commissioners Meeting and Law Enforcement Meeting. This is a great opportunity for our folks to get together with their peers from other small rural counties and bring back better risk prevention and safety training information . We thank Trindel for hosting.

A big Thank You to our managers and supervisors for their participation in ongoing professional development this year- we have about 99% participation – a great achievement!

CONTACT: Bill Van Lente, (760) 932-5413

Marines share YouTube Video of Apache Helicopter Training at Mountain Warfare Training Center. Thanks to Community Planning and Liaison Officer, Douglas Power who forwarded the following link to

watch the exercise. If you have seen increased Apache Helicopter activity, it is ongoing training by The Mountain warfare center and the Marines who are proud part of our Mono County Community.

<http://m.youtube.com/watch?v=FJB2JCzRDig>



Any questions, please feel free to contact Douglas E. Power, Community Planning and Liaison Officer Marine Corps Mountain Warfare Training Center at (760) 932-1661.

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

May Employee Roundtable on May 8th! – Thank you to the 20 employees who turned out Thursday morning to participate in the May Employee Round Table in South county. The discussion was focused on Budget and Strategic Planning.

A great idea came from the attendees for the May 27-28 morning Budget briefings we are histing for staff: Have departments provide a brief overview of the portfolio of duites. This would help employees continue the process started on May 1st of getting to know their fellow employees and repositoilites across departments.

CONTACT: Jim ledly, (707) 529-4510

Economic Development

Tourism Open House – The Mono County Tourism & Film Commission and Economic Development staff warmly invite all local tourism partners, stakeholders, residents and county staff to the annual **Spring 2014 Tourism Open House on Thursday, June 15 from 10am - Noon** at the **June Lake Community Center**. This will be a fun, informative open house that will cover the year's Tourism marketing initiatives, presentations on Online Marketing/Social Media Tools, Digital 395, new summer programs and tours at Bodie, and a **Candidates Discussion Panel** with the Sheriff Candidates and Supervisorial Candidates from Districts 1 and 5. All are welcome to join! (See flyer attached).

- The regular **Mono County Tourism & Film Commission meeting** will take

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SPRING OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY - MAY 15 - 2014

The Mono County Tourism & Film Commission warmly invites you to our **FREE Spring Open House on Thursday, May 15, 2014 at the June Lake Community Center from 10am - Noon.**

All businesses and community members are welcome to attend this FREE and informative event. Presentations include:

- **Meet the Candidates Panel Discussion** – Supervisorial and Sheriff/Coroner Candidates will answer your questions about tourism-related issues.
- **Mono County Tourism & Film Commission** – Highlights, Successes & Challenges
- **Online Marketing /Social Media Tools** – Navigating the Options – Learn about the latest, greatest “Best Practices” and tips to help you focus on what works best.
- **Digital 395 Broadband Update** – Nate Greenberg, Information Technology Director, explains next steps.
- **Booking.com Presentation** – Meghan Scallen, Eastern Sierra Account Manager, shares info to get you started and tips to improve your listing!
- **What's Going on at Bodie This Summer?** – Terri Geissinger, Bodie Foundation, introduces intriguing new programs and tours!
- **Refreshments, net-working, and fun!**

RSVP: Elizabeth Erdelyi at eerdelyi@mono.ca.gov or 760-924-1738
Hope to see you there!

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place immediately after the Spring Open House, June Lake Community Center at 12:20pm. Agenda will be posted on Monday; all are welcome.

☐ Jeff Simpson attended the **Mono County Fisheries Commission** meeting on Wednesday, May 7 in June Lake.

☐ **Media Coverage:** Mono County received front page coverage on YAHOO.com’s Travel section! Thanks to our PR consultant, journalist Mimi Slawoff was hosted last summer by several businesses in June Lake and Lee Vining and wrote this great article which appeared on May 5 - <https://travel.yahoo.com/ideas/chill-6-california-mountain-resorts-184857531.html>

☐ **Social Media – Facebook Page Record Breaker:** Alicia Vennos snapped this photo of Tenaya Lake early on May 4 and the post on our tourism FB page generated a record-breaking 2,788 “Likes” and 371 “Shares” and reached an audience of 62,368 people! Our FB posts are regularly reaching well over 20,000 people per post. All Mono County staff members are encouraged to send photos of outdoor adventures with us, as our audience genuinely responds to images of the Eastern Sierra:



☐ **Print Advertising:** Horizon Airlines in-flight magazine, June edition –

Film Commission:

☐ Ford Explorer commercial filmed at Silver Lake, May 6/7, and Infiniti car commercial is scheduled to film at Gull Lake, May 11. Thanks to Stacie Klemm for assisting with road permitting questions.

☐ TV Globo is filming a news/documentary show about California, and will be shooting in Bodie and Yosemite on May 17. TV Globo is the largest TV Network in Brazil and Latin America with newscasts of approximately 40-million viewers, and international channels in 115 countries, including the US with about a half million viewers. TV Globo headquarters are located in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, with international news bureaus in New York, Washington, Jerusalem, London, Paris, Rome, Tokyo, Lisbon and Buenos Aires.



- Here's a sneak preview of the Film Commission's new "FilmMonoCounty.com" website homepage sample banner (it will be a rotating slideshow of seasonal images and attractions) – launching within the next few weeks:



Probation

The Mono County Racial and Ethnic Disparity Team applied for the Center for Juvenile Justice Reform: Reducing Racial and Ethnic Disparities in Juvenile Justice Certificate Program at Georgetown University, Washington D.C. The team was recently notified that the team, along with several others throughout the United States, had been selected from hundreds of applicants to participate in this prestigious program.

The RED Juvenile Justice Certificate Program is an intensive training design to support local jurisdictions in their efforts to reduce racial and ethnic disparities in their respective juvenile justice systems. The program is operated jointly by the Georgetown Center for Juvenile Justice Reform (CJJR) and the Center for Children's Law and Policy (CCLP).

The Team will have to complete research and prepare reports prior to attending and upon returning, participate in the Capstone Project for the following 12 month-period. One a team has completed their curriculum and Capstone project, they will become members of the Fellows Network which is comprised of CJJR alumni. The Fellows Network supports the development of current and future leaders working to improve treatment of youth in the juvenile justice system.

CONTACT: Karin Humiston, (760) 932-5570

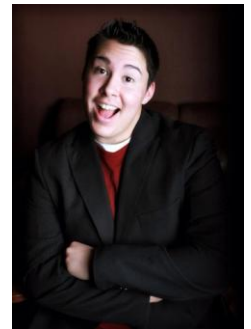
Probation Chief Humiston awards first scholarship in son's honor - The first Gordon T. Humiston Athletic Scholarship will be announced on May 15th at Bisbee High School. Gordie's best friend Caleb Moldrem, Arizona State University Student, will be making the announcement for family.

The family received so many excellent applications that it was difficult to choose. Chief Humiston knows Gordie would have really liked this process. He had a love of sports and would have respected the commitment each athlete discussed. He would've wanted to award each and every one of them assistance rather than just one though.

CONTACT: Karin, Humiston, (760) 932-5570

Public Health

EMS provides needed training to Tri-Valley -- Mono County EMS recently visited the Tri-Valley, bringing needed First Responder training to EMT's and Emergency Medical Responders from Chalfant and White Mountain (Benton)



Fire Departments. The EMS Department is making an effort to reach more volunteers throughout the county, whom often have a difficult time finding continuing education credits necessary for recertification.

EMTs and First Responders require 24 hours of such credits, and a skills evaluation every two years. EMS has been in the process since January of bringing department personnel up to requirements to be "CE Providers," thus enabling classes to be held at all four stations on a rotating basis.



EMS has also identified a training site with the American Heart Association, and will have a dozen qualified CPR/AED instructors by the end of June. The departments goal for the remainder of this year and next is to bring classes to every county employee, and to establish a county wide AED program.

The EMS Department looks forward to meeting all employees, and to bring this training that has been missing for so long!

CONTACT: Rob De Forrest, (760)

924-1832

Mono County Health Survey Results - Thank you to everyone who took time to complete the Mono County Health Survey. There were over 150 responses coming from individuals residing in all parts of the County and working in a variety of fields.

The following was evident from the survey results:

- Some community members have a difficult time obtaining dental care.
- Residents believe that overweight and obesity is a local concern and should be addressed.
- Some local infants are put in unsafe sleep environments, increasing the risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS).

To review the condensed version of survey responses addressing what can be done to improve these three areas, please go to www.monohealth.com/mcah.

The next step will be to meet with other organizations and agencies to determine which of these recommendations can realistically be implemented taking into account local capacity, funding, and resources. Thank you so much for your participation and interest!

CONTACT: Sandra Pearce, (760) 924-1818

Inyo and Mono County Tobacco Control Programs collaborated in a first Choo Choo Swap Meet adult cessation effort - After years of observing evidence of chronic disease and tobacco use among attendees, it was decided to try a quit tobacco booth at the Swap Meet. Nine quit smoking or chew packets were given



away and 13 quit smoking stories were collected for use in future educational media.

A most unusual case was a man who experienced “counter-conditioning” at Schick Shadel Hospital in Seattle. He stated: “The first week, electrodes placed put on the forearm and you get an electric shock with each drag. In the second week, you get to smoke, but have to inhale when they tell you. So it goes, ‘1-2-3 drag; 1-2-3 drag.’ You get sick and dizzy. After I quit, my son told people, “My Daddy isn’t going to die because he quit smoking.” When in the military, they put 4 Marlboros in our C-rations. I had many sick calls for chronic bronchitis, but that stopped when I quit smoking. It was the best thing I ever did.” While “counter-conditioning” is not a recommended by the Health Dept., calling the California Smokers’ Helpline is: 800-NO-BUTTS.

CONTACT: Nancy Mahannah, (760) 924-4621

Sheriff’s Office

Bear Activity throughout the community of Crowley Lake

Spring is making its way into the Eastern Sierra and the communities of Mono County. Springtime means local roads are opening, fishing season has begun, wildflowers are in bloom, and local wildlife are starting to come out of hibernation looking for food.

This is the mountains and bears do share our space. There have been a few reports in the community of Crowley Lake of a local bear snacking on bird feeders and bird seed. Where many of us try to help feed local wildlife, like the birds, please remember this also attracts other wildlife, such as bears. Due to the current drought conditions, it is anticipated that bears may be forced to seek out food other than their native diet. Please remember some simple tips to lessen the likelihood of a bear encounter: to avoid vehicle break-ins, do not leave food, wrappers, ice chests, lunch boxes, etc. in your vehicle; do not leave outdoor trash cans open, unattended and unsecured; use proper bear proof food storage containers; do not leave out any type of food including pet food and bird seed; make sure all BBQ’s and outdoor cooking areas are kept clean to prevent problems with bears; and, if you accidentally come “face to face” with a bear, slowly step back and make as much noise as possible to alert the bear of your presence. Please do not take matters into your own hands. These simple tips are for your safety and the safety of our local bears.

If these simple tips do not work, and your safety is still at risk, please do not hesitate to call the Mono County Sheriff’s Office at (760) 932-7549 ext. 7 for non-emergencies, or 911 for emergencies, or the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. Please be safe and cognizant of wildlife in all communities throughout Mono County!

CONTACT: Jennifer Hansen, (760) 932-5279

Sheriff’s Office Updates:

- 1) The inmate work crews were assisting with the remodel / expansion of the walker community center. They assisted with insulation install, drywall install along with some framing work for a

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concrete pour. Again inmate labor saves the county manpower hours (cost savings) and benefits the inmates themselves in many ways.

- 2) A large marijuana seizure was made in the town of Bridgeport. Two arrests were made.
- 3) An Inmate work crew assisted in the clean-up of the Strategic Planning Session in Lee Vining on May 1st.

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Social Services

May is National Foster Care Month - Foster Parents provide an essential service to children in need in Mono County. They give generously of themselves to provide nurturing, safety, guidance, hope and love to children in our communities. In an effort to recognize the work of foster families, social workers, and others who are improving the lives of young people in foster care across the county, the Department of Social Services has asked the Mono County Board of Supervisors to proclaim May as Foster Parent Appreciation Month in Mono County. We will also be honoring our two foster homes at the May 6, 2014 BOS meeting in Bridgeport. We encourage all citizens to help by participating in efforts to serve these children throughout the year.



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American Red Cross offers Emergency Shelter Exercise - The American Red Cross is planning on coming to Mammoth Lakes on June 6th and 7th to offer an emergency shelter exercise for the DSS staff, CERT team and other interested parties.

CONTACT: Cathy Young, (760) 924-1780

You may attend one of the two trainings that will be offered on
Friday, June 6th 1:00 pm – 5:00 pm or
Saturday, June 7th 9:00 am – 1:00 pm
Mono Co DSS Office
 452 Old Mammoth Road 3rd Floor Conference Room

Social Services Staff continues to help community access health while facing statewide backlogs - There is large backlog of Medi-Cal applications estimated at 900,000 people statewide, according to the latest figures provided by the Department of Health Care Services.

The ongoing glitches and unresolved technical defects in the new state health care computer system, known as CalHEERS, means people are still awaiting final confirmation of their Medi-Cal coverage. In some cases, people have had their applications in "pending" status for several months, some as far back

as December. Locally, Mono County Social Services recognizes the anxiety this causes our clients, and are in daily conversations with our State partners to resolve the issues.

Despite many challenges over the last several months, our county Social Services staff successfully enrolled hundreds of people into Medi-Cal, and our staff have taken great pride in being part of making the Affordable Care Act become a reality in California. However, we cannot expeditiously move through the backlog of applications and finalize people's benefits until the defects and performance issues in the new state system are resolved.

Our dedicated Social Services staff is doing everything *within their control* to process applications and verifications so those who are eligible can get their Medi-Cal health care benefits turned on as quickly as possible.

Remember:

- If someone is in need of **immediate care or emergency services**, individuals should make sure our county eligibility workers are aware of those situations so workers can take immediate steps to get the individual health care benefits. Remember that, once approved, Medi-Cal coverage will be started back to the date of application. Individuals also could be eligible for up to three months of retroactive coverage prior to their application date.
- Medi-Cal enrollment – unlike Covered California enrollment – is year round. If you or someone you know believes you might be eligible for Medi-Cal, please visit or contact your county social service office to start the Medi-Cal application process.
- Keep in mind Medi-Cal eligibility has changed and expanded under the Affordable Care Act and those who previously were not eligible may find themselves eligible today.

Ensuring children, families and individuals who are eligible for health and human services in our communities receive needed assistance continues to be our central tenet. Enrolling people into Medi-Cal, CalFresh and CalWORKs is what we specialize in 365 days a year, and that is still the case under the Affordable Care Act. We remain steadfast in our commitment to serve our clients to the best of our ability.

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