



## Animal Control

**Animal Control participation in “Gimme Shelter” event** helps puppy find a happy home. As part of the ongoing Carnival which is raising funds for community needs, Mono County Animal Control “Gimme Shelter” Carnival going on in Mammoth. The volunteers name is Emily and the dog is Tork, he found his home with the group pictured

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## Behavioral Health



### **Mono County Behavioral Health Hosts Mammoth Community Fair -**

Attached are some pictures of The Mammoth Community Fair @ The Village, hosted by Mono County Behavioral Health on July 6th 2014.



The Department thanks all the agencies who participated, without their presence this event would not be possible. Special thanks to all the musicians who volunteered their time, and to the people who sponsored Clubhouse Live this year, their contributions allows us to involve Mono County youth in community action's like this.

For information on how to participate in next year's event, please call Sal Montanez @ 760-924-1768 or

email @ [smontanez@mono.ca.gov](mailto:smontanez@mono.ca.gov).

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**Mono County Behavioral Health works to reduce recidivism** - Rich Bonneau and Debra Stewart will be conducting new groups in the Mono County Jail for inmates to begin the process of changing thinking and behaviors that lead to criminal behavior. Rich and Deb joined member of the Probation Department to attend trainings in Moral Reconation Therapy (MRT) which is a type of treatment used for those in the criminal justice system.

This work is yet another collaborative effort in Mono County to support positive change and help those who are most vulnerable create purpose that is beneficial to our communities.

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**Mindfulness Mediation Group provides stress reduction opportunity** - Looking for a change to learn Mindfulness? Need a little stress reduction to begin your day? Join Christina Caro at our Mammoth Wellness Center from 7:30-8:00AM, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday's for a Mindfulness Mediation Group. All are welcome; beginners especially. This is a free, drop in group open to all county employees and anyone else you might want to bring along. Call for more information.

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## **Child Support**

**Child Support Back to School Backpack Project 2014** - Children are our future. Eastern Sierra Department of Child Support Services strives to increase the well-being of children. The child support department does more than provide financial security for families, the agency also assists with obtaining health insurance orders, cost sharing for child care, medical expenses, and more. Child support increases family self-sufficiency, reduces child poverty, and has a positive effect on children's educational achievement.

July 2014 marks the second annual Back to School Backpack Project which targets cases managed by the agency with school-aged children "We know that child support payments positively impact a child's personal and educational success," said Director, Susanne Rizo. As a new school year approaches, families need money to purchase clothing, school supplies, and more. "One thing we see families struggle with is the cost of back to school items for their children. We want to help children obtain the school supplies needed for a successful education."

The agency serves over 1,300 children under the age of 18. While parents are encouraged to make child support payments every month, under this project, cases with payment received during the month of July will qualify to win a backpack filled with school supplies. In addition, the agency is offering two (2) super passes to the 2014 Tri County Fair (donated by the Eastern Sierra Tri County Fairgrounds) to one lucky winner. Be sure to get your child support payment in by the end of July to qualify to win.

Last year, Eastern Sierra Department of Child Support Services staff members made donations to purchase two backpacks full of school supplies for two of the families within their caseload. The hope is to expand the project this year, and the agency is seeking partners within the community to contribute towards this cause. "This year, our goal is to give away 20 backpacks with school supplies to children in our caseload," Rizo said. "We have seen tremendous support in the business community thus far and want to thank and acknowledge Wave Rave, Value Sports, Wilson's Eastside Sports, Vons, K-Mart, Rite Aid, J. Rousek Toy Company, and the Eastern Sierra Tri County Fair who have already pledged their support and made contributions to this project."

For more information, or to make a donation or child support payment please stop by our Bishop and Mammoth Lakes offices or, contact us at (760) 873-7988 or visit the Inyo or Mono Child Support websites at [www.inyocounty.us](http://www.inyocounty.us) or [www.monocounty.ca.gov](http://www.monocounty.ca.gov)

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## **Clerk/Recorder/Registrar's Office**

**MONO COUNTY NEWS:** The filing period for the November 4, 2014 General Election opened on July 14<sup>th</sup> and will go through August 8<sup>th</sup>. There will be seats open on the following local districts:

### **School Districts**

Bishop Unified School District  
Eastern Sierra Unified School District  
Kern Community College District  
Mammoth Unified School District  
Mono County Board of Education  
Round Valley Joint Elementary School District

### **Hospital District**

Southern Mono Healthcare District

### **Soil Conservation District**

Inyo-Mono Resource Conservation Board

### **Mono County Special Districts**

Antelope Valley Fire Protection District  
Antelope Valley Water District  
Birchim Community Services District  
Bridgeport Fire Protection District  
Chalfant Valley Fire Department  
Hilton Creek Community Services District  
June Lake Fire Protection District  
June Lake Public Utilities District  
Lee Vining Fire Protection District  
Lee Vining Public Utilities District  
Long Valley Fire Protection District  
Mammoth Community Water District  
Mammoth Lakes Community Services District  
Mammoth Lakes Fire Protection District  
Mammoth Lakes Mosquito Abatement District  
Mono City Fire Protection District  
Paradise Fire Protection District  
Tri-Valley Groundwater Management District  
Wheeler Crest Fire Protection District  
Wheeler Crest Community Services District

White Mountain Fire Protection District

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**STATE OF CALIFORNIA ELECTION NEWS** - On July 6, 2014, a recount request was filed with the Secretary of State for the State Controller contest. The request asked that a sequential recount take place in Kern, Imperial, San Bernardino, Fresno, San Mateo, Orange, Ventura, Los Angeles, Riverside, Stanislaus, Tulare, Napa, Kings, Lake, and Merced counties. Mono County dodged the bullet this time!

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## **County Administrator's Office**

**Mono County Tops State at California State Fair -** Mono County only one of two counties to win 3 awards at California State Fair County Exhibit Competition.

On Friday July 11, 2014, Mono County's exhibit at the California State Fair competition was honored with three Awards; the Gold Award, as well as the award for Best Use of Products, Produce or Artifacts, and Best Visitor Experience. The County's exhibit this year showcases the west's largest unrestored ghost town, Bodie State Historic Park, which is one of the County's most visited destinations.



Mono County Board of Supervisor Chairman Larry K. Johnston commented, "This year's exhibit is truly outstanding and our County's number of Awards reflects that effort! Bringing home three awards is quite an accomplishment. Mono County's Economic Development and Tourism Department along with exhibit designer John Queirolo and Dianne Oneto did an outstanding job in bringing Bodie and historic Mono County to life. Over 800,000 people will see Mono County's display and our local economy will feel the results as visitors come to Mono County."

Mono County Economic Development staff worked closely with John Queirolo from Fashion Stables to establish the design direction for the exhibit which included a scenic backdrop of Convict Lake as well as a replication of a Bodie Saloon, complete with swinging doors, honky tonk music, roulette table, and numerous artifacts and antiques. The Blue Canyon Gang served as re-enactors bringing to life Bodie's golden era. Bodie once was the largest city in the Eastern Sierra and was the heart of Mono County. It is now one of the most visited state parks receiving hundreds of thousands of visitors from across the globe annually.

Mono County has received awards at the State Fair every year it has participated since 2008. This is the third time the County has taken the award for Best Use of Products, Produce or Artifacts – the first time was in 2010. Thirty-three counties are participating this year in the County Exhibit Competition at the California State Fair, which runs July 11-27 in Sacramento.

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**Reminder about smoking** - To all Mono County Employees, a friendly reminder to all employees and their supervisors that **Mono County Code 7.92** and CA Government Code **SECTION 7596-7598** prohibit smoking within all county buildings and **within 20 feet of windows, doors and ventilation systems and in government-owned vehicles.**

Please support the health of yourselves and of fellow employees by complying with the policy.

Also, there are “Quit smoking” resources are available through the Public Health Department or by calling 800-NO-BUTTS, the CA Public Health Department Smokers’ Helpline.

Thank you for your consideration and adherence to state and local policy!

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

**The Strategic Plan moving forward!** – Next Meeting for the Steering Committee is July 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm at Lee Vining Community Center. We will be reviewing the Draft Plan.

Next meeting of Steering Committee and schedule is as follows:

- **July 24<sup>th</sup>**
- **August 7<sup>th</sup>**
- **August 21<sup>st</sup>**
- **September 4<sup>th</sup>**

Thank you again for your participation.

**Ambassador and Leadership Training on July 29<sup>th</sup>** - The ambassador training for our Strategic Planning effort has been scheduled for Tuesday July 29<sup>th</sup>. We currently have 12 employees signed up but wanted to maximize the time and open up the training for your staffs. It will be in Lee Vining at the Community Center, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM with a lunch break.

This training can also benefit anyone seeking to improve their skills in meeting facilitation as well as information gathering for adopted strategy.

We have **13 additional spots** available that day. **Galen Ellis** and **Beth Conley** of the Kiely Group are bringing in classes and lunch will be provided. This is great leadership work for our organization and will also support the ongoing Strategic Planning effort.

Here is a description of the curriculum for that day.

10am – 12 Noon  
**Basic Facilitation Skills**



*We all likely spend a large part of our days in a variety of meetings. We would also admit that some are good and some bad. Given the amount of time we spend meeting, it would be optimal for this time to always add value to the work we are doing. Good facilitation is key to making that so. This workshop will deal with basic skills necessary for facilitating group processes. The session will combine learning and practicing ways to make meetings add up to something. It will cover and resources will be provided for:*

- *Aligning Activities/Approaches with Outcomes*
- *Preparing the Agenda*
- *Arranging Logistic Considerations*
- *Applying Good Meeting Management Skills*

*1pm – 3pm*

#### ***Ambassadors Preparation and Practice***

*As ambassadors, you will facilitate the flow of information regarding the Mono County Strategy to/from the staff and Strategy Planning Group. The first meetings are planned to update staff on the progress of the County Strategy. This afternoon session will focus on preparing the agenda and processes to present the draft plan and receive staff feedback. We will take the learning from the morning session and apply it to the specific meeting planning and practice the techniques.*

If you are interested, contact your Department head and have them let me know!

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**National Park Stewardship Plan review meeting on July 24<sup>th</sup>** - The staff at Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Parks has asked that I share this with my east side mailing list. They are scheduling a meeting in Bishop. The meeting will highlight the Wilderness Stewardship Plan / Draft Environmental Impact Statement (WSP/DEIS) for Sequoia and Kings Canyon National Park. Please see the attachment for further information. The meeting in Bishop will be:

July 24, 2014 from 6-9 p.m.  
Eastern Sierra Tri-county Fairgrounds  
Tallman Pavilion  
Bishop, CA 93514

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## **Probation**

**Mono County Probation Staff enhances fine collection** - For end of year, they collected twice and even three times as much as we projected in fines and fees. All told they came in at \$31,000. The first year I was here, they had collected something in the \$7000 range. With the addition of the devices we are looking at, that number will increase more.

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## **Public Health**

**Healthy Stores for a Healthy Community Survey** - A big thanks to those who participated in the Healthy Stores for a Healthy Community Survey! [From the unincorporated area, 104 responses and from Mammoth Lakes, 118.] The following is a summary of the results.

**Grocery Purchases** - Three-fourths of the respondents from Mammoth Lakes (75%) stated that they purchased 76% to 100% of their groceries within their own community; only 3% of the respondents from the unincorporated areas purchased 76% to 100% of their groceries in their own communities. 55% of unincorporated respondents purchase their groceries in Mammoth. Main reasons to purchase outside of the community being better prices and greater selection. More than 50% of the respondents from both areas would buy groceries in their own community if there was a better selection of meats, fruits, vegetables and healthy ready-made food items.

**Milk and Bread Purchases** – 61% unincorporated and 68% Mammoth Lakes respondents purchase 2% fat dairy milk or less. (Whole milk is only recommended for children under 2 yrs.) 18% of both groups do not use dairy milk. Over 3/4 of the respondents purchase whole grain or wheat bread which is a healthier choice than white bread.

**Beverages** - The participants drink water (99%); milk (70%); and 100% juice (56%) on a regular basis. 38% unincorporated and 44% Mammoth Lakes respondents reported drinking alcohol only a few days/month or never. Overall, respondents were making healthy choices in most product groups.

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## **Social Services**

### **Wild Iris Event to raise funds for those in need of County**

**services** - Thank you to everyone for your support of Wild Iris and our efforts to raise enough money to establish a long term shelter for victims of domestic violence and their children. The "Gimme Shelter" Carnival has been a huge success so far, and while it is taking a few days off (Monday & Tuesday) so that everyone can recharge, it will be back in full swing on Wednesday July 16<sup>th</sup>.



I wanted to remind everyone that there is an amazing raffle prize that is available (see below), and encourage everyone to please buy a ticket! 100% of the raffle proceeds will go directly to Wild Iris for the shelter project. If you can't make it to the carnival to purchase a ticket, please let me know and I will personally deliver a ticket to you!! The raffle is one awesome prize, and even if you don't ski or board, it would make an amazing holiday gift (yes, the holidays are just around the corner!) for a friend or family member. Tickets are \$20 each, or 5 for \$80. The drawing is July 20th, and the winner need not be present to win. Remember too, that your donation is tax deductible, as we are a 501 (c) 3 non-profit.

This is such an important cause, please help us reach our goal of \$60,000!

Raffle Prize (all items below are included in the prize):

- Signature Steepwater snowboard from Rave Wave
- Custom pair of skis from Community Skis

- Season pass to Mammoth Mountain
- 2 night stay & spa treatment @ Sierra Nevada Lodge & Resort

Thanks again for all of your support!

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## **Sheriff's Office**

1. The Fed's took possession of their video equipment and we will no longer be doing ICE interviews via video as we have been able to in the past. On a side note, this equipment was also being used for video arraignments by the Court, and we were planning on using this equipment to also due video telemedicine in the future. Our office will be working with the courts and IT on how to replace this equipment to continue the arraignments and our future needs.
2. There was a minor mudslide on Lundy Canyon Road Thursday cutting off access to the Lundy Resort. At the same time we had a medical response for a heart condition on the inaccessible side of Lundy Road (at the resort). With the assistance of Mono County Public Works and their quick response, the road was quickly re-opened.
3. There was a lightning strike fire in the Swauger Canyon on Thursday. Our office along with multiple fire agencies and federal agencies are continuing to work this situation. (See attached photo). As of Friday morning the fire is mostly contained. Fire agencies are utilizing the ball field in Bridgeport. CAO's office authorized an agreement to allow access and use. Agreement put in place similar to last year's fire mobilization.
4. After discussion with the Mono County Presiding Judge and others, we have decided to move forward with permanently filling the bailiff position when Deputy Gordon retires at the end of August.



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