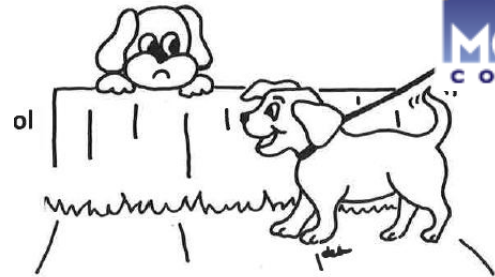




Animal Control

Animal Control reminds folks- walked dog is a happier one -

Have you walked your dog today? Every dog should have a fenced yard as a safe and handy place to play, relax in, and to defend. Fenced yards may relieve owners of the necessity of walking their pets 3 or 4 times a day. Unfortunately, a lot of dog owners sentence their pets to “life” inside the chain links. They never take the dog for a walk, and deprive themselves of many of the pleasures of pet ownership. Every dog deserves one walk a day (or at *least* one a week) and every owner will benefit from providing it. Here’s why:



1. **Time together**, especially active time together, provides an opportunity for dog and owner to interact and establish mutual communication and a strong bond of affection. Dogs on a walk also get to socialize with other dogs. This is especially beneficial for puppies who learn the rules of canine social interaction from meeting older dogs.
2. **Most dogs won’t run around a fenced yard** enough to get the exercise they need. Your dog may run up and down the fence line barking at a passing stranger two or three times a day but unless your yard is the size of a football field, that isn’t much exercise. If you and your dog walk a mile or more a day, you’ll both benefit by building strength and endurance, burning off calories, breathes fresh air, and discovering what’s new in the neighborhood.
3. **Yard bound dogs get bored.** Walk pas a fence yard and watch the resident dog race along the fence line, press its face through the links, bark, pant, whimper, and practically turn somersaults to get your attention. Imagine being able to see a park, alley, or vacant lot from your yard but never getting the chance to explore it. No wonder dogs get frustrated. They deserve some variety in lives, which regular walks can give.

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Community Development

Local Transportation Commission (LTC) Update - In a discussion led by analyst Wendy Sugimura, the Local Transportation Commission (Mono representatives include Supervisors Tim Fesko, Larry Johnston & Fred Stump) neared completion of its strategic planning process Oct. 17 by identifying transportation policies and priorities, including Convict Road and Airport Road.

These priorities will be considered along with projects such as the Olancha-Cartago US 395 improvements and a package of County rehabilitation projects as the Commission adopts the Regional Transportation Improvement Plan (RTIP) in December. Associate Engineer Garrett Higerd reported on securing federal grant funding for Convict Road, and Principal Planner Gerry Le Francois outlined proposed changes to Memorandums of Understanding (MOUs) with Inyo, Kern and San Bernardino counties for improvements to the Highway 395 Corridor.

CONTACT: CD Ritter, (760) 924-1800

Collaborative Planning Team (CPT) Update - Directors of federal, state and local agencies convened Oct. 31 at a well-attended public meeting chaired by Supervisor Byng Hunt. A timely presentation by

California Fish & Wildlife on Yosemite toad and yellow-legged frog was considered as Mono County prepares comments on the proposed endangered species listing of the amphibians by the US Fish and Wildlife Service. Also discussed was the recently announced proposed listing of sage grouse as a threatened species, which could affect most of the Mono County region. Multiple agencies expressed concern about the additional regulations and the need for more time to submit comments. Please see attached map of proposed critical habitat compiled by analyst Brent Calloway.

Agencies also had a thoughtful discussion of impacts of the 16-day federal government shutdown and how they could respond better to any future shutdown. They commended the public for their understanding and cooperation with unpopular closures.

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County Administrator's Office

Chalfant Valley Fire District Meeting – Supervisor Fred Stump, Nate Greenberg, and I attended the Chalfant Fire District meeting. AT&T was presenting their proposal for a cell phone tower which might possibly be placed on the Fire District's property (which is leased from LA Dept. of Water and Power). The District Board refused the initial proposal and asked AT&T to look at different locations on their site. AT&T asked to work with county on potential viability of other locations.

Supervisor Stump, Scott Burns, Stacey Simon, Nate Greenberg and I discussed ways to provide additional information on alternative locations to AT&T.

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

Probation Department visit – Met with the staff from the Probation Department and heard about number of issues happening in the community. Huge thank you to Chief Humiston for the invite and for the staff taking time to share with me ongoing issues. There is a great cohesion among the team and they are energized to face the changing face of the probationers' population due to Realignment (AB 109).

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

Mono County Community Corrections Partnership (MCCCP) – On October 30th, I attended the MCCCP. This group is a committee created from the AB 109 legislation (Realignment) and represents all of the elements of local public safety and social and health services focused on addressing the changing population of inmates and community placed probationers.

The CCP has representatives from the following agencies: Mono County Probation, District Attorney's office, Sheriff's Department, the Courts, Mammoth Lakes Police, Social Services, Health Services and Behavioral Health. In addition, Wild Iris has a representative on the committee. On November 12th, the CCP will be presenting information the Board on challenges and opportunities that exist due to this new responsibility.

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

Lunch at the Landfill – Thanks to Tony Dublino and the crew at Benton Crossing Landfill, we shared a Halloween lunch at the landfill. Thank you to Tom, Tim and Steve. It was appreciated to have a chance to discuss ongoing operations at the landfill. It was a tremendous opportunity to hear about ongoing operations and enjoy the sun that only BCLF provides!



CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

Rim Fire Discussion being hosted by Southern Sierra Prescribed Fire Council – This information was forwarded from the Sierra Forest Legacy, a group the County communicated with regarding the potential impacts of the Boulder Creek Prescribed Burn.

The Southern Sierra Prescribed Fire Council is hosting a meeting for November 5th and 6th in Clovis, CA focused on coordination and training, outreach, lessons learned from the Rim Fire, and updates from agencies on current collaborative fire management projects.

Two panels to discuss Tribal Coordination and Training and Air Quality Management and Monitoring. The second day is a half-day field tour to visit multiple-entry prescribed fire only sites in Grant Grove in Sequoia and Kings Canyon.

Full agenda details are here:

<https://docs.google.com/viewer?a=v&pid=sites&srcid=ZGVmYXVsdGRvbWFpbXZb3NpZXJyYXBmY3xneDoyMTZmMTY4Nzg5YzYzM1Mzcx>

For a current agenda and registration, [click here](#) or for more information, visit the website www.sosierapfc.org.

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

Mono County Workers Compensation Frequency Rates one of the lowest in Trindel Rating – Each quarter Trindel, Mono County's, an insurance cooperative of which Mono is a member, compiles the claims data and calculate the Worker's Compensation claims filed Frequency Rate for each of the member counties and Trindel as a whole.

The calculation is simple: Number employees ÷ number of claims filed = FR (Frequency Rate). Example: Sample County has 300 employees and last quarter they had 35 claims filed. $35 \div 300 = 0.12$ claims per employee. The lower the number the lower costs because your workplaces are safer.

In Quarter 1 of FY 13-14 Mono County finished second lowest. This is great news.

2013/14 Fiscal Year Q1* Frequency	
	Frequency Rate
Alpine	0.000
Colusa	0.017
Del Norte	0.012
Lassen	0.027
Modoc	0.018
Mono	0.006
Plumas	0.036
San Benito	0.014
Sierra	0.059
Trinity	0.019
*July 1 through Sept. 30, 2013	

So moving forward, what is the goal of Loss Prevention?? **A Frequency Rate of 0.00.** Coming in the future will be a quarterly Frequency Rate by cause and county to answer the “How come?” question, leading to the “What if?” question. This low rate reflects the hard work of Risk Management as well as Departments and employees to work safe.

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

The Mammoth Lakes Police-Community Hispanic Advisory Committee next meeting on November 15th

– The MLPDCHAC has finalized plans for the next Town Hall meeting scheduled for Friday, November 15th at 4:30 p.m. The Town Hall meeting will be held in the Emerald Room at the Grand Sierra Lodge, 1111 Forest Trail.

Presentations will be on the following topics:

- Assembly Bill 60, signed by Governor Brown, which will allow for drivers licenses for undocumented residents.
- Assembly Bill 4, signed by Governor Brown, which impacts notifications to Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) for arrested persons
- MLPD on-line crime reporting system
- The Affordable Care Act
- Domestic Violence Prevention
- There will also be an Open Forum where questions can be asked of representatives of the Mammoth Lakes Police Department and the Mono County Sheriff’s Department.

Interpreters will be present and it will be possible for attendees to ask questions anonymously by way of using index cards. Food will be provided and there will be supervised child care.

The Hispanic Advisory Committee was created in late 2010 in an effort to build trust and improve communications between the Police Department and the Hispanic community of Mammoth Lakes.

CONTACT: Mammoth Lakes Police Chief Dan Watson, (760) 934-3261

County receives ghoulish visitors – Annex I and II as well as the Sheriff’s Office we the recipients of the student body of Bridgeport Elementary students who dressed up in celebration. Bridgeport students annually visit the County to Trick or Treat received a proper western welcome. Thank you to Stacey Klemm, Sarah Messerlian for the great pictures!

Bridgeport Students strut their stuff and are greeted by the County staff of many departments!

Thank you to

Megg Hawkins

for helping ensure the students received a proper welcome!



Jedi Master Marshall “Obi Wan” Rudolph explains how we handle red tape in Mono County



County Counsel

County Counsel staff spans the Season! – Shout out to Jenny Senior who managed to cross over both Halloween and Thanksgiving in one outfit.

CONTACT: Marshall Rudolph, (760) 932-1707

Economic Development

Tioga Pass will be opening today at noon!

CONTACT: Jeff Simpson, (760) 924-4634

Bodie was on the front page of www.msn.com as one of the top spooky ghost towns around the world!

Paul Gonzales caught this 20 pound 8 ounce German Brown out of Rush Creek last week! The picture was sent out by our Public Relations firm, East River PR, and was broadcasted through NorCal Fishing News, www.hookup1090.com, and Western Outdoor News.

Land Rover is planning to shoot a commercial near Sonora Pass junction next week. The picture below was sent to us as a mock up of the scene and landscape they wanted to achieve.

Alicia Vennos and Dan Lyster will be representing Mono County Tourism and Film Commission at the California On Location Awards (COLA) in Hollywood this weekend. (it's the Academy Awards for the location industry!!) Kent Matsuoka is a finalists for "Location Manager of the Year" for the Mountain Dew Commercial filmed in June Lake last winter. The Mountain Dew commercial can be seen here: <http://wdrv.it/1gJyBlk> Recently retired BLM employee Donna McMullen is also a finalist for "Public Employee of the Year."

CONTACT: Jeff Simpson, (760) 924-4634

In collaboration with Community Development, we recently met with Christine Lee from Industrial Economics Incorporated. Christine is the person conducting the Economic Impact Analysis for the three sierra amphibians. We were able to talk with Christine to better understand the parameters and scope of the study and how our data can best be used during the public comment period. Industrial Economics Incorporated has also been contracted to do the Economic Impact Study for the proposed Mono Basin Sage Grouse designation. We will be working with the company to provide data and analysis as soon as a staff person has been assigned.

CONTACT: Jeff Simpson, (760) 924-4634

Information Technology

D395 Update - As of October 30th all roads implicate in M122 are back open to the general public. All cable has been placed and splicing should be done by November 1st with final grading early next week.

Progress in June Lake is slow due to granite boring, but they are still aiming for mid-November. Construction out to the Marine Base is going well and should be about the same time frame.



For the Benton segment, CBC dropped off a letter to Eastern Sierra Land Trust today so they can start working with California Resource Agency on the grant of access through the easement on the Bramlette property. Work is starting on the rest of the M129 segment next Monday. They will likely build up to the property line and stop until the process is finalized.

Suddenlink in Bishop has turned up service based on their D395 circuit and is now offering 15 and 30mbps plans to customers. D395 anchors in Mono are starting to be turned up this week also, beginning with the court, then schools, then Mono County.

CONTACT: Nate Greenberg, (760) 924-1819

Chalfant Cell Service - Supervisor Stump, Jim Leddy, and I attended the Chalfant CSD meeting on October 29th at which AT&T made a presentation on their proposed cell site at the Chalfant Valley FD. The proposed location (in the southwest corner of the property) was denied by the board based on space constraints at the meeting. However, the board did indicate that they would be willing to consider other locations on the property. Staff is currently reviewing other locations on the property and other nearby sites for feasibility and will be following up with AT&T next week.

CONTACT: Nate Greenberg, (760) 924-1819

Probation

Employee Recognition program started at Probation - In two categories – internal and external, the Chief may honor a person who best supports the Probation Department’s mission and vision statement and assists in the accomplishment or has performed in a meritorious fashion. For the internal recognition any probation staff member may nominate a person, county staff or not, who works with us to achieve our goals. All staff must vote on these recommendations. Those presented with this honor are given a Challenge Coin with the Mono Probation emblem and lady justice on the back with Confluence, Collaboration and Communication.

Ongoing Strategic Planning at Probation continues - On November 13th, all probation staff will be attending a Future Search at the Lee Vining Center to identify mutual goals, objectives and steps that support our values, vision and mission. The outcome will be shared with the Board of Supervisors.

Community Corrections Partnership (CCP) submits application for \$80,000 grant to combat Domestic Violence – The grant application for a three year \$80,000/year was submitted by CCP and they would be the oversight group as the grant would support multiple agencies efforts to address the issue.

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

Public Health

Mono County receives award for being Second fastest in state for Vital Records Registration - Starting in 2009, the Health Department began sharing the responsibility of registering vital records events in Mono County with the Clerk Recorder’s Office. Health Department staff registers all births and deaths which occur within the county. Certificates are given a sequential local number, and are sent to the

State Office of Vital Records for state registration. Permits for Disposition of Human Remains are also issued by the Health Department, numbered and tracked.

By State law, births should be registered within 10 days of birth. This timeline serves parents who may request a certified copy of the certificate as soon as possible, and facilitates compilation of statistics by Mono County Health Department and the California Department of Public Health. Occasionally, there are circumstances which make it difficult to meet the 10 day requirement. Among them are cases when an infant must be transported to an out of area provider, and when an out of hospital birth occurs (intentionally or not). Even with challenging cases, Mammoth Hospital staff goes the extra mile to get the certificate printed, signed and delivered to the Health Department as soon as possible.

The State keeps records of the timeliness of birth registration in each county. **In 2008, Mono County placed next to last among all California counties.** Determined to improve our record and processes, Lynda Salcido and Health Department staff met with Mammoth Hospital staff in 2009 to learn more about each others' roles and to provide timely service. Hospital staff has been extremely cooperative since that time, and has made marked improvement each year. We just received a report and a certificate for 2012. **Mono County came in second in the State for timeliness! Thank you Mammoth Hospital!**

Coroner Phil West, who handles all death events (including amendments) and disposition permits in Mono County, is also required to work within strict timelines. He assures that the Health Department receives death certificates and DHR permits as soon as possible. He and the Health Department staff make it first priority to process documents as soon as they are received, knowing that families of decedents need certified copies very soon after the event.

The certificates which Mammoth Hospital, the Sheriff's Department, and Brune Mortuary create are extremely detailed, and require nothing less than perfection. The Health Department is grateful to all three entities that are so conscientious about their vital records responsibilities, and make Mono County look good!

CONTACT: Lynda Salcido, (760) 924-1842

FOOD DAY 2013 - The Mono County Nutrition & Physical Activity Taskforce wants to thank all participants of Food Day 2013, a community event celebrating healthy lifestyles and the national movement for nutritious, affordable, and sustainable food. Approximately 100 people attended the event held on Thursday, October 24th in Mammoth Lakes.

The evening began with appetizers and spa water prepared by Trish Qualls and the Culinary Arts Students of Mammoth High School. Next, John Simeon and the Health Science Academy students brought children ages 4 years to 4th grade to their classroom for a vegetable taste test and some fun games related to healthy eating. Meanwhile, adults and students listened to presentations on fun, easy exercises for the whole family by Kathy Dolan; energy balance by Todd Hensley; and what food is by Mary Pipersky.

The event concluded with tasting delicious foods prepared by Lynne's Garden of Eat'n, Mammoth Mountain, Toomey's, and Z-Pizza in addition to a raffle of gift certificates for local restaurants in Mammoth Lakes.

We acknowledge the hard work, generosity and creative support that went into making Food Day 2013 a great success. Key contributors included Mammoth High School (Trish Qualls and her Culinary Arts Students; John Simeon and the Health Science Academy Students; and Chris Powell for collaboration, facility use, and staff support). In addition to the 4 restaurants who provided food tastings as mentioned above, we also want to acknowledge the gracious donations from Sierra Nevada Lodge, Petra's Bistro, Vons, Bleu Handcrafted Foods, Gomez's Restaurant, The Mogul, Z-Ranch, Nik-n-Willie's, Stellar Brew and Rocky Mountain Chocolate Factory. All of the time and energy put forth to make this event so successful was greatly appreciated, and we look forward to working together again for Food Day 2014!

CONTACT: Sandra Pearce, (760) 924-1818



The Dead have risen and are getting service from Public Health – Never to be outdone with Halloween Spirit, Greg Newbry of IT sought care for his headache from Public Health. Public Health Director Lynda Salcido is re-assessing her choice in men.



CONTACT: Hillary Bayliss, (760) 924-1835

Public Works

Auction of surplus county items yields over \$29,000 is income for departments – Each year as the county works through the useful life of various items, those deemed surplus are placed up for auction in order to maximize return to the County. This year's auction conducted on October 19th yielded \$29,266 which goes back to various departments or the General Fund. The breakdown for each department is as follows:

Road Department	\$ 1,339.50
Motor Pool	\$ 6,602.50
Sheriff's office	\$ 9,880.00
Facilities/ General fund	\$ 1,781.25
CSA # 2	\$ 9,623.50
Total	\$29,266.75

CONTACT: Jeff Walters, (760) 932-5440

Social Services

Mono County Department of Social Services Foster Home Outreach - FY 2013-14 Update – Below is an update from Social Services on the efforts to increase our County's supply of Foster Parents.

- Goal:** Provide **nurturing and stable environments for children in need of emergency**, short-term, and long-term, local foster homes;
- Objective:** Increase the number of licensed foster homes in Mono County by 200%.
- Strategies:** a) Provide information to the community, using a variety of methods, regarding the need for Foster Homes in Mono County and how they can become a Foster Parent, b) Increase the attendance to the Foster Home Orientation Meetings, c) Assist families through the licensing process, and support them in becoming successful foster families
- Outreach Activities:

1. Fresno Foster Home Licensing provides Orientation Meetings once every six months. Location of these meetings is moved around the County to provide access for all county residents throughout the year. *Next meeting in Mono County is in April 2013. Discussing with Fresno office to see if Mono County residents can attend an Orientation meeting in Inyo County and get credit for the Orientation requirement to more quickly start the process instead of waiting 6 months.*

Advertising for these meetings are done through:

- Radio – Informational Interviews with Stacey Powell on KMMT Radio *Completed for 10/1 meeting, will continue for future mtgs.*
 - Email - to all county and town contacts, churches, schools, tribes and local agencies. *Completed for 10/1 meeting, will continue for future mtgs.*
 - Flyers posted in high traffic areas in the town where the meeting will be held. *Completed for 10/1 meeting, will continue for future mtgs.*
 - Meeting information posted on County website and calendar. *Completed for 10/1 meeting, will continue for future mtgs.*
 - Local Newspaper Community Calendars. *Completed for 10/1 meeting, will continue for future mtgs.*
 - Before Orientation meeting in April – Public Service Announcements with KMMT & KRHV – Paid for by Child Abuse & Prevention funds
2. October 1, 2013 Orientation Meeting: Completed. Five Mammoth Lakes and one Bridgeport resident attended. Ongoing communication between DSS and attendees on assisting them with the application requirements and process.
 3. Coordination with the CAPC (Child Abuse and Prevention Council) Coordinator on outreach activities: (in progress)
 - Flyer going home in students homework folders for the upcoming Foster Care Orientation. *Completed for 10/1 meeting, will continue for future mtgs.*
 - Public Service Announcements for the April meeting.
 - *DSS and CAPC Coordinator in process of creating a Foster Parent Recruitment Brochure.*

4. Collaboration with Wild Iris: (in progress)
 - DSS providing Wild Iris staff training on foster care in Mono County and licensing requirements. *Completed 9/26/13*
 - Wild Iris staff will be going to community meetings such as Rotary Club, Lions Club etc, giving presentations on the need for Foster Homes and how to become licensed. *Asked Wild Iris to provide information on these mtgs.*
5. New Applications:
 - a. North county applicant – pending approval

CONTACT: Kathy Peterson, (760) 924-1763

Sheriff's Office

1. We had a female inmate sentenced to 8 years county time, so she will do ½ of that with a release date of Oct 2017. So far she is the longest sentenced inmate we have since realignment kicked in back in 2011. As of this week we have 10 AB109 inmates which is approximately 30% of our population, with several more in the judicial pipeline.
2. PSO's Alex Flores and Emmet Lerg graduated from their 5 week Jail Core Academy this week, which was taught by the Fresno Sheriff's Office. They will resume their training program with their Training Officers and will soon be working on their own.
3. We had a major medical issue in the jail this week: due to the diligence from the staff the medical issue was discovered and immediate medical attention was provided by staff and paramedics.

CONTACT: Sheriff Ralph "OB" Obenberger, 760- 932-7549

REMINDER! -- New home for Mono County Search and Rescue to be dedicated on November 23rd!

The Mono County Sheriff Search and Rescue (SAR) Team, over the past several years, have been working very hard in fundraising efforts to build a permanent building and permanent "home" for the team. The SAR Team, besides the thousands of countless volunteer hours spent in the field helping those in need, also does thousands of hours of training to keep their skills fresh. The team has vehicles, snowmobiles, and other equipment that help make their volunteer time more effective to those victims they serve. Even though the team has been fortunate to always have a place to "store" equipment, and other facilities which to house their trainings, the team has never actually had their own "home".

On Saturday, November 23rd, 2013, the SAR Team would like to extend a welcome invitation to all of their generous donors, and all the members of the Mono County communities, to join them in their building dedication and open house from **11:00am to 3:00pm at 1315 Meridian Blvd in Mammoth Lakes.**

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