



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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# MONO COUNTY, *California's Eastern Sierra*

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## **Tragic Loss of Warren “Keith” Park** *Mono County mourns the unexpected loss of a coworker*

**Mono County, Calif.** –the County of Mono unexpected and tragic loss of a friend, colleague and co-worker this weekend with the passing of Warren “Keith” Park. Keith, part of the County family in the Information Technology (IT) Department for many years, passed away due to injuries suffered from a motorcycle accident over the weekend out of state.

Keith began working for the Mono County IT Department as an Information Technology Specialist II in July 2005, and was promoted to an Information Technology Specialist III in November 2007. Keith was a valued employee and was the main point of contact for elections equipment support, in addition to supporting the District Attorney with digital forensic data analysis, and electronic case management. Keith was also responsible for providing the Sheriff’s Department with 24x7 IT support, maintaining their website, and other general software/hardware installation needs.

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors Byng Hunt commented, “Everyone who worked with Keith are deeply saddened by the loss. He was a valuable member of our team, and a friend to many of us. His calm demeanor and witty personality will be sorely missed”. The Board requested that the flags on County facilities be flown at half staff in honor of Keith. This action was taken on September 10<sup>th</sup>.

Everyone in the County organization is sending their thoughts and prayers to Keith’s family, friends and all those that worked with him. Condolences to Keith's family may be sent to Andrea Berry (Keith’s daughter) at the address below:

Andrea Berry  
2922 S Mayflower Way  
Boise, ID. 83709

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Mono County offers a rural setting with the most spectacular landscapes in the state. Situated between the crest of the Sierra Nevada mountains and the California/Nevada border, Mono County has a land area of 3,030 square miles, or just over 2 million acres, 94% of which is publicly owned. Much of this land is contained in the Inyo and Toiyabe National Forests. As a result, Mono County is home to vast scenic and recreational resources, and has unsurpassed access to wilderness and adventure.

The county is home to, and named after Mono Lake, which is a large high-desert saline lake. Also located in the county is the historic gold rush town of Bodie, which during its heyday in the late 1800's was home to as many as 7,000 people, and is today maintained as a State Historic Park for the public to come and enjoy. The county seat is proudly located in Bridgeport.

Scenic Highway 395 weaves its way north-south through the heart of the county, effectively dividing the steep mountains to the west from the vast desert valley to the east. As it provides access to Yosemite National Park via Lee Vining, it passes beneath towering peaks, and past broad desert expanses.