

## Clerk of the Board

**Clerk Election Department Host Special District Work Shops** - During August and September, Lynda Roberts and Linda Romero conducted several community workshops with the County's special districts. Out of the 25 special districts, we had participants from all but 6 districts—that is a 76% participation rate for a first-ever event! Topics included roles and responsibilities, elections, and FPPC filings.

Workshops were held in Benton, Walker, Lee Vining, Mammoth Lakes, Bridgeport, Crowley Lake, Chalfant, and June Lake. Half of our workshops were scheduled for 6:00 p.m. in order to best accommodate the members of the special districts

Linda and I have received positive feedback and thanks from many of the participants. They found the workshops to be very informative, and appreciated our taking the workshops to them at times that worked for their schedules. These workshops were a great opportunity for the County to meet people we interact with and let them meet us.

Linda Romero deserves the majority of credit for making these workshops a reality. She planned, organized, and scheduled the workshops, and her continuing dedication as Assistant Clerk-Recorder-Registrar and Clerk of the Board is an asset to Mono County.

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## County Administrator's Office

**Behavioral health Staff meeting** – a big thank you to Robin Roberts and the staff of Behavioral Health for the invite to sit in on the monthly staff meeting. The group is working very collaboratively and cross training to develop stronger services for residents and visitors of Mono County. The meeting provided a great information exchange among staff members as well as an in service training.

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

**County to participate in Mammoth Lakes Job Fair** – The County's will be participating in the upcoming Mammoth Lakes Job Fair. Materials are being produced for any open positions and this will be a good opportunity to recruit talent from the community. Human Resources and CAO will be staffing the booth. More details on the Fair is under the Economic Development report.

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**Rim Fire Update** - The estimated date for containment has been revised to October 1st 2013. The fire continues to creep and smolder in the Emigrant and Yosemite Wilderness. A Red Flag Warning will be in effect through to midday Saturday. Fire crews will continue mop-up and patrol of fire lines with the objective of keeping fire within existing containment lines and natural barriers. Structures are no longer threatened. Cooler high temperatures in the 70s F. with 15 mph SW winds are predicted today; ridge tops may have gusts to 20 mph by the afternoon. The fire will continue to spread slowly in rocky areas within the Yosemite and Emigrant Wilderness Areas east of Cherry Lake and north of Hetch Hetchy reservoir. Suppression repair continues and repairs to-date include 88 miles of dozer line and 52 miles of

chipping along roads. A total of 155 miles of suppression line repair remain. For a Google map tour with post-fire photographs go to <http://tinyurl.com/rimfirekmz>

**Public Safety** - Anyone traveling on roads within the fire area should use extreme caution as fire personnel and equipment continue to work in the area. Hazards include smoke weakened trees and snags (that may fall) and hot burning stump holes. If you must drive through the fire area please do not stop leave the roadway or enter the burned area on foot.



**Park and Forest Closures** - Hetch Hetchy and Aspen Valley in Yosemite Park are closed to public access due to hazardous trees. Tuolumne Grove and Hodgdon Meadow Campground remain closed due to the fire. Yosemite Creek and White Wolf Campgrounds and White Wolf Lodge are closed for the season. The Stanislaus National Forest issued an updated Rim Fire Area Closure (dated September 12 2013) for the Groveland and Mi-Wok Ranger Districts. Additional information is available from the Stanislaus National Forest Supervisor's Office 209-532-3671; Mi-Wok Ranger Station 209-586-3234; Summit Ranger Station 209-965-3434; and Groveland Ranger Station 209-962-7825.

**Road Openings and Closures** - Tioga Pass Road (Hwy 120) is open across Yosemite National Park. For your safety visitors are not permitted to stop along the road adjacent to the fire perimeter. The Big Oak Flat Road is open to Yosemite Valley. Local businesses are open and providing services (gasoline food and lodging) for travelers. Evergreen Road is open only to Evergreen Lodge. Otherwise Hetch Hetchy Road and surrounding areas and facilities remain closed. Cherry Lake Road is closed at Hwy 120. Old Yosemite and Harden Flat Roads are closed. Some secondary roads within the fire area remain closed to non-residents.

Basic Information

Incident Type	Wildfire
Cause	Under Investigation
Date of Origin	Saturday August 17th, 2013 approx. 03:15 PM
Location	Groveland Range District, Stanislaus NF
Incident Commander	Cooper

Current Situation

Total Personnel	1,380
Size	256,895 acres
Percent Contained	84%
Estimated Containment Date	Tuesday October 01st, 2013 approx. 12:00 AM
Fuels Involved	Brush, Oaks, and Pine, conifer stands
Fire Behavior	Fire behavior observed last night was limited to creeping and smoldering

CONTACT: 209-928-1053 OR [Http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3660/](http://www.inciweb.org/incident/3660/)

**Keith Park Memorial Service** – The family of Keith Park will be holding a Memorial Service for him on Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup> at the Bridgeport Memorial Hall starting at 1:00pm. Per the family's request, an All-Employee email invitation was sent out. For those that wish to send condolences, they can go to Keith's daughter at:

Andrea Berry  
2922 S Mayflower Way  
Boise, ID. 83709

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

## Economic Development

**The 2014 edition of the annual *Mono County Visitor Guide* is in the works!** The annual Visitor Guide covers all the communities in Mono County and includes maps, all tourism-related business listings, activities, main events, campground guide and more.

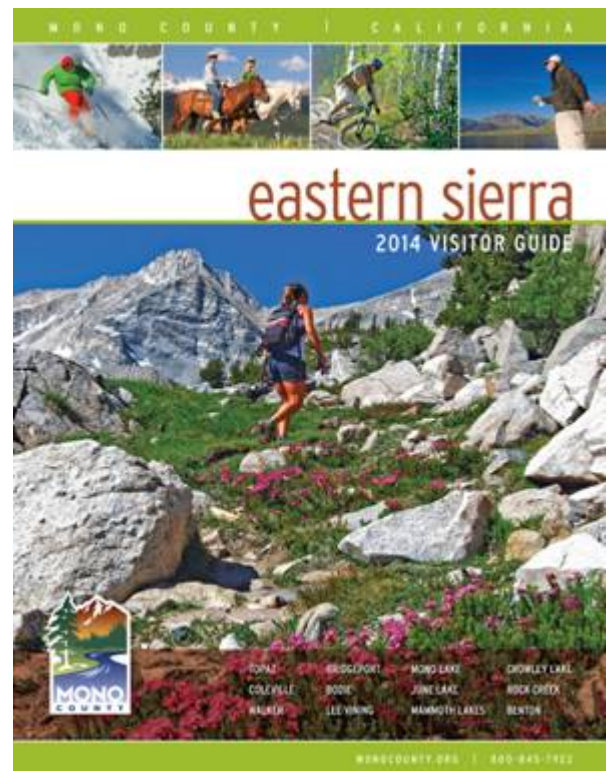
This is the main piece we distribute at all the fishing/summer travel consumer trade shows we attend -- LA Times Travel Show, Int'l Sportsmen Show - Sacramento, Bay Area Travel Show, San Diego Travel Show, Fred Hall fishing Show - Long Beach & San Diego, Reno Expo, the Visit California Los Angeles Media Event and the California Film Locations Show. It is also the guide we send out to everyone requesting information on our website or through our 800# tourism hotline.

You can view the 2013 edition online here: <http://edition.pagesuite-professional.co.uk/Launch.aspx?pbid=89d8265f-2656-4b8e-be0c-fd23d530d1bb> if you would like to "flip" through it.

This year we are planning to increase the quantity we print by 10,000 to a total of **40,000** and hope to add **up to six more pages** (depending on ad revenue) so we can provide more in-depth coverage of our county's activities, events and attractions!

Early bird prices are very reasonable, starting at \$275 for an 1/8<sup>th</sup> page to \$1265 for a full-page. All ads are professionally designed at no additional charge and are included in the online version of the Visitor Guide with a hyperlink to your own website. Please take a look at the attached information sheet for more details.

Space is very limited and will be considered on a first come, first serve basis. If you would like to advertise in the 2014 guide, please send in your order from **by September 23, 2013**. We'd love to have you on board.



CONTACT: Jeff Simpson, (760) 924-4634

**MAMMOTH LAKES JOBS FAIR** - The Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce, The Westin Monache Resort, and Mammoth Mountain Ski Area are assisting local businesses and potential employees by hosting a **COMMUNITY JOB FAIR** at the Westin Monache Resort on September 21. The **MAMMOTH LAKES JOB FAIR** is open to all employers and business owners in Mono County and to all individuals looking for work or a career change. This is an opportunity to showcase your strengths, to network, and to find an employee or an employer that is a good fit for you. If you are a business owner or manager, please bring some information about your company and wear your recruiting hat. If you are looking for a job, press that interview outfit, update your resume and bring several copies with you.

**When:** September 21, 2013 -- 9:00am - 4:00pm

**Where:** The Village at Mammoth and The Westin Monache Resort

**Schedule:**

9:00am - 1:00pm: Employer Expo & Resume Review booth (Village at Mammoth)

10:00am - 2:00pm: Interview Stations (Westin)

11:00am - 2:00pm: Seminars Offered on Topics Relevant to Finding and Keeping a Fulfilling Career (Westin)

2:00pm - 4:00pm: Networking Happy Hour / Job Fair Mixer (Westin White Bark)

**Contact:** If your business would like to reserve a space at the Fair, or for more information, contact: Mammoth Lakes Chamber of Commerce, 310-751-4021 or [events@mammothlakeschamber.org](mailto:events@mammothlakeschamber.org).

## **Information Technology**

**Broadband efforts continue** - The Eastern Sierra Connect Regional Broadband Consortium held its 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Broadband Forum on September 19<sup>th</sup> in Bishop. Over 100 people were in attendance from the Mono, Inyo, and eastern Kern Counties, including Supervisors Fesko and Stump.

The focus of the forum was on broadband adoption and deployment, and featured presentations from leaders in the industry from throughout the state. The highlight of the event, however, was a tour of the Digital 395 node in Bishop at the end of the day.

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## **Public Health**

**Mono County WIC excels in first full State Audit** – Congratulations to the Mono County Women, Infant and Children’s (WIC) Program staff on their audit last week by the State WIC staff. Preliminary results indicate that they passed with flying colors. This is the result of all of the hard work on the part of Marta Smith, Leah Roman and Nancy Cruz-Garcia. Kudos for as this was the first full audit it is even more daunting a hurdle to have launched over. Great work!!

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## Probation

**Mono County receives Final Approval for the Evidence-Based Practices to Improve Public Safety Grant** – The Board of State and Community Corrections notified Mono County Probation on September 16<sup>th</sup> confirming Mono County's \$250,000 award for their application. Mono County was the 3<sup>rd</sup> highest ranked project application in the state and was tentatively notified on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

An Executive Steering Committee (ESC), comprised of 6 subject-matter experts, read and rated each of the proposals that were submitted in response to the RFP. Based the funding available for this project and the scores recorded by the ESC, the proposals were ranked as follows:

1. Sonoma
2. Contra Costa
3. Mono
4. Mariposa
5. Tulare

The ranked order of proposals, as recommended by the ESC, was heard by the BSCC Board on September 12, 2013 and Mono County was a confirmed awardee. This is another great recognition of work being done by the staff of Mono County to access outside resources to provide stronger services.

CONTACT: Karin Humiston, (760) 932-5570

**Probation to participate in 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Yosemite Facelift** to be Held in Yosemite National Park – Chief Humiston and a crew of probationers will be participating in the annual effort to improve Yosemite Park (Full invite attached to email). Kudos to getting the crew out to this vital part of Mono's economic and environmental portfolio.

In addition, interested volunteers can sign up at the booth in front of the Yosemite Valley Visitor Center from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. A second check-in station will be located at the Tuolumne Meadows Wilderness Center on Friday, September 27 through Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup>.

The Tuolumne Meadows booth will be open from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. On Saturday, September 28 there will also be a registration booth in Wawona at the Mariposa Lower Grove parking lot, 9am to noon. Crew leaders will be at the booths to organize work groups and hand out trash bags, gloves, and litter sticks. Trash must be returned to the booths each day by 4:00 p.m. to be weighed and sorted.

For more information and a complete schedule of events, please contact Ken Yager at:

yageryca@gmail.com or visit the Yosemite Climbing Association website at [www.facebook.com/pages/Yosemite-Facelift/120770414636649](http://www.facebook.com/pages/Yosemite-Facelift/120770414636649).

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## **Social Services**

**Mono County Social Services hosting Foster Parent orientation meeting on October 1, 2013 in Mammoth Lakes** - Many prospective foster parents are interested in becoming a parent but can't commit to providing long term care or adoption. That's okay! Mono County needs foster parents of all types; those who can care for a child short-term, on an emergency only basis, as well as those who can provide long-term care. Children come into foster care when their birth families are unable to care for them for a variety of reasons. We provide support for you to be successful foster parent.

Learn more by attending the upcoming Foster Parent Orientation Meeting, October 1, 2013, Mammoth Sierra Center Mall, 5:30pm-7:00pm. If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about being a Foster Parent, please attend or please forward the attached flyers to a friend or post it so others may have a chance to see it.

CONTACT: Contact Marlo Preis at 760-924-1793 or [mpreis@mono.ca.gov](mailto:mpreis@mono.ca.gov)

### **Sheriff's Office**

**Biennial Jail inspection is good news!** - The Board of State and Community Corrections conducted a biennial inspection of the Bridgeport Jail and Court Holding Facility in Mammoth Lakes back in August of this year. Sheriff's Office received notification that we passed without issues and with no corrective action needed. Comments within the document itself identified the assistance by Sergeant Ladd and Lieutenant Booher as "...extremely valuable...professional...and the courtesy extended during the visit was appreciated".

**Mono County family adds one** - Deputy Chris Callinan and his wife Celeste welcomed their first child into the world this past month, a beautiful healthy little girl.

**Pistol Qualification and Tournament on October 12<sup>th</sup>** - The Eastern Sierra Peace Officers Association will be hosting a Pistol Qualification and Tournament at the Bishop Gun Range on October 12<sup>th</sup> for all local law enforcement agency employees and/or other law enforcement retirees. There is no truth to rumor that CAO will be on site with his water pistol.

**New Jail Transportation Van arrives** – It was delivered this past week and is currently being outfitted for service. We also recently took possession of the Inmate Work Equipment Trailer that was purchased with CCP funding to further augment the use of inmate work crews out in the communities.

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