

## Animal Control

**Animal Control asks all departments to spread the word on protecting pets this winter** – As winter approaches Animal Control is asking everyone to remember look out for our furry, domesticated friends. Thank you to Angelle Nolan and the Animal control staff for providing this information – Please share!

Here are some Pet Safety tips for the coming long and snowy winter!

- ✓ Antifreeze poisoning is a common cause of death for pets in winter. It has a sweet tempting taste and only one half ounce can kill a 20 pound dog. If you suspect that your pet has ingested antifreeze contact your veterinarian immediately.
- ✓ Frostbite is indicated by redness and skin irritation. Check your pet's paws, ear, nose, and furless areas for this condition.
- ✓ Be sure your pet has warm bedding and an insulated sheltered area if it lives outdoors.
- ✓ Snow is not a substitute for water. Invest in a heated water dish for outdoor pets and keep it full. If you are unable to purchase a heated water dish, periodically check to make sure that ice had not formed over your pet's water. Give extra rations of food since additional calories are needed to keep your pet warm.
- ✓ More pets are lost in cold weather. It is much easier to lose the scent of "home" when frost, ice and snow cover the ground. Please make sure that your dog is wearing a current license and that your cat wears an I.D. tag, these forms of identification make it much easier to get them back home where they belong. Also, when your dog is wearing a current license, animal control is assured that your pet has an up-to-date rabies vaccination.
- ✓ Holiday plants such as mistletoe, poinsettia and holly are deadly to your pet.
- ✓ Cats often sleep under the hood of your car to seek warmth from the engine. Knock on the hood and honk the horn before starting your vehicle to warn the sleeping kitty of your intentions.
- ✓ Avoid poultry bones and chocolate treats as the bones splinter easily and chocolate can be toxic to animals.
- ✓ Choose a time other than a holiday to give or receive a pet. These times can be rather hectic and training and calming a new pet can be very difficult. A suggestion might be to give a gift certificate so that the animal can be placed in a new environment at a less stressful time.



Mono McMittens asks  
"Don't forget about me..."

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## Community Development

**Planning Commission Approves June Lake Brewery** - At its Oct. 10 meeting the Mono County Planning Commission (comprised of Scott Bush, Mary Pipersky, Chris I. Lizza, Rodger B. Thompson, and chair Dan Roberts) approved a Use Permit for the June Lake Brewing Co. The applicants Justin and Sarah Walsh received strong community support for their plan to manufacture craft beer for sale on- and off-premises and open a tasting room by June 2014. For info, contact project planners Gerry Le Francois & Heather deBethizy at 760-924-1810 & 760-924-1812.

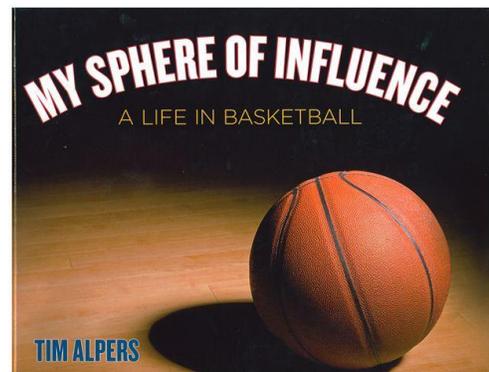
The commission also approved a four-parcel residential land division ranging in size from one to two acres in east Chalfant Valley, and recommended a revised set of parking regulations that includes relaxed requirements in the central business districts of Bridgeport, Lee Vining and June Lake. For info, contact analyst Brent Calloway at 760-924-1809.

On a related note, on Oct. 8 the Mono Supervisors approved the Planning Commission's recommendation to apply a transient rental overlay on several properties in Lundy Canyon and June Lake. The overlay allows overnight rental of select single-family homes in these residential districts. For info, contact project planner Courtney Weiche at 760-924-1803.

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## County Administrator's Office

**Supervisors Alpers – Author!** – District 3 Supervisor Tim Alpers has published the first of four books which will chronicle the history of his family and Mono County. Very few Boards of Supervisors have published authors and on Saturday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at Spellbinder Books in Bishop, Supervisor Alpers will be on hand doing a book signing which will be part of an effort to raise funds for local schools.



This first book is titled *“My Sphere of Influence”* is the first title in a planned four-book series. It includes a history of the Alpers Ranch going back to early discovery and pioneer days on through current times. The story includes Tim's memoirs which illustrate the events and personalities that make The Ranch a special place and greatly influenced his life. Book one traces Tim's personal timeline from 1956-1979 when he became involved in team sports. The book is directed specifically toward teens and young adults in an effort to inspire them to strive for excellence.

Congratulations to Supervisor Alpers!

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**Annex I Remodel supports enhanced customer service** – Annex I has been home to several county departments with a decentralized reception. The public has wandered the halls looking for someone to help find services. A front reception counter has been built and will be staffed by Megg Hawkins which will ensure the public is provided information and can get the services they need quickly. This also allows several departments located in Annex I to share and better utilize existing administrative

resources. The North door to Annex I is a staff only entrance now and employees have been provided the electronic lock code.

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**Federal Government Shutdown continues** - The Federal Government which began on Tuesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>, as the new Fiscal Year began without an adopted spending plan is continuing. County Departments are still analyzing the numerous specific Mono County impacts. The California State Association of Counties has already sent a letter to all California Members of Congress expressing county concerns.

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**Mono Basin RPAC meeting** – Light attendance at the Mono Basin RPAC where John Urdi presented information on the airport subsidy and Garrett Higerd was present to discuss ongoing roads projects. Although due to the federal agency shutdown, ongoing discussion with federal agencies about the Mono Coty Emergency Road are on hold, members of the community continue to dialogue with the RPAC about how the final configuration will be implemented. The MBRPAC will bring back Larry Fromisch once the shutdown is over to ask additional questions.

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**Mono County Health Department (MCHD) hosted the 2013 Statewide Tabletop Exercise & Planning Meeting.** A wide range of agencies attended the October 9<sup>th</sup> training as part of the lead up to the November 21<sup>st</sup> exercise. This year's preparedness exercise will focus on Homeland Security Target Capabilities:

- Communications
- Medical Surge
- Emergency Operations Center Management
- Emergency Public Information and Warning
- Epidemiological Surveillance and Investigation

The purpose of the November 21<sup>st</sup> exercise is to provide participants with an opportunity to evaluate current response concepts, plans, and capabilities for a response to a food borne associated disease. Given the recent salmonella outbreak this Meeting and the November 21<sup>st</sup> exercise seemed extraordinarily well timed.

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**Liberty Utilities briefing on Emergency Preparedness held in Coleville** – Supervisor Fesko invited me to attend a briefing from Liberty Utilities on their Emergency Preparedness and Response capacity. Liberty Utilities is a new Utility which now operates the energy provider for 47,000 residents from northern Mono County through the California side of Lake Tahoe and up into Plumas County. It IS a spin-off of NV Energy.

Antelope Valley Fire Chief Mike Curti, Sgt. Beard fro Mono Sheriff's department, Supervisor Fesko and I were provided details from Sam Rohn on their plans to ensure adequate emergency response.

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## **County Counsel**

**Board supported Assembly Bill 151 signed by Governor Brown** - AB151 (Olsen) Local Government: Disabled Veterans Assistance Act was signed by Governor Brown. This act provides that local governments can waive certain fees for disabled veterans. This legislative act began due to a request from a Mono County resident and this and prior Boards supported the efforts.

This bill (now a law) allows each County to decide if they wish to help these returning veterans with their transition back to civilian life.

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## **Economic Development**

**Economic Development works with Cerro Coso to support Workforce Development efforts** – Ethan James of Mono County Economic Development participated in a conference call with Deanna Campbell (Cerro Coso Eastern Sierra Community College) and John Means (Kern County Community College District) resulting from an inquiry made with California Community Colleges Economic & Workforce Development regarding current and upcoming funding opportunities. There were several encouraging results during the conversation regarding initiatives which can benefit the local economies in Mono and Inyo counties.

A regional partnership was discussed to help address specific regional workforce training and development needs, the creation of accessible resources for small businesses through a central small business resources center, and creating forum in which local business owners could express needs and provide feedback that could be acknowledged.

Each of these entities could potentially bring great resources to the table to ease financial burdens of economic development initiatives i.e. John Means mentioned the college district would like to provide small business resources or even a Small Business Development Center (SBDC) locally for businesses per their mission, and Deanna mentioned they have the space to house training events and potentially a center for business resources. In addition, both would be willing to partner with Mono County on competitive grants that could help develop a well rounded support system for businesses.

On behalf of Mono County, Ethan will continue meeting with Deanna and John to construct a course of action for these needs and work to develop further regional partnerships with Inyo County.

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**Mono County Economic Development providing resources for Rim Fire Impacts** - Rim Fire Disaster Assistance information and applications are live on the County web site. Business owners can be directed to our site to access SBA contact information and applications for SBA Assistance.

LINK: <http://www.monocounty.ca.gov/economic/page/small-business-tools-resources>

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**Mono County seeing some ongoing TV spots** - A 10-second Fall Color television spot Mono County Economic Development created to help push fall travel is airing on Fox 11 News based in Reno from Sept. 18 through October 20. This is a low-res (NOT good quality but gives you an idea) version of the spot: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8aHry1WYYag&feature=youtu.be>

A Chevrolet Silverado commercial, filmed at Grant Lake and along US 395 at Deadman's Summit (even shows the hwy. sign). Check it out at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0tmghjOMpTA&feature=c4-overview-vl&list=PL19CFF0D0E9DED54B>

**Visit California**, the state's Tourism & Travel Commission, has issued the following visitor-focused press release in response to the government closure of National Parks and campgrounds. It reiterates that California State Parks are OPEN including Mono Lake and Bodie: <http://media.visitcalifornia.com/Story-Development/Press-Releases/PR-Item/?id=87901>. Visit California president and CEO, Carolyn Beteta, released this statement regarding the shut-down: <http://media.visitcalifornia.com/Story-Development/Press-Releases/PR-Item/?id=87563>

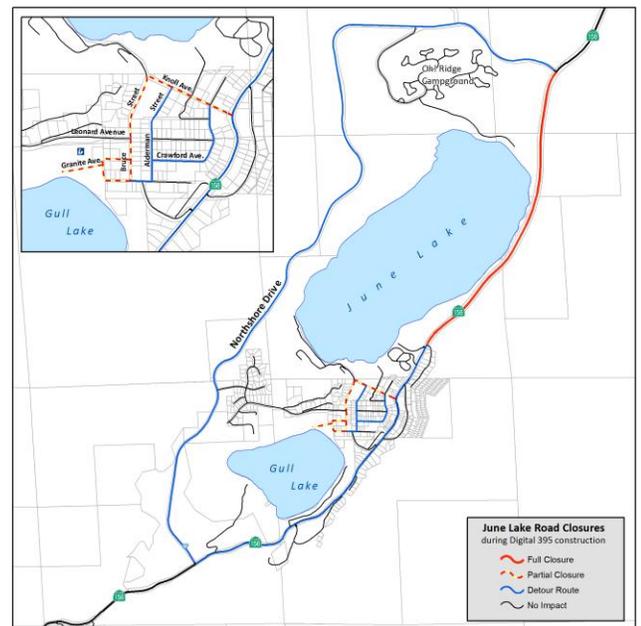
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## Information Technology

**D395 Update** - Caltrans will temporarily close part of Highway 158 (June Lake Loop) starting on October 15<sup>th</sup> until November 8<sup>th</sup>, weekdays only from 7:00 am to 6:00 pm. This closure will expedite work so that it can be completed before significant snowfall in the area.

A detour route has been established using North Shore Drive (see attached map) which allows access to June Lake through an alternate route.

Crews are also currently working in the June Lake Village on county roads; Knoll Ave., Bruce St., and Granite Ave.



Mono County appreciates the public's cooperation and understanding during this construction work.

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## Public Health

**Mammoth Moves Going Strong!** - Mammoth Moves, a community based walking program sponsored by Public Health's Nutrition and Physical Activity Task Force was started a year ago and is going strong!

This initiative was created to address obesity/overweight in our community by providing a regularly scheduled activity.

After a brief late winter/early spring hiatus, the Program was re-activated on June 19<sup>th</sup>. Since then the group has logged approximately 28 miles, with each walk about 2.0 miles in distance. Everyone is welcome to participate.

Walkers meet at 12:00 noon and walk for 30 – 40 minutes, so there is plenty of time to get back to the office. Everyone is welcome (two and four footed walkers).

Please contact Marta Smith, WIC Registered Dietician and Nutrition and Physical Activity Task Force member ([msmith@mono.ca.gov](mailto:msmith@mono.ca.gov) or 760-924-4613), to add your name to the e-mail list.

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**New Samonella advisory issued** – The US Department of Agriculture (USDA) has told Foster Farms that it will block operations at facilities in California that have been implicated in a multistate *Salmonella* Heidelberg outbreak unless the company quickly outlines its plans for making the product safer, according to an Oct 7 letter from the USDA's Food Safety and Inspection Service (FSIS).

The FSIS asked for a reply from Foster Farms within 3 business days. The FSIS threatened to pull inspectors from the plants, which would prevent the company from selling chicken processed there. The FSIS said the plants aren't operating in a manner consistent with Hazard Analysis and Critical Control Points (HACCP) plans, which it said violated federal food safety regulations.

So far 278 cases of salmonellosis have been reported in the outbreak, 213 of them in California, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) said on Oct 8. Most of the 17 affected states are in the West. Full Monogram is attached to Board Update.

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**Dr. Johnson attends Commission of Emergency Medical Services meeting** – A summary on the highlights of the most recent statewide meeting on EMS. Those points are summarized below:

1. ICEMA has been given and taken the lead on standardizing electronic reporting of all EMS data for the state. Although the transition to electronic reporting is not without challenges, the horse is out of the barn, and we do not have a choice but to climb on and fully participate as we move into the future.
2. The Affordable Care Act (ACA) potentially has significant opportunities, challenges, and obstacles (your personality will help you pick the right word!) for EMS, which has really been left out of the discussion. Lots of unknowns, but clearly financial challenges, increased need for thorough electronic documentation, and definite increased government oversight.
3. Community Para-medicine, or "mobile integrated healthcare", may be in our future, but not now in the pilot project phase. The challenges of participating in a pilot project include no money for training (over 100 hours per medic), insurmountable requirements for education and experience, and no re-imburement for services provided when patients are not taken to an Emergency Department. Stay tuned, as within 3-5 years, this may become feasible in our county,

especially in north county where there are currently no healthcare services other than the medics.

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## Public Works

**Bridgeport Street work ongoing** - The Bridgeport streets project is almost complete. All paving is completed. The remaining sign installation and concrete work around manholes will finish next week. The full Project will be finalized after winter.



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## Social Services

**Mono County Department of Social Services Launches Foster Home Outreach for FY 2013-14** – As part of the effort to find caring parents for children in need of loving homes, Mono County Social Services has launched an outreach effort to locate good people to help. The Goal is to provide nurturing and stable environments for children in need of emergency, short-term, and long-term, local foster homes with an Objective of increasing the number of licensed foster homes in Mono County by 200%. The following strategies and activities are being implemented to support this Objective:

- 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.

Advertising for these meetings are done through:

- Radio – Informational Interviews with Stacey Powell on KMMT Radio
- Email - to all county and town contacts, churches, schools, tribes and local agencies.
- Flyers posted in high traffic areas in the town where the meeting will be held.
- Meeting information posted on County website and calendar.
- Local Newspaper Community Calendars.

- Before Orientation meeting in April – Public Service Announcements with KMMT & KRHV – Paid for by Child Abuse & Prevention funds
- 2. **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.
  - Public Service Announcements for the April meeting.
- 3. **Collaboration with Wild Iris:** in progress –
  - DSS providing Wild Iris staff training on foster care in Mono County and licensing requirements.
  - Wild Iris staff will be going to community meetings such as Rotary Club, Lions Club etc, presentations on the need for Foster Homes and how to become licensed.

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## Sheriff's Office

**New home for Mono County Search and Rescue to be dedicated on November 23<sup>rd</sup>**! - 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".



With their successful fundraising efforts, the generous land use by the Mammoth Community Water District, and all the generous donations they received (over \$850,000), the SAR Team is proud to announce that their new "home" is complete! The dream of finally having a home base in which to operate this team of dedicated volunteers has come true!

**On Saturday, November 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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**.

Please join the team rain, snow, or shine for this major accomplishment! The team will be hosting tours of the new building and training center, along with demonstrations of their equipment. The team could not have been successful in meeting this goal and accomplishment without the kindness and generosity of those within and beyond Mono County and it is time to celebrate together!

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