

County Administrator's Office

Keith Park Memorial Service tomorrow in Bridgeport – The family of Keith Park will be holding a Memorial Service for Keith on Saturday, September 28th at the Bridgeport Memorial Hall starting at 1:00pm. Per the family's request, an All-Employee email invitation was sent out. For those who are unable to attend and wish to send condolences, they should go to Keith's daughter at:

Andrea Berry
2922 S Mayflower Way
Boise, ID. 83709

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

Bridgeport Tribal Council meeting – On Tuesday, September 24th, I attended along with Supervisor Tim Alpers, the Bridgeport Indian Colony Tribal Council meeting. I appreciated having the time to introduce myself and meet the council leadership and the Tribal Administrator. I will be sitting down with Michael Lumsden, Tribal Administrator to explore opportunities for Tribal/County cooperation.

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

Inyo County Board of Supervisor Special Meeting on Yellow Legged Frog has full house – On September 23rd, Supervisor Larry Johnston, Scott Burns, Wendy Sugimura and I attended the Inyo County Special Board meeting in Bishop where the federal and state agencies were present to receive comments from community members about the potential endangered species listings. The three hour meeting had approximately 200 plus people in attendance and Supervisor Johnston, on behalf of the County, presented the County's letter. The audience appreciated Mono County's comments.

The federal agencies seemed ill prepared to answer a number of the audience's questions. Moving forward the agency representatives were non-committal to another such forum in Mono County however, staff will continue to seek out appropriate agency representatives to attend a future Board meeting to provide additional focus on this issue and to provide residents of Mono County opportunity to be heard.

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RCRC Annual Conference – I attended the annual conference of Rural County Representatives of California with Supervisor Tim Alpers who serves as the County's appointee. There were two days of presentations on a range of topics from impacts from the Rim Fire to Economic Development. We have requested copies of the materials presented and will email them out once provided.

One of the most insightful session involved who to better get our story out to the media. Paul Rogers of the San Jose Mercury News and Jim Carlton of the Wall Street Journal who cover rural communities. They discussed methods for increasing coverage for rural communities with national media. One of the most critical aspects was putting **a local face** on our issues and building relationships with media in urban centers. We must ensure our stories have relevance to urban readers who are driving the media cycle.

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Supervisor Fesko trekking across Nevada – As part of the Eastern Sierra Ridge Riders, Supervisor Tim Fesko is traveling via UTV/ATV across Nevada from Sept. 25th to October 4th. People can follow our Board's most avid ambassador of the ATV community via Facebook by searching for the Eastern Sierra Ridge Riders. Stay safe, Supervisor Fesko!

CONTACT: Jim Leddy, (707) 529-4510

SBA Offers Disaster Assistance to California Small Businesses Economically Impacted by the Rim Fire – Thanks to Jennifer Hansen for helping share this information with the Mono County Media.

The U. S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is offering low-interest working capital federal disaster loans to small businesses economically impacted by the Rim Fire that began on August 17th. SBA acted under its own authority to declare a disaster in response to a request SBA received from Gov. Brown's designated representative, Mark Ghilarducci, Director of the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, on September 24, 2013. The disaster declaration makes SBA disaster assistance available in Mariposa and Tuolumne Counties and the neighboring counties of Alpine, Calaveras, Madera, Merced, Mono and Stanislaus.

Beginning Tuesday, October 1, SBA customer service representatives will be on hand in Mono County to help small businesses impacted by the Rim Fire. No appointment is necessary. For Mono County businesses interested, the SBA representatives will be at:

The Lee Vining Community Center

296 Mattley Avenue

Lee Vining, CA 93541

Tuesday, October 1st and Wednesday, October 2nd from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm

Small, nonfarm businesses, small agricultural cooperatives, small businesses engaged in aquaculture and most private, nonprofit organizations of any size may qualify for Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDLs) of up to \$2 million to help meet financial obligations and operating expenses which could have been met had the disaster not occurred.

Eligibility is based on the financial impact of the disaster only and not on any actual property damage. These loans have an interest rate of 4 percent for small businesses and 2.875 percent for private, nonprofit organizations with terms up to 30 years, and are restricted to small businesses without the financial ability to offset the adverse impact without hardship.

Applicants may apply online using SBA's secure Web site at <https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela>.

Disaster loan information and application forms are also available from SBA's Customer Service Center by calling (800) 659-2955 or e-mailing disastercustomerservice@sba.gov. Individuals who are deaf or hard-of-hearing may call (800) 877-8339. For more information about SBA's disaster assistance programs, visit <http://www.sba.gov/disaster>.

The deadline to return economic injury applications is **June 26, 2014**.

CONTACT: Richard Jenkins, (916) 735-1500

Economic Development

Mono County Fall colors highlighted in go to source for fall color updates – www.CaliforniaFallColor.com. Each week this website highlights some of the most incredible images of the changing season. Pictures are submitted from across the state and the best are forwarded to television stations in San Diego for use by news departments. Somoam Mono colors have been recognized! This is great outreach work by the Economic Development staff!

The following write up recently appeared online highlighting Mono Counties Fall Colors:



“Brilliant reds among the aspen of the high eastern sierra is this week's fall color story. High winds may strip trees that have already turned color, though it should not affect those that haven't. The show continues to be best between 8,500' and 10,000' in elevation in the Eastern Sierra. Richard McCutcheon also provides a folkloric prediction from Plumas County in this week's report.

A dusting of snow last weekend coated upper peaks in white, providing colorful contrast for spectacular photographs.

More red and orange is being seen among quaking aspen, this year. That's unusual and a reason to travel now to see this special show. (photos are available on request). One of the more spectacular areas reported is in Mono

County along upper Green Creek Road, where quaking aspen are deep red and have covered the forest floor with confetti of yellow, orange, green and red aspen leaves.

Here's the latest from California's color spotters.

EASTERN SIERRA - Mono County

GO NOW! – 75 – 100% – Rock Creek Lake - Alicia writes, “Undaunted by recent wind and snow, the color shines on at Rock Creek in southern Mono County, particularly the upper section of Rock Creek Road at Rock Creek Lake where the red and orange hues are dazzling.

GO NOW! – Mammoth Lakes– Color spotter Christie Osborne reports high areas surrounding Mammoth Lakes were dusted with a couple of inches of snow this past weekend, as an early storm passed over

California. The snow did little to change the steady progression of color at Mammoth Lakes, which has now begun to descend from the high country. She reports, "More color is starting to show in Mammoth Lakes at the base of the Sherwin's, in Town and at resort levels. Also look for color starting to break at the base of the Sherwins and near Sherwin Creek Campground, and expect to see more yellow flowing down canyons.

GO NOW! – 75 – 100% - Above 8,500' - Now at full peak

GO NOW! – 50-75% - Approaching Peak – Elevations above 8,000

30-50% - Elevations Above 7,000 – Lots of lime and yellow, some orange, more than half the forest has not yet changed color.

GO NOW! – 75 – 100% – Virginia Lakes - The early snowfall on Saturday, Sept. 21 created the perfect backdrop to the fall color along Virginia Lakes Road. Color spotter Bruce Wendler cautions that winds have stripped turned trees of their leaves, though he found beautiful color along the Dunderberg Meadow Rd. High winds are the nemesis of turned trees and could affect color by the weekend among trees that have already turned. High winds will mean the show will drop by 500 to 1,000' from the elevations at which they're now appearing.

GO NOW! – 75 – 100% - Green Creek Road - A stand of astonishingly red aspen are to be viewed along upper Green Creek Road. Take Virginia Lakes Road from the top of Conway Summit (US 395 between Lee Vining and Bridgeport) and watch for the sign to Green Creek Road to the right/north. Green Creek is a wide dirt road in excellent shape and the color is magnificent right now. 75% at upper elevations; 30% at lower elevations.

0 – 15% – Conway Summit - Still hovering at 15%, though keep track of reports, as this beautiful area can turn quickly once it begins to flush.

0 – 15% – June Lake Loop - The spectacular June Lake Loop is just starting to get into the spirit of the season — still mostly lime green and yellow — but colder temperatures in coming nights should act as the perfect catalyst to nudge the June Lake area along. A dusting of snow on high peaks surrounding Silver Lake and the other June Lakes promises to provide some incredible scenes in coming weeks as the color turns below."

CONTACT: Alicia Vennos, (760) 934-1743

Social Services

Dine at the Mono Inn tonight and support Wild Iris - Meet friends and family tonight, Friday, Sept. 27 from 5-9pm, at the Historic Mono Inn, where 20% of all proceeds will be donated to benefit Wild Iris. Enjoy an excellent menu, stellar wine list, gorgeous views and a superb staff all while giving back to your community. Bring your family and friends to promote healthy relationships in Inyo and Mono Counties. Reservations can be made by contacting the Historic Mono Inn at 760-647-6581. The Historic Mono Inn is located on Hwy 395 about 4 miles north of Lee Vining. Check out monoinn.com for the menu.

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month -This year, local advocacy group Wild Iris is focusing its efforts on helping our community to take a stand against domestic violence. This includes calling law enforcement when appropriate, offering our support to those we suspect may be victims, holding perpetrators accountable for their actions, and supporting agencies like Wild Iris that offer no cost services to domestic violence victims.

Each day during the month of October, Wild Iris will post a new fact about domestic violence. Like them on [Facebook](#) to see 31 Facts in 31 Days. Check out "[11 Things You Can Do](#)".

In light of their focus this month, taking a stand against domestic violence, Wild Iris is honoring community members that take a stand against domestic violence on a daily basis. Exemplary Service Awards will be handed out at the Mono County Board of Supervisors meeting on October 1, 2013 at 9:00am, and the Mammoth Lakes Town Council meeting on October 2, 2013 at 6:00pm.

CONTACT: Kathryn Peterson, (760) 924-1770 or 1763

Affordable Care Act – Early Enrollment begins next week -We are just days away from implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Beginning next Tuesday, October 1, people may pre-enroll for health insurance coverage that takes effect January 1. Locally, we estimate that around 1,400 residents will likely qualify for tax subsidies through Covered California, and 100 residents will be *newly* eligible for Medi-Cal.

Explore the Affordable Care Act!

Helpful Websites

Covered California: www.coveredca.com

Check out the Health Insurance Cost Calculator:

www.coveredca.com/calculating_the_cost.html

County of Mono Website: www.monocounty.ca.gov/social-services

In-person Support through your local Social Services Office

Mammoth 760/924-1770

Bridgeport 760/932-5600

Walker 530/495-1262

Social Services Eligibility staff are trained and set to dive into the new computerized systems that will allow us to pre-enroll our residents. The state and county offices are still working out a few glitches in the systems, however we hope to have those resolved over the next few weeks. We won't know just how well all the technology and procedures will work together until after October 1. We're keeping our fingers crossed! In the meantime, we are committed to doing everything we can to ensure people get enrolled in coverage and receive their federal tax subsidies.

REMINDER! -- 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

Sheriff's Office

Orbacom replacement continuing to move forward - All 3 vendors (radio system, jail security and furniture) have a meeting at the station this coming week with Sheriff's office staff and IT staff to discuss the operational issues along with each vendors specific responsibilities and imminent changes coming with this project. Pushing to get bids/contracts updated by mid-October.

New locked gates being installing outside the administration building and near the jail sallyport. This will add additional security around the facility and minimize individuals having access to the rear yard by directing them to the main doors.

Sheriff staff participating in statewide conferences - Staff attended both the annual California State Sheriffs Association Court Security & Custody Conference along with the annual California Coroners Conference this week. These conferences provide staff up to the date information on new regulations and procedures.

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