



Board of Supervisors Update  
December 2017





# Christmas Party Fun!











**Special Thanks to:**

- 🔔 **Megg Hawkins,**  
party planner  
extraordinaire
- 🔔 **Erin Knight ,**  
our photographer  
and.....
- 🔔 **Karin Humiston**  
for the loan of her  
photo equipment









The Bridgeport Middle School students take time off from class on December 12th to host lunch, with white table cloths and all, for the Board of Supervisors and staff at the newly refreshed Bridgeport Visitor's Center.





# New Employees



**Joe Burch**

Auditor Appraiser  
Assessor's Office



**Ryan Chargin**

Maintenance Worker III  
Public Works, Road



**Gerald "Gerry" Kosen**

Equipment Mechanic III  
Public Works, Road Shop

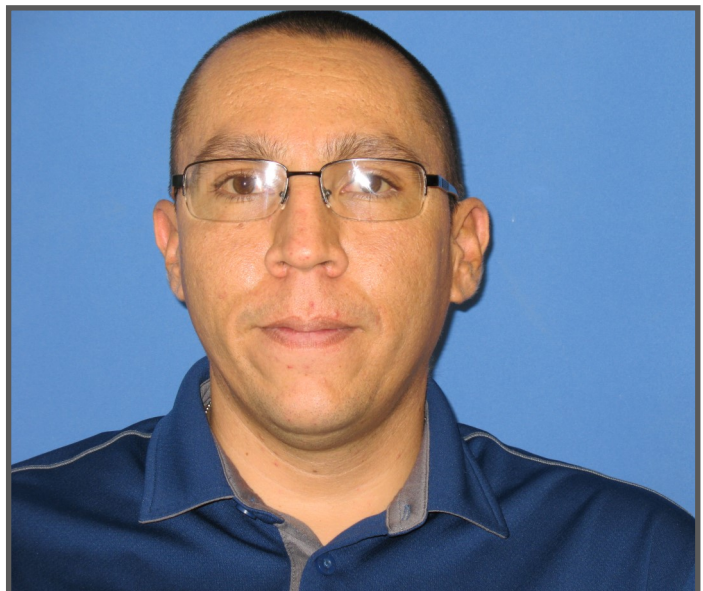


**Alex Picken**  
Appraiser Aide  
Assessor's Office



**Shelby Stockdale**  
Public Health Nurse  
Public Health

**James "Jimmy" Ybarra**  
Fiscal & Technical Specialist III  
Tax Collector's Office





# Behavioral Health



The youth from Clubhouse Live explore different mediums to create art. It can get pretty messy and loud, but the activities are a lot of fun! CHL is an after school program open from 3:30-5:30 M-Th and 3:30-5:00 Fridays. All middle and high school students are welcomed.



The kids from Espacio Creativo participating in story time yoga. Espacio Creativo is a safe place where kids can exercise their creativity. The participants from Circulo de Mujeres, a Spanish speaking support group, can bring their children to the group. Both mom/guardian and child can enjoy their evening. Circulo de Mujeres and Espacio Creativo are Thursdays from 5:30-7:00 pm



# Economic Development

- **TRADE SHOW & CONFERENCE SEASON:** Staff will be representing Mono County at the following travel and fishing consumer trade shows and tourism/economic development conferences over the next few months:

| Tradeshow Schedule |  |
|--------------------|--|
| 2018               | Location   |
| January 10         | CALED Rural Economic Development Summit - Sacramento |
| January 13-14      | San Diego Travel & Adventure Show - San Diego        |
| January 18-21      | International Sportsmen's Expo - Sacramento          |
| February 14-15     | Visit California Outlook Forum - Anaheim             |
| February 17-18     | Bay Area Travel & Adventure Show -- Santa Clara      |
| February 24-25     | Los Angeles Travel & Adventure Show - LA             |
| March 2-4          | Fred Hall Fishing Show, Bakersfield                  |
| March 7-11         | Fred Hall Fishing Show, Long Beach                   |
| March 13-16        | CALED Conference - Monterey                          |
| March 22-25        | Fred Hall Fishing Show, San Diego                    |
| April 24           | Los Angeles Media Reception                          |
| May 19-23          | IPW - Denver   |
| May 29-June 1      | Caltravel Summit - San Diego                         |
| June 20-23         | Vidcon - Anaheim                                     |

- **COMMUNITY GRANTS:** With \$24,370 in requests for the Performing & Visual Arts Grant and the Historical Societies Grant, \$16,000 in total available funds for both grants was allocated to the following community non-profits last month:

*Performing & Visual Arts Grant recipients:*

**Mono Arts Council** – \$3,375: After School Art Club at Lee Vining and Bridgeport Elementary schools

**Mono Arts Council** - \$500: Promote and market the 2018 June Lake Jam Fest

**Chamber Music Unbound** - \$2,500: Kids Concerts in Mono County Schools

**June Lake Loop Performing Arts Association** - \$1,755: Promote and market the June Lake Theater Festival

**Sierra Classic Theater** - \$1,000: Assistance with purchase of wireless amplification system

**Mammoth Lakes Jazz Jubilee** - \$1,000: Promote and market Jazz Jubilee

**Bridgeport Chamber of Commerce** - \$1,500: Promote and market Eastern Sierra Photographers Jamboree

*Historical Societies Grant recipients:*

**Mono County Historical Society** - \$870: Design/production of annual historical calendar for fund-raising

**Southern Mono Historical Society** - \$2000: Supplies and materials for Hayden Cabin Museum roof replacement

**Historic Benton Hot Springs** - \$1,500: Promote and market fund-raising event



- **MEDIA RELATIONS:**

*Toronto Star* - Mono County and the Eastern Sierra received excellent cover from a travel writer we worked with from the Toronto Star: <https://www.thestar.com/life/travel/2017/12/21/road-tripping-on-californias-395.html>

*New York Times* – High Sierra Snowcat & Yurt out of Virginia Lakes got a nice mention in this NY Times article on backcountry ski touring: [https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/08/travel/uphill-skiing.html?\\_r=0](https://www.nytimes.com/2017/12/08/travel/uphill-skiing.html?_r=0)

*NBC LA* – An excellent story from a press release we sent out re: Mono County’s late fall shoulder season activities: <https://www.nbclosangeles.com/news/local/The-Cool-Quiet-of-Mono-Countys-Late-Fall-460863783.html>

*National Italian TV Network* – Bodie was featured in a full-length documentary/drama on an Italian national television network last month – incredible cinematography and great interviews with Bodie park ranger, Catherine Jones and Mono Historical Society’s Robert Joki. Many thanks to Bodie Supervising Ranger Josh Heitzmann for working with us and Visit Mammoth to accommodate this complex production.

- **SOCIAL MEDIA:**

Mono County Tourism has 170,000 fans on Facebook, and we wanted to share this December post that was super popular – generating almost 7,000 likes, 342 comments, and 1,859 shares - <https://www.facebook.com/VisitEasternSierra/photos/a.121656831179628.20683.116847218327256/2273933549285268/?type=3&theater>





Instagram followers are growing steadily and are now at 18,400. Please join us on these platforms to enjoy both our daily posts from around the county and the Eastern Sierra, and to see how engaged our audience and visitors are with what we share! And please send us your photos, too. Thanks to Karin Humiston for her amazing photo of a golden eagle feasting on a deer carcass in north county: <https://www.facebook.com/VisitEasternSierra/photos/a.121656831179628.20683.116847218327256/2320433067968649/?type=3&theater>





# Public Health



In October and November, fifty-six Crowley property owners of multi-unit housing (MUH) received an educational letter and survey to ascertain the level of support for a smoke-free policy. The question was, **“Would you support a county ordinance that creates smoke free areas within multiunit housing units, on patios and balconies, 20 feet from doorways of multiunit housing, and in common areas of multi-unit housing (pools, jacuzzis, picnic areas)?”** Sixty-one percent of all property owners/managers completed surveys. There is strong support for a county-wide smoke-free MUH policy among property owners in Crowley. Of the 34 respondents, 24 (68%) strongly supported or supported a smoke-free policy. Ten respondents (30%) opposed or strongly opposed a county-wide policy. Two supporters reiterated their support and gratitude in additional comments. Of two opposed commentators, one expressed concern for the rights of smokers, and one thought that smoking policy should be left up to property owners. One more supporter expressed the need for effective enforcement that held smokers, not property owners or managers, accountable for violations.



# Public Works



Public Works completed the first abutment for the Upper Summers Meadow Road Bridge (southwest of Bridgeport). This was a first phase in a lengthy project to be completed by this summer. **Paul Roten & Chad Senior** should be recognized for their good site engineering work, as well as the contractors, Qualcon Contractors!







The Facilities crew had lift operation and safety training in December. Below, Equipment Mechanic, Gerry Kosen, showing how its done!





# Social Services

Social services staff assisted Pastor Mike from **The Church on the Mountain** (located in Crowley Lake) with locating families in need of holiday assistance in the form of Holiday Food Bags. With the help of several staff members from Social Services, we were able to distribute 30 bags of food which included either a turkey or a ham to families in need for the Holidays!

In the Chalfant/Benton region, we thank **Rick Williams** for his time to ensure that this special holiday food donation made it to low-income senior citizens in more remote areas of the county. He met **Pastor Mike** at the Meat House in Bishop on the Friday morning before Christmas to load up his truck and individually make each delivery.

In addition to the generosity of Church on the Mountain, other faith-based and service organizations reached out to Social Services this year to offer support to Mono County residents in need. The long tradition of the Angel Giving Tree, overseen by Public Health Nurse, Carolyn Balliet, once again resulted in Christmas gifts for many youth throughout the county.





The Child Welfare office was filled with gifts and goodies for social workers to deliver to many appreciative families. The Girl Scouts offered to put gifts together for senior citizens in the Benton and Chalfant regions.

And lastly, we are excited to share a new partnership with the Lighthouse Church. For many years, Lighthouse has provided support to families involved with Social Services in unique ways. They are often able to fill needs in ways that the Department cannot always do.



In December, the Lighthouse shared that they have formalized this service by allocating a dedicated monthly budget for the sole purpose of helping our most vulnerable community members who come into contact with Social Services. Their intent is to provide year-round support.

*~ Thank you to our community for making the holidays a time of generosity and connection ~*







## Psychological First Aid Training

Mono County recently received a visit from the American Red Cross L.A. Chapter for a variety of trainings in our local area. In December, 20 individuals from Inyo and Mono Counties participated in a training called Psychological First Aid Training in which they learned about typical stress reactions and when to refer people to a mental health professional among

other topics.

Also in December, 18 individuals participated in a CPR/First Aid class located at the Mammoth Lakes Fire Department in which they were able to refresh their skills or begin learning CPR and first aid.

## Point-in-Time Count of homeless

The Eastern Sierra Continuum of Care (CoC), a coalition of providers of homeless prevention services, along with many partner agencies, will conduct its annual Point-in-Time Count of homeless individuals and families on **Thursday, January 25, 2018**.

During the early evening hours, staff and volunteers will visit campgrounds, parking lots and other places in the Eastern Sierra to find and survey people living outside. Non-profit and faith based service providers will also count the number of people that are temporarily residing in emergency shelter because they are without a home.

The surveys are completely anonymous and confidential, and the information is collected for evaluation by the CoC and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Information from the surveys will shed light on the extent and nature of homelessness in Inyo, Mono, and Alpine counties. The data will also be used to plan and implement housing solutions to homelessness in our rural area.



The Homeless Count is a HUD requirement for the local CoC funding process, which brings over \$300 million in federal funding to California each year to serve people experiencing homelessness. This funding provides permanent supportive housing, rapid rehousing, temporary shelter and supportive services to assist homeless persons.

If you have any questions about the Count or would like to volunteer to help conduct the census survey, please contact Karen Mansfield at 760-873-8557, extension 102, [kmansfield@imaca.net](mailto:kmansfield@imaca.net).





- Count information is completely anonymous and confidential
- Restaurant or food store gift card provided to participants

Inyo, Mono and Alpine Counties

# Let's Make Everyone Count!

National Street and Shelter Point-in-Time Count

January 25, 2018



U.S. Department of Housing  
and Urban Development

For additional information,  
visit the HUD Exchange at  
[www.hudexchange.info](http://www.hudexchange.info)



| SUN  | MON   | TUES  | WED   | THUR  | FRI   | SAT  |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|--|
|  | 1   | 2   | 3   | 4   | 5   | 6  |
| <b>DESCRIPTION OF EACH ACTIVITY IS ON THE BACK</b> | Wellness center closed for Holiday<br> | <u>Yin Yoga Stretch</u><br>1:30pm-2:30pm<br><br><u>Club House Live</u><br>3:30pm-5:30pm   | <u>Club House Live</u><br>3:30pm-5:30pm<br><br><u>Small Steps Big Difference</u> (MCBH office)<br>5:15pm-6:30pm | <u>Narcotics Anonymous</u><br>12:00pm-1:00pm<br><u>Club House Live</u><br>3:30pm-5:30pm<br><u>Circulo de Mujeres</u><br>5:30pm-7:00pm<br><u>Espacio Creativo</u><br>5:30pm-7:00pm | <u>Yin Yoga Stretch</u><br>1:30pm-2:30pm<br><br><u>Club House Live</u><br>3:00pm-5:00pm |  |
|  | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10  | 11  | 12   |
|  | <u>Club House Live</u><br>3:30pm-5:30pm   | <u>Yin Yoga Stretch</u><br>1:30pm-2:30pm<br><br><u>Club House Live</u><br>3:30pm-5:30pm<br><br><u>Circulo de Hombres</u><br>6:30 pm | <u>Club House Live</u><br>3:30pm-5:30pm<br><br><u>Small Steps Big Difference</u> (MCBH office)<br>5:15pm-6:30pm | <u>Narcotics Anonymous</u><br>12:00pm-1:00pm<br><u>Club House Live</u><br>3:30pm-5:30pm<br><u>Circulo de Mujeres</u><br>5:30pm-7:00pm<br><u>Espacio Creativo</u><br>5:30pm-7:00pm | <u>Yin Yoga Stretch</u><br>1:30pm-2:30pm<br><br><u>Club House Live</u><br>3:00pm-5:00pm |  |
| 14   | 15  | 16  | 17  | 18  | 19  | 20   |
|  | <br>Center Closed                      | <u>Yin Yoga Stretch</u><br>1:30pm-2:30pm<br><br><u>Club House Live</u><br>3:30pm-5:30pm<br><br><u>Closed Group</u><br>6:30 pm       | <u>Club House Live</u><br>3:30pm-5:30pm<br><br><u>Small Steps Big Difference</u> (MCBH office)<br>5:15pm-6:30pm | <u>Narcotics Anonymous</u><br>12:00pm-1:00pm<br><u>Club House Live</u><br>3:30pm-5:30pm<br><u>Circulo de Mujeres</u><br>5:30pm-7:00pm<br><u>Espacio Creativo</u><br>5:30pm-7:00pm | <u>Yin Yoga Stretch</u><br>1:30pm-2:30pm<br><br><u>Club House Live</u><br>3:00pm-5:00pm |  |
| 21   | 22  | 23  | 24  | 25  | 26  | 27   |
|  | <u>Club House Live</u><br>3:30pm-5:30pm   | <u>Yin Yoga Stretch</u><br>1:30pm-2:30pm<br><br><u>Club House Live</u><br>3:30pm-5:30pm   | <u>Club House Live</u><br>3:30pm-5:30pm<br><br><u>Small Steps Big Difference</u> (MCBH office)<br>5:15pm-6:30pm | <u>Narcotics Anonymous</u><br>12:00pm-1:00pm<br><u>Club House Live</u><br>3:30pm-5:30pm<br><u>Circulo de Mujeres</u><br>5:30pm-7:00pm<br><u>Espacio Creativo</u><br>5:30pm-7:00pm | <u>Yin Yoga Stretch</u><br>1:30pm-2:30pm<br><br><u>Club House Live</u><br>3:00pm-5:00pm |  |
| 28   | 29  | 30  | 31  |   |   |  |
|  | <u>Club House Live</u><br>3:30pm-5:30pm   | <u>Yin Yoga Stretch</u><br>1:30pm-2:30pm<br><br><u>Club House Live</u><br>3:30pm-5:30pm   | <u>Club House Live</u><br>3:30pm-5:30pm<br><br><u>Small Steps Big Difference</u> (MCBH office)<br>5:15pm-6:30pm |   |   | <b>A service of Mono County Behavioral Health and Proposition 63</b>                 |

