

### **Economic Development**

**RECon** - Staff attended the annual International Council of Shopping Centers global conference in Las Vegas this week. The 4-day event started Sun., May 17 and finished Wed. May 21 with 33,000 attendees and over 1000 exhibitors showcasing products and services related to the retail/hospitality sector. Staff participated in educational seminars and workshops, networked with other county and city Economic Development Corporations, and met with retailers, franchise operations, restaurants, hotels, and ancillary businesses to introduce/pitch Mono County as a potential business venue.

Mono County Tourism & Film Commission — It is with mixed feelings that we announce the resignation/retirement of Bill Banta from the Tourism & Film Commission after his many years of service with Mono County. Bill's steady, calm contribution to our team and his experience, wisdom and insights will be greatly missed, but he and his wife are excited to be moving on to their next adventures in life and we wish them the very best. To fill these big shoes, the Commission is seeking an individual from the Mono Basin area with tourism/economic development background and a regional, county-wide perspective for a 4-year volunteer term. Interested candidates should contact Alicia Vennos (avennos@mono.ca.gov/760-924-1743) for an application.

**Community Marketing Event Fund** – Several applications for grant funding will be reviewed at the upcoming Mono County Tourism & Film Commission regular meeting on Tuesday, May 26 at the Bridgeport Public Health conference room, 199 Twin Lakes Rd, Bridgeport, at 10am. All are welcome to attend.

Mono County Fisheries Commission – We welcome recently-appointed Sue Burak to the Fisheries Commission as of May 19, 2015. A resident of Crowley Lake, Ms. Burak has extensive scientific background in hydrology, including research on long term flows and water quality in several regional watersheds. Ms. Burak also has an understanding of groundwater storage, discharge and recharge to area streams and lakes including a comprehensive understanding of local geology and its influence on streamflow and water quality and quantity. Her contribution to the Fisheries Commission will undoubtedly be a valuable one.

CONTACT: Alicia Vennos, (960) 924-1743

## **Public Works**

The Mountain Gate Park on the West Walker River Parkway Phase 2 project is complete. In 2007 the California Natural Resources Agency approved the use of \$473,155 of the California River Parkways Grant Program (Proposition 50) funds for the design and construction of this project. The Northern Mono County Chamber of Commerce held a dedication ceremony Saturday May 23<sup>rd</sup>. This project involved many county staff, community members, and local organizations working together. A special thanks goes to Public Works staff Vianey White and Phil Touchstone for their efforts! The park is now open so please stop by on your way through to take a look.





The Crowley Lake Ballfield concession building has been completed. Thanks to all the Facilities staff who worked on this project! Play Ball!

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## **Probation**

Congratulations to Shaylor McCann (above) and Coach Gonzales for receiving the Coppertown Sports Photography Se Do' Award tonight!





Shaylor McCann (middle) a junior at Coleville High School received the Se Do' Award, awarded to an athlete whose performance best exhibits Diligence, Perseverance and Integrity.



Dylan Van Kampen and his grandfather

Congratulations to Dylan Van Kampen, Mammoth High School, for receiving a Coppertown Sports Photography Scholarship to attend the SoCal National Travel Team (SoCal NTT) 15U and 16U. The tournament will be from June 19 to July 1st in Fort Meyer, Florida.

End of School year sees many awards and accomplishments. Two athletes in Mono County were honored as student-athletes.

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#### **Social Services**

# Disaster Preparedness Education

It is the American Red Cross mission to help communities prevent, prepare for and respond to disasters. A disaster can strike at any moment; the Red Cross wants to show you and your family how to be ready.



As part of their support services to our region they will be coming to Mammoth Lakes to provide preparedness education.

**Prepare U – Wednesday, June 3rd from 5:30-6:30 p.m. at the Mammoth Lakes Library**: People should take three actions to prepare for emergencies – get a kit, make a plan and be informed. You'll learn the importance of having an emergency preparedness kit, making a family disaster plan and knowing the types of disasters in your community and the resources available in an emergency. Please RSVP to Mono County Social Services at 760-924-1780.

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#### **Foster Parents Needed**



Make a difference in the life of a child! The quest to recruit new foster care homes in Mono County continues! The next Foster Parent Orientation meeting will occur in Crowley Lake on June 2, 2015. Foster Parents are needed for long-term, as well as short-term care. Short-term care can consist of emergency overnight placement of a child, or just a few days, until alternative arrangements can be made. As the Foster Parent, you get to determine the level of support you are able to provide.

Learn more by attending the upcoming Foster Parent Orientation Meeting, Tuesday, June 2, 2015 5:30pm-7:00pm at the Crowley Lake Community Center

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