



COUNTY OF MONTEREY CAO Weekly Report

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SPECIALREPORT



During the opening event for the Victim Center, Soledad Police Chief Eric Sills (far left) speaks about the story of one south county crime victim as District Attorney Dean Flippo (center left) and Anna Galvez, Victim Assistance Advocate (far right) look on. Photo courtesy of Ryan Cronk, South County Newspapers.

County Notes

- > It's the unofficial end of summer but don't let foodborne illness ruin your Labor Day festivities. Check out these [tips from the Health Department](#).

Victim Center Reopens to Fill Void

Crime doesn't just happen in places where it is convenient to help crime victims. That is why the reopening of the District Attorney's Office Victims Center in King City was such a welcome event for both that office and the community.

The center reopened last month and is located in the newly refurbished courthouse building at 250 Franciscan Way. It brings back important victims services to South County residents which were lost in 2008 when the Monterey County Courts King City Division closed.

“It’s a long time coming,” said Pamela Patterson, Victim Assistance Program Manager for the District Attorney’s Office. “I keep getting emotional because we started from nothing here. It really was abandoned. ... We put in a lot of time and energy to be able to welcome our clients and put them at ease when they come in here.”

The District Attorney’s Office was able to secure a grant from the Office of Emergency Services to relaunch the center and the community has responded. The Center is fully staffed with a Victim Assistance Advocate, two Therapists, a Legal Advocate and a Legal Secretary, all bilingual.

“The response has been overwhelming,” says Patterson. “I have one victim advocate assigned to work the cases, one secretary who greets the public in person and on the phone and also assists the victim advocate with clients. The advocate is constantly busy and currently has a large caseload.”

District Attorney Dean Flippo says the center plays an important role in helping children who are exposed to violence and feel the impacts as they grow.



A reopening celebration for the Victim Center brought supporters together.



This child's play therapy room is designed for youth affected by crime.

“With the reopening of the Center in South County, services to children and their families will now be accessible and close to home,” he says.

The Center will be open to the public Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. It will also include the Truancy Abatement Program, which is available to all schools located in South County for mediation hearings.

New Juvenile Hall Progress Report

You may remember the groundbreaking event for the new juvenile hall earlier this year. Well, a lot more ground has been broken since then!

If you haven't had the chance to see the work underway at the construction site, RMA Facilities has posted an extensive report on the project complete with site photos. Much of the work is screened by fencing, but the report shows a lot of the trenching and prep work that goes into a project of this size. You can [read the report on the RMA website](#).



Heavy equipment prepares the site for structural foundations.

Right now, crews are working on grading, building pads and underground utilities.

“Phase One is currently underway, which creates a new campus of housing units for 120 youth, administrative wing for staff, and a school in an open field immediately behind the existing Juvenile facility,” says RMA-Architectural Services Manager Don Searle. “Once these buildings are completed in the late summer of 2018, the existing building will be removed and replaced with the final facility components of dining hall/kitchen and storage facility.”

While the project won't be completed until 2019, Probation staff enjoys seeing the progress.

“It is so very rewarding to see this project progressing and it will be even more exciting when all the underground work is completed and the new buildings actually begin to emerge,” says Chief of Probation Marcia Parsons. “Don Searle and the contractors have been great in including us in the weekly construction progress meetings. I think I know more about construction of a new juvenile hall than I ever wanted to know. I leave every meeting with the mantra “on time and on or under budget.”

Calling All County Superheroes!

The Employee Giving Campaign is underway. Be sure to check out the many ways you can support organizations in our community and have fun at the same time.



Item #001:
Dinner for 4 Drummond
Culinary Academy At
Rancho Cielo



Item #002:
2017 California International
Airshow Tickets
(Directed to Scholarship Fund)



Item #003:
Whale Watching - Princess

Samples of some of the online auction items this week.

You may remember last year's new addition of an online silent auction. This year, the auction is bigger and better. There will be new items each week of the campaign so if you see something you like, be sure to bid because it will only be available for one week! Week one of the live auction will end Friday at 5:00 p.m. Auction week two goes live on Tuesday, September 5th.



Surrounded by all those goodies, ACAO Manny González makes some delicious purchases at the Treasurer-Tax Collector's bake sale.

Check out the auction offerings and campaign activity information at the newly redesigned campaign website:

<http://www.in.co.monterey.ca.us/cg2017>. The new page is not only easy to use but follows the superhero theme thanks to some creative web design. Batman, are you there?

Departments are already holding fun fundraising events. The Treasurer-Tax Collector held its annual mega bake sale which included treats for people and pets. This sweet sale raised more than \$1,000 for the Employee Scholarship Fund and FoCAS. The Clerk of the Board has also announced ticket sales to win a Go Pro Hero Video Camera.

Behind all the fun events and activities lies the true meaning of the campaign, which is to give employees the opportunity to donate to their favorite charities through payroll deductions or one-time gifts.

“As Monterey County employees, we can all help make a difference in the lives of many in the county by donating to this very worthwhile cause,” says Assistant County Administrative Officer Manny González. “Our donations will help change lives and address the many needs in our community.”

Check out some of the upcoming giving campaign activities:

**Upcoming
Events**



ITD Taco Sale: September 8th 11:30-1:30. \$1 each or 6 for \$5 (Carne Asada or Chicken) – ITD Back Patio. Tickets are pre-sale only from August 30th - September 6th. Please contact Veronica Serrano or Kristen McFadden to purchase tickets.

ITD Spa Package Raffle: August 31st -September 13th. Tickets are \$5 each or 3 for \$10. Please contact Veronica Serrano or Kristen McFadden to purchase tickets

Auditor/Controller Build Your Own Breakfast Burrito: September 14th 8:30-11:00. Auditor/Controller's conference room. \$6 for one burrito and drink. Please see Alex Estey to purchase tickets.

Auditor/Controller Ice Cream Sundae: September 21st 2:00-3:30 or until sold out. Auditor/Controller Conference room. Tickets \$3. Sundaes sold at the door.

DSS Pizza Factory Fundraiser: September 6th. Pizza Factory will donate 20% of all sales when you bring in the flyer that is located on the Employee Giving Campaign website.