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March 2017 Youth Art Month



March 2017 was proclaimed as Youth Art Month at the March 14th Board of Supervisors meeting. Nevada County Superintendent, Holly Hermansen, spoke to the Board of Supervisors about the importance of art education for our youth. Over the last fifteen years, art has had a greater emphasis in education. The benefits of arts in education span from helping children develop important skills, such as, problem-solving and critical thinking, to better preparing students for college and the workforce by giving them the necessary skills of innovation, creativity and imagination.

Youth Art Month is celebrated annually at the Eric Rood Administrative Center where the art provided by students in the Nevada County School District is displayed in the hallways.

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Solid Waste Storage and Transport Options for Rural Residents

Nevada County is a beautiful place to live, but for many rural residents the rugged terrain and wildlife can be a nuisance in the day to day life. Do you struggle with animals getting into your garbage on a regular basis, or do you have a community pickup location that requires you to take your garbage can down the street every week? The following are examples of a few items that

may make your life a little easier.

Bear Boxes:

Are you looking for a more secure way to store your trash and keep it away from critters? Although



bear boxes cannot be placed within the road right-of-way, the proper use of bear boxes on your property may be very beneficial.

Trailer Hitch Options for Trash/Recycling Carts:

If you are a rural customer and you find it difficult to get your trash/recycling carts to the designated pickup location, the Solid Waste department can provide information on options to simplify this process by using a standard trailer hitch.

Please visit the [Solid Waste home page](#) or call David Garcia at (530) 265-7038 to learn more about Solid Waste handling in Nevada County!

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Nevada County Club Live: Helping Youth REACH for the Future



Nevada County Club Live is a partnership between local middle schools and the Nevada County Public Health Department. The school-based program works toward building positive and healthy youth development and engaging youth as active leaders to change peer attitudes and beliefs about alcohol, tobacco and other drug use. Nevada County Public Health currently supports Club Live chapters at Union Hill, Ready Springs and Lyman Gilmore.

On March 2nd - 4th, twenty students from the Union Hill and Ready Springs Club Live chapters attended the REACH for the Future conference in Chico. REACH is a three-day youth development conference hosted by Butte County Behavioral Health's Prevention Unit.

Students participate in empowering workshops and activities in order to gain an understanding of issues that many youth face, such as: bullying, drugs, violence, abuse, poverty, prejudice, racism, etc. Youth are encouraged to connect with and support each other during the Challenge Day, participate in workshops such as "The Love Movement" and "Positive School Culture," and are given an opportunity to build each other up while breaking down barriers during the Odyssey Ropes Course.

For more information about Nevada County Club Live, contact Lina Hjord, Nevada County Public Health, at (530) 265 7018, lina.hjord@co.nevada.ca.us.

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Shannon Glaz Receives Advanced Certification

Nevada County Public Health is proud to announce that Shannon Glaz, Health Education Coordinator for our Tobacco Use Prevention Program, is now a California Certified Prevention Specialist and an International Certified Prevention Specialist. Regulated by the California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals, this certification requires extensive training and education: the minimum standards for certification are 315 hours of Addiction Studies education and 250 clinically supervised practicum hours

in Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) prevention work.

As Coordinator for Public Health's Tobacco Use Prevention Program, Shannon's work focuses on education of youth and adults, youth development and leadership, smoke-free policies in multi-unit housing, other policy and environmental change work, and the prevention of the use of all tobacco-related products, including chew, e-cigs, flavored products that are geared toward youth, and vaping. For more information on the program or certification, contact Shannon at Shannon.glaz@co.nevada.ca.us or (530) 265- 1451.



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STEAM Expo 2017



The STEAM Expo 2017 is a program of the Nevada County Superintendent of Schools office highlighting and integrating all aspects of Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Math at the Nevada County Fairgrounds.

The STEAM expo is for all K through 12 students and their families in public, charter and private schools. This is a hands-on, interactive, one-day event that encompasses the Nevada County Science Fair, a team math competition, and robotics competitions and demonstrations. A video produced by students will show how the arts integrate with science, technology, engineering and math. Exhibitors, such as Music in the Mountains, will be there with the musical petting zoo, and the Music in the Mountains Youth Orchestra will be giving performances. There will also be a family scavenger hunt, bicycle powered smoothies and much more! An awards ceremony takes place from 2:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

For more information please call the Superintendent of Schools office at (530) 478-6480.

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2017 ERC Annual Regional Economic Development Summit

The Nevada County Economic Resource Council (NCERC) is hosting their 2017 Economic Development Summit and VIP Dinner on May 18th. This year's theme, "Reaching Common Goals", will discuss strategies for change and layout a plan for strengthening and stimulating our local economy.



The summit features two keynotes: State of the Economy by Dr. Christopher Thornberg and Reaching Common Goals (NCERC's 2017-18 strategic plan).

Reaching Common Goals

Throughout the Summit a handful of local businesses that have made exciting progress in 2016-17 will share brief company overviews and highlights of their recent business accomplishments. As an exciting twist, included will be some compelling companies visiting Nevada County who will share their innovations in Virtual Reality, which is a key industry segment that is one focus of NCERC.

During the VIP Dinner, a panel, moderated by Amy Westervelt, will engage in a community discussion of the key issues that will become a top priority focus. Amy lives in Truckee and is a contributing writer to the Wall Street Journal, the Guardian, and Forbes.

Find more information about the Summit in the [2017 flyer](#) and reserve your seats for the [Summit](#) or the [VIP Dinner](#) today as seats are limited.

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