Say Boo! County Gets in the Halloween Spirit

While Halloween fell on a workday this year, that didn’t mean county employees couldn’t have a little fun while serving the public.

Clients were treated to witches, unicorns and other imaginary figures this week as staff got into the Halloween spirit. Check out the great costumes as seen around the county this year.
This office held its annual Halloween costume and pumpkin carving contest. There was also a pot luck for all involved. Better get those board reports in on time, or you might face some of these contestants.

Some of the costume contest winners were the ‘Spice Girls’ (l-r) Maegan Ruiz-Ignacio, Claudia Link, Michelle Gomez and Margarita Arista (right). Scariest Costume honors went to Carmen Gonzalez (far right). The whole gang (below).

Think this department can’t scare you? Remember, they have a laboratory!

Hopefully all these creations returned to normal November 1st.
Ghoulish good times at the Health Department’s various locations this week. The Seaside Family Health Center (previous page), Children’s System of Care - Juvenile Justice Team (right), Prevention Programs (lower left) and the cast of characters at 1270 Natividad Road included one banana slug (lower right).

Probation

The Juvenile Division got into the spirit of things, including a costume contest.
Some of the winners of this division’s costume contest: Greg Glazzard for Funniest Costume and Wil Sims for Scariest Costume (previous page left) and the whole group at the Natividad Office (previous page right). Silver Star Youth Program and Rancho Cielo staff (above left) and the Silver Star Resource Center Collaborative Team (above right).

Social Services

Movie heroes and supernatural beings were featured at the Social Services Department this year.

Dressed up for the day are Gloria Cavazos (left), Antonio and Patty De La Peña (above), Angelica Sandoval and Josefini Leon (above right) and Lilian Lopez and Monique Ng.
Natividad Welcomes New Doctor

Dr. Dustan Millward joins the Natividad team, strengthening the hospital’s podiatry services by supporting both inpatient care as well as the D’Arrigo Family Specialty Services Clinic.

Prior to joining Natividad, Dr. Millward served at Truman Medical Center, a county hospital in Kansas City, Missouri.

“Coming from a county hospital, I am thrilled to join Natividad in serving Monterey County’s underserved patient populations,” said Dr. Millward. “I look forward to offering patients in the clinic podiatric care four days a week with the last day of the week devoted to surgery and other inpatient care at the hospital.”

Millward’s experience includes foot and ankle trauma including evaluating injuries in the Emergency Department; diabetic wound care, including successful prevention of diabetes-related amputation and the treatment of diabetic foot ulcers and associated infections. He is also trained in foot and ankle reconstructive surgery and regularly treats ankle fractures, sprains and other common lower limb injuries.

Millward received his medical degree from Barry University School of Podiatric Medicine and a bachelor’s degree in exercise science from Brigham Young University.

Welcome Dr. Millward!

Labor of Love Event Marks Milestone

Congratulations to the Monterey County Health Department, staff and partners for this year’s Labor of Love community event - this year celebrating its 25th year!

Labor of Love is a combination pregnancy health fair, resource fair, and gigantic community baby shower! This year’s event, held at Sherwood Hall in Salinas last month, had a tremendous turnout: more than 650 people attended, including 177 pregnant women.
Michelle Fox of the Health Department’s Women, Infants and Children Nutrition Program has been organizing this event since its inception. She says folks come for the amazing array of information available. Some 40 agencies were on hand with important information on healthy pregnancies, babies and families and the event included a car seat safety presentation.

Siblings and dads were also included in the event. Dads could take part in the diaper derby, “Feed the Big Baby” contest or try out a pregnancy ‘empathy belly’ outfit. Siblings could try their hand at diapering a baby doll and have fun at the MY Museum Wheelie Mobilee.

During the event, 40 car seats, 30 strollers and 35 other large prizes were given away to lucky families. All families received a children’s book to encourage reading, singing and playing with their children.

Fox sends out a big thank you to the event’s community partners for their support: First 5 of Monterey County, Child Abuse Prevention Council of Monterey County, Hartnell College LVN Program, Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula, Natividad Hospital Foundation and Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System.