



**Animal Control**

**The Bird Whisperer Lives!** – Check out Animal Control Officer **Will Clayton** as he rescues a bird from inside Annex II. **Will “Don’t call me Tippy Hidron” Clayton** safely and soundly captured an errant swallow and released him back into the wild where the bird immediately began planning for where to build a nest.

The Bridgeport Bird Herder – or Birdman of Bridgeport – the great work transcends the title! Thank you to **Jami Petersen** for the picture of Will literally helping “control” the animals!

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**Clerk’s Office**

**Law Enforcement Recognition Ceremony to be held in Bridgeport** - The Bridgeport Christian Fellowship will be hosting on Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> the Law Enforcement Officer of the Year Awards.

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**Kudos from Sacramento District Attorney for Clerk Staff response** – **Debra Vanderbrake** received the great thank you email from the Sac DA for her responsiveness to a major information request.

Check it out:

*“Ms. Vandebroke,*

*My name is Dean Archibald: I am a deputy district attorney at the Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office. I spoke to you a week or so ago regarding obtaining some documents from your county for a real estate fraud case we are prosecuting against a defendant in our county (Lonnie Schmidt). You were so very helpful and said you would send certified copies of all the documents to me here at the Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office. I wasn’t really sure what to expect since so often people say things and then nothing ever happens but I received the documents the other day – and I just wanted to say how much I appreciated your interest and assistance! So often when one calls somewhere to try and get documents or other information, you’re put on hold or the person you’re speaking to can’t be bothered to even try to do their job. You were the exact opposite: you were just GREAT GREAT GREAT !!*

**Law Enforcement  
Officer of the Year Awards**



*Presented by  
Bridgeport  
Christian  
Fellowship*

**Come celebrate and honor Mono County's  
Officers of the Year**

**MONO COUNTY SHERIFF  
CALIFORNIA HIGHWAY PATROL**

**Date: May 21, 2015  
Time: 10:00 AM**

**Place: Bridgeport Christian Fellowship  
HWY 182**

Refreshments following

Thank you so much for being a super public servant and a really nice person –

Dean Archibald  
Deputy District Attorney  
Sacramento County District Attorney’s Office

Kudos to Debra for her recognition and thank you to her and the entire Clerk’s office for all of their great ongoing work!

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**County Administrator’s Office**

**May North County Employee’s Round Table** – Thank you to the 7 employees who attended the Employee’s Round Table in Bridgeport on May 7<sup>th</sup>. People in attendance asked a few question about the upcoming budget.

The **South County Employee Round Table** will be Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am at the Sierra Center Mall Board of Supervisors Chambers – Come on by if you like! Carbs and caffeine will be on the agenda as always!

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**Mono County’s Strategic Planning Framework Continues RPACS review and Board to hold special session on May 22<sup>nd</sup> from at Lee Vining** – This unprecedented effort is continuing and Supervisor **Stacy Corless** will be the new Board Champion for moving this effort forward.

Thank you to **the June Lake Citizens Advisory Committee** and the Town Council of the Town of Mammoth Lakes for hearing the frame work presentation and starting to submit feedback.

As the Framework is circulating out through many public committees so the County has to garner public feedback. Please feel free to come on by the following Strategic Planning meetings:

- Mono Basin RPAC (2<sup>nd</sup> Review) May 13<sup>th</sup>**
- Bridgeport RPAC (2<sup>nd</sup> Review) May 21<sup>st</sup>**
- Special Board meeting – May 22<sup>nd</sup> – in Lee Vining – 8:00am to 11:00am**

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## Economic Development

**SNOW!** A little white stuff didn't stop these anglers at Convict Lake today:

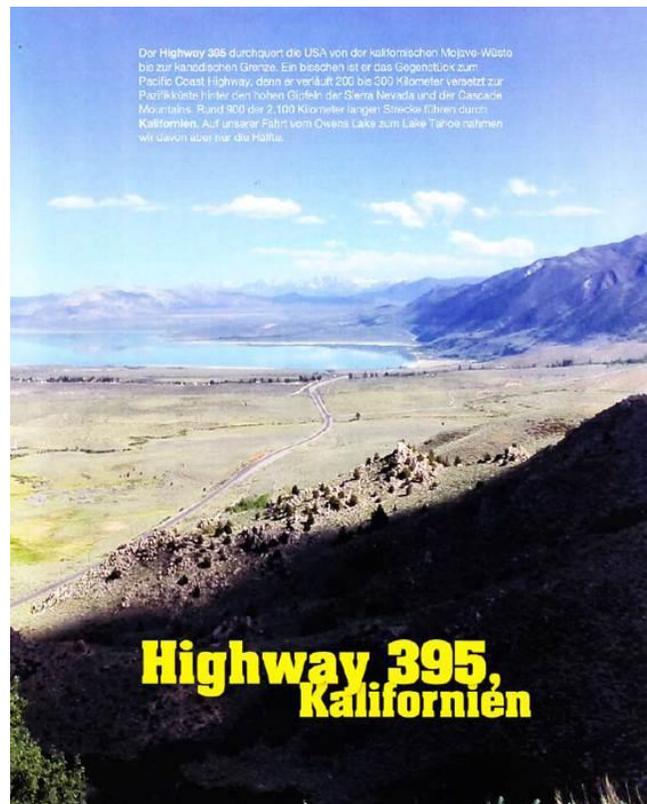
### Fisheries Commission:

- Update on SB 345 – The Sportfishing Stimulus Act of 2015, sponsored by Tom Berryhill and Assembly Member Frank Bigelow.
- 1) Here is a link to a one page fact sheet about SB 345 that includes details on the decline of fishing licenses: <http://www.sportfishingconservation.org/wp-content/uploads/Sportfishing-Stimulus-Act-Factsheet.pdf>
  - 2) Senator Tom Berryhill will be on [www.hookup1090.com](http://www.hookup1090.com) to talk about this bill this Saturday at 8:30am.
  - 3) John Urdi, Mammoth Lakes Tourism, will be representing the Eastern Sierra on [www.hookup1090.com](http://www.hookup1090.com) at 8:40 am immediately after the Senator is done to discuss fishing conditions so far this year.



### PR/Media:

- Our PR firm, East River PR attended Visit California's Los Angeles Media Event recently, and also had several deskside appointments with media to pitch Mono County story ideas. Alysia Gray Painter(NBC) who she met with in L.A., recently posted a story about Tioga Pass opening and how that makes it so easy for folks to travel to the Eastern Sierra. Ms. Painter gave a nod to the Whoa Nellie Deli, which they had discussed during their meeting: <http://www.nbcbayarea.com/blogs/worth-the-trip/Now-Open-The-Tioga-Road-302458651.html>
- East River PR is meeting with key San Francisco/Bay Area media this week, including San Francisco Chronicle, Sunset Magazine and VIA.
- Two years ago at ITB in Berlin, one of the largest travel tradeshows in the world, Alicia Vennos (representing the High Sierra Visitors Council) and Commissioner Michael Vanderhurst (Mammoth Lakes Tourism) met the



publisher of German travel magazine “America” and discussed the unique road trip aspect of US 395. Check out the feature article in the May/June issue, attached.

#### **Film Commission:**

- Recent filming productions in the county include a European work-wear clothing line that was here for 5 nights, shooting at Brown’s Owens Campground at Benton Crossing Rd., Pokonobe Lodge, and Mammoth Mountain. This is their third visit to Mono County for a catalogue shoot. Other recent inquiries include Mercedes, Jeep, a perfume brand, and a National Geographic International television series interested in shooting an episode at Bodie.

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### **Human Resources**

**Trindel hosted training has good turnout** – Thank you to the 26 people who attended the Trindel training on the Interactive Accommodation Process. There has been a number of changes in law which require the County to continue to meaningfully engage employees around issues of disability accommodation.

The Trindel hosted training both improves our managers in their efforts and ensures that Mono County follows the California and federal standards.

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### **Public Health**

**Mono County Strengthening Families Steering Committee**, consisting of *Didi Tergesen*, *Molly DesBaillets*, *Ana Danielson*, and *Diann Bitzberger*, hosted a Strategies Training April 30, 2015 in the Lee Vining Community Center.

Facilitators from Interface/Strategies Children and Family services presented an interactive program to promote the vision of a world in which children are cherished, parents are engaged in their communities, and communities thrive. This free program to participants was funded by California Department of Social Services, Office of Child Abuse Prevention.

Participants consisted of Mono County DSS, Office of Education, First Five, Health Department, WIC, Early Start, and IMACA staff. The 5 Protective Factors maintained throughout the program are: Concrete Support in Times of Need; Social Connections; Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development; Parental Resilience; and Social and Emotional Competence of Children.

Please contact [dtergesen@monocoe.org](mailto:dtergesen@monocoe.org) if you are interested in joining the Strengthening Families Steering Committee’s efforts to move this work forward in Mono County.

CONTACT: Diann Bitzberger, MPH, RN, CNOR, (760) 924-1841

**Eastern Sierra Transit Agency (ESTA) offers help for those needing to get to medical appointments** - ESTA has received funding for another year of their non-emergency transportation program. ESTA does not provide a driver or vehicle but it is a gas reimbursement program. Attached are documents showing policy information, requirements, and necessary forms which need to be returned to ESTA.

For more information, contact **Jill Batchelder** at 760-872-1901 x 11.

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**Public Health**  
Prevent. Promote. Protect.

***California Department of Public Health Launches New Bike-Safety Curriculum on National Bike to School Day***

SACRAMENTO – The California Department of Public Health (CDPH) today announced the release of the *California Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Curriculum for Grades 4 and 5*. This release coincides with National Bike to School Day. The free curriculum for schools will be the first of its kind in

California and was jointly developed by CDPH, the California Department of Education (CDE) and the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

“We want to encourage California students to walk and bike to school so they can be more physically active, but we want them to do it safely,” said Dr. Karen Smith, director of CDPH and state health officer. “This curriculum motivates kids while teaching safe walking and bicycling behaviors. It’s a fun way to get the entire family to be more active outdoors in their community.”

The *California Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety Curriculum for Grades 4 and 5* is intended to teach students the importance of pedestrian and bicycle safety skills as well as physical activity. The lessons available to students encourage them to develop healthy habits that benefit both their physical development and academic performance.

In 2013, almost 9,000 children ages 5-12 were injured riding their bikes in California. California’s childhood obesity rate is at 38 percent, with an estimated 78 percent of elementary-aged children and 85 percent of teens not meeting the minimum recommendation of 60 minutes of moderate to vigorous physical activity per day.

The free curriculum is available for teachers at the California Healthy Kids Resource Center, a project of CDPH and the CDE.

The nine-lesson curriculum is aligned with the Common Core Standards, the National Health Education Standards and the California Health Education Standards. The lessons are integrated with English Language Arts, Mathematics, Science and Physical Education.

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**No smoking expect in designated areas near County Buildings** – We are continuing to have complaints that employees are not smoking at the designated location in Bridgeport (**Northwest corner outside of Annex I**). **Smoking** next to buildings, within 20 feet of any doorway or near air intake vents is prohibited. The parking lot behind annex II and adjacent to the Office of Education is not allowed.



*Please respect the public and co-workers* who continue to raise this issue and utilize the designated area which is on the northwest corner of Annex I in Bridgeport. Thank you.

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### **Public Works**

**SNOW! It must be May.....** Mono County Road crews were out plowing county roads both Thursday and Friday. Thanks to:

- a. **Jerry VandeBrake** for finding a solution to the Crowley unleaded fuel pump issue without having to purchase a new pump. Thereby saving the county several hundred dollars as well as reducing delays in the repair.
- b. **Phil Touchstone's** efforts to ensure county projects are constructed according to plan. Phil has supervised many projects and has guaranteed Mono County's interests are protected.
- c. **Paul Roten** for closing in on completing our Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plans.
- d. **Garrett Higerd** for working with a myriad of agencies during his never-ending task of improving county roads.
- e. **Tony Dublino** for finally having the Round Fire cleanup off his plate.....well almost.

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### **Sheriff's Office**

**Mono County Sheriff's Office Boat Patrol rescues fisherman on capsized boat on Crowley Lake** - On Saturday, May 2, 2015, at approximately 2:45pm, Mono County Sheriff's Office Boat Patrol received a call regarding a capsized boat near Sandy Point on Crowley Lake.

Four fishermen from Southern California rented a fishing boat for a day of fishing on Crowley Lake. One of the men onboard stood up while the boat was anchored, and slipped to one side causing the boat to flip over. A pontoon boat in the area saw the fishermen in the water, holding on to the bottom of their

boat to stay above water, and brought them aboard their vessel to await assistance. They called the Crowley Lake Marina who then alerted Mono County Sheriff's Office Boat Patrol of the incident.

Boat Patrol and Crowley Lake Marina staff arrived to the capsized boat. Crowley Lake Marina staff was able to turn the boat upright and safely bring it back to the marina. The fishermen were transferred to the MCSO boat, cold and wet but otherwise uninjured. They were safely transported back to the marina.

Please remember to use caution and common sense when operating any type of watercraft on our waterways, for your safety and the safety of those around you. Always be prepared and have the proper life jackets onboard for all passengers on the vessel and ensure everyone knows how to properly use them. Accidents happen – ensure your vessel is always equipped with the proper safety equipment.



Thank you to the other fisherman on their pontoon boat for lending a helping hand, and to the Crowley Lake Marina staff for their prompt response and help on this incident!

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**Interagency Wildfire Training** - With the dry conditions and potential for a long fire season this year, local, state and federal fire agencies, along with other local first responder agencies are in full preparation mode. On Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015, residents and visitors to the Eastern Sierra, and specifically the Mammoth Lakes area, will notice quite a bit of fire equipment in the area as our local agencies train together in preparation for this fire season.



**What:** An interagency wildfire training exercise focusing on combined engine company operations in the wildland urban interface. (This is **training** and *not* a real fire event)

**When:** Saturday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2015 from 9:00am to 4:00pm

**Where:** Mammoth Creek Road near the helipad, with initial staging at the employee parking lot of the US Forest Service Visitor Center in Mammoth Lakes.

The public can expect to see numerous engines coming into the Town of Mammoth Lakes on Hwy 203 between 9:00am – 9:45am; and from the US Forest Service Visitor Center toward Mammoth Creek Road between 10:00am - 10:15am. Engines will be released and returning on Hwy 203 around 4:00pm.

The public is discouraged from attending/observing the training as there will be heavy traffic activity with fire engines in the area, including the routes into and out of the training area.

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**Why:** To improve local, state, and federal coordination in fire resource requests, deployment, and combined operations in and around Mono County wildland urban interface areas.

**Who:** Mono County Protection Districts; CalFire; US Forest Service, Inyo National Forest; Mono County Emergency Management; Town of Mammoth Lakes. Interagency training and preparation is invaluable for when the true call comes out. We appreciate the public's awareness and support of our training efforts.

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