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INSIDE Memorial Day Salute

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South Fork Union School District improves fields

Wednesday, May 15, the Kern Valley Sun overheard a discussion, during the Color Run at South Fork Middle School, regarding several upcoming improvements to the campus fields.

Sierra Shared Spaces holds community hub event

Thursday, May 16 many groups and individuals attended the Sierra Shared Spaces community hub, at the Kern River Valley Veterans Center, in Lake Isabella.

Postal customers annoyed with service for some packages

Residents recently complained to the local media that they had to drive to the post office to obtain their Amazon packages because Amazon wasn't delivering them directly to their doors, and the US Postal Service wasn't bringing them on behalf of Amazon.

Middle School Color Run provides hefty prizes

South Fork Middle School held its annual Color Run, Wednesday, May 15, which the founder of the event, physical education teacher and athletic director and coach at the school Teddie Anzaldo said was the second event the school has had.

Bronc Booster reverse raffle fund-raiser a big hit

The annual reverse raffle for Kern Valley High School sports took place on Saturday at the Senior Center. A large group of supporters had their chance to make some big bucks.

Kern Valley's Hacker selected as best female athlete at PEEAK Awards

On May 15, six Kern Valley High School students traveled to Bakersfield as nominees for 2024 PEEAK (Promoting Excellence in Activities and Athletics in Kern) Awards. The awards night was held in the Mechanics Bank Theater.

Kern Valley gets booted out of playoffs by Foothill

The Broncos baseball squad finished up the year with a loss in the CIF Playoffs. Foothill came to town and was able to win the game with six runs over the last two innings. This would overcome a 2-0 cushion the Broncos held for the first five innings of the contest.



PHOTO COURTESY OF KCFD

Smoke rising from a recent wildfire near Kernville.

Joint Effort eliminates Wildfire in Kern River Canyon

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KERN RIVER CANYON - A joint effort from different firefighting agencies averted a wildfire in the Kern River Valley on May 15th.

According to a Kern County Fire Department posting on Facebook, firefighters from the Kern River Valley and San Joaquin Valley converged upon 2 vegetation fires reported within the Kern River Canyon. Firefighters arrived on scene

to fire 2 fires approximately 1 mile apart from each other. The incident was named the Cow Fire, managed by the US Forest Service and assisted by the Kern County Fire Department, the Bureau of Land Management, Cal Fire, CHP and Caltrans.

An aggressive suppression strategy was implemented; one fire was quickly contained at 2 acres and the second fire spread up the steep walls of the canyon. Firefighters had to hike upward from the roadway

as helicopters and airplanes made water and retardant drops on the head of the fire while firefighters worked to contain the fire. Rocks and rolling fire debris were seen falling on Highway 178.

The California Highway Patrol had closed Hwy. 178 due to the hazard from the fires, falling rocks and heavy equipment operating on the road. The Kern County Fire Department had, as of 7:00 PM on May 15th, made great progress on both fires, estimated to have burned a

total of 132 acres. Working and unfavorable conditions, containment had already reached 60% and firefighters remained on scene throughout the night working to increase containment.

Hwy. 178 through the Kern River Canyon was expected to reopen sometime during the night, but all traveling through the canyon should reduce their speed and watch for emergency vehicles on the roadway.



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Museum and historical society hold History Day

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Saturday at Kern Valley Museum and Annex the Kern River Valley Historical Society held its annual History Day event.

Director of publicity for the museum, Ron Anderson, told the Kern Valley Sun about Mike Morgan's Hit and Miss Engines, which were on display. Anderson said, "They call them hit and miss because they have a governor on them. And as long as they keep their speed up they won't use any gas, they won't fire. And once the speed goes down, then the governor tells the carburetor, and so forth, to add gas and it fires and it goes boom chiga chiga chiga." Anderson told the Kern

Valley Sun that such engines were used from about 1915 until probably around the 1940s. "It's hard to believe but in America there was only one farm out of ten, in 1935, that had electricity. That's where they came up with the Rural Electrification Administration. That was one of FDR's programs," said Anderson.

"People didn't want to stay in the country, they wanted to go to town where they had electricity and get all the advantages of having electricity in your home."

Other displays of interest at the History Days event included an outdoor gold panning exhibit, and a blacksmithing booth. Among other demonstrations was that of home looming held inside the museum.



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Samples of home made ice cream, and samples of stew; chili and chicken casseroles made in cast iron Dutch ovens along with a side of spicy corn bread, and home churned butter with bread were among the free foods visitors enjoyed during the event.

The society also displayed, at the annex, maps of various places of interest including one of all the mines of the Kern Valley, which miners used historically.

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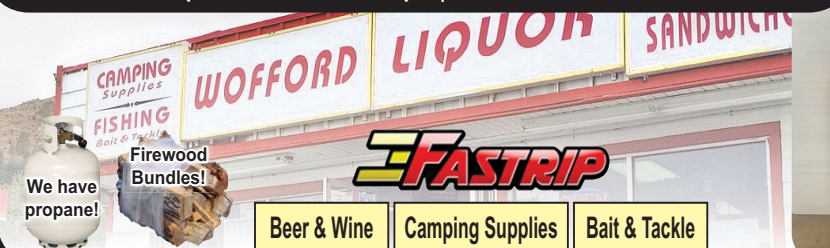
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COMMUNITY

England-Miller, Oldenkamp, Fankhauser, awarded Teachers of the Year

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The Kern Valley Exchange Club awarded Teachers of the Year, Thursday May 16, from Kernville Union School District, South Fork Union School District and Kern Valley High School. Paradise Cove Lodge hosted the awards luncheon.

Alan Paradise from Kern Valley High School introduced Kern Valley High School's Teacher of the Year, Maghan (England) Miller. Paradise said, "With positive energy, and a contagious smile, Maghan Miller's super power is to motivate. She makes everyone feel important."

Paradise said Miller spends immense numbers of hours caring for students, helping students excel in local, regional and state competitions impacting the community positively through Future Farmers of America (FFA,) as Science Department and CTE department chair and she teaches a floral design class.

Miller and her team brought 27 students to FFA State Conference in Sacramento for four days during spring break. She also participated in FFA newsletter, FFA Christmas tree sale, and Christmas clothing drive. With her help the FFA funded toiletries kits to 150 students, FFA held its annual drive thru barbeque, a Houchin blood drive, a staff appreciation breakfast, the FFA chapter banquet, and the FFA volunteers for Veterans Day Flags, among other events. This school year has been Miller's fourth year in the valley.

"Thank you guys for everything you do for students," said Miller. "This community is unique, the kids are incredible."

Amber-Starr Oldenkamp won Teacher of the Year for South Fork Union School District. Teacher from the South Fork Elementary, Annette Thomey told the audience, "Amber is newer to South Fork. We interviewed her and her heart for kids was burning through the computer screen. For the only time in my career, when we hung up from that call, I told my then boss 'you need to hire her now or else we won't get her. Someone else will take her because of her heart for the kids.'"

Oldenkamp came to the valley from Rancho Cucamonga. Thomey said, "The first year she was here was last year. She worked with Dianne Hinkey a former teacher of the year. She formerly worked with students with severely special needs."

This year Oldenkamp took on the role of head of the Special Education Department. In that capacity she did 104 Individualized Education Programs (IEPs.) She assisted special needs kids participating in the Color Run. "Every part of her is about helping us, helping the kids, helping everyone in our community be better," Thomey said.

Oldenkamp said, "This is my second year here, my third year moving up here. I've loved every minute of it. I just want to say thank you to everyone that's welcomed me."

Winner of the Teacher of the Year Award for Kernville Union School District was Wallace Elementary School, grade 3 teacher Jen Fankhauser, who was also a former employee of the Kern Valley Sun.

Principal of Wallace Elementary School, Karen Greenhaw said, "I can't say enough wonderful things about Jennifer as a teacher and as a person. She is extremely humble. All the students in



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Amber-Starr Oldenkamp Teacher of the Year (left) for South Fork Union School District and teacher from the South Fork Elementary, Annette Thomey.



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President of KV Exchange Club John Blythe (left) awarded Maghan England-Miller of Kern Valley High School Teacher of the Year.



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Kernville Union School District Teacher of the Year Jen Fankhauser.

her classroom truly enjoy being in her room every single day."

Fankhauser creates amazing interactive activities for her students, which are engaging, hands on, meeting the needs of all the different students. Greenhaw said, "She takes the time to really get to know her students as well as take the time to support them as well as they need. She's always there to really support all of the kids."

Fankhauser taught at the middle school, the previous year, before returning to Wallace. "The connections and relationships she builds with students is absolutely amazing. And I can't think of another teacher on our campus who

deserves the recognition of Teacher of the Year more," Greenhaw said.

Fankhauser said, "My joy is just making them (students) excited to come to class and excited to be there and excited to learn. I'm very appreciative of all the support."

President of the exchange club John Blythe said, "Thank you all because the Exchange Club does a lot for the youth. If it wasn't for the schools, the administrators, the principals, God knows where some of these kids would go to. So I appreciate everything that the schools here in the valley do for our kids."



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Kern River Valley Elks Exalted Ruler, Chris Christensen, awarding Kevin Rector, Mikaela Richey and Kyle Espinoza Denys of Kern Valley High School scholarships from the California Hawaii Elks Association. Great job!! The Elks are proud of you.



SUBMITTED PHOTO
One of our Local Boys from Caliente, Brayden Liberio graduated from Kern Valley High School in 2022 qualified for his Second CNFR in Casper Wyoming, ending the season winning the West Coast Region Champion in Bullriding. He was 74 points on 2192 of Silverbridge on Thursday night at the Southpoint Casino in Las Vegas Nevada.

VALLEY Worship Directory

Christ Fellowship
 Pastor Nick Cassady
 For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them. *Matthew 18:20*
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 Sunday Worship 10:30 AM across from Kern River Health Center

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Firefighters scrambled to get the flames under wraps and were quick to subdue the fires. However the incident left locals concerned for the safety of valley residents, some of whom chose to travel through Caliente as an alternative route.

Before these fire events, Tuesday, May 14, the Kern Valley Sun asked local chamber of commerce presidents if they believed the county was taking too long to repair the SR 178 and if they believed the closure of the one lane at SR 178 would be a detriment to the local economy this summer.

President of the Kernville Chamber of Commerce Orion Sanders answered, "I think it should be more of a priority for the safety of the residents of the Kern River Valley, due to the safety concerns coming into the summer season, the fire season. I wish it had more priority for the safety of our community."

Sanders admitted that he

couldn't condemn anyone specifically for the delays. "I'm not there looking at the paperwork, I'm not there trying to make the process happen, so I can't speak to whether or not it's taking too long. Do I think it should have been done by now, yeah, it seems like it should have been. But I'm not the guy doing it."

Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce president Fred Clark said, "You've got the SCE project that's going on, on Highway 178, which is impacting the area, what I'm going to call of Yankee Canyon, so in between Mount Mesa and Lake Isabella. You've got the one project that's going on in the Canyon itself between Bakersfield and Isabella. I don't know the level that it's being impacted because we're still seeing tourists on the weekend. Are we still seeing them in the higher numbers? I don't know that we are yet, but it's still early. We're only into the first two weeks of May. So it's going to be Memorial Day before we really find out how much it's still impacting our businesses. Does it make it more difficult? Yes."

Clark explained that local residents who self haul to the transfer station in Kernville, to dump their trash, residents from Onyx, South Lake, and Mount Mesa have to go all the way around at Highway 155, rather than taking Sierra

Way. It impacts locals because of wasted income for gasoline and mileage as well as the extra time they have to spend.

Clark suggested that the larger issue was at Sierra Highway. "That's a huge impact, not only on tourists but on local residents. It's creating a big impact locally

as well as the tourist dollars." Clark also said that tourists coming from the CA 14, through Weldon to Sierra Way have to go through Lake Isabella and Wofford Heights instead. Clark said, "We're tired of excuses. They have no problem taking our tax dollars. So fix it."

KERN VALLEY WEATHER
 EIGHT-DAY VALLEY FORECAST

TODAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
82°	56°	80°	65°	78°	51°	74°	50°
SUNRISE 5:43	SUNSET 7:58	SUNRISE 5:42	SUNSET 7:58	SUNRISE 5:41	SUNSET 7:59	SUNRISE 5:41	SUNSET 8:00

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
77°	53°	83°	56°	87°	57°	86°	56°
SUNRISE 5:40	SUNSET 8:00	SUNRISE 5:40	SUNSET 8:01	SUNRISE 5:40	SUNSET 8:02	SUNRISE 5:39	SUNSET 8:03

KERN VALLEY WATER WATCH
 Kern River Basin Data as of Sunday, March 31, 2024

Lake & River Information	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Lake Elevation	2,586.79	2,584.54	2,588.73
Lake Storage	373,217	352,469	391,585
Inflow Into Lake	2,719	3,728	13,460
Outflow From Lake	1,594	1,526	7,664

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
 All data is preliminary. Final figures may change. Elevation feed above sea level. Storage expressed in acre-feet. Inflow and outflow expressed in cubic feet per second. Inflow shown is at Kernville.

Kernville Union School District awards teacher and classified employees

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Kernville Union School District awarded its Teacher of the Year and Classified Employees of the Year awards, Tuesday May 14, at Kernville Elementary School during the monthly district board meeting.

"This is the fun time of year where we get to recognize achievements, accomplishments and dedication by our staff," said Superintendent of the district Dr. Steve Martinez.

The 2023-2024 Teacher of the Year award went to teacher Jen Fankhauser.

Martinez said she's a teacher who deeply cares about her students. "She understands the need to reach her student's hearts before she can reach their minds," he said.

Fankhauser completed her eighth year teaching for Kernville Union School District and has taught grade 3 and grade 8. Martinez said the teacher also approaches

teaching from a student centered perspective.

Joe Graham 2023-2024 has won Classified Employee of the Year for his position with the district as Custodian-Bus Driver. Graham worked with the district for years in different capacities and currently drives students with special needs, ensuring students get on and off the bus safely and is an excellent driver making sure his bus runs well and is clean. He is calm leader to the MOT team, and is a fast responder with cleanups and communication. He is a loyal staff member. He has positive relationships with the school and students and their families. "Joe does his job well and has been consistent since he started," said Martinez.

Robin McCullagh 2023-2024 Classified Employee of the Year Attendance Clerk. McCullagh is willing to assist other departments as she works in her own position as an Attendance Clerk. She is cheerful, friendly dedicated,

resilient and compassionate as she works with students and their families. "She's an example of how others can learn positive work habits." Martinez said she helps students improve in their attendance.

Michael Porter 2023-2024 Classified Employee of the Year WMS Special Education Paraprofessional. Porter goes above and beyond to show support for students on and off campus. He always remains calm and respectful

and teaches students coping techniques. He has shown an amazing support to other staff as well Martinez said.

Teri Ritchison 2023-2024 Classified Employee of the Year Data Manager Technician. Martinez said Ritchison cares about the students, the staff, and the community. She goes above and beyond training and helping other staff members whom she also treats with kindness and makes everyone feel welcome at Wallace Campus.



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Kernville Union School District Teacher of the Year Jen Fankhauser.



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Kernville Union School District Classified Employee of the Year Custodian Bus Driver Joe Graham.



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Classified Employee of the Year Teri Ritchison Data Manager Technician.



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Superintendent Steve Martinez and Classified Employee of the Year Attendance Clerk Robin McCullagh.

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May 31st • 5pm
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\$18 for a catered Chinese dinner and a auction paddle. Bring quarters for the auction consisting of many new and unique items. This is to raise money for school scholarships and community service endeavours of the South Fork Woman's Club.

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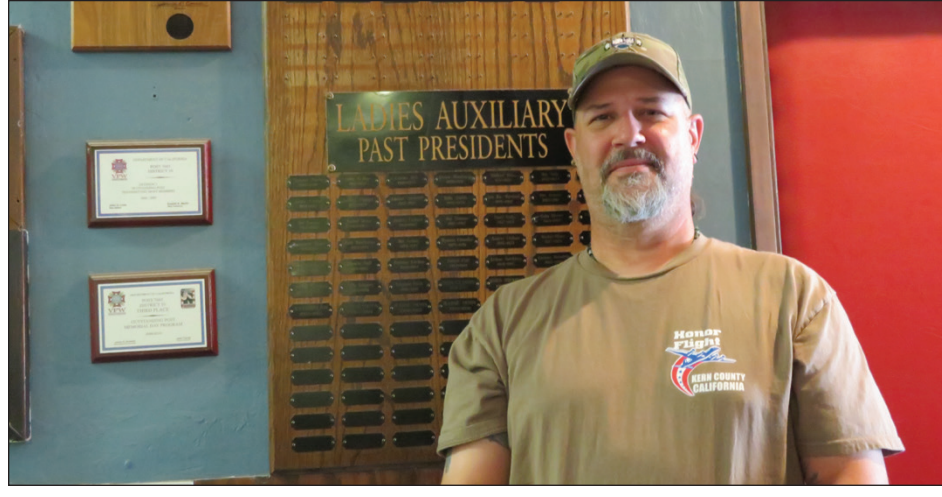
VFW welcomes new commander

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In Honor of National Military Appreciation Month the Kern Valley Sun interviewed the new commander of the Kern Valley Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 7665, in Lake Isabella. Incoming Commander Jason Grove officially takes office, on June 18.

Grove grew up in the Kern Valley. Grove has been cooking breakfasts, as a volunteer in the VFW kitchen, along side Everett Evans, for several months of Honor Flight Breakfasts.

Grove served 11 years active duty and served as an Army Infantryman. He said, "I actually started out training horses for the Army. I was a member of the Old Guard out in Fort Myer Virginia. So my job was to conduct full honor funerals at Arlington National Cemetery. I've got 678 funerals at Arlington in



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five years. I buried (former Mayor of Palm Springs and Congressman) Sonny Bono," he said.

Grove conducted the last rides in funeral processions. Grove rode in the inaugural parade in 1998. "We were also an escort to the President," he said.

He also worked fighting fires for the US Forest Service for 9 years.

The VFW is working in concert with Gary Zuber, founder of Kern Valley Honor Flight Breakfasts, to get more resources to the valley for Veterans, with VA representatives coming to the VFW

bringing answers to local veterans and hearing about veterans' needs in the valley

Grove said, "We are now open seven days a week, and we have the kitchen open and serving food as well. We have Memorial Day activities coming up at the end of the month, May 27th."

EVENTS CALENDAR

Thurs., May 23
Times: 1:30pm-2:30pm - Toddlers Storytime: Turtles
 4:30pm-5:30pm - Lego Storytime
 2:00pm-5:00pm - Music Lessons
Where: Kern River Library 7054 Lake Isabella Blvd

Crayons: World of Color 5:00pm-6:00pm - Mat Yoga
Where: Kern River Library 7054 Lake Isabella Blvd

Sat., May 25
Times: 11:00am-11:30am- Volunteer Orientation
 12:00pm-1:00pm - 3D Printer Orientation
 1:00pm - 2:00pm - Rhythm & Roots
Where: Kern River Library 7054 Lake Isabella Blvd

Napkin Decoupage: Glass Bottles - Class
Time: 6-7:30pm
Where: Art Center (KRVA) 6709 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285

Kern Valley Senior Dance Live Band, dancing, snacks, 50/50 drawing
 No admission charge. Fun **Time:** 6:00 to 8:00 PM Every Wednesday
Where: Kern Valley Senior Center, 6409 Lake Isabella Blvd, L.I.

Paper Collage: Layers & Textures - Class
Time: 4:30-6:30pm
Where: The Station (KRVA) 6701 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285

Movies Under the Stars
 The movie will be The Kansan.
Time: Starting at 8:00 PM,
Where: Pack Station behind the Kern Valley Museum

Blacksmithing - Class
Time: 6-8:30pm
Where: Alchemy - Industrial Arts Center 30 Woodland Dr. Wofford Heights, CA 93285

Fri., May 24
Times: 3:00pm-4:00pm - Chair Yoga
 4:30pm-5:30pm - Family Storytime:

Movie Night!
Time: 6-9pm
Where: Art Center (KRVA) 6709 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285

Mon., May 27
 The Art of Handwritten Letters - Class 6-9pm
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Thurs., May 30
Times: 1:30pm-2:30pm - Toddlers Storytime:
 Cats & Kittens
 4:30pm-5:30pm - Unplugged Gaming Hour
 2:00pm-5:00pm - Music Lessons
Where: Kern River Library 7054 Lake Isabella Blvd

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Tues., May 28
Times: 1:00pm-2:00pm - Charcoal Chircles
 1:00pm-4:00pm - Greater Bakersfield Legal Services
 4:30pm-5:30pm - ASL Storytime

Fri., May 31
Times: 3:00pm-4:00pm - Chair Yoga
 4:30pm-5:30pm - Family Storytime: In the Jungle
 5:00pm-6:00pm - Mat Yoga
Where: Kern River Library 7054 Lake Isabella Blvd

Wed., May 29
Times: 1:30pm-2:30pm - Preschool Storytime: zombies
 4:30pm-5:30pm - Crafternoon: Bookmarks

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Food Distribution
 The Ark Soup Kitchen 5301 Lake Isabella Bl. Free meals Mon- Fri, noon-2:00pm

Stained Glass - Class
Time: 10am-1pm
Where: Art Center (KRVA) 6709 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285

Senior Food boxes:
 1st Friday of every month
 10:00 Senior Center, 6507 Lake Isabella Bl

Editor's Note:
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Memorial Day Salute



We Honor and Remember Those Who Have Fallen In The Line of Duty, To Protect Our Freedom

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Ricardo Barraza US Army	Everett J. Bradford Army National Guard	Raymond Ralph D'ascenzo US Army	Ralph "Bud" Elderbaum US Air Force	Ronald R. Ganezak US Air Force	Craig Hays US Navy
Kenneth E. Bates US Marine Corps	Ted Brummer US Marines	John L. Davis US Air Force	Earl (Mike) Michael Elliott US Army	Mike Gascon US Marine Corps	Jennifer Hays US Navy
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				Tod Frederick Gardner US Army	Raymond Hentges US Air Force
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South Fork Union School District improves fields

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Wednesday, May 15, the Kern Valley Sun overheard a discussion, during the Color Run at South Fork Middle School, regarding several upcoming improvements to the campus fields.

Justin Holland director of maintenance operation and transportation for both South Fork Elementary and South Fork Middle School already began implementing some of the changes. "It's been almost a little over two weeks now," he told the Kern Valley Sun.

To begin with, the orange flag studded lawn was a source of attention that day. Holland told an associate that nutrients have been added to the lawn. The team involved with the project hydro seeded the lawn, so they mixed everything, the fertilizer and compost into a big hopper with water, and they watered the lawn about four times per day. "We pushed it, to try to get it done as soon as possible, because we had the winds." He said, "I'll probably have to go through and hand seed a lot."

According to Holland, ultimately there will be a soft-



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ball field and a baseball field with a backstop, and then a soccer field with a five-lane track around it. Holland said, "About October, they'll be able to go play on it."

The plans also include areas for sitting and watching the games and a walkway going down to the area.

"I've been here a lot of weekends. The day before we planted it, I had unions breaking out here on the sprinklers. So I had flooding out here. I was out here Saturday and Sunday for like eight, nine hours a day, fixing those. And then we got it planted. And then the first week I had another one break down," he said. "You can imagine how I

felt when I first started seeing the first blades of grass pop up."

Holland thinks that the grass would probably be better established in another five months.

Teacher at South Fork Elementary School, Annette Thomey recently told the Exchange Club that the new Superintendent of South Fork Union School District, Dr Richard Rhodes has managed to accomplish more for the district; in the eight months he's been with the district, than the district had done in the last 24 years. "Come look at our fields. It's amazing," she said.



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Sierra Shared Spaces holds community hub event

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Thursday, May 16 many groups and individuals attended the Sierra Shared Spaces community hub, at the Kern River Valley Veterans Center, in Lake Isabella.

The idea for the community hub was the brainchild of a Whiskey Flat Days mayor fundraising campaign, by long time locals Justin Powers and Chris Zuber, also known as Powder Packin' Powers and Madd Miner Zuber.

Sierra Shared Spaces founder Justin Powers said, "The goal of what we're doing here is; We've been talking about this concept of a community hub for awhile now. We've gone on this journey, from having Kernville Cowork over the last six years and seeing the impact at having people work in the same space and being able to come together and work on different things, and we're looking for a way to take this to the next level. So we've created a new nonprofit, Sierra Shared Spaces. And we're using this as a vehicle to (say) let's create something brand new here. And this is the community hub that we've been talking about."

Now the Sierra Shared Spaces board was asking the community what others

would like to contribute to the vision.

Ashley Proctor, who has been assisting Powers, was planning to speak at a Co-working Spain Conference in Madrid. Powers said others outside the valley internationally were cheering the project on.

Kern Community Foundation has been supporting the Sierra Shared Spaces, as well, Powers explained.

Powers said he was grateful that Robert Gomez, representing the Tubatulabal tribe, for coming to the event because he appreciated them coming to the table. Powers said, "They were here first, this is their land. And I feel like we're borrowing it."

Different groups represented at the event were Kern Family Health Care, Kern River Valley Art Association, Senior Citizens Inc, Kern River Conservancy, and Kern Valley Historical Society, among others.

"I really want to dedicate this time to allowing all of you the ability to put input and breathe life into what we're doing," Powers said.

Activities during the meeting included placing message stickies on posters to identify what people thought the community needed most in a community hub, which

organizations were doing a lot within the community, what people wanted to see happening in a hub, and what people were willing to do to assist the community through the hub.

Proctor said, "It's really important to gather your input. We need your honest input."

People were allowed to post their opinions anonymously or committing to future volunteering. On one poster table requested the public to list criticisms and fears as well so that the Sierra Shared Spaces board could address them.

"As we're doing this kind of co creation event, we're dreaming really, really big," Proctor said. "There are absolutely no limits in this room. Money is not an obstacle in this room when we're dreaming here."

Poster questions included, "What kinds of events would you want to attend?" and, "What do we need locally?"

Another poster posed the question, "What needs do you have that a community hub could help solve?" Yet another poster posed the question, "Who should we partner with?"

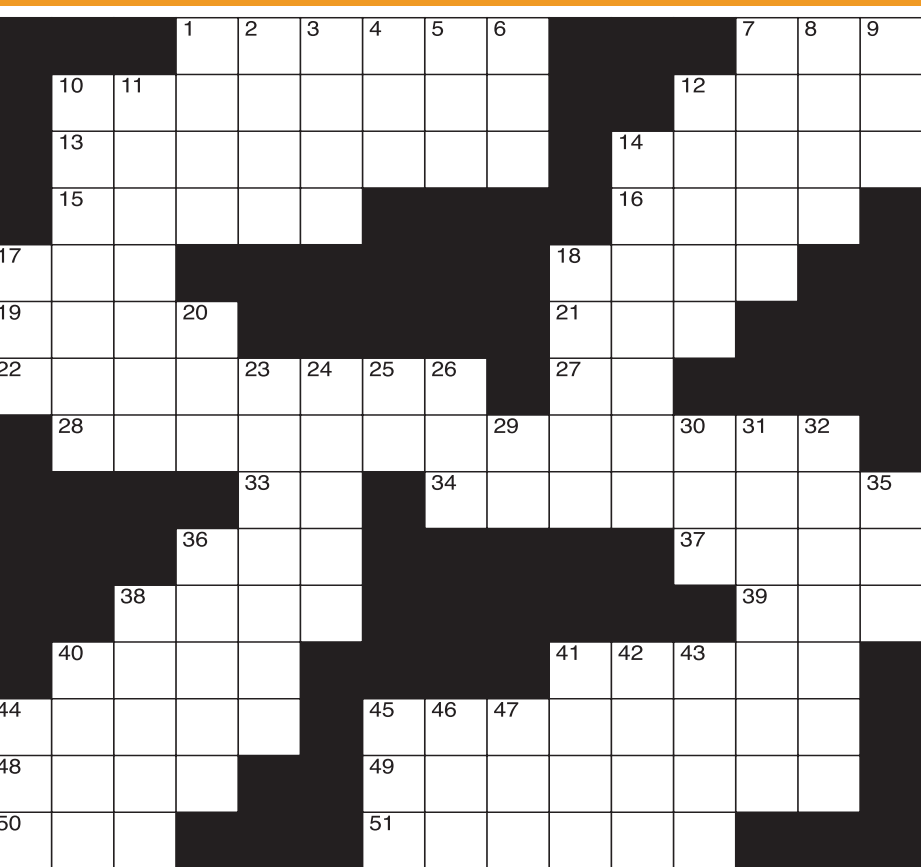
Kern River Ceviche Company of Lake Isabella catered the buffet dinner, for the event, sponsored by Valley



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Justin Holland director of MOT for South Fork Elementary and South Fork Middle School.

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- 7. Doctor of Education
- 10. Able to make amends
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- 14. Intestinal pouches
- 15. Fungal spores
- 16. Erstwhile
- 17. Engine additive
- 18. Nasal mucus
- 19. Fit a horse with footwear
- 21. Consumed
- 22. Settle
- 27. Larry and Curly's pal
- 28. Basketball's GOAT
- 33. Exclamation of surprise
- 34. Made tight
- 36. Before
- 37. Actor Nicolas
- 38. Not hot
- 39. Talk
- 40. Pledge
- 41. Abandon a mission

- 44. Trims by cutting
- 45. Aspects of one's character
- 48. Boxing GOAT's former surname
- 49. Holy places
- 50. Body art (slang)
- 51. Attributes

CLUES DOWN

- 1. How one feels
- 2. American Nat'l Standards Institute
- 3. Information
- 4. Licensed for Wall Street
- 5. Keyboard key
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- 7. Choose to represent
- 8. Small European freshwater fish
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- 10. Line from the center of a polygon
- 11. Lebanese city
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- 29. Rapper __ Rule
- 30. Month
- 31. Word formed by rearranging letters
- 32. Nullifies
- 35. Young woman ready to enter society
- 36. Unemployment
- 38. Weight unit
- 40. Formal party
- 41. Computer language
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Postal customers annoyed with service for some packages

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Residents recently complained to the local media that they had to drive to the post office to obtain their Amazon packages because Amazon wasn't delivering them directly to their doors, and the US Postal Service wasn't bringing them on behalf of Amazon.

According to a May 10 report from Corey O'Leary, of ABC23 News, Amazon entered into an agreement with USPS, which made USPS the only carrier for Amazon packages.

These events caused locals ire when they realized Amazon packages were no longer delivered directly to their residences. And the residents complaining were super annoyed that valley locals were inconvenienced by a trip to the local post office to pick up

the deliveries.

It was around October of last year that Wofford Heights residents noticed they weren't receiving Amazon packages at homes. Amazon packages used to get delivered directly to residents doors according to what they told the media.

The reasons the post office gives residents for the inconvenience is that drivers for USPS are not employees, but are contractors, which means that they use their own personal vehicles to make such deliveries.

A spokesperson from Amazon confirmed to Corey O'Leary of ABC 23 news that they entered into an agreement with USPS in the past year to be the sole carrier for their items and made an apology to customers for any inconvenience.

The USPS confirmed to ABC 23 in a statement to

O'Leary that many postal customers have their mail delivered to P.O. Boxes rather than their homes.

Furthermore, an employee of the Kern Valley Sun testified that as far back as August of 2022, no mail was sent directly to mail boxes of many homes in Wofford Heights. Those residents were provided a P.O. Box for any mail they received through USPS. However, back then, Fed Ex and UPS were delivering packages directly to customer's doors.

See *Corey's story here*. <https://www.turnto23.com/news/local-news/in-your-neighborhood/kern-river-valley/kern-river-valley-residents-frustrated-after-amazon-packages-no-longer-being-delivered-to-their-doors>

Life in the Valley reception includes anthology artist, wall of Fire Safe Council

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Life in the Valley was the theme for the, May 11, reception of the Kern River Valley Art Association, this spring.

During the reception, the art piece titled "Let's Celebrate," a resin and acrylic creation by Steve Selznick placed first. Coming in second place was an acrylic on canvas painting titled, "Golden Trout," by artist Margie Farmer. The third place winner for the reception was the oil on canvas painting titled, "Prospector," by Joyce Dean.



Along side the association's reception was a special wall reserved for the submissions to the Kern Fire Safe Council's art contest, whose names were announced, May 5.



Teri Whittaker won first place in that contest for the mixed media piece titled, "Prepared/Unprepared." For second place in the same contest, the piece called, "Cycles," won, which was a mixed media work on canvas by Elizabeth Carde-Leipnik. The third place winner for the same contest was, "In Search of Safety," a felting piece, created by artist Robin Harmon. Tied in third place with Harmon was the piece titled "Combustion," an acrylic on canvas by Stacy Lomeli Munoz.



There were many entrees to the youth section of the Kern Fire Safe Council's gallery showing, which focused on Building a Fire Resilient Future.

The artist of the month featured at the association's reception was Joan Desmond, who is also featured as the cover artist of the upcoming anthology publication the association puts out this June. Desmond's showing included abstract mixed media collages that were compositionally structured. She explains that these works are as small worlds unto themselves. They are impressions coaxed from hidden places. She said, "The working method is a give and take, a dance of sorts, responding to what the artwork needs to come together."



Foundation founder motions to cancel participation in Heart Walk

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Thursday, May 9, during the Kern Valley Healthcare District board meeting, Chief Information Officer Cary Zuber, read a statement to the board members from Deborah Hess, the public affairs marketing manager of KVHD and treasurer of the Kern Valley Hospital Foundation. It appeared Hess was on vacation that day.



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KVHD Chief Information Officer Cary Zuber.

The statement Zuber read, which Hess wrote said, "During Foundation Meeting Jeanette Rogers-Erickson made a motion to discontinue the Jeanette Rogers-Erickson Heart Walk. The board is currently exploring options to replace that event."

Other things in Hess' report included the fact that the Houchin Blood Drive was scheduled for May 20. The foundation also made a re-

quest to reserve Kernville Circle Park for River Rhythms concert series, another hospital fundraiser, because of the fact that there would be no guarantee for electrical at Riverside Park this summer. The foundation also discussed reservations regarding the next Crab Fest event.

The foundation recently held its volunteer apprecia-

tion luncheon for auxiliary volunteers. The foundation encouraged the board to check out the thrift store and how well their volunteers have organized the auxiliary.

The Kern Valley Sun intends to follow up reporting about what occurs with the foundation's annual Jeanette Rogers-Erickson Heart Walk.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF

THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF TUOLUMNE

In Re: Guardianship of Aryahlinn Renee Ava Rivera

Case No.: PRI 1862

AMENDED PETITION TO DECLARE MINOR FREE FROM PARENTAL CUSTODY AND TERMINATE PARENTAL RIGHTS (Fam. Code §7822) Date: 5/17/24 Time: 1:30 P.M. Dept.:5

1. In Re: Guardianship of Aryahlinn Renee Ava Rivera Guardians/Petitioners, JEFFREY BRESEMAN and SHARON BEUTTLER, petition the court to terminate the natural parents' parental rights to minor ARY AHLINN RENEE AVA RIVERA.

2. ARYAH LINN RENEE AVA RIVERA is an unmarried minor child who was born on December 16, 2019, and is a resident of Sonora, Tuolumne County, California.

3. Guardians/Petitioner filed Petition for Appointment of Guardian on October 2, 2020. See attached as "Exhibit A". The Court granted the guardianship on February 4, 2021. See attached as "Exhibit B". On February 3, 2023, Tuolumne County Superior Court ordered the guardianship of ARY AHLINN RENEE AVA RIVERA is deemed necessary and will remain in effect. See attached as "Exhibit C".

4. Guardian/Petitioner Jeffrey Breseman is an adult person and desires to adopt Aryahlinn Renee Ava Rivera, a child who is the subject of this petition. Petitioner is the maternal grandfather. Petitioner, Jeffrey Breseman and the child reside in Tuolumne County.

5. STORMI BRESEMAN (Biological Mother) and DILLAN RIVERA (Biological Father) are the biological parents of the minor child and have parental rights to the minor child.

6. The whereabouts of STORMI BRESEMAN, the natural mother of the child is unknown. The biological Mother is a known drug addict who was last known to be living in Kern County in Bakersfield, CA. Mother abandoned Aryahlinn after leaving her in the custody and control of the guardians since September 19, 2020. Since the Temporary and permanent Guardianship was granted, Aryahlinn has remained in the care of Jeffrey Breseman and Sharon Beuttler and visitation with Aryahlinn was inconsistent. The natural mother of the child has not communicated with the child or made any provisions or the support of the child since September 2022, a period of over one year, with the intent to abandon the child.

7. DILLAN RIVERA'S residence is unknown. The biological father

is a recovering drug addict. Since the birth of Aryahlinn in 2019, due to his addiction, Father has had sparse contact and left the child in the custody and control of the guardians with the occasional visits. Recently Father has been making an effort to be present and has been visiting Aryahlinn while she is in the care of co-guardian Sharon Beuttler. Father has only supplied token support for Aryahlinn. 9. Guardians/Petitioner's support Dillan's road to recovery and are open to allowing Dillan visitation with Aryahlinn post-adoption. 10. Co-Guardian Sharon Beuttler's residence is 21098 Rainier Court, Sonora CA, 95370. Her telephone number is (209) 288-8751. She is in agreement with terminating parental rights of both parents, and declaring the minor free from both parent's custody and control. WHEREFORE, Guardians/Petitioners pray for a judgment as follows:

1. For a determination that the minor child, ARY AHLINN RENEE AVA RIVERA falls within the provisions of Family Code Section 7822;

2. For an Order declaring that the parental rights of minor child, ARY AHLINN RENEE AVA RIVERA, of biological parents, STORMI BRESEMAN and DILLAN RIVERA, are terminated. Freeing the child from custody and control; and

3. For such other and further relief as the court may deem proper.

Date: 03/28/2024 Michael Kalanta, Esq. Attorney for Petitioners/Guardians Jeffrey Breseman & Sharon Beuttler

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF DONALD WAYNE SCHREIBER, AKA DONALD W. SCHREIBER, AKA DONALD SCHREIBER Case # BPP-24-002514

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of: DONALD WAYNE SCHREIBER, AKA DONALD W. SCHREIBER. AKA DONALD SCHREIBER

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: PAUL SCHREIBER in the Superior Court of California, County of KERN

The Petition for Probate requests that: PAUL SCHREIBER be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for

examination in the file kept by the court.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 6/13/2024 at 8:30 in Dept. J-1 located at: 2100 College Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93305. Superior Court of California, County of Kern. Probate Court.

If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the latter of either (1) **four months** from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) **60 days** from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

ATTORNEY OF PETITIONER: Robert H. Brumfield, III 1810 Westwind Drive, Suite 100 Bakersfield, CA 93301 661-316-3010

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Middle School Color Run provides hefty prizes

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

South Fork Middle School held its annual Color Run, Wednesday, May 15, which the founder of the event, physical education teacher and athletic director and coach at the school Teddie Anzaldo said was the second event the school has had.

"It's about 7.6 miles. We did it last year." Anzaldo said, "The kids absolutely loved it and had fun. And it promotes fitness and it gives them something exciting to work towards."

Coming in at first place, grade 8 student, Jadyn Cleveland crossed the finish line with a time of 1 hr. 1 min. 19 sec.

For second place, grade 8 student Luke Hawkins came in, mere seconds later, at a time of 1 hr. 1 min. 24 sec.

The third place, winning participant, was grade 6 student Wyatt Wilkins, with a time of 1hr. 5 min. 26 sec.

The school made sure all the students were well hydrated with Otter Pops Popsicles, water and grapes, after the big run and before the awards ceremony.

Anzaldo told the Kern



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

The top three winners of the Color Run, first place Jadyn Cleveland (middle) second place Luke Hawkins (left) third place Wyatt Wilkins (right).

Valley Sun that winners attained medals, if they won in their certain section, which was part of the motivation for them to participate. Students also raised money, for which the school awarded them prizes, if they raised a certain amount of money. One prize was a shirt. Another prize, for the top three winners of fundraising, was a shopping spree during a day off from school, at Walmart with a lunch out together.

The tech guy for the school sent out a drone to watch the students during the

run. Three units from Kern County Sheriff's Office were patrolling, and motivating the students. A Kern County Fire Department station brought up a fire engine with a crew of about a dozen fire fighters running during the Color Run. Liberty Ambulance was also helping out patrolling.

The South Fork Parent Teacher Club (PTC) helped attain sponsorships, and with all events at the school, she explained. Anzaldo also said that Brad from Pizza Barn made all the shirts.



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Bronc Booster reverse raffle fund-raiser a big hit

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The annual reverse raffle for Kern Valley High School sports took place on Saturday at the Senior Center. A large group of supporters had their chance to make some big bucks.

The Bronc Booster Club held one of its biggest fund-raisers to give aid to the sports teams at Kern Valley. The monies raised on this night go to help the club buy uniforms and other safety equipment the teams might need.

There was also a change coming as the Bronc Booster Club said goodbye to Janet Lubin as outgoing president and hello to Lisa Wyly as the new president. Lubin was asked, how many years? Biggest accomplishment and what did she want to pass on to the next group? She replied, "Five years. Being there for my kids and all of their friends. Not as hard as it seems, learn to delegate."

Incoming president was asked, Why and What did she as the future of the Broncs Booster Club? Her responses were, "Want to be part of the school teams and support athletics anyway I can. Growth, membership, more families involved, and more parents stepping up and supporting all the



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teams."

From the dinner, provided by Jim Wyly to the adult beverage area provided by the Mt. Mesa Men's Club, the group settled in for the night of fun and the possibility of winning one of the 17 cash prizes that ranged from \$250 to the grand prize of \$5,000. Along the way there were 97 door prizes offered out. There were only 86 tickets deemed "next year" worthy that would not win a prize of some kind. During dinner and awaiting the drawing, the voices of those in attendance were anticipating the hope of being one of the lucky tickets left in the barrel at the end of the night.

The Bronc Boosters sold 199 tickets for a donation that put them in the drawing. The 200th ticket

was raffled off for a donation of those that were interested. These tickets were bottled up and put in a drum and selected one at a time. The reverse raffle works the opposite way of the usual raffle drawings. Usually, participants only have one chance to win the top prize. On this night you were hoping to be the last one in the drum.

The night drifted from talk of the silent auction (10 items) to the live auction that saw 22 items bid on to keep as keepsakes. These items ranged from signed athletic balls from the respective teams, to the gift baskets, to other donated items that you could bid on to take home.

The night progressed until the live and silent auctions were done. There were still 125 tickets left

in the drum and it was time to get down to business. There were a few hiccups on the night, but all in all things ran smooth. The latch on the drum slipped open a couple of times spilling out bottled up tickets that were quickly rescued and put back in the drum.

The tickets on the big board were coming off at a quick clip and the anticipation was running high. Eagerly awaiting the caller's next name on the ticket was greeted with a heavy sigh of defeat, or the swooshing of a breath noting they still had a chance to win.

The big board was down to the final few and those still having a chance were waiting with bated breath. Then the moment of truth. Three bottles remained and the next ticket drawn would be labeled

'198'. So close yet so far away from winning.

With just two bottles in the drum the ones in charge opened them to see if it was going to be a split or would it go down to only one winner. All the tickets sold are printed with a simple message: Do you want to split? Circle yes or no. If both tickets said yes, they would have divided up the \$5,000. On this night, one said yes and one said no so they were placed back in the drum given a few twirls and one ticket was drawn leaving the winner in. The grand prize winner on the night was Shellie Tito.

This put an end to the fund-raiser and the successful night of helping out the athletic teams at Kern Valley High School.

Former Bronc Dedmon makes mark at next level

RAY CONNER

Former Bronc breaks record for Bakersfield College track team.

Daimon Dedmon, a 2023 Kern Valley graduate has made his mark in the long jump. This past

week, he competed at the Southern California Regional meet at Cerritos College. Dedmon took off and leapt 26' 2 1/4" in the event. This mark broke a record. Dedmon also competed in the 100m. He ran to a sixth-place finish in a time of 10.77.

The leap in the triple jump was also a Bakersfield College school record. According to BC head coach Pam Kelly, Dedmon's mark also was an Under-20 qualifier and an Olympic trial provisional mark.

Dedmon commented on his achievement, "I broke a school and

meet record with a jump of 7.98m (26' 2") last week which ranks me top five in the world for under-20 athletes and top 15 jumpers in all of the United States."

Next up for the former Kern Valley athlete, will be the CCCAA State Track and Field Champi-

onships at Saddleback College. The competition will take place this weekend. He will be joined at the state meet with four other BC teammates.

Ritchison rides to first-place in Women's Expert class

RAY CONNER

Local rider, Reiss Ritchison of Mt. Mesa won the Women Expert District 37-Viewfinders Sprint Enduro. She raced at Red Mountain. Where she was timed in the three tests in the sprint enduro format in five to seven miles each. The third loop is usually the more technical and challenging for the riders. She was timed at each test and her time was the best overall to claim the top spot.

Ritchison W3 is part of the Kern Valley Motorcross Club. She rides a 2017 Husqvarna 300 TX. She is sponsored by Hearn-Ritchison Drilling LLC, Mountain Classic Tattoo, EMS Racing and Mother Hen (Teri Ritchison).



The younger Ritchison will be back on the bike this Saturday as she competes at the Dual Euro in Johnson Valley.

Kern Valley's Hacker selected as best female athlete at PEEAK Awards

RAY CONNER

On May 15, six Kern Valley High School students traveled to Bakersfield as nominees for 2024 PEEAK (Promoting Excellence in Activities and Athletics in Kern) Awards. The awards night was held in the Mechanics Bank Theater.

The Kern High School District, since 2011 has awarded the top athletes, artists, performers and more. There were 39 categories being honored this year.

The six from Kern Valley that were nominated for the PEEAK awards were Ed Bunting, Kyle Espinoza-Denys, Aspen Hacker, Kayley Sietsma, Hunter Watts, and Ralph Roettger. There are 42,000 students in the district, with a little over 300 being nominated for awards.

This night belonged to Aspen Hacker as she was selected as the best Female Athlete. This is the second time in a few short weeks that Hacker has been selected to receive an award. She was also recognized by the Bakersfield Jockey Club. She was the only one of the six Kern Valley students to be



SUBMITTED PHOTOS

These six athletes, L-R: Ed Bunting, Kyle Espinoza-Denys, Aspen Hacker, Kayley Sietsma, Hunter Watts, and Ralph Roettger, were nominated from Kern Valley High School for the PEEAK Awards.

honored at PEEAK Awards.

This takes nothing away from the other nominees, as just the honor of the nominations means that these students were recognized from such a large group. Three of those not winning were also recognized by the BJC. Bunting,

Espinoza-Denys, and Sietsma were honored.

With the school year rapidly coming to a close, these students can take pride in knowing they are part of Kern Valley lore.

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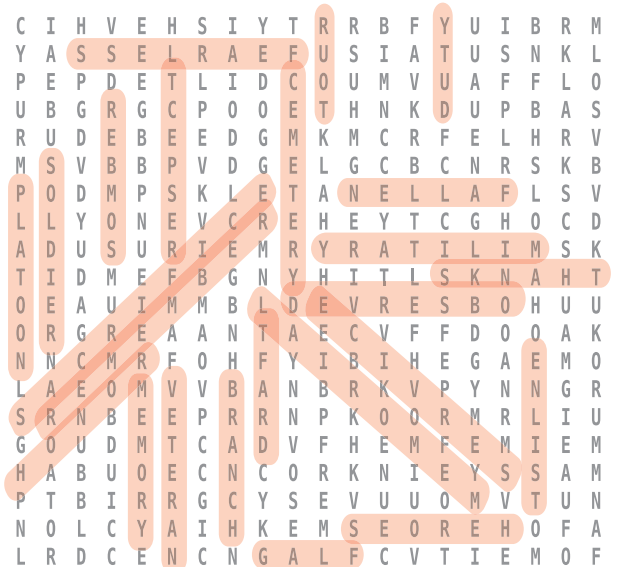
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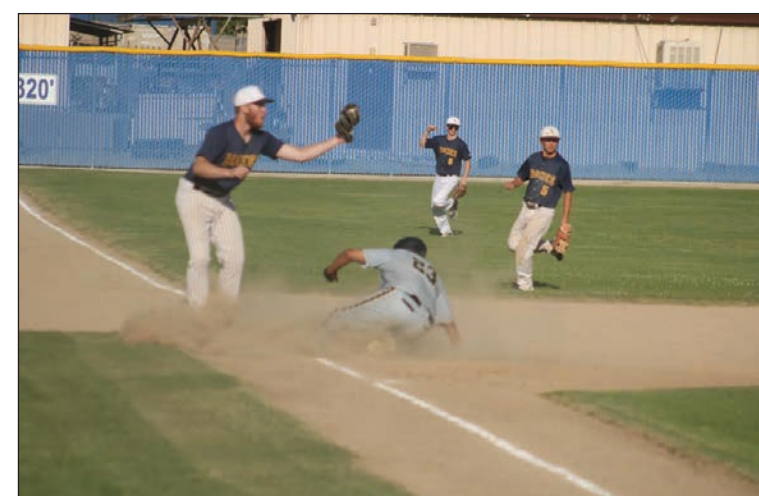
Kern Valley gets booted out of playoffs by Foothill

RAY CONNER

The Broncos baseball squad finished up the year with a loss in the CIF Playoffs. Foothill came to town and was able to win the game with six runs over the last two innings. This would overcome a 2-0 cushion the Broncos held for the first five innings of the contest. The two teams were locked in a pitcher's duel, with Kern Valley holding the edge at 2-0. They began the scoring in the bottom of the second. Jordan Mead led off the inning with a triple. Carson Strange plated him with an RBI groundout. They added their second run in the bottom of the fifth. With two outs and Seth Stockwell on first after a fielder's choice, a pass ball and

an error allowed him to score the second run for the Broncos. Things fell apart in the top of the sixth. The Trojans started their rally with a hit batsman. A single and a walk loaded the bases. On a three and two pitch, the Foothill batter connected on the next pitch to clear the fence for a grand slam home run. This monster blast gave the Trojans the 4-2. The Broncos got a runner on in the bottom of the fifth, but was picked off on a steal attempt. Foothill added to their lead in the seventh as they pushed a pair of runs home. With the score sitting at 6-2, Kern valley would try to make magic happen in their last at bats. It was not to be as they loaded the bases, but a double play ended the threat. The last batter went

down on strikes and the curtain closed on the Kern Valley season. The Broncos managed just two hits in the game. The Mead triple and Chris Lopez led off the fifth with a single. Strange recorded the lone RBI for Kern Valley. S. Stockwell (10-2) was saddled with the loss as he went five and one-third innings. He gave up five hits and four earned runs. He would walk one and strike out six Trojans. Aiden Madden came on in relief and went the final one and two-thirds. He allowed a pair of runs on three hits. He walked one and struck out one batter. The Broncos record on the year was 18-6 and a second place finish in the HDL.



SUBMITTED PHOTOS
The Broncos Seth Stockwell shows the ball to the umpire in hopes of recording an out at third base in the CIF Playoff game played against Foothill.



Lady Broncos season ends with CIF playoff loss

RAY CONNER

Kern Valley's varsity softball squad ended their season when they faced a tough pitcher from Orange Cove. The Lady Broncos playing in the CIF Division 4 bracket was eliminated by the Lady Titans.

Things started well for Kern Valley as they were able to jump out to an early lead. They went up 2-0 after their initial at bats. Ava Bates leading off the game reached on an error by the catcher on a dropped third strike. Brooklynn Robertson sacrificed her to second and Kayley Sietsma followed with another sacrifice to put her at third. Ava Elliott was issued the free pass and both runners would come home in

the inning. Orange Cove answered and tied the game at 2-2 in their half of the first. A pair of walks and a laced double drove home both runs for the Lady Titans. The Orange Cove team added three runs in the second to go up 5-2. The big hit of the inning was a two-run blast for the Lady Titans. Two more runs crossed the plate in the fourth to push the lead to 7-2 and they

would finish the scoring with three in the fifth. Another two-run bomb in the inning pushed the margin wider. This would be all for Kern Valley as they were limited to three hits the rest of the way. Those three batters would be the only base runners over the last six innings of the game. The Lady Broncos were held in check as they were set down on strikes 14 times over those same

six innings. A failure to put the ball in play resulted in the 10-2 loss that ended their season. The Lady Broncos finished the year at 18-8. Audrey Martinez led the Lady Broncos with a pair of hits. Kayley Sietsma collected the only other hit for Kern Valley in the game. In the circle, Martinez tossed six innings. She walked seven and allowed 10 hits and the 10 runs.



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Cardinals slip past Brewers 6-2

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The Cardinals and Brewers of the Major Baseball division of Little League battled in a recent game. The two sides combined to use six pitchers. The Cardinals escaped with the 6-2 victory. They jumped out early as they scored three times in the bottom of the first. It stayed that way until the top of the third when the Brewers got on the board. They closed the gap to 3-2. The two teams continued to battle as the Cardinals came to bat in the bottom of the fourth. They pushed one run home to make the score 4-2. They would add two insurance runs in the bottom of the

fifth to put the score at 6-2. The Brewers had no answers and the game went to the Cardinals. Leading the way for the Cardinals was Wyatt Wilkens. He crushed a solo home run and a double. He had one RBI. Chasen Alvarez had a double and one RBI, while Zander Perry and Nick Murrillo each had one hit and one RBI. Jonathon Phillip, Izeck Padilla, and Xander Arana had one hit apiece, while Jackson Phillips was credited with an RBI. On the bump, Alvarez pitched two innings and allowed no hits, while striking out three. Luke Zurn tossed one inning. He allowed the two runs on two hits and struck out one. Jo. Phillips threw two innings.

He gave up three hits and struck out two batters. Ja. Phillips threw one pitch and retired the only batter he faced. The Brewers collected eight hits as a team. Abel Avila led the team as he had a pair of hits. Ward Hafenfeld had one hit and one RBI, while Jude Donoho, Xander Anzaldo, Briggs Griswold, Jaxon Chapman, and Brycen Helferty all had one hit in the game. Anzaldo swiped a base for the Brewers. Anzaldo threw three innings and allowed three runs. He set down four batters on strikes. Avila had two innings of work giving up three runs. He walked three and struck out four.



PHOTO SUBMITTED BY LEANNE SMITH
The Cardinals Jonathon Phillips unleashes a pitch against the Brewers in the Little League Major Baseball game.



SUBMITTED PHOTO
The Junior Little League softball team shows they are winners after sweeping a double header.

Junior Little League softball team continues to use the broom

RAY CONNER

The Kern Valley Junior Little League Softball team continued their winning ways as they swept a doubleheader versus Boron. They escaped in game one 12-8 and crushed Boron in the second game 20-8. Kern Valley jumped out to an early lead as they put up six runs in their first at bats. They added three runs in the second to make it 9-0. Boron got back in the game in the top of the fourth as they tallied five runs to cut into the deficit. Kern Valley responded with a pair of runs in their half of the fourth to put the cushion at 11-5. Boron tried to rally again in the fifth as they scored three times to make it 11-8. Kern Valley had the answer as they closed out the game with a run in the bottom of the fifth. Jade Montes led the Kern Valley squad with three hits, including a double. Gabby Eastes collected a pair of hits, including a double, while Kenadie Young, Brenna Elliott, Josie Wilder,

Amber Mcharen, and Ashley Plante each had one hit. Emmy Bechtel scored a pair of runs, while Teagan Liske, Bella Goffinet, and Naomi Tapia each scored a run. In game two it was all Kern Valley, as they scored early and often. Three in the first, seven in the second, two in the third, and finished it off with eight in the fourth to close it out. Boron scored seven runs in the fourth and added one run in the fifth, but it was not enough to overcome Kern Valley's offensive explosion. As a team, Kern Valley banged out nine hits. They would also collect 16 walks to help push the team to the victory. Leading the way for Kern Valley was Young with two hits, including a double. Eastes and Plante each had two hits, while Montes cracked a double. Kiera Hayes and Bobbie Pruitt each had one hit. Bechtel and Liske each touched home plate twice. Elliott, Wilder, Mcharen, Goffinet, and Tapia would cross the plate one time apiece for Kern Valley.



CHRISTINA DENYS
On May 6, Kyle Espinoza Denys was recognized as a CIF Central Section Scholar Athlete at a dinner in Tulare. The Central Section scholarship recipients are Honor students who demonstrate academic excellence, athletic superiority and a passion for community service. Kyle was chosen by the High Desert League administrators to receive the \$500 award.

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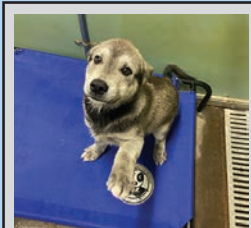
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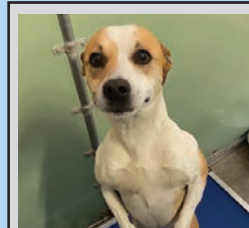
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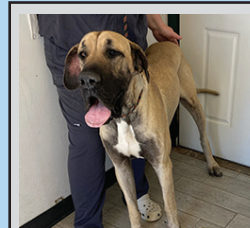
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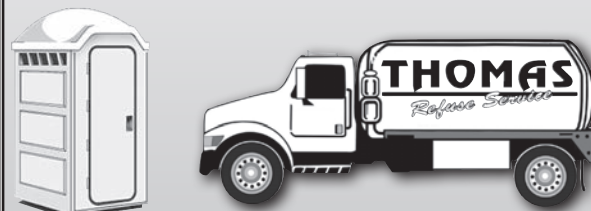
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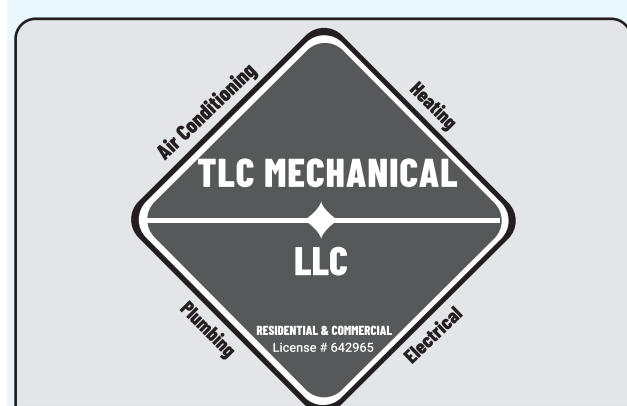
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