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INSIDE CLASS OF 2024 GRADUATION EDITION

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Two Broncs named to HDL All-League team

The Kern Valley Broncs were well represented when HDL All-League selections came out.

Junior Little League softball team undefeated on the year

Playing at the junior level of Little League Softball produced an undefeated team. The Kern River Valley #1 Junior Softball squad completed an undefeated season going 12-0. They dominated most of their opponents and now will look forward to continuing that in the Tournament of Champions.

Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament Saturday

The Mt. Mesa Men's Club will be sponsoring a Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament this Saturday.

A-Z Beer Pong Tournament slated for July

The Kern River Valley chapter of the A-Z Foundation Group will be holding a beer Pong Tournament on July 13.

What's 2024 look like for Kern River rafting?

It's going to be a 'solid season'

KERNVILLE — After years of drought, wildfire, a global pandemic and a 50-year flood, the 2024 rafting season on the Kern River is shaping up to be one of the best in many years, according to guides and outfitters who run rafting adventures on the river.



PATRICK BYES



Fire season is here!

Last weekend was busy for firefighters as two fires threatened structures and forced evacuations. First blaze broke out last Friday in Bodfish (Photos above) and was contained over the weekend. Through Monday it had burned nearly 90 acres. Second fire was reported in Squirrel Valley on Sunday and burned nearly 50 acres. According to reports all evacuations have been canceled and there were no structures lost or injuries in either fire.

Cemetery conflicts lead funeral home without options for burials

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Robert Guidry owner of Lake Isabella Valley Mortuary invited the public to his upcoming meeting, Friday June 14 at 11 am. Guidry is addressing his dissatisfaction with the Kern River Valley Cemetery District, which is a public entity, and how it has blocked his business.

The location of the meeting is 5108 Lake Isabella Blvd, Lake Isabella.

Monday, June 3 Guidry said the purpose of the meeting is to petition to County Board of Supervisors to replace those in the positions on the board of trustees at the district. The reason he

says is "dereliction of duty. Our cemetery is failing, making bad choices for many years."

An example Guidry gives of what he considers a mistake the board has made in misdirecting the district was the decision to go with Cal Water rather than pumping the water up there. He believes it would be more expensive to go that route. "They (the board) have not made that decision yet but they're leaning to do so, and the numbers don't even add up. There's really not enough transparency of what's actually going on and how they're spending the moneys."

Guidry also told the press

that he believes the budget was not properly distributed at the cemetery. "I know that taking money from consumers before they die and spending it is not within the law of the state. At least stay in the state guidelines in order to protect the consumer."

Guidry said the board was stopping pre-arrangement agreements. "They were spending the money before. People go buy burial rights and the money gets appropriated to spend before the person actually dies. All money on a pre-arrangement agreement should be put in a trust. I'm not saying that they don't need things up there. But if you don't have

money you shouldn't spend it. And you shouldn't spend the consumer's money before the person dies. Those consumers up there paid for that stuff."

Lake Isabella Valley Mortuary had people being shipped from Arizona, who paid for their setting at Kern River Valley Cemetery. Yet there was nobody on site to do the actual burial. Guidry said, "I've got people paid for headstones to take out there, that I'm obligated to do, nobody to set that headstone. They have no plan for how they're going to run that cemetery."

Guidry also believes the

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Blythe wins Outstanding Community Member Award

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

The principal of Kern Valley High School, Alan Paradise announced, during the Kern Valley High School graduation, Thursday, May 30, that the winner of the Principal's Award for Outstanding Community Member of the Year was John Blythe.

Blythe is regional vice president of the Board of Directors for the National Exchange Club and is president of the Kern Valley Exchange Club, which under his leadership raised \$12,000 in local scholarships for students this year.

"Blythe also serves on the board of directors for Kern Valley Healthcare District and is passionate about mak-

ing the Kern River Valley a better place to live," Paradise told the crowd attending the graduation ceremony.

Blythe is the former president of the Kern River Valley Revitalization, which aimed at enhancing social, natural, and economic sustainability for the Kern Valley.

Blythe graduated from Kern Valley High School in 2004. He earned an Associates degree from Cerro Coso Community College in business administration where he later pursued paralegal studies. He also earned a Bachelor degree from UCLA, and studied at Vancouver Film School and John Gaskin Production Accounting and Auditing in Toronto, Ontario.



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John Blythe (right) with principal of Kern Valley High School Alan Paradise (left).

A successful independent film producer, Blythe is also co-owner of Paradise Cove Lodge, which was

Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce's choice for Business of the Year Award.

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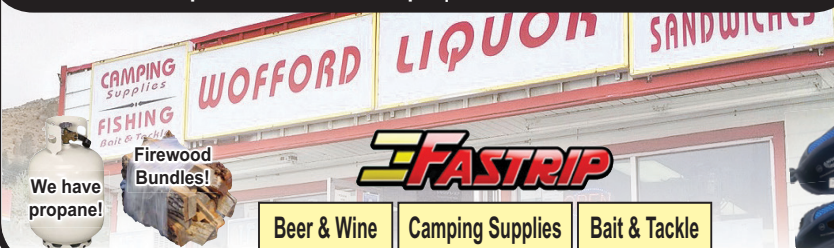
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Bly gives free lunches, to all the veterans, on both Memorial Day and Veterans Day. And the auxiliary provided the condiments for the hot dogs and hamburgers that day. Bly also provided others, who were not veterans, a discounted lunch this Memorial Day.

Bly told the Kern Valley Sun, "I try to pay for the food for Veterans Day and for Memorial Day. That's the way I pay back for classmates I lost that were drafted to Vietnam in High School. I didn't go. So I think I owe them something."

Bly said that there were at least four classmates of his who were drafted out of high school, without deferment, and they were sent directly to Vietnam. "If you wanted to choose your service, you signed up for that service before you got drafted," he said.



Kern Valley resident Larry Bly.

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KRVCC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello Kern River Valley, I want to welcome our newest member to the Kern River Valley Chamber, Lee's Trees in Lake Isabella is a fully licensed and insured arborist if you are needing tree services in the Kern River Valley.



June 2024, it's hard to believe we are already almost half way through this calendar year. With that said our annual brush clearance should now be completed.

This past Friday we experienced our first brush fire of the season, thank you to the fire fighters on the ground and the air teams who took control to ensure the safety of our community. This is just a wakeup call for every property owner to understand the value of proper brush clearance, you are your first line of defense against a bushland fire.

On July 18, 2024 you chamber of commerce is partnering with Ms. Wendy of the Fire Safe Counsel to hold our first meeting regarding what is needed to establish a Fire Wise Community at the senior center in Lake Isabella. A fire wise community will have an impact on your home owner's insurance, a number of carriers are offering discounts for homes within our region who are part of a fire wise community. So come on out and let us find out together what we can do to be a key part of making this happen in your housing tract.

We want to thank our volunteers who placed our flags along the boulevard on Memorial Day as we honored those who have served this great country and we will be placing flags on June 14, 2024 as we honor Flag Day. If you would like to volunteer to place flags or take them down please reach out to the chamber of commerce, we are always in need of addition hands. It takes roughly an hour to place them and an hour and a half to pick them up.

On June 12 at 12:00 our monthly general meeting which is held at the Eagles in Mtn Mesa will have a special guest speaker. Ms. Felicia Nagel with the Kern County District Attorney's Office, we are looking forward to hearing from her as they always seem to have information for the KRV which needs to be said. If you wish to attend please RSVP with Liz at the chamber or online through our website, side note the meals served are just amazing.

Your chamber of commerce is here for you, please utilize our services as you need us.

Thank you and stay safe,
Fred Clark,
President KRVCC

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Olivares said he was humbled being chosen out of all the dedicated officers he knows.

On behalf of Kern County Supervisor Phillip Peters, president of the KVEC John Blythe awarded Olivares a certificate in recognition for his achievements and exemplary public service and civic contributions to the County of Kern. From State Senator Shannon Grove, Blythe awarded Olivares a Certificate in Honor for his service to the Kern High School District and Kern Valley High School. On Behalf of Outgoing Assemblyman, and future Congressman Vince Fong, Blythe awarded Olivares recognition from the California State Legislature Assembly honoring Olivares as Officer of the Year. Blythe awarded Olivares, on behalf of the KVEC, an honorary plaque of recognition for his outstanding service to the community as Officer of the Year.

"I'm very humbled and honored because honestly I can think of a lot of different officers that have dedicated their time and efforts to help improve the community." Olivares said, "Unity for service is one of your mottos and that's in line with what law enforcement is striving to accomplish."

Olivares was born in Venezuela, and



Police Officer of the Year Esteban Olivares (right) with president of the Kern Valley Exchange Club John Blythe (left).

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moved to the United States with his family when he was six years old. He is grateful his family came to live in the United States.

He said he is on the spectrum, has ADHD, and knew policing was a good fit for his need for change. He joined law enforcement when he was 21. Olivares worked as an undercover anti gang officer for two years. He was a training officer and worked as a senior lead

officer. He then retired after 20 years, at the age of 41, when he joined the Kern High School District Police Department, where he worked for Kern Valley High School for about five years.

Blythe said that Man of the Year for the Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce, Gary Zuber helped the Kern Valley Exchange Club to attain certificates from public officials to award Olivares.

LETTERS TO EDITOR

On Tuesday morning, May 28th, a horrific accident west of Wofford Heights on 155 caused both lanes of traffic to close in both directions!

This is exactly the type of closure residents of Kernville, Riverkern, and the airport area say leaves them with NO ability to seek emergency medical assistance when necessary, due to the closure of Mtn. 99 at the South Fork bridge

Our Supervisors MUST see the necessity of repairing the Mtn. 99 South Fork bridge; NOW!

Bill Hogarth
Southfork



CHRISTINA DENYS

The Southfork Women's Club located at 6488 Fay Ranch Road, Weldon held their biggest fundraiser of the year. A Chinese Auction took place on May 31, 2024 at 5pm. Chinese food was served along with all the Chinese desserts. Franky, Rosa and Shelley were ready for all raffles, games, and for all the items for auction as they were dress well for the occasion. This event was sold out.



VALLEY Worship Directory

Christ Fellowship

Pastor Nick Cassidy

For where two or three come together in my name, there am I with them. *Matthew 18:20*
80 Evans Rd.

Sunday Worship 10:30 AM

across from Kern River Health Center

KERN VALLEY WEATHER

EIGHT-DAY VALLEY FORECAST

TODAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
101°	73°	100°	72°	99°	68°	94°	66°
SUNRISE 5:37	SUNSET 8:07	SUNRISE 5:37	SUNSET 8:07	SUNRISE 5:37	SUNSET 8:08	SUNRISE 5:38	SUNSET 8:04

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
90°	64°	94°	67°	97°	68°	97°	67°
SUNRISE 5:36	SUNSET 8:09	SUNRISE 5:36	SUNSET 8:09	SUNRISE 5:36	SUNSET 8:10	SUNRISE 5:36	SUNSET 8:10

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	2,589.98	2,588.58	2,594.70
Lake Storage	403,650	390,149	450,817
Inflow Into Lake	823	3,687	10,030
Outflow From Lake	2,009	1,376	7,537

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.

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Spencer Hanson read a letter from Senator Shannon Grove, which said, "For us it is an honor and a privilege to take a moment of our time on this day to reflect upon the souls who fought bravely for our country."

Local pastor Neal Preston opened the ceremony in prayer. And Kern River Chorus sang the National Anthem and the song, "My Country 'Tis of Thee."

Pastor Preston gave a Memorial Day message. He said, "Holding traditions like this is very important."

Memorial Day was founded in 1868, as Decoration Day, which was often held at cemeteries, with food, drink and celebration of life and freedom. In 1971 the day was declared a national holiday called Memorial Day.

Preston said, "Within just this country you see division taking place constantly. But Jesus is the unifier. He's the one who sacrificed, crossed cultures, created bridges."

In his message Pastor Preston noted that in the Gospel of John chapter 15, Jesus said to His followers, "Greater Love has no one than this, than to lay down his life for his friends." Preston said, "And He (Jesus) says, you are my friends if you do what I command. And then His command says, 'Love one another just as I have loved you.' How did He love us? He loved us through sacrificing Himself. He laid down His life. And so on Memorial Day we honor those who have laid down their lives for our freedom here in this country."

Pastor Preston also said, "Memorial Day is about those who have fallen to give us



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freedom and paid the ultimate sacrifice just like Jesus Christ our Savior."

Orion Sanders, founder of Sarge's Wreaths 4 Vets, spoke on behalf of Wreaths Across America saying, "As we remember and celebrate

the nearly 900 that are fallen in the Kern River Valley Cemetery, this Memorial Day I'd like to recognize another group of heroes, they're called the Gold Star Family." Sanders explained that the Gold Star Family is one who has experienced the loss of a loved one in service to their country. Sanders said, "The strength of our nation is our military service men and women. And their strength is their families. The nation recognizes that no one has given more for the nation than the families of the fallen. That



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is why we must remember our fallen veterans and their Gold Star Families."

District manager, Randy Kyt, mentioned the need for donations to Sarge's Wreaths 4 Vets to cover the gravestones of veterans in Kern Valley with wreaths at Christmas.

Kern River Chorus then sang the song, "Battle Hymn of the Republic."

US Army Sergeant Jason Grove who is also command-

er of Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 7665 spoke saying, "President Truman told us that our debt to the heroic men and valiant women in service of our country can never be repaid. They have earned our undying gratitude."

His speech was followed by the Presentation of the Wreath and a Gun Salute and Taps, which the Kern River Valley Veterans Honor Guard

conducted. Several members of the community came up to speak toward the end of the service. Raymond Garcia, member one of the original families of the valley, encouraged those attending the event to love one another as Jesus taught. He said, "I respect the memories of those who have gone to war for us so that we can have the freedom that we have today."

COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUPS

Adult and Adolescent Substance Abuse Classes: (Medi-Cal not accepted). Please call to schedule an appointment or for further information. 760-379-9194. 5121 Lake Isabella Blvd., Lake Isabella.

Al-Anon Meeting: Wednesday, 80 Evans Rd., Wofford Heights, 7:00 p.m. Contact 760-379-7312 or 760-378-0041. These meetings are for friends and family of alcoholics.

Alcoholics Anonymous: Faced with a drinking problem? Perhaps Alcoholics Anonymous can help. Weekly meetings, call AA Hotline, 661-322-4025.

Alzheimer's: The Alzheimer's Disease Association of Kern County provides up to six hours of respite to caregivers who have a loved one with Alzheimer's or other related dementias. Currently, we hold these adult day services at the Veterans/Senior Center in Lake Isabella on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 9:00 - 1:30 (if weather permits). An application packet should be completed by the caregiver on your first visit. Call Otilia for more information at KDAKC (661) 665-8871.

Celebrate Recovery at The Ark: Come celebrate recovery every Friday at the Ark located at 5301 Lake Isabella Blvd., Lake Isabella, CA 93240. The program starts at 7:00 p.m. Celebration Place - ages 5 to 14. The Landing - ages 14 to 18. Celebrate Recovery ages 18 & up. The Landing 13-18 and Celebration Place 0-13. For more information, call 661-862-9420 or info@knuckleupministries.org.

Grief Share: 1st Baptist Church Lake Isabella has resumed GriefShare Sunday school class at 9:15 am in The Fellowship Hall. Non Denominational course dealing with loss. All are welcome. 3701 Suhre St., Lake Isabella. Phone: 760-379-5615

God's Closet Clothing Ministry: Free gently used clothing for newborns through adults. Located at First Baptist Church Lake Isabella. Must make appointment by calling 760-379-5615 or e-mailing godscloset@fbcli.org

God's Storehouse of the KRV: Feeding those in need in the Valley. Monetary donations are always welcome and may be mailed to P.O. Box # 2977 Lake Isabella, Ca. 93240. All donations are tax deductible. Call 760-223-0750 for more information. Located at 3810 Golden Spur, Lake Isabella. Hours of operation: 2nd Tuesday of each month 9am - 11pm and 4th Sunday of each month 1pm - 3pm.

The Bristol Hospice (formerly Optimal Hospice) Grief Support Services: Child and Teen Support. All child and teen services are uniquely tailored on a case-by-case basis. One-on-one counseling is available. Grief Support Group Information (BAKERSFIELD) In-person & Virtual. Bristol Hospice - 1675 Chester Avenue, Suite 401, Bakersfield, CA 93301. (Park in the parking garage located on Eye St. Enter through the black gate and up to the 4th floor.) Tuesday's 11:30am-1:00pm Thursday's 6:00pm-7:30pm. (TAFT) In-person Only. First Baptist Church - 220 North St., Taft, CA 93268 (Located next to the Church office on North St.) Third Wednesday of Each Month 1:30pm-3:00pm. Please E-mail or call our bereavement coordinator for more information: Jessica Mosley, MSW. Call: (661) 716-4000 E-mail: bereavement-bakersfieldhospice@bristolhospice.com

NAMI Connection Recovery: Connection Recovery Support Group, for individuals living with mental health challenges, meet every Monday, from 1-2pm. Pre-registration is required. For more information, call Lisa Wylly @760-417-1932.

Passionate Hearts Support Group: A Christ-centered, curriculum-based, 10-month support group for women wounded by childhood sexual abuse that provides a safe place for women to come together and work on the damage incurred through their abuse. Registration is required and space is limited. Call Alex at 760-298-0341.

Pregnancy Resource Center: Tuesday and Thursday each week, 1 to 5 p.m., 6040-D Lake Isabella Blvd. Lake Isabella. Free Pregnancy Testing, Peer Counseling, materials assistance, referrals. Mailing: PO Box 3015 Lake Isabella, CA 93240. Call 760-379-8893 for more information.

The Salvation Army is looking for donations for winter items of any type like coats, blankets, shoes, boots, and tents and much more. 5109A Lake Isabella Blvd. Lake Isabella Ca. 93240 Call Yolanda for more information at 760-379-0112 Monday and Friday only from 9am to 11am

TOPS #436: (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m., at the Senior Center in Lake Isabella. Open to the public. Call 760-379-3366 for more information.

Women's Domestic Violence Support Group: A place for education, healing, growth, and empowerment. Female survivors and family members are welcome. Every other Thursday, 5:30-7 pm. Call 760-223-2777 for location and information.

Editor's Note: Please call groups listed above to assure that information is correct prior to attending a meeting.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Wed., June 5
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.

Sat., June 8
The Kern River valley astronomy club will hold its monthly Star party, it's always free, and kid friendly, see you under the stars. Info call Rich 760-3766-290.
Time: 8:00 PM
Where: Kern Valley Air Port

Giant Sequoia WINE & BEER Festival
Time: 12-4 PM
Where: Conservancy Meadow 373 Smith Dr. Camp Nelson Live music, food, crafts and more!
For more info email: sequoia-group190@gmail.com

Wed., June 12
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.

Wed., June 19
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.

Wed., June 26
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.

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

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

The Tuesday after the 1st Friday of every month 9:30-10:30
Grace Chapel, 12312 Mt. Mesa Rd, Mt Mesa

All ages-4th Monday of every month
8:30 Senior Center, 6507 Lake Isabella Blvd., Lake Isabella.
10:00 Grace Chapel, 12312 Mt. Mesa Rd, Mt Mesa
10:00 Canyon Hills Church 25 Arden Ave, Wofford Heights
God's Storehouse 3810 Golden

Spur, Lake Isabella. 2nd Tuesday of the month 9:00-11:00am and 4th Sunday 1:00-3:00pm

Kern Calvary Church 14900 Hwy 178, Southlake, 2nd & 4th Thursdays 9:00-10:00

Bldv. Blessings 5205 Lake Isabella Blvd. Every Weds, Thurs, Fri 11:00-3:00
Salvation Army 5109A Lake Isabella Bl Mon & Fri 9:00-11:00

1st Baptist Church 3701 Suhre St. Free dinner every Weds 5:00-5:45 Sept- April.
God's Closet-Free clothing available by appointment 760-379-5615 or 760-549-3212

Lunch at the Senior Center Mon-Fri. 12:00-12:30 RSVP 24 hours in advance.
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High school seniors graduate

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Kern Valley High School class of 2024 graduated in a very traditional ceremony, Thursday, May 30, at the football stadium.

Music teacher Frederick Townsend led the Kern Valley High School chorus, with singing the national anthem and the school's alma mater.

Kern High School District Assistant Superintendent Leo Holland told the audience and students, "Graduations are a special celebration of accomplishment and success that is empowering for the graduate and uplifting for family friends and the community. Here set amongst this landscape, the most beautiful in our district, I congratulate you Kern Valley High School class of 2024."

School principal Alan Paradise thanked those who organized the event. He also thanked Eric Hansen assistant principal, Randi Chappell dean of students, Jacob Halliwill plant supervisor, and Adam Muller electronics technician for making the event possible.

Paradise said, "The class of 2024 is represented here today by Senior Class president Audrey Martinez with senior speakers Kalayna Olson and Walker Edwin (Ed) Bunting."

Audrey Martinez said, "They didn't lie to us. High School did go by fast, too fast. I remember when we were in 8th grade and our Magic Mountain trip was canceled because of COVID. And now we are seniors that just went to our grad bash at Universal Studios last week."

She said, "Class of 2024, let us be the generation that leads with empathy."

Kalayna Olson said, "Class mates we have had an eventful four years of high school. But they have been filled with some road blocks as well." She recalled how her class made the best of things despite their first year social distancing because of COVID.

She said, "We have all



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worked so incredibly hard to get to where we are today. We didn't get to have a normal eighth grade graduation. But look at us now. We are about to walk across this stage in front of our biggest supporters who have been there for us when we needed them the most. As we grab our diplomas we take our first step into a new journey of adulthood."

Ed Bunting said, "There's something poetic about endings, particularly those that usher in new beginnings. It makes you question, is it even an ending at all, or rather a transition?"

He said, "Make room. These brons are on their way."

Staff members were present at the ceremony, representing all the districts, South Fork Union School District, Kernville Union School District, Caliente Union School District as well as Kern Valley High School. Paradise thanked those staff members for their efforts on behalf of the graduating students. Paradise thanked senior counselor Albert Landry for his assistance guiding students

toward their goals.

"Since bouncing back from distance learning, we've been impressed by their tremendous spirit and wonderful accomplishments." Paradise said, "These students have won academic and athletic competitions. Tonight we will graduate Team MBPs, CSF Lifetime Scholars, Honor Students, FFA Show and Fair Champions and most importantly well-rounded people. This group of graduates includes three time undefeated High Desert League champions in both boys and girls track and field. CIF High Desert League outstanding male student athlete and California Scholarship Federation Seymour Award finalist in Kyle Espinoza Denys."

The graduating class also included Kern High School District Peak Award nominees Hunter Watts, Jack Montgomery, Kyle Espinoza Denys and Kayley Sietsma.

The graduating class included as well the Kern Valley Exchange Club Students of the Year Mikaela Richey and Kyle Espinoza Denys.



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Paradise said, "Accepting the challenge of excellence the Ace Winner from the Exchange Club is Jonas Bordner."

Paradise thanked the Booster club for supporting the school's athletes and the FFA boosters for supporting FFA students.

Paradise also gave Kyle Expinoza Denys special recognition with the Principal's award for outstanding student of the year. As ASB president Kyle earned an outstanding student award. He earned a 4.254 GPA, including honors placement Physics, Economics and English courses, and

advance placement Calculus and Spanish classes, all while playing football, basketball, and participating in track.

The principal acknowledged five seniors for their academic excellence. They were CSF sash students who exercised academic excellence. Fourteen students were Principals Medallion recipients who earned at least a 3.5 GPA in college prep, honors, and advance placement.

Paradise honored Erin Woodward for more than 30 years of service to students and over a decade at Kern Valley High School.

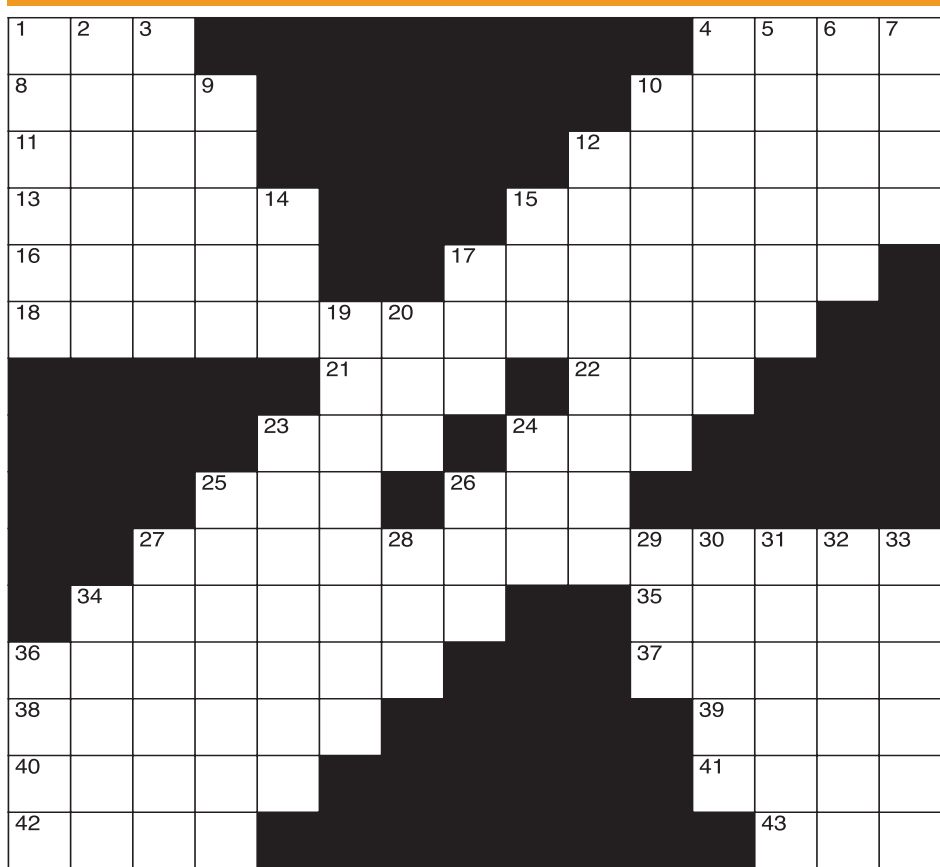
Paradise also honored the

American Legion Riders of Kern Valley, represented by Mike Woodward. Paradise said that the organization supported Boy Scouts and various boys and girls camps within the community and brain injury awareness.

Receiving the principal's award for outstanding staff member was Jackie Steinberg.

Paradise recognized graduating student Mitra Kiosef during the ceremony because she's joining the Air Force in September and focusing on Materials Management during her service.

FUN & GAMES



CLUES ACROSS
1. Baby's dining accessory
4. Something free
8. Ancient Egyptian deity
10. Set-like mathematical categories
11. Top-quality
12. Expansive
13. Seizure
15. People with congenital absence of pigment
16. Gains
17. Mocked online
18. Clint's son
21. Body part
22. Humor
23. Code number
24. Your physique
25. Family of regulator genes
26. LA football player (abbr.)
27. "The Blonde Bombshell"
34. Charity
35. Bluish greens
36. Examined closely

37. A type of equation
38. Stretched uncomfortably
39. Indian religious god
40. Clocks
41. Slowly leak through
42. Witnesses
43. Midway between south and southeast
CLUES DOWN
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2. Induces vomiting
3. A place to eat
4. Partner in the air
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12. Soft-bodied beetle

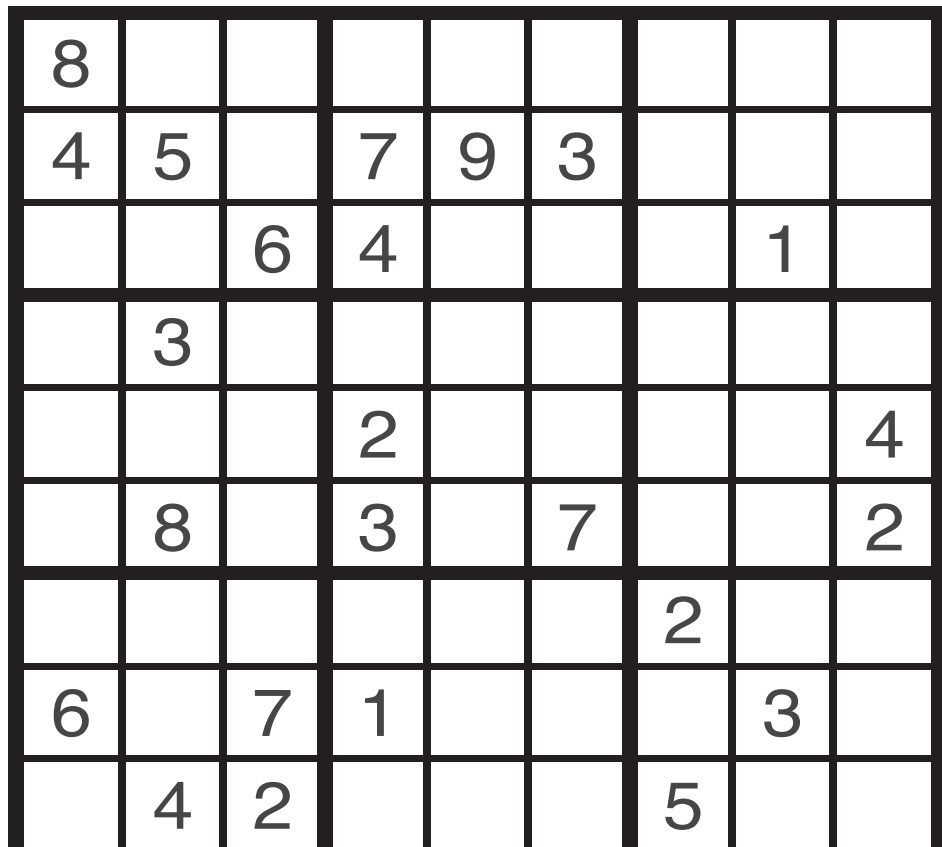
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19. Evoked a response
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25. U.S. military branch
26. River in France and Belgium
27. A woman of refinement
28. Male child
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30. German city
31. Animal disease
32. Mediterranean dietary staple
33. Sneak out
34. Radioactivity unit
36. Performs on stage

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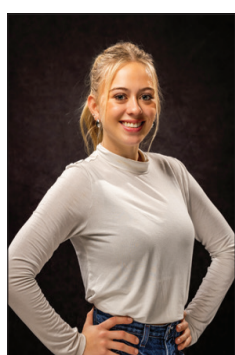
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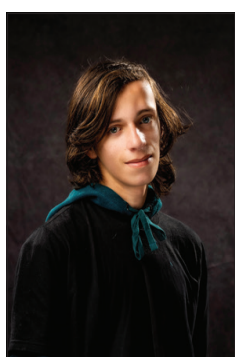
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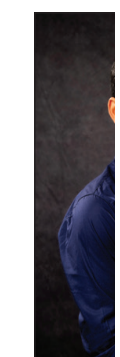
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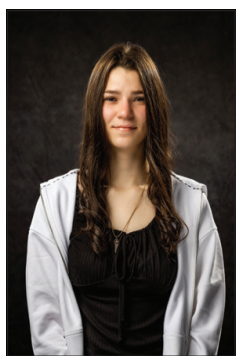
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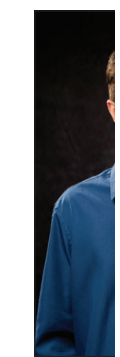
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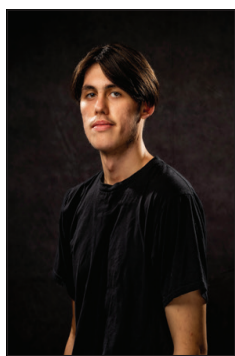
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Two Broncs named to HDL All-League team

RAY CONNER

The Kern Valley Broncs were well represented when HDL All-League selections came out.

In total eight Broncs earned All-League designation. Two on the first team, four on the second team, and one Honorable Mention and one All-Academic. Leading the way were Zack Wargo and Ethan Stockwell who were named to the first team. Wargo was selected as a pitcher, while E. Stockwell was named as an

outfielder.

The second team All-League Broncs were Seth Stockwell as a pitcher, Jordan Mean as a catcher, Carson Strange as an infielder, and Cameron Thomas as an outfielder.

The Honorable Mention All-League went to Chris Lopez and the All Academic went to Aeden Quezada. The Broncs finished second in the HDL this past season.

Another honor coming their way were four players from the Broncs who were chosen to play in the Lancaster

Rotary All-Star game that was played on Sunday. This game was held at JetHawk Stadium in Lancaster.

Earning the right to play in the All-Star game from Kern Valley were S. Stockwell, Strange, Thomas, and Wargo.

This is the 50th Anniversary Lancaster Rotary All-Star Game. This will mark the last one played at JetHawk Stadium. No Minor League baseball team plays there and it seems the plan is to turn it into a soccer stadium.

Junior Little League softball team undefeated on the year

RAY CONNER

Playing at the junior level of Little League Softball produced an undefeated team. The Kern River Valley #1 Junior Softball squad completed an undefeated season going 12-0. They dominated most of their opponents and now will look forward to continuing that in the Tournament of Champions.

In recent games they took on Tehachapi for three games, and followed that up with a pair of games versus KRV's #2 team. KRV #1 outscored their opponents 72-17 in the games. Three of the four games they plated double figures in runs. The closest game came against Tehachapi. They collected the 9-5 win to keep the team undefeated.

Playing on the road the 9-5 game put the KRV #1 squad to work as they had to battle to keep their winning streak alive. After three innings the score sat at 1-1. KRV #1 came to bat and answered the call. Four runs would cross home plate to put them back in the lead 5-1. Tehachapi scored one run in the bottom of the inning to make it 5-2.

Another run scored by KRV #1 made it 6-2, but another response by Tehachapi put the score at 6-3 after five complete innings. In the top of the sixth, KRV #1 put the game out of reach as they plated a pair of runs. The score stood at 8-5. KRV #1 added one more run and then closed out the game to collect the victory.

As a team KRV #1 collect-

ed seven hits in the contest. They were led by Bobbie Pruitt with two hits and two runs scored. Kennedie Young delivered two hits, while Ashley Plante and Naomi Tapia each had one hit and one run scored. Josie Wilder rounded out the hit parade with one. Jade Montes scored a pair of runs, while Gabby Eastes, Emmy Bechtel, and Amber McAhren scored one time.

In game two versus Tehachapi, the KRV #1 team took command and never looked back. A nine-run third inning put them over the top as they earned the 15-1 win to move to 10-0 on the season. This game lasted only five innings due to the run-rule.

KRV #1 Hits: Montes 1 (2B), Teagan Liske 1, Amber McAhren 1. Runs scored: Bechtel 3, Montes 2, Young 2, McAhren 2, Eastes 1, Brenna Elliott 1, Keira Hayes 1, Liske 1, Wilder 1, Plante 1.

In the third game, KRV #1 shut out their opponents 6-0. Tehachapi was limited to just five runners in the game. They were held to one hit and were set down on strikes six times. KRV #1 scored one run in the top of the first and that would all they would need. They added two in the second, one in the fourth, and closed it out with two in the fifth.

KRV #1 hits: Young 2 (2-2B), Montes 1, McAhren 1. Runs scored: Liske 2, Bechtel 1, Montes 1, Hayes 1, McAhren 1.

Their next opponent was the KRV #2 team. Playing on the home field these two local teams went up against each other. In game one Another

nine-run inning propelled KRV #1 to the victory. The final score was 24-5. The big hit came off the bat of KRV #1 player Hayes who smacked a home run. McAhren and Plante also connected on home runs earlier in the game. Every player on the KRV #1 team scored at least one run in the contest.

KRV #1 hits: McAhren 4 (HR), Hayes 2 (HR), Plante 2 (HR), Young 2, Liske 2, Bechtel 1, Wilder 1, Pritt 1. Runs scored: Hayes 4, Bechtel 3, Elliott 3, McAhren 3, Wilder 2, Plante 2, Eastes 1, Montes 1, Young 1, Liske 1, Bella Goffinet 1, Pruitt 1.

KRV #2 hits: Lillie 2, Desirae 2, Addison 1, Josie 1. Runs scored: Raeghan 1, Lillie 1, Sophia 1, Addison 1, Zoe 1.

Game two saw the KRV #1 team dominate and collect the 24-7 win over their home town opponents. Three innings of eight runs apiece secured the victory for KRV #1. Every player on the KRV #1 squad had at least one hit in the game.

KRV #1 hits: Bechtel 2 (3B, 2B), Hayes 2 (2B), Eastes 2, Montes 2, Liske 2, Goffinet 1 (2B), Pruitt 1 (2B), Toung 1, Wilder 1, Elliott 1, McAhren 1, Plante 1. Runs scored: Eastes 3, Bechtel 3, Montes 3, Young 3, Wilder 3, McAhren 3, Liske 2, Plante 2, Hayes 1, Elliott 1.

KRV #2 hits: P. Mental 1, S. Charlton 1. Runs scored: R. Thompson 2, B. Coughlin 1, K. Taylor 1, Mental 1, Z. Perfect 1, D. Munz 1.

Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament Saturday

RAY CONNER

The Mt. Mesa Men's Club will be sponsoring a Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament this Saturday.

The valley is invited to a friendly, fund-raising poker tournament benefiting the

KRV Family Resource Center (FRC).

The donation of \$100 gets you a seat and a stack of chips that total \$5,000. For an extra \$20 donation you can purchase another \$2,000 in chips. Sign up begins at 5 p.m. and cards will fly at 6 p.m. The address is 3212 Seclusion Rd.

in Squirrel Valley. Space is limited so reserve your spot.

Food, water, and soda will be provided. Beyond that it's (BYOB).

For more information you can call Serena at (760) 299-3264 or Colleen at (760) 417-2209.

A-Z Beer Pong Tournament slated for July

RAY CONNER

The Kern River Valley chapter of the A-Z Foundation Group will be holding a beer Pong Tournament on July 13.

This will be held at the Eagles Aerie in Mt. Mesa. The start time will be 1 p.m. The teams are limited to 40 so it's important you get your

team in sooner than later. The donation per team is \$125. The monies raised will go to support their scholarship fund.

The top three teams of the double-elimination tournament are guaranteed prizes with the winning team of the tournament collecting \$1,000. The rules will be forthcoming as the group wants to make it

fair for all players.

If you are in need of more information please contact one of the following people. Rodney Torres at (209) 769-1088, Bill Stonebarger at (661) 342-6831, Greg Figueroa at (661) 303-7673, or Mike Smith at (760) 379-7476.

Desert motorcycle racer gets snake bit in the desert

RAY CONNER

It was a close call in the desert for a local motorcycle racer.

Riding in the desert is dangerous enough, but when snakes are involved it makes for a harrowing experience. On May 25 Reiss Ritchison of Mt. Mesa was competing in the Dual Euro in Johnson Valley. She was competing in the District 37, AMA (American Motorcycle Association) race.

Going through one of the loops Ritchison dropped her bike in some bushes. This began an experience she will likely never forget. When she went to retrieve her bike one of the handlebars was in the bush. She felt a poke to her finger. At first, she thought it was just a cactus needle poke. She said, "I was just shocked kind of. I didn't think it was that serious because it didn't hurt that bad when I got bit." Then this snake, a baby rattler crawled their way out of the bush. Ritchison said, "When the snake came out, it wouldn't leave. I had to kick

it away a few times to be able to pick up my bike."

Ritchison then got her bike up and then you asked her mom Teri Ritchison, "She nonchalantly came back to the finish saying she got bit." It was then the local racer faced danger as she had to wait for the ambulance ride to take her to an Apple Valley hospital. While her mom was kind of freaking out, the younger Ritchison was sitting calmly with a smile on her face waiting for rescue. According to her mom, a special thanks for a calming presence went to Laci Olivas. Then a rough ride out of the desert to the hospital. Teri Ritchison said, "We took one hell of a rough ride out in an ambulance to a hospital in Apple Valley."

At the hospital Reiss Ritchison was given her first dose of 10 vials of an anti-venom. Loma Linda was the next stop as they specialize in snake bites. This young lady would now go in a helicopter and airlifted to Loma Linda Children's Hospital. She would spend two days at the hospital and receive 50

more vials of anti-venom.

Reiss Ritchison is fine and dandy and ready to strap in and ride again. She told her mom she wanted to race the following weekend. Teri Ritchison said, "At Loma Linda she received amazing and compassionate care."

Back home Reiss Ritchison continues to recover. When asked about the experience, she said, "Stuff that you think won't happen, can and to be more cautious when outside in the summer. And, don't put your hand in bushes in the desert."

Another question was asked if this would deter her in any way from riding again. She answered with an emphatic, "NO!" But she also said, "And now it's bad ass that I got bit by a rattlesnake."

This is both a cautionary tale and one that she will be able to tell her kids and grandkids in years to come. It also is cautionary in that one never knows what lurks in bushes.

Matter of Opinion

Why so much hate in the WNBA

RAY CONNER

Two players that are bringing in the fans, but the hate is real in the WNBA.

The past two years of the NCAA Women's College Basketball drove the hype of two players that made people tune in to the games being played. Caitlyn Clark of Iowa and Angel Reese of LSU. These became the face of women's basketball. Clark busted all scoring records in the NCAA and proved that she was a very talented player. Yet most of the women that play in the WNBA came across as spiteful, hating ladies. They hated on Clark and made some egregious statements concerning when she got to the WNBA.

I guess being white is a liability for the WNBA. Clark who just happens to be white, has been called many, many names that could be offensive. Yet all she does is ball. Playing for the Indiana Fever, all

she does is scores points, get her teammates involved and is putting fannies in the seat of arenas around the WNBA.

By the same token Reese who happens to be black has been called many names that would appear to be offensive. Thug, over-rated, conceited you get the gist. She plays for the Chicago Sky and is doing the same for the WNBA. Fans are coming to watch her play.

This past Sunday was the first meeting of the two new faces of the WNBA. Both teams played hard, it was a competitive game. Both players had exceptional games for a pair of rookies that were going to have trouble when they came into the league. But all I see are two PLAYERS wanting to win. They hustled on the court and both are making fans take notice that this rivalry can only help the WNBA.

It reminds me a lot of when the NBA was strug-

gling. The league was not drawing fans, no body was watching the games on TV or any where else. Then Magic and Bird showed up and made the game fun again. Their rivalry was deep rooted in basketball, not race. They were two players that played the game their way and had a special talent that made them good. Of course, it only helped that one played for Boston and one for the Los Angeles Lakers. Two storied franchises that had built up a rivalry from the early years. Now they were back to becoming just that again. It was Bird and Magic that saved the NBA.

Much the same way that Clark and Reese are doing for the WNBA. It is my hope that the rivalry continues and people stop with the race card and the hate and just see two basketball players that love the game and will do everything they can to win. I guess that's a Matter of Opinion.

GAME SOLUTIONS

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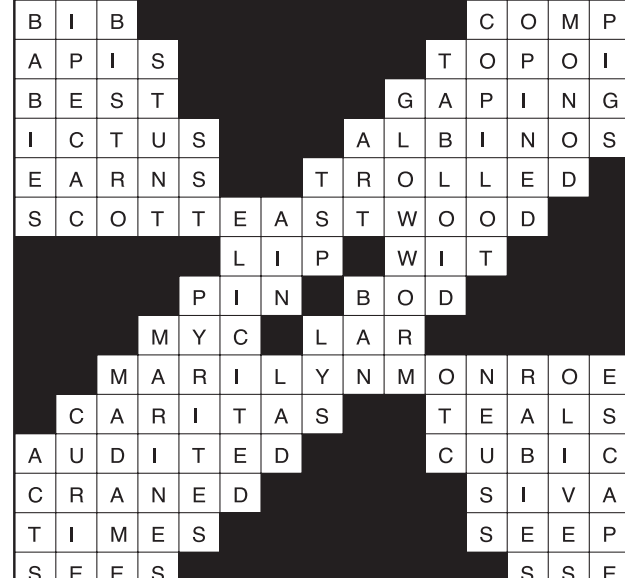
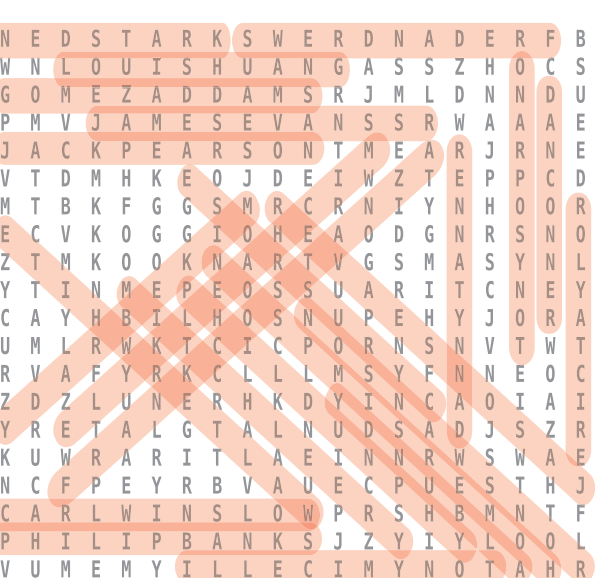
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- 34. CARITAS
- 35. TEALS
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- 37. CUBIC
- 38. CRANED
- 39. SIVA
- 40. TIMES
- 41. SEEP
- 42. SEES
- 43. SSE

- SOLUTIONS DOWN**
- 1. BABIES
 - 2. IPECAC
 - 3. BISTRO
 - 4. COPILOT
 - 5. OPINED
 - 6. MONOD
 - 7. PIGS
 - 9. STUNT
 - 10. TABLOID
 - 12. GLOW WORM

- 14. SST
- 15. ART
- 17. TSP
- 19. ELICITED
- 20. AIN
- 23. PYRITES
- 24. BAN
- 25. MARINES
- 26. LYS
- 27. MADAME
- 28. LAD

- 29. OTC
- 30. NEUSS
- 31. RABIES
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district ought to get a crematory for the cemetery because less people are going with burials and more people are going with cremation for their loved ones. He also said he plans to expose everything to the public, right down to the finances.

At this time there are only four board members attending meetings, according to Guidry, though there are supposed to be five members of the board. The County Board of Supervisors is supposed to appoint the members of the board. He said the salaries of the board members come out of the public's taxpayer dollars.

is a Local Agency Formation Commission. So the county could, if need be, make a referral asking LAFCO to explore that or look into it. But we couldn't just unilaterally make that happen. And we haven't made any referrals either, as of right now. But there has been some mismanagement that's gone on up there. And I know that the board of the cemetery district is concerned about the situation and they're just exploring options right now from what I understand."

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What's 2024 look like for Kern River rafting? It's going to be a 'solid season'

CLAUDIA ELLIOTT

KERNVILLE — After years of drought, wildfire, a global pandemic and a 50-year flood, the 2024 rafting season on the Kern River is shaping up to be one of the best in many years, according to guides and outfitters who run rafting adventures on the river.

"This year is just a beautifully classic year," said guide Daneya Williams of White-water Voyages. "And it's been a long time since we have one of those."



COURTESY OF WHITEWATER VOYAGES



COURTESY OF EAGLE RAFTING

Eagle Rafting offers Kern River experience for everyone from first time paddlers to those seeking an adventure of a lifetime.

"People who might have been scared to come last year should absolutely not be afraid to come this year," she added. "This year is just beautiful. Perfect."

Some companies began operations in mid-March and April with most kicking off trips beginning in May.

Joe Chesney of Eagle Rafting said snow in early May improved what was already looking like a good water year. He expects to still be operating in August. Some other companies think the water will keep them going until about Labor Day or even into September.

The headwaters of the Kern are near the base of Mount Whitney. According to the Kern River Conservancy, before the river reaches the Lake Isabella — northeast of Bakersfield — it passes through Sequoia National Park, Inyo and Sequoia national forests and the Golden Trout Wilderness.

The lake, created in 1953 by a dam at the confluence of the river's north (main) fork and south fork. In addition to flood control and water storage, it provides recreation with fishing, waterskiing, camping and other activities popular on and around the lake.

The Kern is also one of California's most popular places for river rafting — with outfitters supporting a variety of river experiences both above and below the dam.

According to the website raftingamerica.com, one of the best things about the Kern River is its versatility. Rivers around the world are rated with the difficulty ranging from the lowest — Level I — to the highest — Level VI.

Outings at all but highest level — classified as extremely dangerous — are offered on the Kern. Outfitters offer trips of various lengths on the Upper Kern, Lower Kern and Forks of the Kern.

"I celebrated every birthday of my childhood on the Kern River and it has been a source of peace, joy, and stillness for me," said Donny Hazard of Pro Rafting Tours.

His company operates on the Salmon River in Idaho and the Provo River in Utah, in addition to the Kern.

"The number one ingredient for rafting is water and apart from last year, Cali-

Whitewater Voyages offers a full range of exciting experiences on the Kern River.

fornia has been in a severe drought for about a decade," he said. "Depending on the seasonal snowpack we get, there can be a lot of water or none at all. It seems in many cases we get floods or drought."

"Last year we got flooded, but this year looks to be about average," Hazard noted. "We got a solid snowpack in the southern Sierra and it looks like it will be a solid season on the water."

River rafting can be as simple as an afternoon floating with your family along a tame section of the river or as complicated as a multi-day wilderness adventure.

"I have been at this outdoor thing for a long, long time, and although I have participated in countless other expeditions all over the world ... I have come to realize that a multi-day river expedition is hands-down the single most effective outdoor activity on the planet to bond a group of friends, and or family amidst deep wilderness — wilderness that would otherwise be inaccessible for the average person," Hazard said. "It's truly magical!"

Sara Adona of River's End Rafting & Adventure Co., agreed that this will be a great year on the Kern. She noted that outings are wonderful for families.

With the water this year more normal than last year, the river is more family-friendly, she said. But she added that doesn't mean people shouldn't be careful.

"It's really important to go with a professional company that knows what they're doing and takes all the safety precautions," she said.

"We're really excited to get back to (normal flows) and to be able to invite younger kids to come out rafting," Adona added. "A lot of people don't realize that we do have a rafting company right at the base of the canyon, just outside Bakersfield."

New on the Kern this year is a new owner and name for Kern River Outfitters.

In a note last December, new owner Pete Wallstrom of Momentum River Expeditions said the ownership change followed nearly a year

of discussion and planning.

"We are honored to offer trips on the Kern and take over from a truly legendary river family," Wallstrom wrote in a post on the company website. "The Volperts pioneered outfitted river trips all over the west and Matt and Skip have been incredibly helpful and gracious throughout the process."

In addition to the Kern, Momentum offers rafting and adventure travel trips in Northern California, Oregon, Idaho, Arizona and Alaska.

Check websites or call companies for schedules and plan to make reservations ahead of time.

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Rafting industry significant to valley economy

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Last weekend the Kern Valley Sun interviewed various types of businesses regarding how the rafting industry assists with the economy in the Kern River Valley.

The motel, campground, retail, and food establishments appear to prosper from the rafting industry's referrals and tourism according to their management.

Matt Sowash, manager of Kernville Inn, which is a roadside motel in the heart of Kernville, explained how the rafting industry is helpful to the lodging industry in Kernville.

He said, "We have an arrangement with two of the rafting companies. We mutually offer a discount to our guests. If they book with

them, they get a discount here. And if they book with us, they get a discount with the rafting companies. So we encourage people staying with us and rafting with them. It's a mutually beneficial agreement. And they're pretty pro active."

Sowash believes the agreement assists with his establishment's May and June business, in particular, though his location leaves him with few vacancies. "Kernville is hiking, biking, and rafting. That's what we do," he said.

Beverly Demetriff who is manager at Frandy Campground was quite busy with weekend guests. However she took the time out to say, "The town should be grateful for the rafting business because it does bring in tourists. And I'm grateful to work with Sierra South and Whitewater Voyages. They're both

wonderful industries, very respectful, wonderful people to work with."

Lottie Angelsea, has been owner of Lah-De-Dah gift shop for the last 14 years. Her eclectic gift shop sells fabrics, antiques and collectables as well as hand made items. She told the Kern Valley Sun, "Well, we definitely feel that the rafting industry is very important for drawing people to this area for the opportunities. So we find that a lot of folks come up here to raft and then spend some time shopping, so it's wonderful."

Kayla Swieringa manager at the local burger haven said, "We get a lot of rafters coming into our McNally's Outpost after they go rafting. They told us that they usually always send them over to us. And it really does help us in the business a lot."

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