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DC tour students give "thank



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Valley residents found it "no go" on Highway 155 following a fire last Friday night that prevented them from traveling between Lake Isabella and Kernville for more than 5 hours. No fire is good news....but in this case it moved Kern County to come up with a fix for the over a year closed Sierra Way. The County has promised the Sierra Way road will be open the last week in September.

Supervisor sends video on Sierra Way, after fire closes road, stranding locals

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Residents complained Thursday, June 6, when they were stranded in Wofford Heights because firefighters closed Highway 155, due to a wildfire.

The experience led to fury from locals over the fact Sierra Way has not yet opened. The fact that the only shelter, opened for the public during the event, was in Lake Isabella led Kernville Chamber of Commerce president, Orion Sanders to pose the question why Kernville did not have an emergency Red Cross shelter at Kernville in times of emergencies.

Kern County Supervisor for District 1, Phillip Peters put out a public statement regarding the ongoing Sierra Way closure, in a youtube video, June 7.

https://www.youtube.com/ watch?v=E2w5URcSBNE

He gave a rundown of what the county has done to complete the project and the completion expectations.

Peters said that as a result of last year's storms, widespread flooding, and runoff from excess snow pack, the road needed repair. The county applied for FEMA funding however the funding would only restore the road to its pre-failure condition.

The county was chal-

lenged with the task of seeking a permanent fix. Work began in October to replace the culverts in the area that failed. However, due in part to restrictions placed by the state, the new culverts failed shortly thereafter.

The river is part of an alluvial fan, which frequently changes directions over time, making it difficult to plan for potential, future failure points, according to

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Firefighter injured in Wofford Heights fire



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BAKERSFIELD CALIFORNIA

A vehicle fire spread into a wildfire around 5 p.m. Thursday near the old North Fork Marinain in Wofford Heights and injured one firefighter from the Bureau of Land Management, according to the Kern County Fire Department.

The fire spread on both sides of Highway 155, which triggered evacuation orders in the area, but the orders were lifted around 8 a.m. Friday. The fire burned about 50 acres and was about 30% contained as of Friday afternoon. Firefighters will remain on scene until Saturday morning, according to KCFD.

According to KCFD, Devon Herrera was arrested on suspicion of causing a structure or forest fire. According to Kern County Sheriff's Office

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Man found dead on shore of Kern River

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Just two weeks after authorities updated the "Lives Lost" warning sign located on Highway 178 at the mouth of the canyon, the Kern River claimed another life after a man was found dead Thursday afternoon around noon.

According to a news release from the Kern County Sheriff's Office, the deputies were dispatched to an area just south of Riverside Park located at 10 Kern River Drive in Kernville.

Upon arrival, deputies ere joined by Kern County along the west shoreline. The Sheriff's Kern Valley Search and Rescue team was called to the scene to assist in recovering the victim from the area due to the terrain.

Last year at the start of the summer season, the infamous Lives Lost sign revealed 325 souls had lost their lives to the river since 1968. On May 23, the sign was updated to 335 lives lost, with 11 more deaths taking place last year.

The latest death of the unknown man brings the total to 326, and the season has just begun. Authorities continue to



FILE PHOTO

In an older version of the sign, the number of lives lost was indicated as 280. However, the sign was updated on May 23 from 325 to 335 lives lost since 1968, not including the death that occurred Thursday.

you" presentation

Students from South Fork Middle School thanked the Kern Valley Exchange Club for assisting students to go on a trip to Washington DC. The teens gave a visual presentation before the group, Thursday June 6, at Paradise Cove Lodge, revealing what they did on their Washington DC tour.

High Elevation wrestlers take it to the mats

We started the High Elevation wrestling program during the 2023 Freestyle season. Our first tournament was at Bakersfield College with all of our wrestlers competing for the first time.

KRV junior softball squad collects TOC Championship

The Kern River Valley junior softball team continued their winning ways.

Fire Department personnel and located a deceased male ask the public to stay out of the river and not attempt to swim in it. Even wading can

the currents can occur and lead to drowning.

released by the coroner at a later date.

Kern River Valley awarded \$500k for local organizations

PRESS RELEASE

Kern County is thrilled to announce that our area is one of only nine communities across California to be awarded grant funding from Neighbor-to-Neighbor, a program for California Volunteers, Office of the Governor.

Kern County will utilize \$500,000 specifically awarded to the Kern River Valley to uplift this community by strengthening its collaborative network with the Kern River Valley Art Association, Riverstone Wellness,

Sierra Shared Spaces, and Hopester to provide neighborhood resiliency and economic development activities to Kern County's first supervisorial district.

"I'm very excited for the opportunities this funding will create for the Kern River Valley. It will help to elevate a community that already excels at providing outstanding recreational opportunities for tourists and Kern County residents alike," said Phillip Peters, Kern County's first district supervisor.

The Neighbor-to-Neighbor initiative aims to support

neighborhood social connection and volunteer stewardship in California to build stronger communities.

Over the next two years, Kern County will hold a series of resiliency activities to strengthen the Kern River Valley's network, social capital, and civic engagement and contribute significantly to this community's economic development. The Kern River Valley is Kern County's tourism hub, and it is vital that we support this area of opportunity by increasing access to information and resources that will aid in regional growth.

Kern County and its partners will host a Neighbor-to-Neighbor kick-off event on Friday, July 12, 2024, at 9 a.m. to celebrate this opportunity in partnership with the George and Darlene Randall Skatepark ribbon-cutting ceremony in Lake Isabella. Community members can register for this and all program events and news via the California Volunteers Events Platform below

For further information, please contact Ally Triolo at (661) 308-6805 or allytriolo@kerncounty.com.



<u>COMMUNITY</u>

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Orion Sanders was voted in again as President of the Kernville Chamber of Commerce

Board members were adamant they wanted Sanders to fill that slot and were happy with the job he's been doing as president.

The board of directors elected Gary Ananian to serve as vice president of the chamber. "The vice president was the only office where we had multiple people run, and Gary got the vote," Sanders told the Kern Valley Sun.

Beth Niehaus was re-elected treasurer, and Tawnya Torgl was re-elected the secretary.



Orion Sanders president of the Kernville Chamber of Commerce

Wild Bill Hickok's descendant visits Kernville Bike Park during cleanup day

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The Kernville Chamber of Commerce held a workday at the Kernville Bike Park, Saturday June 8, for maintenance and cleanup purposes, which ended with a famous family visiting.

That morning a truck pulled up with bikes loaded in the back. Driving in the truck was a couple with a baby, two boys, and their dogs. The dad, Dylan Hickok told the Kern Valley Sun that his stepfather is a direct descendant of Wild Bill Hickok. "We come up here ten times a year. We live in Paso Robles. I'll post videos on Instagram. So we'll come up and stay at like Alta Sierra," he said. 'We're camping down in Keysville. And last night we did one of the trails up top and then rode down to the campsite with the kids. We love it up here."

The Kernville Bike Park Hickok visited includes a jump track with six jumps, curving back around, and a mountain bike course, which his family seemed to maneuver with precision.

Sanders said that the chamber still needed to do more maintenance and cleanup this year and could use donations from the community for Bike Park maintenance purposes. "If you're interested in helping maintain the bike park for the community you can donate to the Kernville Chamber of Commerce. Every day I see a half a dozen kids here using it. I thoroughly enjoy seeing the kids come up here and use it because back in my day we enjoyed being outdoors. And so when we see people, and especially kids, out here it is very rewarding.

The chamber plans to put some picnic tables at the Bike Park. "About a month and a half ago there was like 100 people out here and had a birthday party. And all the kids who brought their bikes out here were having a great time. So it's really worth maintaining," said Sanders



and they come across these ramps. And so this is the mountain bike kind of challenge or technical course. It's very laid out. It incorporates the natural landscape of the park."

The Kernville Bike Park also includes a beginner's ramp area, that is flat for younger kids to learn to ride on a course of ramps, without rocks, and is lower to the ground.

The bike park includes a pump track, with different sections, one of which is a kiddy track and another for teenagers, which has a wall and smaller jumps and curves.

Inside the gate of the Bike Park is the BMX bicycle motocross track, where people can race, with a starting gate.

Another visitor Jeffrey Wolsleger told Sanders, "We're looking for a spot to run our RC cars." Sanders told the two men they could run their cars at the BMX area and at the pump



SUBMITTED PHOTO

New hours for Kern Valley **Hospital Auxiliary Thrift**

Effective July 1st the Kern Valley Hospital Auxiliary Thrift Store will no longer be open on Mondays.

Auxiliary Thrift Store New Hours: Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday 9:00 am to 2:30 pm Donation Hours:

Tuesday/Thursday/Saturday 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Special arrangements may be made if you are unable to drop off during the above hours.

The Hospital Auxiliary is an "all-volunteer" organization. We ask that you donate gently used items and avoid dropping off your donations outside of the posted donation hours. Items left outside the gate unfortunately disappear. We want to thank you for your continued support and hope our new hours are more convenient for our patrons.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to email us at: auxiepennie#gmail.com or leave us a message on (760) 379-5959.

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Duvall told the Kern Valley Sun, "Today's program is brought to us by Measure K funding. Measure K is the tax initiative that was passed by voters, last spring, to bring different resources to the unincorporated areas of Kern County.

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Around the Valley South Fork Woman's Club Saturdays at 12pm - Doors Open 10:30am



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"It has these balancing ramps, it has these logs. This is a very technical skilled course for mountain bikers. So they come out, they ride, they balance on these logs

track

"We're not that good but we're having fun. I'm up here every two weeks,"

Wolsleger told the Kern Valley Sun, after his RC car biffed.

Sanders said, "We have a lot of tourists that come out here. We have visitors that come out here and they may be camping and they'll come over here for the day with their kids and their bicycles. And we have the local kids that come out here.'



<u>Kern River Valley Senior Citizens, Inc. - President's Message</u>

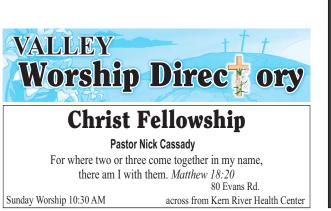


As I was preparing for this month's President's message, I took to the Internet to see what in the month of June is most celebrated. It appears to be food! Everyday celebrates a specific food. I will not list all the choices as there are far too many. So, my advice is to eat well, enjoy the first month of summer sun, beautiful flowers, and no school. Play hooky if you can and enjoy life.

Our newsletter this month is dedicated to being well and aware of your surroundings. Our topic is "falling down." Please remember, aging is not for sissys! Healthcare professionals tell us as we age that illnesses and physical conditions causing muscle weakness can affect your

strength and balance. Poor lighting and area rugs in your home can make you more likely to trip or slip. The side effects of some medicines can upset your balance and make you fall. Medicines for depression, sleep problems and high blood pressure often cause falls.

What's a person to do? SCI is here to help. Over the summer we will be conducting "fall prevention workshops" and providing activities that will go a long way to overcoming muscle weakness and balance problems. SCI has two volunteers with careers in healthcare that have worked directly with folks that are recuperating from surgeries or accidents. Diane and Terry will be available to assist you in making your home safe. Falls are not inevitable. SCI has volunteers that provide instruction for chair yoga, dance fitness, and Tai Chi to increase muscle strength on a weekly basis. Give us a call - 760-379-1428 or check the list of activities for days of the week and times for these



classes.

Kern County Aging and Adult Services will also provide a Cooling Center for higher temperatures that will being coming. The Kern River Valley Senior Center will be available throughout the summer for respite from the heat. Cooling Centers open in the San Joaquin and Kern River Valleys when the temperatures are forecast to be 105 degrees or higher, in the desert areas when temperatures are forecast to be 108

degrees or higher, and in Frazier Park when temperatures are forecast to be 93 degrees or higher. SCI will post on our Facebook page the hours of operation for Kern River Valley Senior Center Cooling Center. Please be sure to check

our Facebook page-KRVSeniors - for updates on activities and "news you can use" tidbits.

> Judy Hyatt, President KRVSC

> > SUNSET 8:12

KERN VALLEY EATHER EIGHT-DAY TODAY FRIDAY SATURDAY THURSDAY LOW HIGH LOW HIGH LOW HIGH HIGH LOW 65° 98° 92° 64° 92° 64° 90° 61° SUNRISE 5:36 SUNRISE 5:36 SUNRISE 5:36 SUNRISE 5:36 SUNSET 8:10 SUNSET 8:11 SUNSET 8:11 SUNSET 8:11 WEDNESDAY SUNDAY MO HIGH LOW HIGH LOW HIGH LOW HIGH LOW 88° 57 84° 55° 58° 90° 61° 87° SUNRISE 5:37 SUNRISE 5:37 SUNRISE 5:37 SUNRISE 5:37

WATER WATCH KERN VALLEY

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Kern River Basin Data as of Sunday, March 31, 2024									
Lake & River Information	This Week	Last Week	Last Year						
Lake Elevation	2,590.67	2,589.98	2.595.24						
Lake Storage	410,388	403,650	456,373						
Inflow Into Lake	971	823	6,457						
Outflow From Lake	2,157	2,009	6,457						

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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Letters to Editor:

On May 28th, and now June 6th, Rt. 155 "escape route" through Wofford Hgts. has been closed to traffic in both directions!

WE MUST GET MTN. 99 OPENED at the South Fork bridge! What disaster will it take for ACTION to happen?

Bill Hogarth, Southlake

Regarding the FRONT PAGE article of June 8th regarding Sierra Way closure at the south fork Kern River branch; Will this be the stimulus that FINALLY promotes ACTION? NOT talk! Supervisors are NOT responding with the necessary action needed, after TWO closures of our Rt. 155 ESCAPE ROUTE in the last two weeks!

I very recently went into the count offices in Lake Isabella.

I purposely avoid date or time to ensure criticism falls only where it should.

I asked the person covering the desk, "Is Cody in?"

Response, "Who's Cody?"

I answered, "the Supervisors' rep." Response, "Oh no; I never see anyone there!"

Why is this office open?" What "representation" do the thousands of valley residents really have?

How will we EVER get a necessary response to our critical

need to escape FORESEEABLE catastrophes? As one of your excellent contributors asks, "IF NOT NOW, WHEN?

Bill Hogarth, Southlake

We live in the greatest county where oversight is provided by our government to protect the people. The Grand Jury report released on May 23rd was thoughtful and thorough. It examined the Kern River Valley Cemetery District through fact finding and honest deliberations.

What was meant for good has been "weaponized" by the cemetery Board of Trustees to ruin the lives of two essential cemetery workers who have a combined 50 years of service to the community. The cemetery Board of Trustees dismissed the manager and secretary using the Grand Jury report as the reason. What was meant for good by the Grand Jury and ignoring the Grand Jury's recommendations, the cemetery Board of Trustees flexed their power without considering the ramifications.

Ramifications

1) Essential cemetery workers are critical community infrastructure

2) Historic preservation of death records weakened

3) Burial preservation of land not properly cared for

The last regular board meeting that I participated in on May 14th should have been a warning that my termination was coming. After being bullied by this group of people during the meeting I was deeply distressed to the point of tears. At this board meeting my assistant was asked if I had fully utilized him to get the job done - he said no - I was stunned. At that moment I could not speak to defend myself - they would not have let me anyways. Looking back it would have been great if I could have said that my assistant was more than 65% done with the data entry assignments and that my assistant would only have to work ten more (four hours) days and his assignment to assist me would have been completed. Although the District budget only allowed for my assistant to work just eight hours per week, he worked when he could fit the District work into his schedule, my assistant and I were successfully accomplishing our part of the audit processes. The utter contempt I experienced would have caused anyone to quit on the spot. I took my licks. There were two members of the community who sat in on the meeting and witnessed the beginning of my demise.

My assistant and I, as well as an expert CPA who was hired to help, were finally making some headway albeit behind in our timeline. The work we were doing was multi-faceted. The complexity of it was even difficult for the CPA. Now that I am removed from the process of getting these audits done my assistant is willing to continue on without me. The backlog had many areas that needed my full attention. The work I was doing to prepare my assistant for his data entry assignment will be skipped. I was confirming the historic process of the records was 100% complete and ready for audit. I want to return to my job so that I can complete what is unfinished. I would even be willing to work with my replacement to empower that person with my knowledge.

Our local agency government is a fragile system. Those in power to oversee the Kern River Valley Cemetery District should become open to scrutiny because they have performed their roles in an unprofessional manner. For example, I was given my final pay check without signatures, the amount was incorrect and we were left without health benefits information. Furthermore, somehow my assistant, who was once a KRVCD Trustee, who does not have the cemetery skill set to do more than data entry, who barely knows 5% of the duties performed by a District Secretary, has been left in place to do the work to prepare for complex audits.

This should concern every tax payer whose properties are assessed taxes to run the cemetery. Tax appropriations that were carefully budgeted are in the hands of people who have very limited skills in managing a cemetery district of which I thought that job belonged to the District Manager. This is tragic for the Kern River Valley Cemetery District and the community it serves. Please protect your tax assessments by attending cemetery board meetings and sharing your concerns. I can only ask that the members of this community begin to take part in the monthly board meetings that are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 1pm. The dysfunction of the current Board of Trustees needs review.

Kindest regards, Laura Kyt

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booking records, he also was booked on suspicion of vandalism of property worth less than \$400 or more and violating a domestic violence court order.

COURTESY OF KERN COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT A vehicle fire spread into a wildfire around 5 p.m. Thursday near the French Gulch Marina in Wofford Heights.

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She said, "We're kicking off our Summer Reading Challenge with Pacific Animal Productions. And they've come down today to share with us the knowledge of all these critters. So exactly what we have we won't know until they bring them out. It's going to be a surprise for all of us."

Pacific Animal Productions (PAP) has been conserving wildlife and endangered species through educational entertainment according to the production team's website at https://www.pacificanimalproductions.com/about. PAP holds zoo prize events, school and library educational entertainment events, fair exhibits, and a petting zoo.

PAP team member Kevin, brought out a North American skunk first, for the children to see close up. Kevin told the children that the creatures are most likely to be seen near the lake and are nocturnal. He said that PAP raised the skunk they brought, and its brother, from babyhood. The skunks still have their spray glands but never spray Kevin.

Kevin told children they should not approach a skunk quickly, but should back away from the skunk very slowly, so as not to startle the skunk to avoid leading it to spray. He also said skunks are most likely to eat bugs, especially earth worms, because they usually live in burrows under the ground.

The next critter the team brought out was a ball python from Africa that can grow up to six feet long. Kevin said they have no eyelids and





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sleep with their eyes open. 20 mph. They communicate They have pit sensors and by chirping as babies and can see in heat vision. Snakes by hissing as adults. They have only scales rather than spew air bubbles out of its skin. They taste the room snout and eyes to warn other with their tongue, as a self alligators to stay out of the defense mechanism, to stav way, when outsiders come into their territory. Alligators safe from larger predators. He also said reptiles can't make have 80 teeth starting out. In their own heat. 60 years they can lose and The next animal PAP brought out was a baby mar-

supial, an animal normally

found in Australia, which

was a kangaroo. Alii from

PAP carried the red kangaroo

in a carrier bag. The critters

can hop about 43 miles per

which they also use to kick

for self-defense. Kangaroos

prefer to be awake in the

early mornings and in the

dusk of night. They have

ears, which are like satellites.

The creatures are like the size

they are first born. They live

in large groups, called mobs,

some numbering up to 100

The next animal was a

baby North American alliga-

tor. The critters grow to be

9 to 13 feet long. They live

in swampy areas and adult

alligators can swim around

kangaroos.

of a human pinky-tip when

hour with their powerful legs,

re-grow about 3,000 teeth. Alligators have built in underwater goggles, because they have 2 sets of eyelids. They primarily eat fish and smaller mammals.

The last critter the team brought out was a nine-weekold rescue. The African cat, known to have the longest legs and largest ears, was a Serval. The cat is the second fastest in the world. It can run about 45 mph. The dots on the back of its ears are to make it look like they have eyes in the backs of their heads. They're solitary animals known to catch fish in the water. They also camouflage into surroundings to hide from predators, two of which would be a leopards and hyenas. They are carnivores, so they are predators, with sharp claws and teeth.





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Needa Estrada February 4, 1951 - May 26, 2024

Needa Estrada, 73 passed away on May 26, 2024. She is survived by her loving husband of 34 years, Raul Estrada, her father Bob Wheeler, her two siblings Pat Kelly and Ronnie Baker, her three children, Bobby Oxford, Mary Denise, Frankie Johnson, eight grandchildren, and 14 great grandchildren. She joins her mother, her brother, sister, daughter and granddaughter in Heaven. Needa was a firecracker that

lit up every life she touched. She has been a member of the Lake Isabella community since 1990 and she loved, housed, fed any and all who have come to her door. She served here as an angel since Feb. 4, 1951 and will continue on eternally. And now our family would like to say thank you to Sherley Stair for being her best friend and stayed by her side until the end! Now rest in peace Mommy.

OBITUARY



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Former cemetery district trustee makes public statement

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

John Blythe told the public, in announcement, during the Kern Valley Exchange Club meeting at Paradise Cove Lodge, Thursday June 6, his version of events regarding alleged mismanagement of the Kern River Valley Cemetery District.

Blythe's comments were in response to the recent article in the Kern Valley Sun regarding a meeting Friday June 14 at 11am, which Robert Guidry owner of Lake Isabella Valley Mortuary is holding at his business to petition the Kern County Board of Supervisors to recall the board of trustees for Kern River Valley Cemetery District.

Blythe said, "I served on the board for ten years and last year I quit the board because I knew that the film industry was going on strike. So I figured this will be part time work, because the district has been behind on audits and minutes, for a number of years now. It's a public district. So my whole thought was quit the board, work part time, get them all back into compliance. And then come back on the board or whatever would work. I can't go into decisions that the board made regarding closed sessions, whether it was Grand Jury. The Grand Jury did an investigation. They're still doing a subsequent investigation of the district. The controller has gotten on their case about being so far behind. The DAs office has looked - I mean it's a mess.

Blvthe said the article the Kern Valley Sun, published June 5, quoting Guidry contained misinformation. He said, "The board doesn't get salary. We're not on Cal Water. We're not doing a merger with any other districts. We are having a board meeting on (June) the 11th, which is this coming Tuesday at 1pm. I'm sure it's going to be a huge meeting.

He said, "All I'm doing is just helping the board navigate through the Brown Act and all that stuff. And I'm going to continue working with the district's auditor and the accountant getting everything compliant, back in the law, and after all that's done probably step away. But they do need a district manager a.s.a.p.?

Blythe's comment that the district needed management was reflected in Guidry's previous interview wherein Guidry stated that, at that time, his funeral business was unable to have any shipped in bodies buried or have any headstones put in place. He was at a loss about what to do without cemetery management

Blythe said, "They had a special board meeting and they hired a management consultant, Danny Brown who is a district manager for the larger cemetery in Bakersfield. So he is kind of helping, from a consulting standpoint, until someone can get brought in permanently. That's kind of brief recap.'

Blythe told the Kern Valley Sun, in a second conversation, that as far as he knew the district's previous management last had an employee evaluation before COVID in 2019. He did not know of further evaluations, though they may, or may not have occurred.

Chair of the board of trustees, Harry Schustz claimed he was too busy for an interview with the Kern Valley Sun, and did not know when he could make time. He also never returned any follow up message from the reporter.

The Kern Valley Sun intends to continue following this story.

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Kern County Grand Jury recently gave a report on the Kern River Valley Public Cemetery District for 2023-2024. In the report they complimented the well-kept grounds and visual appeal of the peaceful setting.

However the findings of the report included problems with the internal governance of the district. The grand jury report states that audits were seriously delinquent. The fifth seat on the board of trustees continued to be vacant since last October

The report said the board only had bi-monthly meetings, and nepotism was a concern.

The board of trustees terminated the district's manager Randy Kyt, at the end of May, along with his wife, Laura Kyt. She told the Kern Valley Sun, in a text on Saturday June 8, "I know that Nepotism is something that has come up. So I want you to know that Randy was not my Supervisor. Back in 2018 (I think it was then - it was in the minutes) there was action taken by the Board of Trustees that they would become my supervisor, so I could work more hours"

According to the Grand Jury report staffing levels were insufficient to bring administrative duties current

Water issues continue to be a challenge, for the District, according to the Grand Jury report. Solutions the board explored, have not been solidified yet. The U.S. Forest Service, in a letter dated February 6, 2024, stated that the District is no longer allowed to access water from the mine due to unsafe levels of contaminants. Therefore the district was considering other options going forward because the well and storage tanks don't meet the irrigation requirements for a new section of grass at the cemetery.

The Grand Jury Report said that Cal Water was available at the property line. If connected, the District would be charged at an Interruptible Public Authority Irrigation Service Rate costing \$1.3941 per 100 cubic feet. The Grand Jury report said that according to Cal Water, due to existing infrastructure, there would be no hook-up charge to the district

The grounds were generally well kept yet the district depended on no-cost labor, from several agencies, and the district, according to the report would have benefited having a dedicated groundskeeper.

Annual revenue of the district, shown to be in excess within the budget, for a couple of fiscal years would allow for the possibility of funding for more staff. According to the Grand Jury report



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The public has always enjoyed Veterans Day and Memorial Day ceremonies at the Kern Valley Cemetery District, which former Dist. Manager Randy Kyt (left) organized.

the Grand Jury began the inquiry after having complaints about the Kern River Valley Public Cemetery District.

The Grand Jury carried out twelve interviews with district personnel, board members, and county government employees, with whom ever complained, and with some outside consultants. The Grand Jury reviewed previous Grand Jury Reports, financial documents, meeting agendas, and the district's website.

The district apparently could not provide to the Grand Jury an accurate total number of internments/inurnments.

The district is supposed to be governed by a board of five trustees that the County Board of Supervisors appointed, for four-year terms. The district employed one general manager, two part time office staff members, and an on call gravedigger and grounds keeper.

Helpers from community organizations have assisted occasionally as a courtesy to the district.

Problems the Grand Jury noted were, the district not filling its empty board of trustees seat, the board holding less than usual meetings in 2023, the board not making public agendas or minutes or making them available for approval, the board not staying current on required training on sexual harassment or ethics, and financial audits that the California code requires, becoming delinquent since 2017.

A part-time office staff and CPA have been working towards converting an old accounting system into a more comprehensive accounting software system to get 2017, 2018, 2019 audits brought current by May 2024. For the years 2020 through 2022 the Grand Jury reported they should be completed by December 2024.

The district's payroll was without checks and balances at the time the Grand Jury started their investigation.

The boardroom at the time of the

investigation consisted of furnishings for the board members to sit and included little seating for the public.

Districts are required to maintain a website with specified content. The Grand Jury report said that the District's website had not included Board Trustee contact information, as mandated. John Blythe, former district board trustee, and current district part time employee told the Kern Valley Sun that he was planning to update the information shortly. Blythe believed this was the task of management, which had not been completed.

The Historic Cemetery is experiencing ground instability and suffered slope failure damage during the winter storms last year. To qualify for FEMA and California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES) funding for a retaining barrier bordering the Kern River, a professional engineering proposal would be required.

The Grand Jury findings stated that the district needed a five-member board. The board meetings were not sufficient to continue efficiently and cause meeting agendas to be far too long. Not providing minutes from meetings caused a lack of transparency for the public.

Failure of some trustees receiving current required training caused the district to be non-compliant.

The Board was negligent with securing and overseeing personnel for the purpose of maintaining financial audits, which caused delinquency with mandated County and State filings.

Policies generated from its CSDA template are not specific enough to the district, which could cause misinterpretation to the board of trustees.

Operation and Maintenance Expense Distribution Budget, could have been allocated for additional staffing.

The report also said that a retaining barrier project would be critical to the preservation of the Historic Cemetery.

June art reception features friendship and mentoring

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The "Friends" theme at the Kern River Valley Art Association reception inspired many types of work from artists, including woodcarving and ceramics. The KRVAA held the event Saturday June 8, at the Art Gallery, in Wofford Heights. During the event, artist Holly Dun won First Place for the ceramics work titled "Friends." Winning second place during the event was a charcoal and pastel on paper work by artist Jackie Williams, titled "Girl and Dog." Artist Daisy Torres received an Honorable Mention Award for the acrylic on canvas work titled "Drew."

wall. Adams is from nearby Ridgecrest.

Adams told the Kern Valley Sun that he started wood carving about 30 years ago. He's had breaks over the years. However for the past five years he has carved daily. When the art league in





The third place winner at the reception was the wood piece titled "Dove Love" by John Adams who was also the association's featured artist on their Artist of the Month

Ridgecrest had a mentor program, and the wood carver didn't have a student, Adams volunteered. "He ended up being like my dad. He taught me how to do it. But I already had, kind of just, a natural instinct from all my other art background. And so from that point I just keep making up things to carve.'

Almost everything Adams carves is from hardwood, including black walnut, maple, yew wood, and satin wood among others. "I have about 20 some odd sculptures in my living room at home. And so I wanted to choose a variety of things that shows my

John Adams Artist of the Month.

diversity of subject matter. They all have their challenges. And every single one is a challenge. And that's what keeps me going, is that I try to pick things that will be a challenge," said Adams. Each project takes any-

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where from 150 hours, down wood carving in the Kern to maybe 40, depending on Valley at the KRVAA's Art Center. "I'm looking forward the piece. The art keeps him settled and motivated since he to teaching my wood sculptretired. His art has kept him ing techniques to other peosane during personal loss and ple. I want someone else to be able to take over the torch,

Adams plans to teach his

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK John Adams also won third place for his wood piece Dove Love.

here," he said.

During the reception, editor John Peters reminded the public that the community is invited to the anthology release reception, June 15, at 3:30pm at the Station.

Kern County Library - Kern River Valley Branch

grief.



People often forget that we have this great resource here in the Kern River Valley for FREE research, knowledge and entertainment. I had the opportunity to ask questions of Elisebeth Duvall, the branch supervisor of our local Kern County Library.

What is the official name of our local library: Kern County Library – Kern River Valley Branch

Who are the key personnel? Elisabeth Duvall, Sabina Cail, Chris Meichtry, Vickie Fish, Lisa Carillo, Joe Wagner

We know our local library is special and it's more than just checking out books, but what are some of the most exciting and unique programs available to adults and children?

The most exciting and unique programs available to adults & children are vast. For children we offer hands-on stem/steam programs such as science, slime and sewing. For adults we offer yoga classes, paint nights, guitar lessons and even a home book delivery service in conjunction with Aging and Adult Services. For teens we have a robust teen program that meets twice a month, and we have a Dungeons and Dragons program twice a month. In addition, we are honored to be able to bring



in various vendors ranging from professional singers, to jugglers, magicians, and wild meet and greets with a wide range of animals. However, what makes all of our programs unique is that we are able to offer them to our community for FREE.

How is our local library funded?

Our local library is funded through Kern County General Funding and through Measure K funds. Thanks to funding from Measure K, Kern County's Unincorporated Public Safety, Vital Services, and Local Control Measure, the Library Department is able to provide additional materials, programs, technology, and staff reinforcing the library's commitment to prioritizing literacy and creative learning opportunities for all ages.

How can our community help or contribute to our local library?

Our community can help us greatly by coming to our programs, checking out materials and spreading the word about all that we offer. Literacy is very important and all the programs that we offer are for the express goal of promoting literacy

within our community. However, while the library is a great community hub, we offer more than just books and programs. We also offer faxing, color / b&w wireless printing, scanning, and we have a wide range of digital services.

What are some things you would like us to know?

because some day I won't be

We would love for our community to know about all that we have to offer as a library. We want everyone to know that we are more than just books. While literacy is vital, we also have fun, well thought out programs for all ages. For example, June and July this year we have over 200 awesome programs lined up for all ages to escape the summer heat and have a fun, free outing. Our summer reading program Read, Renew, Repeat will launch on June 1st. The challenge is to read 10 books or 10 hrs over June & July. In addition, during the next two months, the library will host a range of free activities for children, teens, and adults to encourage and support a love of reading. Participants can win prizes for reaching their reading goals. We've planned a wonderful program for kids to make the library a great place to read, learn, and discover what's available for their enjoyment. Themed events include a wild meet and greet with exotic animals on June 4th, a Mobile Zoo on June 18th and even free lunches for children ages 2 to 18 every weekday from 11:30 to 12:30. While we have a fun summer planned, there's also a serious side to summer reading. Research has shown that reading over the summer prevents summer reading loss. Studies also indicate students who read recreationally outperformed those who don't. Students read more when they can choose materials based on their own interests. Our libraries are committed to supporting lifelong learning and educational enrichment for all families. Registration is currently open on beanstack and we would love to see all of our community join the challenge. We are hoping for 400 finishers this summer. To learn more about the summer reading adventure at the library, please call, visit our facebook page or check out our website at kernlibrary.org.

So make sure to take advantage of the free resources available at our local library!

DC tour students give "thank you" presentation

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Students from South Fork Middle School thanked the Kern Valley Exchange Club for assisting students to go on a trip to Washington DC. The teens gave a visual presentation before the group, Thursday June 6, at Paradise Cove Lodge, revealing what they did on their Washington DC tour.

The tour also included students from Wallace Middle School according to teacher Teddie Anzaldo.

Student Gavin Tippit said, "I'm one of the students who was able to go on the trip. It meant a lot. And I just wanted to say thank you all."

Student Jaadyn Cleveland told the group, "I say thank you because I rarely get to get out of town. I had a lot of first times on this trip.'

Student Naomi Tapia said, "It was really fun, because I

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Peters.

The County of Kern reopened a bid process in February and awarded the project to Granite Construction in March. Peters said, "Design work has been carried out in earnest throughout this time, with feasibility studies being conducted in April, and final

EVENTS CALENDAR

Live Band, dancing, snacks, 50/50

Where: Kern Valley Senior Center, 6409

Where: Kern Valley Senior Center, 6409

Wed., June 12

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Kern Valley Senior Dance

No admission charge. Fun

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Lake Isabella Blvd, L.I.

Kern Valley Senior Dance

No admission charge. Fun

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Lake Isabella Blvd, L.I.

Every Wednesday

Live Band, dancing, snacks, 50/50

Wed., June 19

Every Wednesday

got to enjoy seeing outside here (the Kern Valley.)" Tapia said she thought all the places they went to were "sic" or basically "cool."

The three students giving the visual presentation showed photo collages, other students who were on the trip joined in piecing together, to reveal their favorite parts of the tour. Students said their favorite parts of the trip were visiting the Library of Congress, the World War II Memorial, the Capital Building, the Lincoln Memorial, George Washington's house, Arlington Cemetery, Thomas Jefferson Monument and the Smithsonian Museum where they saw a life size statue of a dolphin. They also got to see George Washington's teeth and Bill Nye the Science Guy's lab coat. Students said they also liked the plane ride. "The kids really learned

how to be respectful," Anzaldo said. "They learned a lot

design work carried out in May. After a brief comment period, we're anticipating that design work will be completed within the next two weeks. This will allow for an estimated construction start date of July 15th, with September 23rd being the estimated date of completion for the project."

Peters said he sincerely understands the community's frustration over the closure and the urgency for the road to be reopened. He assured

drawing

Wed., June 26

Kern Valley Senior Dance

No admission charge. Fun

Time: 6:00 to 8:00 PM

Lake Isabella Blvd. L.I.

Food Distribution

Center, 6507 Lake Isabella BI

Every Wednesday

Senior Food boxes:

Live Band, dancing, snacks, 50/50

Where: Kern Valley Senior Center, 6409

The Ark Soup Kitchen 5301 Lake Isabela BI.

Free meals Mon- Fri, noon-2:00pm

1st Friday of every month 10:00 Senior



in a short amount of time."

Anzaldo said she hoped the

at Memorial Day weekend,

rather than Spring Break, so

more students could attend

at home

and they wouldn't end up too

tired to appreciate Easter back

Anzaldo also told the club

that combining South Fork

the public that the Kern

the community.

County Roads Department

has been working tirelessly

to insure the project would be

Peters said he wanted resi-

dents to know that the safety

of Kern County residents has

been, and would continue to

be, his number one priority,

completed as quickly, safely

next trip, the school would go

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with Wallace was very helpful because the groups shared busses, and both school's chaperones helped each other look after the teens.

Anzaldo said that at the end of the tour the tour guides were impressed with the students and how well they behaved on the trip.

and the project would help ensure that.

He invited the public to contact the county with concerns. The public can reach him at District 1 at district1@

public, in his message, to sign up for updates regarding emergencies at ReadyKern emergency notifications at kerncountyfire.org

868-3650. Peters also urged the working diligently to protect

and responsibly as possible. He said the Kern County kerncounty.com or (661) Fire Department was well aware of the situation and

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

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 Čelebration 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 Wyly @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 ocation and information.

Editor's Note:

Please call groups listed above to assure that information is correct prior to attending a meeting.

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Skateboard park confusion leaves teens wondering

Is the new Skateboard Park in Lake Isabella open yet? Other news outlets out of Bakersfield, which cover the Kern Valley, recently reported that the park was open. However the Kern County Sheriff's Office in Kern Valley recently told some kids at the park that they were not allowed to use the park yet, because it wasn't officially opened.

Contractors at the Skateboard Park

told the same bicyclists and scooter rider that the park was opened, and they could use it, and that the official ribbon cutting for the park would be in July.

The gate to the park was not locked and was left open ajar, so that anyone could enter. Teens talking to the Kern Valley Sun were confused as to what to believe because they were receiving contradicting statements from public officials and the media.

Later that evening, even more young people were coming out to play at the park, thinking it was open. Schools are on summer break and Kern Valley youth want recreation.

Whatever the answer is, the community should be aware that the skateboard park could be a muchused facility for youth in the Kern Valley.

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KERN VALLEY SUN LEGAL NOTICES

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-B2947

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DBĂ #1: CHLO'S DOUGH, 475 BURLANDO RD, KERNVILLE, CA 93238. Kern County. Mailing Address: BOX 1545, KERN-VILLE, CA 93238

This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL: CHLOE ANN Ruhland-Belman, BOX 1545, KERNVILLE, CA 93238. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 05/01/2024 This Fictitious Business Name

Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the County Clerk's Office. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time: (05/08/2029). The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under Federal. State. or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code.) Signed: CHLOE ANN Ruhland-Belman

This statement filed on: 05/08/2024 Aimee X. Espinoza, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: M. HERNANDEZ, Deputy Clerk

(Pub SUN 05/22, 05/29, 06/05, 06/12/2024)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-B3099

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as DBĂ #1: JOSHUA TREE REPTILE HAVEN, JOSHUA TREE REPTILE HAVEN: 22567 ROYCE AVE, ONYX, CA 93255, Kern County. Mailing Address: PO BOX 77, ONYX, CA 93255

This business is conducted by: CORPORATION: JOSHUA TREE **REPTILE HAVEN: 22567 ROYCE** AVE, ONYX, CA 93255

The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names. listed above on: 04/01/2024

This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the County Clerk's Office. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time: (05/15/2029). The filing of this statement does not of itse authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code.). Signed: AMANDA EPPS. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER This statement filed on: 05/15/2024 Aimee X. Espinoza, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M. CEDENO, Deputy Clerk

doing business as DBĂ #1: SERENITY ASSISTED LIVING, 3055 BENTON WAY. LAKE ISABELLA, CA 93240, Kern County. Mailing Address: PO BOX 3073, LAKE ISABELLA, CA 93240

This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL: RUTHANN SMITH. PO BOX 3073, LAKE ISABELLA, CA 93240

The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A This Fictitious Business Name

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This statement filed on: 05/01/2024 Aimee X. Espinoza, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: Z. ARELLANO, Deputy Clerk

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STATEMENT OF ABANDON-MENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS **BUSINESS NAME** FILE NO. 2021-B1876

The use of the fictitious business name: SOLEMN OATH RISING, 2810 BODFISH CANYON RD. BODFISH, CA 93205, Kern County. Mailing Address: PO BOX 1005, BODFISH, CA 93205 filled in Kern County on 04/08/2021 has been abandoned by the following person(s): MARK & DEBRA LOSETH; 2810 BOD-FISH CANYON RD, BODFISH, CA 93205

This business was conducted by a MARRIED COUPLE:

Abandoned on 05/08/2024

Signed: DEBRA LOSETH, OWNER

Aimee X. Espinoza, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M. HERNANDEZ, Deputy Clerk

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er-Tax Collector's power to sell for failure to pay said duly assessed and legally levied taxes against said property, unless the property is redeemed, or an installment redemption plan is initiated prior to 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2024. If the property is not redeemed the right of redemption will termi-

nate upon any subsequent sale by the Treasurer-Tax Collector. All information concerning redemption, or the initiation of an installment plan of redemption will upon request be furnished by Jordan Kaufman, County of Kern Treasurer-Tax Collector, Bakers-

field, California, (661) 868-3490 or E-Mail: ttc@kerncounty.com. The amount to redeem, in dollars and cents, is set forth opposite its parcel number. This amount includes all defaulted taxes, penalties, and fees that have accrued from the date of tax-default to the date of this publication.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. JORDAN KAUFMAN, TREASURER-TAX COLLEC-COUNTY OF KERN TOR. Executed at Bakersfield, Kern County on May 29, 2024. PARCEL NUMBERING EXPLANATION SYSTEM A parcel numbering system is a numerical system for referring to each parcel or property within Kern County. The standard parcel numbering system consists of, first; the map book number; secondly, the page number within the map book, and block number if one exists; and the parcel number within the block. By this system a county is divided into geographical areas called map books, each map book into geographical areas called pages, each page into blocks, and each block into parcels as owned and used. The maps referred to are available for inspection in the office of the Kern County Assessor. EXAMPLE: Parcel num-052-623-13-01-1 ber 052-Book 52 of the

Maps Assessor's 623-Map Page 62 and Block 3 13-Parcel 13 within Block 3 01-Indicates partial own-00 ership when not for digit numer-1-Check cal processing integrity. The real property that is the subical ject of this Notice is situated in the County of Kern, State of California, and is described as follows: PROPERTY TAX-DEFAULTED THE YEAR 2019, FOR IN TAXES, ASSESSMENTS AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2018 - 2019 \$3.362.97 053-112-23-00-9 310 PINE DR ALTA SIERRA MYFR

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Pursuant to Sections 3381 through 3385, Revenue and Taxation Code, the Notice of Power VIRGINIA to Sell Tax-Defaulted Property in and for County of Kern, State 1919 of California, has been divided and distributed to various newspapers of general circulation published in said county, for publication of a portion thereof in each of said newspapers. IMPENDING NOTICE OF IMPENDING POWER TO SELL TAX-DE-PROPERTY Notice is hereby given that real HEIGHTS property taxes and assessments on the parcels described below will have been in default for five FMLY TR or more years. By law on July 1, 2024, at the hour of 12:01 a.m. the herein described real property will become subject to the Treasur-

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Wayne Moore and his partner, Jana, from Three Rivers won silver in their 3.5 bracket. Shelly Hayes won bronze in the 4.0 group. Sue Holland and Eli Wertz Teunissen won gold in the entire 3.0 category. Moore, Hayes, Holland, and Teunissen are part of the Kern River Pickleball Club. There were 136 players registered to play at Jastro Park courts.





SUBMITTED BY DIANE MOSS This group of wrestlers are part of the the High Elevation Wrestling squad.

High Elevation wrestlers take it to the mats of the kids started competing

COACH JOSH MCCARTNEY

We started the High Elevation wrestling program during the 2023 Freestyle season. Our first tournament was at Bakersfield College with all of our wrestlers competing for the first time.

Since every competitor we wrestled had several matches if not dozens already we had a rough go of it. We stuck to it and kept working, the growth in the kids was exceptional. We ended the 2023 freestyle season with one county champion Denier Sprouce.

This year we wrestled two Folkstyle tournaments, the first being at South Bakersfield vielding several medals and establishing a new level of performance for us. We then went to the Folkstyle State tournament in Fresno where Mandolin McAnally became our first state placer with a fifth-place finish.

A trip back to Bakersfield College tournament this time taking several medals. Most

in multiple classes, as they progressed. They started taking down the elite class wrestlers, eventually bringing home multiple metals as the new normal.

At the Road Runner Classic, Nathaniel Cazarez placed for first time taking first and winning a tournament trophy and singlet. The Kern County Championships this year we took nine kids and earned 10 metals. George Davis had first and second place finishes. Aubree Fluet earned first place in a boy and girls' bracket, while Joe Fluet was second. McAnally collected both a second and third in a boy and girls' bracket. Eden McCartnev finished in second, while Conner Swan and Tabbitha Cazares each finished third. Nathaniel Cazarez and Alex Koontz were fourth-place finishers for the team.

It was back to Fresno for the freestyle state tournament. We took six wrestlers and each one of them won a match. Davis had a strong day, just one match from placing. Swan gained an eighthplace finish. McAnally placed fifth. McCartney commented, "Seeing the amount of growth in these young wrestlers in such a small amount of time is inspirational. I am very excited to see them progress into the future. This would not be possible without help from coaches Rob Swan, Mike Bull, the amazing parents, PYG (Play Your Game) at the Square church, and my supportive wife. I would also like to thank those who have donated to our program. Huge Shoutout to On Point Gym and Kern River Dental for their support. It is truly a blessing and an honor to be part of this team."

Anyone can follow us on Facebook @ Kern Valley High Elevation Youth Wrestling Club where we post all our info about practice and events and follow our youtube channel where we post our kids' match at High Elevation Wrestling.

Time to register for youth football and cheer an in-person assistance for

RAY CONNER

I know it seems early, but youth football and cheer season is right around the corner. Currently, registration is in full swing. There will

anyone needing help with the online system June 13 and 18 at the Pizza Factory in Lake Isabella. The league is also asking for the community's help in donating slightly used/ new cleats to help players out.

A players clinic is in the future and they will be joined by Fithaus on June 29. And directly after that practice will begin on July 15.

Father, son enjoy KRV Little League Season

TJ SANDERS

As the Kern River Valley little league season ends some players and coaches get selected to play and coach for all stars while others begin their summers. Many of these young athletes are not sure what to expect and do not know what is to come from this experience.

This year we are lucky enough to hear from a coach and a player to provide their insight on what we never get to witness. Coach Michael Henson and his son Sebastian Henson were kind enough to share their experience with the Kern Valley Sun.

Michael wanted to be a coach because he enjoys spending time with the kids and getting to be around his son even more. His favorite part of coaching was seeing the kids progress throughout the season and watching them build confidence in themselves

Michael said that the hardest part about being a coach is keeping the kids engaged because of how young they are and each kid reacts to things differently

He strives as a coach to be able to show them support and give them someone they can look up to outside of their household. This is something we want from all the coaches since they keep it fun for the players and it will hopefully make them want to play again in the following years.

Sebastian's favorite part of playing this year was getting to play new positions and getting to help his teammates

who have never played before. His favorite part about his coaches were that they balanced the fun and seriousness of practices.

They had days where they had a lot of fun but also had the moments where they had to be serious. Sebastian was able to learn a lot from his coaches and he enjoyed that part because he got to learn more about new positions from his coaches and they were always there to help all the players when needed.

His main goal for the season was completed because he hoped to learn more than he did last year and he said he learned a lot from the coaches. The insight provided from these two are amazing and we wish them the best of luck moving forward.

Major All-Stars ready to compete

RAY CONNER

The Kern River Valley Little League All-Star competition is happening soon.

The Major Softball All-Star team is preparing the way to do battle on the field. The Major Softball team will start their tournament on June 22. They will be taking on the

team from Tehachapi with the game starting at 3 p.m. These games will be hosted by Quartz Hill. As in the past this is a double-elimination type tournament.

The softball team of All-Stars representing the Kern River Valley are as follows: Dani Brooks, Charlet Eastes, Eadynn Thomey, Harper Hug, Katie Smoot, Lila Cole, Maddoxx Armes, Maggie Greenhaw, Olivia Sauter, Rebecca Garcia, Skylar Ulloa, and Trinity Shepard.

The winner of the KRV/ Tehachapi game will play the winner of the California City/West Lancaster game. The loser of the game will be forced into the one-loss bracket.



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SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Kern River Valley Little League Junior Softball team display their TOC (Tournament of Champions) banner after winning the championship game on Saturday.

RAY CONNER Wayne Moore far left was the top winner at the Mt. Mesa Men's Club sponsored Texas Hold 'Em Poker Tournament held for the FRC. Center is Damaris Gomez and far right is Colleen Conner.



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It's not colossus, but Mt. Mesa Lanes keeps the ride rolling

RAY CONNER

The little place that could! Mt. Mesa Lanes is still thriving despite its roller coaster ride.

About seven years ago, Gabriella "Gabby" Mayfield purchased the lanes to keep the bowling alley open. She had a two-fold dream in this endeavor. For one, she wanted a place she could practice as she was a recent college graduate and now was a bowler on the women's pro tour. The second reason was to keep bowling alive in the valley.

Some of the obstacles she faced are the expenses. The utilities and the equipment. And sometimes dealing with those that are not willing to abide by the house rules. Mayfield said, "You have to deal with people that don't understand you only have two hands. For three years everything was rolling along, her dad, Dan and her mom Chris was helping running the place. The menial tasks that are behind the scenes had to be done daily. From the bar order to the food order, to keeping the equipment in shape. They performed theses tasks with a little help also from a lane technician to fix the problems with the alleys. Leagues were filled and the bowling competitive. Mayfield said, "I wanted to give league bowlers a place to compete and establish themselves as bowlers. If we didn't have our leagues' we would not have been able to stay open. The league bowlers are the most important people that come in here. You know that you're a league bowler. (she was referring to this writer who does love to bowl)' Gabby Mayfield was competing on the tour, until and injury sidelined her and in this came about her passion to continue to give the valley a place to bowl. With the tour off the table an area that she still misses seven years later. When asked about not being able to bowl on the pro tour Mayfield said, "It's been hard. A lot of soul searching and being sad. I got over it. Now I'm trying to get our younger generation into it. Get them bowling, get them away from the computer. Do I wish I could go back and bowl? Yeah, but God is obviously calling me to cook for a lot of people and make them happy with that. This pretty much what supports us through the day. When asked what the hardest thing about not being able to bowl anymore? Mayfield commented, "That's a rough question. Not being able to go out on tour and travel to

be with my friends. It's been very hard. I had to put mind over matter and make it about the business.'

Fast forward to the pandemic. It rolled in and just about frustrated her plans. But with a resilience and a fortitude that made her successful on the lanes, she went into adapt mode. The team of Mayfield's and Mike Clanton combined their efforts to survive this hardship. Gabby turned to another passion, making one the best places to eat. She is famous for her take out dishes. The game plan was for her to cook and Clanton be the runner and serve those that called in to order her delicious food

how the place operates she said, "We fly by the seat of our pants. Dad (Dan) Mayfield runs the bar, I run the kitchen and Mike (Clanton) makes sure the place is clean. Dad and Mike also take care of the lanes. I could not run the place by myself."

When asked what it's been like Mayfield said, "It has had a lot of ups and downs. It's been crazy. We've made it through the good times and the bad. Covid closed us for almost two years. We opened back up and now it's been busy ever since."

Open bowling is an option for those looking to try this sport. When asked about open bowling Mayfield commented, "Sometimes Saturdays are busy because of parties and kids are out of school. Now that it's summertime it's As the restrictions started going to be even busier." One of the things she used to do is drilling balls for bowlers. She misses that too. She said, "When you drill a ball for someone and they shoot a 300 do you know how good a feeling it is for you.? I got them matched up and they are shooting high scores. But like I said God is obviously calling me to the kitchen.' When asked what message she would like to put out to the community Mayfield said, "We love everybody. We hope when they come in, they have a good time. We bless God every day. With nothing but upside for those that patronize Mt. Mesa Lanes, it seems obvious that despite the hardships that go along with operating this kind of business, the future remains bright. The sport of bowling will be remain a part of the Kern River Valley, and Mt. Mesa Lanes is the happening place. REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR FALL 2024 SOCCER SEASON COACHES & REFEREES NEEDED \$2500 OFF **During Early Bird Registration** until June 30, 2024 For more info email region294rc@gmail.com Register on the website now thru July 31st ayso294.org

KRV junior softball squad collects TOC Championship

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The Kern River Valley junior softball team continued their winning ways.

After going through the season at 12-0, next up was the Tournament of Champions (TOC) games. KRV's squad playing in the California Junior Softball District 51 TOC dominated in the championship.

Playing the game at George Randall Field in Kernville, the team only played four innings as they ran past their Tehachapi Vipers opponents 21-0. The KRV squad put the ball in play, took advantage of a struggling pitcher, and scored early and often in taking the victory.

The KRV squad set down their opponent in the top of the first. When they came to bat, they were eager to get the offense rolling. The dust settled and the home team was looking at a score of 8-0. Three hits, one free pass, and three hit batters produced runners that circled the bases. They followed that with a pair of runs in the second. They would finish the scoring with an 11-run third to put the margin at 21-0.

In the circle, Jade Montes

tossed a two-hit shutout. She pitched all four innings allowing no runs on two hits. She struck out three and walked two in picking up the win.

For the game, the KRV squad was walked five times and hit by the pitch seven times. They also collected nine hits as a team. Leading the way on offense was Ashley Plante with two hits, including a double. She scored twice and knocked in a pair of runs.

Gabby Eastes delivered two hits, scored three times and had one RBI. Emma Bechtel also had a pair of hits and scored two, while Kenadie Young smacked a double and scored two times. Naomi Tapia had one hit scored, twice and drove in one run. Rounding out the hit parade was Bobbie Pruitt who had one hit and once run scored. Breena Elliott was credited with two RBIs in the game.

Teagan Liske, Amber McArhen, and Bella Goffinet recorded one RBI apiece for the KRV team. Kiera Hayes crossed the plate twice, while Josie Wilder scored once to cap the offense for the champions of the TOC.

In order to get to the championship game, the KRV team had to go through the

Fireflies. This was a battle as neither team wanted to give in. Burt in the end the KRV squad came though and delivered the 4-2 victory to advance them to the championship game.

The Fireflies opened the scoring in the bottom of the third. They were able to score on a ground out and the game stood at 1-0. KRV had no answer until the t of the third. They would knot the game at 1-1. With two outs, Montes cracked a double. Young followed with a double of her own to drive in her teammate.

The KRV team took the lead in the top of the fifth. Pruitt delivered a run-scoring single after McAhren reach first on a hit batsman. The score was sitting at 2-1 when KRV came to bat in the top of the sixth. This time two runs would cross the plate. Montes had the big hit as she drove in two runs with a double to put the score at 4-1. Plante started the rally as she opened the inning with a single. Estes was HBP to put runners at first and second. The Fireflies scored once in the bottom of the seventh, but the rally was cut short and the KRV team earned the hard-fought win.



She credits this as her way of keeping the place running despite the overwhelming adversities that lay before her.

to lift and the lanes once again operating, things began to rise up in a positive manner. League bowlers flocked back and once more the sounds of bowling balls could be heard crashing into the pins filled Mt. Mesa Lanes. Currently league bowling is on Monday, Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday. The lanes are closed Tuesday and Wednesday. Saturday is the youth/adult league. In some cases, two leagues are held the same day. Usually, one in the afternoon and then one at night.

Turn the page to 2024 and the little place that could, has survived the roller coaster ride and continues to flourish both with the bowling and the food. Mayfield continues to push out a menu that people want to try. And another year of successful winter league of bowling has just wrapped up. Mayfield commenting on

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