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There were 60 plus local bowlers that invaded Laughlin to roll sweepers on June 22.



### Major Baseball victorious out of the gate

The Kern River Valley Major Baseball All-Stars claimed a win to begin their tournament.

# Chamber discusses monster trucks at arena, marathon, and pickleball courts

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

The Kernville Chamber of Commerce held its general meeting, Monday, June 25 wherein president of the chamber Orion Sanders reported that he was considering allowing Monster Trucks at the local arena, which would attract tourism.

Sanders said, "What happened was we had a company approach us about doing monster trucks in our arena. And believe it or not, they do fit. We



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# Book of Golden Deeds and other awards at banquet

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

The Kern Valley Exchange Club (KVEC) held its 51 annual installation of officers at a banquet, Monday June 24, at Paradise Cove Lodge. Master of Ceremonies for the event was John Blythe who was also stepping down from his presidency, to the club, after finishing his term.

Highlights of the evening included the rewarding of the prestigious Book of Golden Deeds award, which this year went to two recipients found worthy of the honor. The winners of the Book of Golden Deeds Awards this year were Pam Smith and Reid Hopkins.

Committee chair of the KVEC Debbie Hess introduced Pam Smith as the winner of the book of Golden Deeds Award, which Blythe, in his capacity as president did not select her for.

Smith did not wish to seek recognition for her good deeds within the community although she was club secretary for the KVEC for many years. Smith is business owner of



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Reid Hopkins and Pam Smith recipients of the Book of Golden Deeds award with Ireland Comstock (middle) rep for Congressman Vince Fong

Paradise Cove Lodge, which won the Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce Business of the Year award, and served as Grand Marshal to the annual Christmas Parade in Lake Isabella. As owner to the Cove, Smith has hosted

the meetings for KVEC weekly for the entire 51 years.

Smith was a retired long-term teacher for Kernville Union School District.

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Utilities engineers for the California Utilities Commission, Josh Silberstein and Evan Chang.

# Utilities Commission and water company hold rate-hike public hearing

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

The California Utilities Commission held a public meeting, at the Kern River Valley Veterans Center, Thursday June 27, for the public to comment on a raise in water rates to Erskine Creek Water Company customers.

Two utilities engineers for the California Utilities Commission, Josh Silberstein and Evan Chang gave an overview regarding the process for determining water rates going forward.

Silberstein said, "The basic information is there's the rate increase that we have for a general rate case. Both of us are utilities engineers, in the small water section, with the water division. And we oversee privately owned water systems with less than 10,000 connections."

Silberstein told the group of about 10 to 15 customers, at the meeting, that when regulated utilities need to make changes to their tariffs, they file advice letters. And those are designated from tiers one through three. A general rate

case is a tier three, which is one of the more complex processes through the commission. And when a small utility seeks a larger case, typically to only account for inflation, there's a consumer price index increase. And a general rate case is filed with eventually a resolution.

He said, "What everyone has had a chance to put their opinions in, so far, is a proposed increase. And the actual recommended increase will again have

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# COMMUNITY

## Public invited to summer camp, swimming and activities at South Fork

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The South Fork School District is inviting the public to enjoy their newly resurfaced swimming pool at South Fork Middle School campus. And there is more to enjoy on campus this month with summer camps through Kern Valley Aquatics Program starting July 8, among other activities for families and seniors such as aquatics workout classes for under \$10 and family swim night.

For summer camp, kids will enjoy arts and crafts, and indoor and outdoor play. To students within South Fork School District the fee is only \$25 to attend because a grant helps pay for the rest. And buses provide pickup for children within the district. However students outside the district, from all over the valley, may also attend at the price of \$100 with their own transportation. Families needing financial assistance to attend should contact the district. Register at [www.kvap.org](http://www.kvap.org). Superintendent of South Fork School District, Richard Rhodes said, "We did a renovation, we resurfaced the pool this year. Everything was all re-plastered. The roughness is gone and it's smooth on the bottom and sides. The board just approved the purchase of the benches and picnic tables."

The swimming lessons program includes choices of: Parent and Child swim lessons for babies six months and up; Level 1 for ages 3 and up; Level 2 for ages 5 and up; and Levels 3 and 4. A series of classes is coming up, in the month of July. The public should not hesitate to register.

The program is partly due to a grant from First 5 Kern, which the district wants people to enjoy before the district reapplies to the grant this July. The grant is a five-year grant, which the community benefited from these past five years and is expiring. Rhodes said, "We want to keep this program. A grant must be done by the end of July."

The ease for parents in Weldon



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

and Onyx is evident with the school providing transportation for the kids. "We're providing transportation for the kids to come. We're doing it right now. And we want to keep this program because the grant has supported it for the last five years," said Rhodes. "I think this is a really good community resource."

Rhodes also mentioned that Kernville Baptist Church would be using the pool for a vacation Bible school program. And a Native American culture group is using the pool, for a retreat type activity, and the school cafeteria during summer. Rhodes said other groups are welcome to connect with the school if they wish to use the facility. He said, "I think it's really cool that other people can use it. Kids can come here in the summer time and swim."

The school has a lifeguard available during swim and lesson times. "As we're getting ready to write this new grant, people in the community know that it's important to them. It's the only pool that's available to people here in the valley," said Rhodes.

Corrin Hayes, business manager at South Fork School District said, the program offers aquatics, senior aerobics, zumba aquatics for seniors, open lap swim mornings, and after lunchtime is open swim time until 4pm. Then swim lessons at 4pm.

Danica Vittoria facilitated ELOP program and brought in more lifeguards and counselors to help facilitate that for students. Vittoria, is the direc-

tor who does organizing and scheduling at the South Fork pool. She said, "I've been here since 2012. So I started out as just a swim instructor, and then started helping a little bit more on the office side, and then took over."

Another program offered is Junior Guards, where students learn CPR, AED machines, safety in pool trainings, first aid, and safety awareness. Ultimately those attending have the opportunity to seek job openings because the school hires high school students as lifeguards.

Vittoria told the Kern Valley Sun that the lifeguard chairs at the pool have been repainted and reupholstered. She said Kern Family Health Care and First 5 Kern are both funders for the different aspects for their program through grants. "Our junior lifeguard program is awesome because it feeds into our staff. The junior lifeguard program is for ages 7 and up for kids who already know how to swim and are just looking to enhance their swimming skills." Later they can work as a lifeguard on staff.

Fridays 6pm to 9pm is family night, which is a night swim for \$5 per person, and \$18 for a family of more than five persons. Families are sometimes provided a free meal. Some snacks are purchase items. The pool has lights and pool floaties on family nights. Occasionally the program provides movies depending on the time of sunset. "Last Friday we had people stay until 9:00," Hayes said.

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The event is a fundraiser for Sarge's Wreaths 4 Vets, according to the owner of Notorious Entertainment, Orion Sanders who organized the event. "It's a wine and dessert walk. We walk around and taste wine and dessert. It's a great social event in beautiful downtown Kernville. Come enjoy red wine, white wine, and dessert and blues music in Circle Park, and celebrate the month of July."

Additionally, folks will enjoy the Americana rock and blues music of

the band Kelly's Lot at the gazebo in Circle Park.

"This is the first wine walk we've done here," Sanders said. "It's not the first time I've done this. I did this event for several years in Tehachapi. I just never brought it here (to Kernville) yet. There's a vineyard in Tehachapi that we used to do this at. And I brought all the entertainment for about four years, and then the owners sold the vineyard so it kind of changed."

Sanders said that there used to be an event at Starlight Lounge, which was a wine and tapas type place. They used to hold an event called Cork n Fork, which was a showcase of wine and local food event. However this event will be different in that it is for dessert.

Participating businesses provide desserts and Sanders provides the wine. "If it's successful, each year we will try to continue to showcase businesses in

the downtown Kernville area," he said.

Ticket reservations are \$55 at presale on the website. Tickets are \$65 at the door where check-in is at Big Blue Bear at 4pm that evening. Tastings will continue from 4:30 to 6:30pm with music running from 5:30 to 7:30 pm. Perks include ten tasting tickets, and twelve locations, along with a commemorative wine glass and a custom dessert tray.

Businesses participating in the tasting event include: Big Blue Bear, Cheryl's Diner, Click Realty, Dress Your Soul, Kernville Inn, Kernville Saloon, Riverview Lodge, Sportsman Inn, That's Italian, and Whiskey Flat Antique.

Sanders said, "As in all of my events, the proceeds from ticket sales goes to Sarge's Wreaths 4 Vets."

<https://www.notoriousent.net/wine-walk>

## KRVCC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Kern River Valley, I want to begin by welcoming our newest members to the family, "Holcomb and Associates" David Holcomb who performs process serving and skip tracing. Give them a call if you need his services.

Its hard to believe we are already half way through 2024. This means the heat is here and

we need to be aware of the dangers in our elevated outdoor temperatures while performing routine tasks around the homestead.

These next two weeks are going to be very hot so utilize the cooling systems of your home and or the cooling station at the senior center in Lake Isabella while staying hydrated. Just be cautious as this heat has the ability to cause serious health issues.

July 4, 2024 you will see flags on the Blvd as we celebrate Independence Day, thank you to the volunteers who make this happen!

July 6, 2024 you will be excited for another year as we celebrate our independence with a fireworks display off engineer point. The show will take place at approximately 9pm by Zambelli Fireworks. Without the hard work and dedication of Mike Smith, Candice Williams Aguilar and Mr. Steve Spradlin's team we would have lost our annual fireworks display. Make sure to thank them for their dedication to the KRV.

On July 10, 2024 at the general membership meeting in Mt. Mesa which is held at the Eagle Lodge, your chamber of commerce will have Mr. Orion Sanders as our guest speaker. Mr. Sanders is the newly appointed manager of our local cemetery, please come out for the luncheon as we can gain some insight into what might be taking place in the not to distant future with our cemetery and it grounds.

July 18, 2024 at 6:00pm we will be co-hosting a Firewise Communities meeting at the Senior Center in Lake Isabella. Ms. Wendy Ward with Kern Fire Safe Council and your chamber of commerce want to lead the way for our valley in becoming a Firewise Community. It will be critical in the near future on multiple levels, from coming regulation

changes to discounts on your home owner's insurance. You can RSVP for the event by contacting the Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce, seating is limited to 100 people.

Thank you for taking the time to read this article, please remember your chamber is here for you. Without you we have little reason to staff the office.

Stay safe and stay cool,  
Fred Clark, President KRVCC

### KERN VALLEY WEATHER

EIGHT-DAY VALLEY FORECAST

TODAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
97°	67°	97°	68°	100°	70°	102°	70°
SUNRISE 5:42	SUNSET 8:13	SUNRISE 5:42	SUNSET 8:13	SUNRISE 5:43	SUNSET 8:13	SUNRISE 5:43	SUNSET 8:13

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
101°	69°	101°	69°	101°	70°	100°	70°
SUNRISE 5:44	SUNSET 8:12	SUNRISE 5:44	SUNSET 8:12	SUNRISE 5:45	SUNSET 8:12	SUNRISE 5:46	SUNSET 8:11

### KERN VALLEY WATER WATCH

Kern River Basin Data as of Sunday, June 30, 2024

Lake & River Information	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Lake Elevation	2,586.45	2,588.43	2,599.53
Lake Storage	370,044	388,716	501,664
Inflow Into Lake	762	848	6,740
Outflow From Lake	2,481	2,434	5,433

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.

## Art group invites public to July 4 celebration Thursday

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The art association invites the public to attend its Community Barbeque 10am to 7pm Thursday, July 4, at the Art Center in Wofford Heights.

Friday June 28, the president of the Kern River Valley Art Association, Christopher Buffalo Folsom told the Kern Valley Sun what to expect.

Folsom said, "We wanted to do a community event. And the Fourth of July, of course, is all about community as a nation. So we wanted to do some type of old fashioned thing. And we started out as having it be a barbeque and community get together."

Ultimately because of all the rules and regulations, the KRVA was not able to hold a traditional barbeque, because they don't have a license for such events. Therefore the KRVA decided to bring in Cadillac Dogs, and open the event up to vendors, having their pop ups and selling their goods, and opening the Art and Community Center, the big building, and having people come in for an Open House.

"The idea behind it is because this year's Fourth of July is on a Thursday, so people are going to take a very long weekend; there's going to be a lot of traffic coming through," said Folsom. "Currently with the big

building we've got so much more exposure than usual. Not to mention the little coffee place. So we just thought people are traveling (and) they're going to stop in. They'll find out about us. They'll find out about the valley."

This event is the first July 4 celebration of this type the KRVA has planned.

Folsom said, "One of the supporting factors of this is the Neighbor To Neighbor Grant and working with the county. Again I can't emphasize more that it's about the community. It's really about bringing the community together, giving it a social venue that people can come and talk to each other, and enjoy each other's company, and just be comfortable. I think we'll probably have movies going on at the same time."

One of the stipulations of the Neighbor To Neighbor Grant is to provide community events. And initially KRVA is supposed to hold a little over one event per month, which the association already does. Folsom said, "It goes back to the biggest problem in the country right now is loneliness. It seems to be in epidemic proportions. This is one way that people can come and socialize and feel safe. It'll give everybody something to do on the Fourth of July, since the fireworks aren't until Saturday. It'll be good."

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He told the Kern Valley Sun, Monday June 24, he still had not signed the contract, but confirmed last Friday, that he later signed.

"I put in for it (the position) after careful thought. I wanted to make sure that the legacy of the work that had been done here continues. I did not want the cemetery to go away. I just wanted to make sure that it continued and that all the hard work

that had been done there in the past continues to happen," he said.

Sanders' contract includes a 32-hour workweek. The board approved an adjustment in the salary of the employees in order to afford a full time grounds keeper, Sanders said.

Though Sanders has been acquainted with the former manager, and on friendly terms, he said that he has no control over the past and what happened with previous employees.

"I care about continuing to make sure that the cemetery thrives and that we provide this service for the community."

Sanders is not new to cemetery business. He has worked with the community to provide such services previously. Sanders is founder of Sarge's Wreaths 4 Vets, an organization which works

with Wreaths Across America to place wreaths on the headstones of veterans buried at the Kern River Valley Cemetery. "I was a part of the committee to help bring the Bakersfield National Cemetery to Kern County," he said. "I've been involved with doing Cemetery things, specifically in the support of Veterans. But I've worked with other cemetery districts before - doing a couple things. Those aren't jobs. Those are volunteer things that I've worked with."

As far as the position goes, Sanders believes there will be a learning curve, and said he is up for the challenge.

Sanders is hoping to continue to support veterans at the district, with ceremonies for Veterans Day and Memorial Day, open to the public.

July 13, is the day the

district has scheduled to resume burials. The district scheduled to conduct the interment for Marilyn Hilsabeck, whose family was sidelined previously on her burial, which was originally slated for June 10.

Sanders said, "That was one of the biggest things that I was disappointed with, is that we failed in taking care of a family that was already on the schedule, and so we have reached out to that family. We have them rescheduled. We're taking care of them. And they are very pleased that things are getting caught up and done. And so their family will be back here on July 13th. We will be having more burials going forward."

Sanders will no longer be working at his position at the hospital, as social media coordinator, in the public relations department.



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK



## OBITUARY

### Wesley Edmond Anderson III

Wesley Edmond Anderson III died at his home in Weldon, CA while under hospice care on June 13, 2024 after a 7-month battle with cancer. He was born in Clinton, Iowa on February 22, 1949 to Wesley Edmond Anderson Jr. and Rosanna (Smith) Anderson. His parents moved to southern California in the 1950s to pursue the American dream. Quickly disillusioned by consumerism and city life, he gravitated to animals and nature where he felt most at home. As a teenager he moved to Bishop, California where his grandmother Ruth Anderson introduced him to the teachings of truth in the Bible and he was baptized as one of Jehovah's Witnesses. Because of his love for God's creation, he was drawn to the cowboy life and worked as a sheepherder at Mono Lake, cattle pen rider in the Central Valley, but was most especially fond of mule packing. In his lifetime, he worked at nearly every one of the dozen commercial pack stations in the eastern Sierra Nevada Mountains along the Owens Valley. Most of these are family-owned, and represent a way of life handed down for generations, operating under special use permits on National Forest and National Park lands. From the 1970s to the 2000s he helped introduce thousands of visitors to backcountry travel, riding a horse on rocky mountain trails, while leading strings of mules into the wilderness on days-long trips. He expertly tied loads of dunnage on mules for either hikers who wanted stock support to lighten their packs or for overnight guests on rented horses. He helped transport snow survey equipment, barrels of live trout to stock remote lakes, and even a boat for the government, and everything from dynamite (for dam construction) to dead bodies (a man found dead of a heart of attack on the trail). Known as the "Legendary Packer of the High Sierra," Mr. Anderson had a brilliant mind, becoming proficient at knot tying, livestock management and horse equipment. Self-educated, he had an encyclopedic memory of ancient world empires, geography, archeology and



their relation to fulfillment of Bible prophesy. Over the years, his fascination with traditional horse cultures compelled him to travel and explore the most remote areas of Australia and Argentina, even living in yurts with nomads in the Mongolian steppes. He cared for animals, especially dogs, and always placed their welfare first. He worked nearly a decade for veterinarian Dr. Craig London, owner of Rock Creek Pack Station in Bishop, California, who appreciated his exceptional attention to his animals. This is where he met the love of his life, Penelope. They joined the Lake Isabella Congregation and served together to help share the Bible truth that set them free. Besides his loving wife, he is survived by his brother Mike Anderson of Eugene, Oregon, children Rachel Beth Anderson of Reno, NV and Jason Anderson of Knoxville, TN and nearly 9 million spiritual brothers and sisters, Witnesses of Jehovah, in 239 lands, from "every nation and tribe and tongue" (Revelation 14:6). A memorial service will be held at 2pm on August 10, 2024 at the Lake Isabella Kingdom Hall, 1911 Edith Avenue, Lake Isabella, CA 93240. An electronic Zoom connection will also be available. For information call 760-379-2495. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made online at www.JW.org.

### KERN VALLEY SUN LETTER TO EDITOR

Friends, in the event you have not heard already, I will be leaving the Kern River area and Sequoia National Forest soon. I recently accepted a position on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest in Montana as the forest supervisor. First day in the new job will be July 15th.

I have mixed feelings about this move due to how enjoyable an assignment it has been for me. I arrived here in 2012 and took the permanent position in 2013. It has been a roller coaster ride of plenty of ups, but also a few downs. Erskine, French, Way, Cedar fires to name a few. Dam Safety Modification, covid, a decade of drought and small town politics all were challenging times, no matter what roll a person play. Through this all, the Valley came together and did what it needed to take care of each other and make

decisions for the greater good. Thank you for allowing me to be part of that.

As I leave, please know that you all made such a positive impact on my personal journey to become a better leader, but also my family that called this area home.

The outreach for my replacement is out. At first it will be an acting, but the permanent fill will not be far behind. I will have the same email and phone number, so don't be a stranger.

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Alfred Watson  
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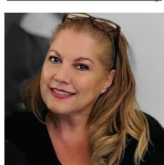
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I spoke with the current president of the Kern River Valley Women's Club this week. Her name is Leslie Black. This club is a wonderful group of mature women with ages ranging from 20 to 91 that are committed to the alliance of fellowship while contributing to the betterment of the Kern River Valley.

**What is the official name of the organization?**  
The Kern River Valley Woman's Club

**What is the primary function of the women's club?**  
The Kern River Valley Woman's Club primary function is to promote good will and to give back to the community. We are a non-partisan, non political, philanthropic Club.

**Who are the key officers?**  
Key officers are Leslie Black President, Judy Rowley 1st Vice President and Auditor, Fern Sammon 2nd Vice President, Christine Burdge Treasurer, Pam Rice Recording Secretary, Rose Brock Corresponding Secretary, Judy Dodd Parliamentarian, and three directors.

**What are some of the most exciting and unique programs that the Women's Club have to benefit adults and children?**  
The club has monthly meetings September- May. At most of those meetings we have a guest speaker that is associated with the Kern River Valley. The members learn about who and what the speaker is representing. The club then presents a check (donation) to the speaker. This past year we donated to the Ark Soup Kitchen, One Spade Youth Packers, The Art Association, Senior Citizens Inc. and a few more. We also give 2-3 High School Schol-

# KRV Women's Club

arships to graduating students at our local High School.

**How does the Women's Club receive funding to help other groups?**

In order to raise funds to do all these things the Club does, we have two major fundraisers we do each year. One is THE CHRISTMAS SPECTACULAR and second is the Spring Champagne Brunch. The way we bring in money for both of those is the drawing ticket sales. The Spectacular is sponsored by local businesses buying and decorating a Christmas tree, and then putting gifts under them. It is a full dinner held at the Elks Lodge. Dinner ticket holders buy drawing tickets to put in a bucket of the tree of their choice or choices. One ticket per tree is drawn. The Brunch is the same thing except it's gift baskets and a brunch at the Elk's Lodge. We do have in house things we do that the members donate money for.

**How can our community help or contribute to the women's club?**

Ways to help our club out are to attend the two fundraisers, join the club or send a donation to the KRVWC at post office box 274, Wofford Heights, Ca 93285.

**What are some things you would like us to know?**

We really have a lot of fun at our meetings. Many of our members are very involved in the community. Everyone has a voice. For information about joining call Fern Sammon



@ 760/223-5454 or email her at ferninkern@gmail.com or contact me, Leslie Black 760/376-4658 or email plblkas@aol.com.

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# Celebrate with us!

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# AWARDS

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She devotes her time to serving local senior citizens, giving them rides to church and elsewhere and bringing meals to those in need, helping the homeless and those struggling with addiction. She has often opened her motel to those in need of free lodging because of her concern for the disadvantaged within the Kern Valley community. Smith has donated sirloin steaks to the FFA for the Kern County Fair and recently hosted the Jockey Club awards breakfast for Kern Valley High School athletes.

Interestingly, Smith's parents were both members of the exchange club. Her father Bo Williams was charter member of the club and was also awarded the Book of Golden Deeds award in 1986.

Regarding Hopkins, Blythe said, "A central component about the exchange club is centered around helping the youth in our community. The exchange club supports the students at all three of our local school districts as well as scholarships. But we also help with donations for local youth organizations. One of those organizations that this club supports every year is the One Spade Youth Packers, which was founded by Reid Hopkins and his wife Eileen."

Hopkins began a career with the US Forest Service, as a fire prevention technician and trail crew foreman and packer in 1971, eventually going into law enforcement with the Tulare County Sheriff's Department and later with the Bureau of Land Management. Hopkins was once deemed Kern Valley Exchange Club's Law Enforcement Officer of the Year.

Hopkins started One Spade Youth Packers program in 1995, to help youth develop character and leadership skills. Students in the program become experienced with horses and mules and then train to compete nationally at the world famous Bishop Mule Days.

The program also avails the opportunity for college and career placement assistance.

In addition to the two recipients receiving the awards from KVEC, on behalf of



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK  
Congressman Vince Fong's rep Ireland Comstock (left) sits with Man of the Year Gary Zuber with wife Karen and (front) Supervisor Peter's rep Cody Criswell.



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK  
Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce president Fred Clark (right) sits with his family.



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK  
Student of the Year Kyle Denys, with his mother, was applauded.

Kern County Supervisor Phillip Peters, field director Cody Criswell awarded Smith and Hopkins special awards of recognition for their good deeds in the community. Ireland Comstock, field representative for Congressman Vince Fong awarded the two recipients certificates of recognition for their service to the community.

Winning the Exchangite of the Year award that night was Michael Ryan. As well as helping with scholarships in the community, he has supported youth in the community and served on the board of directors for KVEC.

Winning the Rookie of the Year award as an exchangite was Alan Paradise the principal of Kern Valley High School. Blythe said that Paradise is overall very passionate about ensuring high school students get a quality education.

Also during the evening, a Kern Valley High School graduate, who was awarded KVEC Student of the Year, Kyle Denys was acknowledged with a round of applause.

Blythe passed on the bell and gavel, to newly installed president of the KVEC, Fred Roach.



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK  
(Left) President of the KVEC with principal of Kern Valley High School Alan Paradise Rookie of the Year.



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK  
(Left) President of KVEC with Michael Ryan Exchangite of the Year.



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK  
Book of Golden Deeds winners Reid Hopkins and Pam Smith with Cody Criswell field director for County Supervisor Philip Peters.

# WATER

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another protest period for customers like yourselves to send your opinions out when the proposed resolution is sent out by the commission. Staff like ourselves issue our recommendation, for the outcome of the general rate case, by drafting that proposed resolution. And this resolution may recommend all, none, or a fraction of the proposed rate increase."

Silberstein assured the public that, as of the meeting, nothing about the potential rate increase had been completely determined. And the proposed resolution would be placed on a voting meeting agenda, where the commissioners would vote to approve, or reject that resolution.

From that meeting forward there would be several ways for the public to get involved and be heard by the commission. The commission and water company gave that public a 20-day comment period, when the public notice was sent out, and the public received instructions on how to submit a protest. During the meeting the commission was taking into consideration the comments, from the public, when making their determination.

The CPA consultant who helped prepare the paperwork for Erskine Creek Water Company going into process of filing, Christian Aldinger said, "I'm here on the company's behalf. Everybody's water bill is made up of two parts, the service charge based on meter size, and the quantity charge, based on how much water you use."

Erskine Creek serves 1131 customers, 93% of which they serve using smaller meters. Aldinger determines revenue requirements, costs of operation and replacements, and upgrades based on historical accounting information.

Aldinger said the company's revenue requirements are \$1,430,000. Under present rates the company would only recover \$1,041,000. Between the years 2018 and 2023 Erskine Creek Water Company put an amount of \$758,000 into the system,



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK  
The crowd ranged from about 10 to 15 customers protesting the rate hike.

tanks, lines and various improvements. However the last general rate case was an adjustment in 2018.

From this point forward the utilities commission would make its recommendation, based on the facts, and input from customers.

One customer complained he's paying for bottled water, and a water filter, saying he did not prefer to drink Erskine Creek Water Company water because of the hard water deposits.

Justin Slinkard, employee of Erskine Creek Water Company said, "Where we're at is very hard water. And we have a lot of magnesium in our water, and there's nothing we can really do about it, because it comes from the rocks." Slinkard told the group that the magnesium is considered to be good for the system because it coats the pipes but is not bad for human consumption. The company removes what the state regulates them to take from the water, and tests the water, 20 samples per month. Company employees at the meeting said that their parts alone are 300% of previous costs.

Another customer asked the company to be reasonable about what it's charging, and to charge only a reasonable increase.

Chang assured the public that the recommendation

from the commission would take into consideration the fixed income situation of the community.

Another customer said she thought the amount was fair, yet she talked to her neighbors, and some were struggling. One neighbor was nearly in tears about her increased costs. She thought they should implement the increase in phases rather than all at one time.

Another customer said her family was longtime customers. She felt the company was operating without being open to the public. And a retirement community would have trouble paying the proposed rates, which would make customers struggle more than they have been. She said her property was flooded out, to flush out the system of Erskine Creek Water Company, at one point. She was frustrated with the lack of transparency and wanted to see the company give a better breakdown of the rates and proposed increases so the customers had a better understanding of the charges.

Debbie Loseth, office manager of the water company said that a lot of water company offices were closed, but Erskine Creek Water Company's office has been open. If customers call, and make an appointment, the customer can come in and talk with

company staff.

One customer suggested the idea of the company writing a grant. The company has attempted to do so, but grants are for facilities and for building things like pipelines and tanks. Companies cannot attain grants unless the vicinity is in a disaster state.

Loseth said, "we really care about this community. We really do."

One customer complained that the letter of warning about rate hikes was dated June 4, but customers never received the letter until June 12 and they only had until the June 24 to respond.

The initial notice was sent out in the customer bills in February, and according to Loseth, it was the United States Postal Service, which took that long to deliver the June notice and was not the fault of the water company.

One customer asked if the increase was based on income of the area and ability to pay.

However Erskine Creek Water Company serves a smaller area, and therefore does not have a program to assist low-income customers. Loseth pointed out that she would be retiring next year, but said that the company is compassionate toward customers having trouble paying their bills and was always willing to work with customers.

# CHAMBER

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actually had a date on the schedule."

However the monster truck group found out that they had a competing date on the schedule in Bakersfield. The chamber had dates for other things on the schedule, which didn't allow for the monster vehicle group to come yet. Sanders was hoping monster cars would come in fall, though it may not happen before spring. "I think we would all agree that bringing something new and exciting is great. It attracts people and it brings visitors and it brings business. So I want to see monster trucks at the arena," he said.

There would be noise constraints regarding the monster vehicles. Sanders said that the monster car company was planning to bring filtered dirt, which would benefit the arena by helping to raise the dirt level on the south end of the arena that is low, therefore leveling the dirt at the arena.

Vice president of the chamber, Gary Ananian announced that the chamber was hosting an upcoming marathon called the Sequoia Challenge, the first Saturday in November, which would start at Kernville, in Riverside Park and run up Hwy 99, then route back to the park. Cal Trails would be the group supplying everything. The group would have a doctor on stand by, and coordinate CHP to pace the runners and the road closures going on during the event. Therefore Ananian said he would not have to coordinate volunteers for the marathon.

Sanders announced an upcoming Wine and Dessert tasting event, July 6, at businesses near Circle Park. To register go to <https://www.notoriousent.net/wine-walk>

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Ananian gave an update on the future Kernville Happy Tails Dog Park, which entailed a lot of steps before recently attaining approval from the Kern County Board of Supervisors. Contractors would soon be bidding on the project.

Sanders told the chamber board that youth from Camp Erwin Owen would be volunteering to help clean and maintain the Kernville Bike Park.

Members of the group called Kern River Valley Pickleball Club provided the chamber a presentation regarding a proposal to bring six pickleball courts to Kernville, which the club believes it could raise the funds to construct. The club plans to pursue county, state and federal grants. Members of group think it would take 12 to 16 months to complete the project.

Sanders told the chamber board that the chamber of commerce owns the property where the pickleball courts would be located. The chamber would make decisions regarding contractors after the club raises funds. Ultimately the chamber board would decide whether to do the project.

Beyond the initial fundraising and Kernville Chamber of Commerce approval, the county must approve such projects before initial construction. Sanders said it took the county supervisors over a year to approve the Kernville Happy Tails Dog Park. Ananian, who now plays pickleball, pointed out that the project would be different than a dog park and therefore the timing for approval could differ at the county level.

During reports, Tara Overall gave an office report that the chamber had three new memberships this June.



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK



**KERN VALLEY SUN LEGAL NOTICES**

TSG No.: 8788550 TS No.: CA2300289653 APN: 264-196-03-00-1 Property Address: 14 PIONEER PLACE BODFISH, CA 93205 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 08/26/2005. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 07/10/2024 at 10:00 A.M., First American Title Insurance Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 09/02/2005, as Instrument No. 0205240232, in book , page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of KERN County, State of California. Executed by: BRIAN K. SCHLIPF AND KASHENA M. SCHLIPF, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) On the front steps of the City Hall South building at 1501 Truxtun Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93301 All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 264-196-03-00-1 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 14 PIONEER PLACE, BODFISH, CA 93205 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

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FILE NO. 2024-B3673  
FILE NO. 2024-B3674  
FILE NO. 2024-B3675  
FILE NO. 2024-B3676  
FILE NO. 2024-B3677

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as  
**DBA #1: Miss Wasco City Pageant**  
**DBA #2: Miss Wasco Rose Queen Pageant**  
**DBA #3: Miss Taft City Pageant**  
**DBA #4: Miss Delano City Pageant**  
**DBA #5: Miss Lost Hills City Pageant**  
**DBA #6: Miss Shafter City Pageant**  
**DBA #7: Miss Arvin City Pageant**  
**DBA #8: Miss McFarland City Pageant**  
**DBA #9: Miss Lamont City Pageant**  
**DBA #10: Wasco Rose Queen City Pageant**, 4702 SHADOW STONE ST., BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312, Kern County. Mailing Address: 4702 SHADOW STONE ST., BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312

This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL; PAMELA MARIE SCHULL, 4702 SHADOW STONE ST., BAKERSFIELD, CA 93312  
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 06/01/1995  
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: (06/10/2029). 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: PAMELA MARIE SCHULL

California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Facility Planning, Construction and Management Division Invites Qualified Firms to Submit Statements of Qualifications for ARCHITECTURAL AND ENGINEERING SERVICES FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIAL INVESTIGATION AND REMEDIATION DESIGN FOR NORTHERN CALIFORNIA RFQ NO. ERCS202406 EProcurement Event ID# 0000031825 The California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) intends to contract with a firm for Architectural and Engineering Services, Hazardous Material Investigation and Remediation Design for Northern California. The Consultant shall provide Architectural and Engineering Services on an as-needed basis, for projects in Northern California. The Facility Planning, Construction and Management Division will proceed with one Agreement for Northern California. The responsible party shall be an Architect or Engineer licensed to practice in the State of California, a Division of Occupational Safety and Health, Certified Asbestos Consultant and California Department of Public Health Certified Lead professional. All work shall be performed under, and approved by, a licensed and certified design professional. The selected firm shall provide services on an "as-needed" basis, including, but not limited to, field investigations, remediation design (plans, specifications, and cost estimates) and construction support related to hazardous materials, and other facility hazards. Related services may include, but not be limited to investigation to: identify sources of airborne and waterborne hazards, developing remedial action plans (drawings/specifications) and developing cost estimates associate with these efforts. The Consultant's work may also require the participation of other engineering-related disciplines such as architecture, electrical, mechanical, geotechnical, and structural among others. Consultant's work that must meet requirements for access compliance requires the participation of a Certified Access Specialist. CDCR anticipates selecting a firm to provide the required Architectural and Engineering Services with funding anticipated to begin in Fiscal Year 2024/2025 and concluding in Fiscal Year 2027/2028 assuming no budget delays are encountered to obtain future funding. A Notice to Proceed for Architectural and Engineering Services is subject to budgetary, legislative, and control agency approval. CDCR strongly encourages Disabled Veteran Business Enterprises and Small Business participation. A Pre-Proposal Conference WILL NOT be conducted. To be considered for selection, firms must submit Statements of Qualifications to: California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation Facility Planning, Construction and Management Division 9838 Old Placerville Road, Suite B Sacramento, CA 95827 Attention: Samantha Brammer Submittal Deadline: July 18, 2024, by 3:00 PM, PST All questions regarding this Request for Qualification shall be emailed directly to Samantha Brammer at [Samantha.Brammer@cdcr.ca.gov](mailto:Samantha.Brammer@cdcr.ca.gov) no later than 3:00 p.m. on June 26, 2024. Interested firms may obtain a Request for Qualification package by downloading it from the internet at <http://www.caleprocure.ca.gov>. **CNS-3826467#**

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This statement filed on: 06/10/2024  
Aimee X. Espinoza,  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: z. arellano, Deputy Clerk

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

FILE NO. 2024-B3596

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as  
**DBA #1: BRISTOL HOSPICE - LAKE ISABELLA**, 6504 LAKE ISABELLA BLVD., SUITE E, LAKE ISABELLA, CA 93240, Kern County. Mailing Address: 206 N 2100 W, STE 202, SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84116

This business is conducted by: CORPORATION; OPTIMAL HOSPICE, INC., 206 N 2100 W, STE 202, SALT LAKE CITY, UT 84116

The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 04/22/1998

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: (06/05/2029). 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: alex mauricio; president & ceo, 801-325-0175  
This statement filed on: 06/05/2024  
Aimee X. Espinoza,  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: z. Arellano, Deputy Clerk

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF John Henry Amerman**

Case # BPB-24-002657

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of: John Henry Amerman

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Cleo Clarice Charland in the Superior Court of California, County of KERN

The Petition for Probate requests that: Cleo Clarice Charland be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

**A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:** 7/11/2024 at 8:30AM in Dept. J-1 located at: 2100 College Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93305. Superior Court of California, County of Kern. Probate Court.

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

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

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

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

Petitioner OR ATTORNEY OF PETITIONER:  
Cleo Clarice Charland  
(Address): 3460 Corby Ave Camarillo CA 93010  
(Telephone): 805-444-5886

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**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LORRAINE DELORES SARTORIS**

Case # BPB-17-002624

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of: Lorraine Delores Sartoris  
**A Petition for Probate** has been filed by: Christina Mayfield in the Superior Court of California, County of KERN

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

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BULK SALE AND THE INTENTION TO TRANSFER ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE LICENSE**  
(U.C.C. 6101 et seq. and B & P24074 et seq.)

Notice is hereby given that a bulk sale of assets and a transfer of alcoholic beverage license is about to be made. The names and addresses of the Seller/Licensee are:

Alice Wine & Spirits Inc 219 Buena Vista Dr Kernville, CA 93238

The business is known as: Mountain Vista Liquor & Deli The names and addresses of the Buyer/Transferee are:  
Primo Market Inc 3405 La Costa St Bakersfield, CA 93306

As listed by the Seller/Licensee, all other business names and addresses used by the Seller/Licensee within three (3) years before the date such list was sent or delivered to the Buyer/Transferee are: (If "none", so state.)

None

The assets to be sold are described in general as: All stock in trade, fixtures, equipment and goodwill. and are located at: 219 Buena Vista Dr, Kernville, CA 93238  
The kind of license to be transferred is: 21 - Off-Sale General No. 633415  
now issued for the premises located at: 219 Buena Vista Dr, Kernville, CA 93238

The anticipated date of the sale/transfer is upon approval from the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control at the office of Ticor Title Company, 10000 Stockdale Hwy, Suite 101, Bakersfield, CA 93311.

The amount of the purchase price or consideration in connection with the transfer of the license and business, including the estimated inventory, is the sum of Four Hundred Thousand And No/100 Dollars (\$400,000.00), which consists of the following:

Description	Amount
Check	\$400,000.00

It has been agreed between the Seller/Licensee and the intended Buyer/Transferee, as required by Sec. 24074 of the Business and Professions Code, that the consideration for the transfer of the business and license is to be paid only after the transfer has been approved by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned have executed this document on the date(s) set forth below.

Primo Market Inc.  
Elias Hanna,  
President  
4-3-2024

Elias Al Debb,  
Secretary  
4-3-2024

Alice Wine & Spirits Inc.  
Waaek Rafout,  
President  
4-3-2024

taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

**A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:** 07/18/2024 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. J-1 located at: 2100 College Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93305. Superior Court of California, County of Kern. Probate Court.

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

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

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

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

Carrie Bunting  
(Address): 5104 Lake Isabella Blvd. Ste. B  
Lake Isabella, CA 93240  
(Telephone): (661) 903-2590

(Pub SUN 06/19, 06/26, 07/03/2024)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**

FILE NO. 2024-B3765

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as  
**DBA #1: GLOBAL DELIGHTS**, 5520 LAKE ISABELLA BLVD G3, LAKE ISABELLA, CA 93240, Kern County. Mailing Address: 2728 AUDREY AVE, LAKE ISABELLA, CA 93240

This business is conducted by: MARRIED COUPLE: ELIZABETH VALDOVINOS; 2728 AUDREY AVE, 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 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: (06/13/2029). 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: ELIZABETH ASCENCIO, 310-805-6015  
This statement filed on: 06/13/2024  
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA,  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: M. CEDENO, Deputy Clerk

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**STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME**

FILE NO. 2024-B2761

The use of the fictitious business name: **GLOBAL DELIGHT**, located at: 5520 LAKE ISABELLA BLVD, LAKE ISABELLA, CA 93240, Kern County. Mailing Address: 2728 AUDREY AVE, LAKE ISABELLA, CA 93240 filed in Kern County on 04/30/2024 has been abandoned by the following person(s): ELIZABETH ASCENCIO ORDAZ & ARMANDO VALDOVINOS HERRERA; 5520 LAKE ISABELLA BLVD, LAKE ISABELLA, CA 93240

This business was conducted by

**LEGALS CONTINUED ON A7**

**Public Works Department  
County of Kern, State of California**

**NOTICE TO SUBCONTRACTORS AND MATERIAL SUPPLIERS**  
CONTRACT NO. 24032

The County of Kern is actively soliciting bids from prospective subcontractors or materials suppliers whose businesses qualify as a small business under the criteria in 13 CFR part 75 and/or qualify as Section 3 Business Concerns, as well as individuals who qualify as Section 3 Workers in connection with the Community Development Block Grant funded CONSTRUCTION OF ROAD REHABILITATION ON WELDON NEIGHBORHOOD STREETS project to be located in the County of Kern and funded by the HUD.

A Section 3 Business Concern is a business:  
(1) The business is at least 51% owned and controlled by low- or very low-income persons;  
(2) The business is at least 51% owned and controlled by residents who currently live in public housing or Section 8-assisted housing; or  
(3) Over 75% of the labor hours performed for the business over the prior three-month period were performed by Section 3 workers.

A Section 3 Worker is:  
(1) Is a low- or very low-income worker that fell below HUD income limits for the previous or annualized calendar year. Low- and very-low-household income limits may be obtained from: <http://www.huduser.org/portal/datasets/il.html>; or  
(2) The worker employed by a Section 3 business concern. (see Section 3 Business Concern)  
(3) The worker is a YouthBuild participant. (YouthBuild is a community-based pre-apprenticeship program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor that provides job training and educational opportunities for at-risk youth ages 16-24 who have previously dropped out of high school.)

A Targeted Section 3 Worker is:  
(1) A worker employed by a Section 3 business concern (defined below), or  
(2) Currently fits or when hired fit at least one of the following categories, as documented within the past five years:  
a. Living within the service area or the neighborhood of the project (defined below).  
b. A YouthBuild participant. (YouthBuild is a community-based pre-apprenticeship program administered by the U.S. Department of Labor that provides job training and educational opportunities for at-risk youth ages 16-24 who have previously dropped out of high school.)

Qualified individuals and firms may obtain a list of plan-holding general contractors at <https://pbsystem.planetbids.com/portal/59079/portal-home> until 11:00 a.m. July 31, 2024. General contractors should be contacted directly for possible use in their bid proposals on this project.

The County of Kern and prospective General Contractors are seeking such subcontractors in compliance with the procurement standards found at 24 CFR 85.36(e) and Section 3 of the of the HUD Act of 1968, which provide that Small Businesses (SBs) and Section 3 Business Concerns/Workers be given the maximum practical opportunity to participate in HUD funded contracts.

Subcontracts may be let for all categories of work on this project, including but not limited to asphalt and concrete sawing, earthwork, asphalt concrete paving, concrete curbs gutters and sidewalks, and fencing, provided that the aggregate total of all subcontracted work is not more than 30% of the total contract amount.

As used in this Notice and in the contract resulting from this solicitation, the "covered area" is the County of Kern, California.

(PUB SUN 6/26, 07/03, 07/10, 07/17/2024)



# Fong Releases Statement on Sheriff Boudreaux's Withdrawal From 20th Congressional District Race

**PRESS RELEASE**

Bakersfield, CA - In response to Sheriff Mike Boudreaux's withdrawal from the November runoff election in California's 20th Congressional District, Congressman Vince Fong released the following statement:  
 "I thank Sheriff Boudreaux for his

leadership in Tulare County and for the hard-fought campaign he ran for this seat.  
 "I am honored to represent our community in Congress. We are working hard every day to deliver results for the residents of the 20th Congressional District.  
 "I intend to continue reaching out to voters and will embrace the opportuni-

ty the November election provides to discuss the key issues facing our district and present real solutions to improve our safety, economy, and quality of life."  
 Fong was elected to represent California's 20th Congressional District in May. He previously served in the California State Assembly.

**KERN VALLEY SUN LEGAL NOTICES**

**LEGALS CONTINUED FROM A6**

a MARRIED COUPLE  
 Abandoned on 06/13/2024  
 Signed: ELIZABETH ASCEN-CIO, Owner, 310-850-6015  
 Aimee X. Espinoza, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
 By: M. CEDENO, Deputy Clerk  
 (Pub SUN 06/26, 07/03, 07/10, 07/17/2024)

WAY 178, LAKE ISABELLA, CA 93240, Kern County. Mailing Address: 14891 HIGHWAY 178, LAKE ISABELLA, CA 93240  
 This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL: YVONNE MARIE PICKERELL; 5404 MARJORIE ST., WELDON, CA 93283. The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: N/A  
 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: (06/14/2029). 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: YVONNE MARIE PICKERELL. This statement filed on: 06/14/2024  
 AIMEE X. ESPINOZA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
 By: M. TORRALBA, Deputy Clerk  
 (Pub SUN 06/26, 07/03, 07/10, 07/17/2024)

LIEN SALE: 09-CADI License: 8RPD524 / CA Vin: 1G6DU57V990154937  
 to be sold at 10:00 am on 7/16/2024  
 @ 1401 Washington St Bakersfield, CA  
**Fleet Services**  
 LIEN SALE: 13-NISS License: NONE / CA Vin: 1N4BL3AP1DC212543  
 to be sold at 10:00 am on 7/16/2024  
 @ 3217 Patton Way Bakersfield, CA  
 (PUB SUN 07/03/2024)

**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-B3785**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as  
**DBA #1: KERN VALLEY ANIMAL SHELTER**, 14891 HIGH-

**NOTICE OF LIEN SALE**

**Dave's Fleet Maintenance/Towing**  
 LIEN SALE: 08-MERZ License: 6DXT444 / CA Vin: WDBUF56X78B300909

**EVENTS CALENDAR**

**Wednesday, July 3**  
 Kern Valley Senior Dance  
 Live music, dancing, snacks, air conditioning 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.

11:30am-12:30pm - Lunch at the Library w/Special Lunch Guest: Dr Kent's Dentist Office  
 3:00pm - 5:00pm Chair Yoga  
 4:30pm-5:30pm - Family Storytime  
 5:00pm-6:00pm - Mat Yoga  
**Where:** 7054 Lake Isabella Blvd, Lake Isabella, CA 93240 • 760.549.2083

Bakersfield Legal Service  
 1:30pm-2:30pm - Sculpting 101  
 4:30pm-5:30pm - Journaling  
**Where:** 7054 Lake Isabella Blvd, Lake Isabella, CA 93240 • 760.549.2083

Kern River Valley Branch Library Events  
 11:30am - STEM Explorers  
 11:30am-12:30pm - Lunch @ the Library w/Special Lunch Guest: Health & Human Services  
 1:30pm-2:30pm - Preschool Storytime  
 4:00pm-7:00pm - Dungeons & Dragons  
 4:30pm-5:30pm - Let's Play Pokemon  
**Where:** 7054 Lake Isabella Blvd, Lake Isabella, CA 93240 • 760.549.2083

**Saturday, July 6**  
 Kern River Valley Astronomy Club Monthly Star Party  
**Time:** 8:30pm  
**Where:** Kern Valley Airport  
 Always free kid friendly, see you under the stars. Info call Rich 760-3766-290 clear skies.

**Wednesday, July 10**  
 CHP Senior Drivers "Age Well-Drive Smart" Class: Kern River Valley's older drivers are invited to attend a free "Age Well, Drive Smart" class that provides senior drivers the tools to driving safer and driving longer.  
**Cost:** FREE  
**Time:** 10-11:30 am  
**Where:** Kern River Valley Senior Center

**Friday, July 5**  
 Kern River Valley Branch Library Events  
 11:30am - STEM Explorers

**Tuesday, July 9**  
 Kern River Valley Branch Library Events  
 11:30am - STEM Explorers  
 11:30am-12:30pm - Lunch @ the Library w/Special Lunch Guest: Greater Bakersfield Legal Service  
 1:00pm-4:00pm - Greater

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 Every Wednesday  
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**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@fbci.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. (TAFI) 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 Wylie @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.

**PUZZLES & GAMES**

**CLUES ACROSS**  
**1. Six (Spanish)**  
**5. Invests in little enterprises**  
**9. Large dung beetle**  
**11. Gored**  
**13. Partially paralyzed**  
**15. Still a little wet**  
**16. Legal field media company**  
**17. Not working**  
**19. 500 sheets of paper**  
**21. Church structure**  
**22. Sheep disease**  
**23. Small drink of whiskey**  
**25. Weaving tradition**  
**26. Pestilence**  
**27. Body part**  
**29. Nabs**  
**31. Places to stay**  
**33. Witnesses**  
**34. Looked for**  
**36. Arranges**  
**38. Political action committee**  
**39. Middle eastern nation (alt. sp.)**  
**41. Hair-like structure**

**43. Parts producer**  
**44. Greek city**  
**46. Subway dwellers**  
**48. Norm from "Cheers"**  
**52. Clean a floor**  
**53. Vied for**  
**54. Canned fish**  
**56. Inspire with love**  
**57. Sent down moisture**  
**58. Wrest**  
**59. Partner to carrots**

**CLUES DOWN**  
**1. Mounted**  
**2. Assign**  
**3. Wrath**  
**4. Self-immolation by fire ritual**  
**5. Parts of an organism**  
**6. Person from England**  
**7. Tropical plants of the pea family**  
**8. Body part**  
**9. Practice boxing**  
**10. Containers**  
**11. Contrary beliefs**  
**12. Bleached**

**14. Pre-Islamic Egyptian**  
**15. A group of similar things ordered one after another**  
**18. Innermost spinal cord membranes**  
**20. Cassava**  
**24. A restaurant's list of offerings**  
**26. Annoy constantly**  
**28. Orchestrate**  
**30. Z Z Z**  
**32. Astute**  
**34. Highly decorated tea urn**  
**35. Teach to behave**  
**37. Endurance**  
**38. Urinating**  
**40. Barbie friend dolls**  
**42. Repents**  
**43. Man-eating giant**  
**45. Jewish calendar month**  
**47. Accelerated**  
**49. Husband of Sita in Hindu**  
**50. Lump of semiliquid substance**  
**51. Lying in wait**  
**55. Cease to exist**

**DIVE RIGHT IN WORD SEARCH**

**WORDS**

ABOVE GROUND  
 ALGAE  
 BACKFLOW  
 BACKYARD  
 BROMIDE  
 CALCIUM  
 CHLORINE  
 CLEANER  
 COVER  
 DEPTH  
 DRAIN  
 FLOCCULANT  
 FLOW  
 HEATER  
 IN-GROUND  
 LINER  
 POOL  
 PUMP  
 SCALE  
 SHOCK  
 SKIMMER  
 STABILIZER  
 VALVES

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally, diagonally, and backwards.





# SPORTS

**Isabella True Value**  
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**TJ SANDERS**

## Speaking Sports with TJ

### MLB draft and trade thoughts

The MLB draft and trade deadline are coming up, so it makes for some huge news in the baseball world. However, the teams draft tends

to dictate how teams make trades at the deadline. When a team is selling at the deadline the draft will center on the prospects they try and get out of deals. If a team has drafted an abundance of pitchers in the draft, it would be more likely for the team selling to try and get prospects that are position players.

The draft always provides an exciting experience for the fans. Every team has a different strategy going into the draft. Teams that are in a win now situation will draft players that are more pro ready and will get to the big leagues quicker; teams that are in a rebuilding more will go for players that have high upside but will take

them longer to get to the big leagues. With the trade deadline each team has their own plan but as a whole each team's plan comes from the same place. Teams that have no shot of making it to the post-season will trade their best players in exchange for top prospects in order to build their team for the future.

Some teams who have a chance to make it to the postseason will stay put and move veterans on expiring contracts to acquire young talent with more team control to have a longer window to win. Other teams on the bubble will go all in for that one year and buy big name talent even if they only have one

more year of team control to try and win the World Series. Teams that have solidified them into making the playoffs will get the best players available to them and ship off multiple prospects to try and create a dynasty. These teams will be able to compete for several years after this season.

# Riverside Hotel and Casino hosts local bowlers

**RAY CONNER**

There were 60 plus local bowlers that invaded Laughlin to roll sweepers on June 22. Commonly referred to as the Laughlin League, these bowlers took their chances in trying to become the king and queen of the alleys. Twice a year, local bowlers from Mt. Mesa Lanes travel to Laughlin to compete at the Riverside Lanes. They roll in June and then again in the month of January.

They compete all season to make the trip and see if they can no-tap their way to the top spot. Both men and women try and collect the most pin count over three games to be declared the singles winner. Of course, there are many other opportunities to earn some cash prizes for having a good series. There are women's doubles, men's doubles, and mixed doubles categories.

These 60 plus bowlers took their turn on June 22 and rolled their bowling balls down the lane in hope of smashing the pins and getting at least nine pins. If a first ball is rolled and nine of the 10 pins fall down, it is counted as a strike. This is how we get the term no-tap. If a bowler gets all 10 pins to fall over, that is considered a real strike. Eight and under pins on their first roll, earns them a second try at completing the spare.

Sweepers is another bowling term that basically is an in-house tournament at the end of the regular season of bowling. One last hoorah so to speak. But the Laughlin League celebrates their sweepers at the Riverside Hotel and Casino Bowling Lanes.

This trend of bowling sweepers in Laughlin was started over nine years ago when, what was then called the Gamblers League by Penny and Mike Rivers. A group bowled their league on Sunday and after the regular season they made plans to roll sweepers in Laughlin.

This lasted for two years and then the bowling alley was going through changes and it skipped a year. When the Mayfield's took over Mt. Mesa Lanes, they were able to

get it started again. They added a Friday night of bowling chance to bowl enough games to qualify to join sweepers in Nevada. They added the midway January trip to split it up and create another fun adventure to Laughlin.

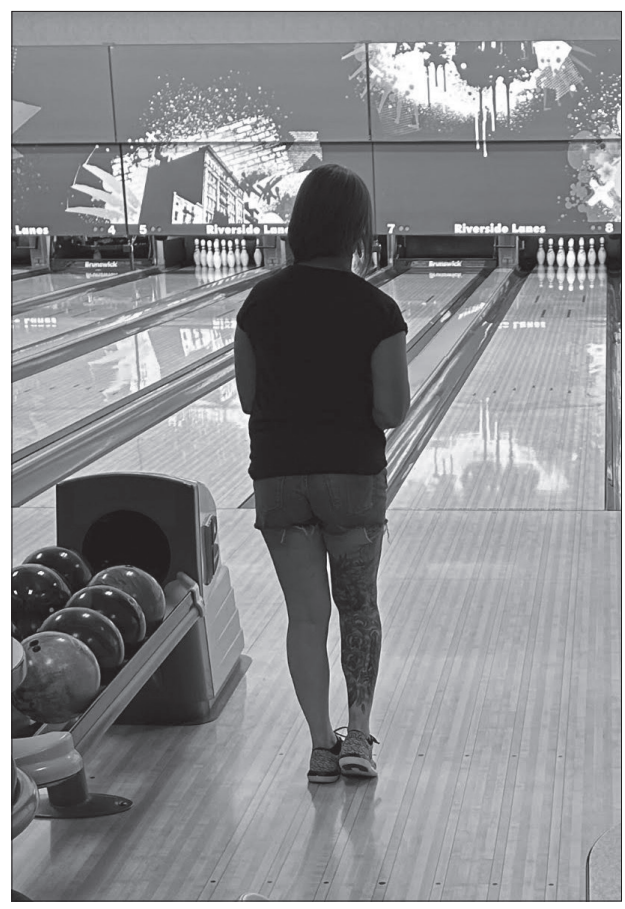
While the competition is fierce, the friends of the valley go and enjoy Laughlin in

their own ways. They also are a collection of bowlers that enjoy the company of other bowlers. This semi-annual get together also gives the Mayfields a chance to retool as Mt. Mesa Lanes is closed for a couple of days. To get away and enjoy the time they have before getting back to running the lanes.

With this round of sweepers just ending a new opportunity has now come up for any one that wants to get in on the fun. Call Mt. Mesa Lanes and see how to join the fun of combining bowling with a trip to Laughlin.



Squirrel Valley resident, Greg Figueroa watches his bowling ball as it prepares to smash the pins.



Teri Ritchison of Mt. Mesa is poised to deliver her bowling ball down the lane.



Some of the local bowlers get prepared to take on Riverside Lanes in Laughlin.

# GAME SOLUTIONS

- SOLUTIONS ACROSS**  
**1. SEIS**  
**5. SBIC**  
**9. SCARAB**  
**11. HORNED**  
**13. PARETIC**  
**15. SEMIDRY**  
**16. ALM**  
**17. INOPERATIVE**  
**19. REAM**  
**21. SPIRE**  
**22. GID**

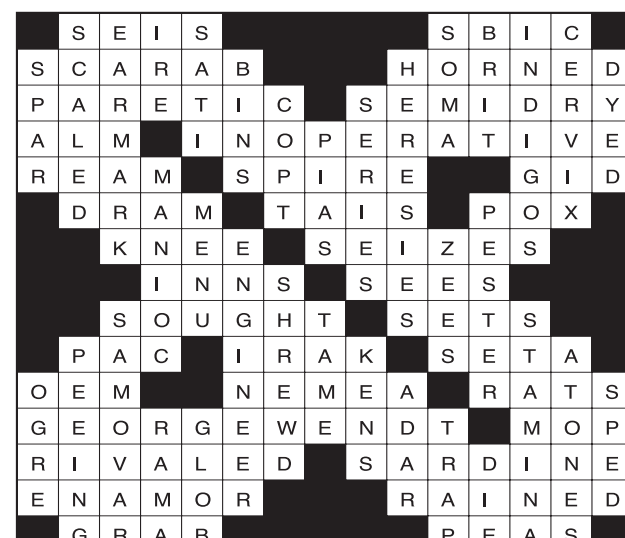
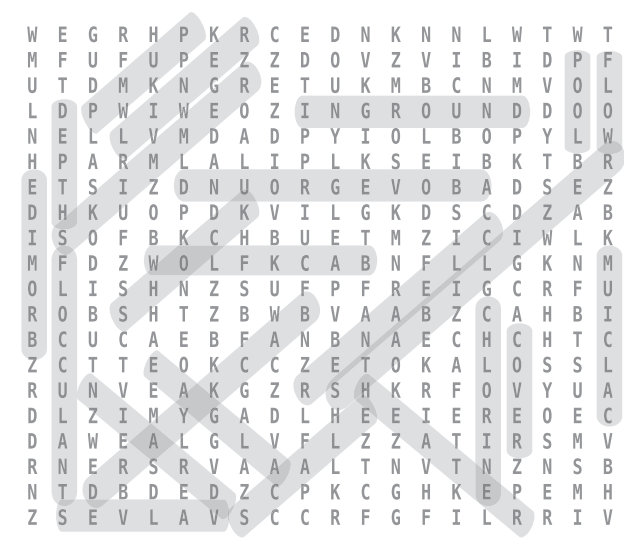
- 23. DRAM**  
**25. TAIS**  
**26. POX**  
**27. KNEE**  
**29. SEIZES**  
**31. INNS**  
**33. SEES**  
**34. SOUGHT**  
**36. SETS**  
**38. PAC**  
**39. IRAK**  
**41. SETA**

- 43. OEM**  
**44. NAMEA**  
**46. RATS**  
**48. GEORGE WENDT**  
**52. MOP**  
**53. RIVALED**  
**54. SARDINE**  
**56. ENAMOR**  
**57. RAINED**  
**58. GRAB**  
**59. PEAS**

- SOLUTIONS DOWN**  
**1. SCALED**  
**2. EARMARK**  
**3. IRE**  
**4. SATI**  
**5. SOMA**  
**6. BRIT**  
**7. INDIGOS**  
**8. CERVIX**  
**9. SPAR**  
**10. BINS**  
**11. HERESIES**

- 12. DYED**  
**14. COPT**  
**15. SERIES**  
**18. PIAS**  
**20. MANIOC**  
**24. MENU**  
**26. PESTER**  
**28. ENGINEER**  
**30. ZEES**  
**32. SHREWD**  
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# Interesting facts related to Independence Day

Americans celebrate Independence Day every July 4. The holiday has become synonymous with summer fun, as grand fireworks displays and backyard barbecues are integral components of many people's July 4 celebrations.

As Americans and residents of the United States prepare for some festive Fourth of July celebrations, they can keep these interesting facts related to Independence Day in mind.

• There have been many iterations of the American flag. The American flag has become an iconic symbol of freedom recognized across the globe since the United States declared their independence from Great Britain in 1776. But few July 4 celebrants may know that the current version is the 27th iteration of the American flag. According to the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the current version of the flag officially became the flag on July 4, 1960.

• More than half of all Americans own an American flag. A 2023 poll from WalletHub found that 57 percent of Americans own an American flag.

And that's not the only way Americans show their national pride, as the same poll found that roughly one in three Americans intended to purchase patriotic merchandise for July 4.

• The United States is not the only place to celebrate American independence. Such celebrations occur in various countries, including Australia, Denmark, Ireland, and Norway. The festivities in Rebild National Park in Denmark is believed to be the largest celebration of American independence outside the United States.

• The National Hot Dog and Sausage Council estimates that 150 million hot dogs are consumed on July 4. Though there's no corresponding estimate related to how many hamburgers Americans eat on July 4, various reports suggest Americans eat

roughly 50 billion burgers annually, so it's fair to conclude many a burger will be consumed this Independence Day.

• July is a popular month for nations to celebrate their independence. In addition to the United States, various countries, including Algeria (July 5), Argentina (July 9), The Bahamas (July 10), Belarus (July 3), Burundi (July 1), Canada (July 1), Cape Verde (July 1), Colombia (July 20), Kiribati (July 12), and Liberia (July 26), celebrate their Independence Day in July.

• John Adams, a Founding Father of the United States and the second president in the country's history, felt Americans should celebrate their independence from Great Britain on July 2. That's because the Continental Congress voted for independence on July 2, 1776. However, the Declaration of Independence was not approved for two more days, thus making July 4 the day to celebrate America's independence from Great Britain.



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From my family to yours, I hope you enjoy the festivities, stay safe, and have time to cherish the freedoms we hold dear.

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## Major Baseball victorious out of the gate

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The Kern River Valley Major Baseball All-Stars claimed a win to begin their tournament.

The KRV squad made the trip to Tehachapi to take on the host team. A four-run second inning propelled them to the victory. They would then hang on as the Tehachapi team had the tying runs at the plate in the bottom of the sixth. There was one out in the inning and runners on first and second. Two strikeouts ended the threat and gave the KRV team the “W”.

The KRV team was trailing 1-0 as Tehachapi scored one run in the bottom of the first. Taking their at bats in the top of the second KRV saw the first five batters reach base. Chasen Alvarez led off the inning by smashing a double. Jackson Phillips and Cash Noble worked out walks to load the bases. Abel Avila approached the plate to take his turn. On a 3-0 count, Avila drove the next pitch for a double that drove in two and put the KRV team ahead 2-1. Luke Carver, the fifth to bat in the inning laced a single to knock in a run and make it 3-1. Heston Creighton was credited with a fielder’s choice that recorded an RBI and the fourth run of the inning.

Tehachapi was able to get one run back to cut the lead in half in their next at bats. The score stood at 4-2 until the top of the fifth. The KRV squad pushed a run home to increase the margin. Briggs Griswold started the rally by taking a two-out base on balls. Another free pass to Andrew Young put runners at first and second. Jonathan Philips collected an RBI with a single and made the score 5-2 for the KRV team. Their opponents got another run back as they produced a run in the bottom of the fifth to put the score at 5-3 with one inning left.

In the top of the sixth, KRV added an insurance run. Wyatt Wilkins started the run-scoring inning with a single. He was moved to second on a 1-3 put out. Jackson Phillips delivered a single that saw Wilkins touch home p-6late to make it 6-3.

The excitement was building as the bottom of the sixth started off with a single by the Tehachapi batter. He tried to stretch it into a double, but was nailed at second. The next two batters reached base by getting hits and the tying run came to the plate. Two strikeouts ended the game and gave the hard-fought win to the KRV All-Stars. The win advanced the KRV team to a match up with Bishop.

The contest with Bishop what not what the KRV All-Stars were looking for as they dropped the 16-8 decision. The game was a see-saw affair as the two teams battled. After five complete innings the score was 7-6 in favor of Bishop. Hanging tough the KRV team was right in the thick of things. The top of the seventh proved to be their undoing as Bishop scored nine times and put the game out of reach. The KRV squad got two runs back in their half of the sixth, but nit near enough to overcome Bishop.

Jackson Phillips led the team in hitting with three. He would also record one RBI. Xander Anzaldo delivered a pair of hits, including a home run. He knocked in three runs, while Jonathan Phillips and Avila each had one hit.

With the loss the KRV team now has to battle back through the loser’s bracket.

Up next for the KRV team was a match up with Cal City. This would prove to be no problem for the squad as they dominated the game. The final score saw the KRV team win 16-0. As a team they pounded out 13 hits. They ran wild on the bases

as they racked up 24 stolen bases.

They would score all the runs needed in their first at bats. They tallied three runs to take the early lead. They added three more in the second and two more in the third. They closed out the game with an eight-run fourth and send them to another elimination game.

Jackson Phillips was the leading hitter for the KRV squad. He collected three hits and plated four runs. Talon Montes, Alvarez, and Wilkins each had two hits in the game. Jonathan Phillips, Anzaldo, Avila, and Noble delivered one hit apiece. Montes and Wilkins each recorded one RBI for the team.

Next up was a rematch with Tehachapi. The KRV team exploded for 27 runs. They collected 20 hits and took advantage of the wildness from the Tehachapi pitcher. As a team the KRV squad were issued 15 walks. When all was said and done the scoreboard read 27-13 in favor of the KRV team. They had staved off another elimination game and continued to march on in the tournament

Each member of the KRV team scored at least one run in the game. Alvarez led the team in hitting with four. Anzaldo delivered three hits, while Jonathan Phillips, Montes, Avila, Griswold, and Young each had a pair of hits. Rounding out the hit parade were Wilkins, Carver, and Jackson Phillips had one hit apiece.

The first game was played on June 26 versus Tehachapi. Followed by the Bishop game on June 28. They played Cal City on June 29 and finished the month of June in the rematch with Tehachapi. This All-Star team took on Mono County on Monday. A win would pit them in a rematch with Bishop and a North Championship on the line to be played on July 2.



SUBMITTED PHOTO

The Kern River Valley Major Baseball All-Stars are all smiles after winning to keep their tournament hopes alive.



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The Kern River Valley Major Baseball All-Stars and their coaches are all business as they get ready to compete in the tournament.

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### Matter of Opinion

## Insightfulness through the memories of sports

RAY CONNER

Sometimes expressing what’s on your mind can prove to be insightful. Take me for example, I’m from New York so I have an opinion on everything. Right or wrong it’s still my opinion. One of my statements I make is, “I may not always be right, but I am never wrong! You can disagree with me if you want to be wrong.”

I’ve been around the world of sports for a very long time. Next year I’ll have been involved with sports for close to 60 years. Yeah, you can do the math, I’ll be 65 on my next birthday. I started playing baseball at the tender age of five. Each summer I would look forward to the time it was to get your parents to sign me up. In my first year of getting signed up, was when I learned my middle name for the very first time. Back then you had to have all three names to sign up. I remember asking my parents how they chose that name for the middle of my name. I was told it was the middle name of my grandfather on my mother’s side. I accepted it and never looked back. Still proud to have the middle name Audrick.

Back then when you were not playing organized baseball, you played pick-up games from sun up to sundown. When the streetlights came on the game was over and we’d pick up the next day. I usually had the farthest to ride my bike back home and to this day I would reflect on the game played. How did I play? Did I do everything I could to be successful? Was there something that happened along the way that would be cemented in my memories to be pulled out at a later date? I did warn you there would be some insight.

Of course there were always things that I could have done better, after all, the game of life and the game of baseball was a learning experience. Over the following years, the players would change as older players stopped coming around and it was left up to the ones still playing to find new players. If we could not get the numbers to play a game we’d then switch to other sports. We played basketball, football, we’d race bikes, we occupied our time because we were building friendships. Some of these with the help of social media have been rekindled and the memories were then pulled from those



memory banks I spoke of earlier.

As I’m putting this to paper, well computer actually, then transferred to the newspaper, there is a fondness of memories of all those people that came through my life these past 59 years. There have been many and I would not change a thing. From the teammates, to the coaches, to the friends that would just come watch and of course my parents, and the rest of my family. The thrill of being able to take part in this life has been one that I will take to my grave with a smile and a remembrance that will cling to this old athlete. I just used the term “has been”, I guess in this time of life I have to consider myself a “has been”. A has been the greatest walk down memory lane. That’s a Matter of Opinion.

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