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SCE rep speaks to locals about projects and rate changes

Cal Rossi, region manager from Southern California Edison, spoke at the Kern Valley Exchange Club, Thursday July 18, at the request of the club's new president Fred Roach who gave Rossi a bullet point list of questions to answer.

There are conditions in conditioning for youth football and cheer program

It might only be July, but the Kern Valley Youth Football and Cheer program is getting a jump on the season.

Bushling readies herself for Junior Olympics try

Just like a race car has to get fined tuned before a race, so does Jayda Bushling as she attempts to make the USA's Junior Olympics squad.



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Wendy Ward, Fred Clark and Fire Engineer Ethan Kennedy

Fire Wise speakers visit senior center

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

At a Fire Wise event, Thursday, July 18 at the Kern River Valley Senior Center, the speaker was Wendy Ward who is Kern County's Wild Fire Mitigation Coordinator and the Regional Coordinator for the Fire Wise program with Cal Fire.

Insurance professional Fred Clark and Liz Mendia of the Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce coordinated the event

Ward spoke along side Fire Engineer Ethan Kennedy who fielded Kern County Fire Department related

questions. Joining the two speakers was Trudy Mahoney, chair of the Kern Fire Safe Council and Coordinator Tom Klein, head of Kern Valley CERT was also available during the event to answer Red Cross related questions.

Ward said she's a Kern Valley native. Her husband worked in the valley as a firefighter with the US Forest Service for over 25 years. Being born and raised in the valley she wanted to serve the community helping make it more fire safe.

She explained that originally there were three Fire Safe Councils, one in the Kern River Valley, another for

the Mountain Communities, and the third was for Tehachapi area. However those entities died out previously. Eventually a group in the Mountain Community of Kern County began one entity representing the entire county, called the Kern Fire Safe Council. The vision of Kern Fire Safe Council (KFSC) is education, outreach, and preparation for wildfires. The council works with all the communities to fulfill the vision of having a community safer from wild fires. The council provides education in schools and for

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PATRICK RAY

County updates on Sierra Way

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Supervisor Peters and the Kern County Public Works Department gave the Kern Valley Sun an update on Sierra Way, Friday July 19.

Supervisor Phillip Peters said, "They are working on Sierra Way. My best estimate would probably be within the next couple months it'll be done. They (the contractors) have an estimate of 85 days. So I don't really have any set in stone (date)."

Peters wanted to reassure the public that every effort has been made. He stated, "I'll just say that this is a challenging project. And this is something

that we've been working diligently. I know sometimes it may not seem like a lot of work is being done, but I can assure you that there is, behind the scenes. And I know that public works, since this road was taken out during the storm, that they've been working very hard on getting it up and running. And I think they've done a good job with trying to manage it best they can. And I think Granite Construction is going to do a great job. They're a great company. And I'm just looking forward to getting this reopened for the community."

Sal Gomez public works assistant director explained the process for residents of the Kern Valley. He said,

"The project started July 15th. It has 85 working days, which will put us at the week of November 4th, completion date. However we think and we believe Granite (Construction) can build it sooner than that."

Gomez also explained that within the project there's a lot of unknowns because the team has been rushing through the design knowing how important this road is for Kern Valley residents. He said, "So the flows have diminished. I think they are roughly about 40 cfs so I think we can control the water better now and so hopefully it won't take as long. Initially we

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Mesa Clinical Pharmacy accepts prescription transfers

JOHN WATKINS

With the closing of The Drug Store in Kernville, KVHD's Mesa Clinical Pharmacy located in Mountain Mesa is happy to accept the transfer of your prescription(s) from The Drugstore, Rite Aid, or any other pharmacy. Check out their advertisement in our issue of the Sun which outlines the procedure to transfer your prescriptions to them.

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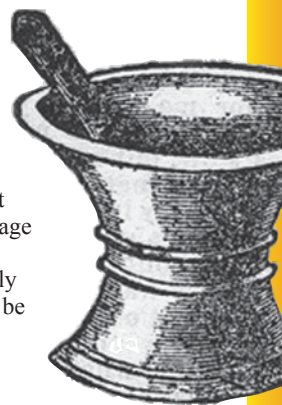
Kernville's The Drug Store, in an announcement last week, said the final day of operation would be Tuesday of this week. The business had served the Valley for 45 years.

In a text statement to customers concerning the closure,

owner Austin Horn thanked his many customers for their support.

"This decision was difficult and not taken lightly. We extend heartfelt thanks to our loyal customers, dedicated staff, and community partners for their support over the years," Horn's message said.

He also noted that as of July 24th all medication files will be transferred and will be available at Rite Aid Pharmacy in Lake Isabella.



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COMMUNITY

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Local Jackylyn Wallace has joined Sierra Shared Spaces as their part time event coordinator. She is doing a lot of the legwork organizing of the event.

Powers said, "We'll have some music playing. We'll have a lot of fun family activities. We'll have some kids activities. We're hoping to have stuff that can keep the kids busy during the River Rhythms Concert as well."

Sierra Shared spaces also requested food venues selling food during River Rhythms would also commit to selling food during the block party

Powers said, "August 9th is International Coworking Day. It's been celebrated for about the last ten years. And the person who came up with the idea for celebrating it August 9th Tony Bacigalupo was actually a friend of mine. He created the event. But it essentially recognizes the date that the word coworking first entered popular usage."

Last year Kern County Board of Supervisors issued a proclamation recognizing August 9 as International Coworking Day. Powers said he accepted the proclamation, last year, with Ashley Proctor who created her own first coworking space a year prior to the date recognized by International Coworking Day.

This year, because the date falls on the same day as River Rhythms



Concert Series which happens to be Powers' favorite event of the year, Powers reached out to the Kern Valley Hospital Foundation about working together with the foundation to celebrate both events without the coworking event disrupting River Rhythms. Both entities determined to work hand in hand and therefore Sierra Shared Spaces is attempting to attain permission, through an application process, from Kern County to shut down Piute street, off of Circle Park, in the evening to hold a Neighbor to Neighbor Block Party that would start a couple of hours before River Rhythms so those attending could go to the concert series after attending the block party, August 9. Powers hopes the block party would make the River Rhythms an even bigger event.

Powers said, "As much as possible, with all the events that Sierra Shared Spaces is going to be doing, especially over the next 18 months, our goal is to partner with as many local organizations as we can. We really want to lift up and celebrate the other organizations of the valley that are doing excellent work. And this is just another great way of doing that."

Sierra Shared Spaces is also starting to let people know about the next Block Party event Powers plans for the entity to hold, which is planned for National Good Neighbor Day, in September, tentatively September 28. Plans for that event are still being solidified. However Powers wanted the public to know there would be more Block Party events, Sierra Shared Spaces would be holding.

Kern Valley Sun welcomes new writer

SPENCER SHEPARD

Personal Statement

Hello, Kern Valley Sun readers. My name is Spencer Shepard, and I am enthusiastically writing to you as the new "Outdoors Writer" for the Sun. I have spent the last thirteen years living in the Kern River Valley and spent the years before moving up here as an avid visitor to the Kern River Valley. Fishing was the hook, and my wife, a long-time KRV resident, was the enticement to move up.



I often spent time fishing on the Kern and Lake Isabella as a child, and now, as an adult, I am passing that passion along to my children. My typical hotspots for fishing now are creeks in the high country, like Peppermint Creek, Salmon Creek, and Monache Meadows, but I still love Lake Isabella's crappie bite and late-night catfish fun. When fishing for trout, I like to use a simple setup: floating a dry fly or a good, reliable worm with a size twelve hook when nothing else seems to work.

My other outdoor passions include gardening, hiking, mountain biking, writing poetry about nature, and whitewater rafting. I have been employed with Whitewater Voyages for the last three years, where I have developed an understanding of the river and rafting community.



COURTESY OF THE KRVAA

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in the windows at the Art Center building, known as Big Red, in Wofford Heights.

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CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

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The Kern Valley Hospital Foundation online invitation said, "Join us for a free concert in Circle Park in Kernville every Friday at 6pm during the month of August. Bring your lawn chair, blanket, a picnic and your family and friends to enjoy two hours of music."

The first musical act in the series is Julia Lyons, a California Country singer rooted in the classics of rock and country. Some songs she is known for include "Girl Next Door" and "Miss Me Now."

The following weeks, the public can expect to see performing, August 9 the group Rockslide and the following weeks performances by Left Coast Groovies August 16, Zen Zeppelin August 23, with the band Angels Roost ending the series, August 30.

The reason behind the switch from Riverside Park, last year, to Circle Park was because of the storms damaging the park, beside Kern River. However, the Kern Valley Hospital Foundation determined to continue obtaining Kern County's permission to use Circle Park because of issues with their former stage being worn out and needing replacement. The stage located at Circle Park was a temporary solution for the exorbitant expense.

Sponsors of the event include Kern Family Health Care, AltaOne, California Water Service, David Woods-Edward Jones, General Plumbing,

Grocery Outlet, Harry P. Thal insurance, Kernville Saloon and Hotel, Lake Linx, OnPoint Gym. Pizza Barn QualCare, Sun Power, and West America Bank.

Recently passed away, beloved member of the Kern Valley community, Charlie Busch, former owner of Kern River Radio originated River Rhythms Concert Series in 2011 when he envisioned a concert series showcasing bands, providing a family fun community event, which would raise funding for the community.

The mission of Kern Valley Hospital Foundation is to provide financial support to the Kern Valley Hospital by funding and supporting programs that have a positive impact on patients and the community.

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District seeks supervisor's assistance for cemetery retaining wall

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

The new manager at the Kern River Valley Public Cemetery District (KRVPCD,) Orion Sanders recently made efforts toward getting the county to assist with some of the cemetery issues. One issue Sanders has been particularly concerned about was the fact the Historic Cemetery needs a retaining wall built. This is an issue, which the Kern County Grand Jury addressed in their investigation of the district. <https://www.kerncounty.com/home/showpublished-document/14881/638520604973000000>

Sanders told the Kern Valley Sun, last week, that upon Sanders' request, on Friday July 12, following the opening at the George and Darlene Randall Skate Park in Lake Isabella, Supervisor Phillip Peters visited the cemetery to hear about district concerns, which included this wall, as well as the water issues.

The Historic Cemetery is part of the district. Last year when the river was high the US Forest Service put sandbags there. However the biggest concern was the need for a retaining wall to prevent the grounds from weakening or becoming unstable.

When Sanders was first hired at the district he said he saw no paperwork for that issue at the district. He now believes the former manager, Randy Kyt, may have sought help from

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KERN VALLEY WEATHER

EIGHT-DAY VALLEY FORECAST

TODAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
HIGH 102° LOW 75° SUNRISE 5:55 SUNSET 8:04	HIGH 101° LOW 73° SUNRISE 5:56 SUNSET 8:03	HIGH 97° LOW 68° SUNRISE 5:57 SUNSET 8:02	HIGH 93° LOW 65° SUNRISE 5:58 SUNSET 8:01
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
HIGH 93° LOW 65° SUNRISE 5:59 SUNSET 8:00	HIGH 95° LOW 67° SUNRISE 5:59 SUNSET 8:00	HIGH 98° LOW 70° SUNRISE 6:00 SUNSET 7:59	HIGH 100° LOW 73° SUNRISE 6:01 SUNSET 7:58

KERN VALLEY WATER WATCH

Kern River Basin Data as of Sunday, July 21, 2024

Lake & River Information	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Lake Elevation	2,578.23	2,581.53	2,603.92
Lake Storage	297,541	349,115	550,115
Inflow Into Lake	541	702	3,431
Outflow From Lake	2,216	2,265	3,431

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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Community Camaraderie with Kelley McCoy

Elaine Roach - Productive KRV Retiree

1994 he was transferred to The Greenhorn Ranger District of the Sequoia National Forest. He had worked here in the 70's but I had never been here before. I loved the move and living in the mountains by the Kern River. We will live here as long as we can afford to live in California.

What inspired you to help and strengthen our community?

I was a crew boss for the Job Training Partnership Act, Kern Valley High School and the U.S. Forest Service Program for disadvantaged High School students. You really see what structure and reliability kids would like to have in their lives and I tried to be a stabilizing presence they could count on. Tough love!

I then worked at Summit Continuation High School with students that were short of graduating credits. I continued with the same attitude as with the Crew.

My now grown-up students always say hi and give me a hug when they see me.

Which was the first community service group in the KRV you volunteered for?

Fred retired before me and joined the Exchange Club and I saw the many ways they reached out financially and supportively to the youth of the community. So, when I retired, I also joined and soon found myself on the Board of Directors for many years.

Fred was in charge of the Fishing Derby Fish Feeders, so I volunteered for that and when he became a Board Member of the Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce, I followed suit shortly after. When one volunteers, we both volunteer. Two for one, that's the way we roll.

What Community projects are you currently involved with?

Fishing Derby is the biggest project that runs almost all year, Exchange Club Rubber Duck Races and Football



Books Sales, Chamber of Commerce Bingo Bonanza and putting up and taking down flags on patriotic holidays. I used to be more involved, but we are feeling our age lately so we are starting to slow down and are enjoying fishing and traveling a little more while we still can. If you just look in the paper each week you see many events that raise funds for different local causes. We have an amazing community that does whatever is necessary when help is needed.

Elaine Roach, You have donated so much time and effort to the Kern River Valley. Thank you!

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Elaine Roach will introduce herself as a retiree, but she is one of the busiest retirees I have encountered. Elaine relocated from Orcutt, California (near Santa Maria) to the Kern River Valley in the early 90's where her contributions over the last 30 years have made a difference in our community. Elaine, along with her husband Fred Roach were Man and Woman of the Year and Book of Golden Deeds recipients.

What brought you to the Kern River Valley?
I met my husband Fred in Orcutt, California in 1988. In

SIERRA WAY

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had estimated ten weeks to complete the project, which was roughly in September. However because we modified our design a little bit, and like I said there was a little bit of unknowns, we just want to be a little bit conservative with our time. Just so that we could get a better bid. Granite is the contractor. And they have started working."

The county is hopeful that it can get Sierra Way opened sooner than the projected 85 working days

a 4-bay concrete culvert. In addition to that they will put in 2- 60 inch pipes, in two locations, one of which would be in the failure area and the other would be replacing 2 existing 48 inch pipes, culverts, located there.

Gomez also talked about the future. "This is still a temporary solution because this is only being designed to a ten year flood. So we do have a consultant that is working on a permanent solution, which will be designed to a hundred year flood. However I can't give you a timeline on that because we haven't secured funding," he

said. "We don't have a final design so it's in the works. So this is only still an emergency temporary solution."

Gomez hoped the press would please let the public know that the county is doing its best. He said, "The contractor knows the importance of this road and we are trying to make that very clear to them. They are a very good contractor. And so they are going to be doing their best trying to get it open as soon as we can. Thank you for being so patient."

The county plans to notify the press and public when Sierra Way opens.

Cemetery employee, former trustee responds to Kyt's accusations

JOHN BLYTHE

In response to Laura Kyt, former secretary of the Kern River Valley Public Cemetery District, I wanted to address and clarify her statement that she submitted in writing at the last Board of Trustees meeting on July 9th that was covered in the Kern Valley Sun article dated July 17th. In her letter, she requested that I be censured for preparing minutes

that she felt were inaccurate as they were prepared by me from the June 11th 2024 Board of Trustees meeting. In these minutes there was a statement indicating that I would "refer to Mr. Brown regarding any improprieties of monies collected/expensed from services between the District and the local mortuary". Mrs. Kyt asked that these be stricken from the public record.

The statement that was

made by me during an administrative report at the June 11th meeting was in response to the Kern Valley Sun article on June 5th, 2024 regarding Mr. Rob Guidry, owner of the local mortuary. In that article, Mr. Guidry made an accusation against the District regarding funds potentially being misused. The article stated "Guidry told the press that he believes the (district's annual) budget was not properly distributed at the cemetery; and that "I know that taking money from consumers before they die and spending it is not within the law of the state." This accusation seemed to be in relation to how the District was investing it's pre-need money and insinuating that it was an impropriety. According to the District's Board Chairman Harry Schutz, Mr. Guidry subsequently called him in the latter part of May to discuss this very issue. In addition, after talking to Cody Criswell, field representative for Supervisor Philip Peters, shortly after this article was published, Mr. Criswell also indicated that Mr. Guidry made the same accusations and Mr. Criswell tried to help clarify with relation to Mr.

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Aug. 16th

Aug. 23rd

Aug. 30th

RETAINING WALL

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FEMA to attain funding for this issue. He has since worked on getting the county supervisors involved.

Sanders recently told the Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce, "Building a retaining wall is not cheap. And it's not in the cemetery budget to do that. But it's got to be done. And the county's got to be aware that it's got to be done."

Following up, Sanders said, "We took him

(Peters) out there for a visit of the cemetery and we portrayed to him the need to get it completed. I want people to know that the county is aware of it."

Sanders said he got the impression that the county is helping the district to pursue a solution to the need for funding. Sanders said, "He (Peters) did say that he would bring this to the county board and would assist in any way they possibly could to make sure that the cemetery is secure and the project is completed."

How much Peters can assist the district remains to be seen.

BLYTHE RESPONSE

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Guidry's concerns, but was apparently not accepting of it.

In my report at the June 11 board meeting, I was specifically addressing Mr. Guidry's accusations that he had made because he was in the audience and I felt it was necessary to address his comments that he made which were not accurate in the Kern Valley Sun article dated June 5th. Because he did not seem to want to let it go, that's when I said I would refer it to Mr. Danny Brown (the district cemetery consultant who the board had retained) to look into it. It was a way to try and satisfy Mr. Guidry's continued complaints that he was accusing the district of because I personally did not believe Mr. Guidry's claims in all of my years associated with the District.

For the record, I DO NOT believe there were any improprieties with district pre-need money as it has been a common practice for nearly all of the public cemetery districts in the State of California to invest

money to earn interest off of. The District has had a financial adviser, Sandra Wheeler out of San Luis Obispo since before I had come on the board in 2012. She was originally with Wells Fargo Advisors and she is now with Stifel Investments and specifically helps California special districts with fund accounts they are holding to earn interest as long as they are within the guidelines of the California Government Code. Mrs. Wheeler gives an annual report about these funds every year and will be either in person or over the phone at the District's August board meeting. In all of my years serving on the Board of Trustees, Mr. Guidry never came to a board meeting to express this belief why he felt this was wrong for the District to be doing this or at least ask for clarification and as far as I know, he did not report his concerns to former manager Randy Kyt or former secretary Laura Kyt.

After conferring with an attorney, Mr. Guidry already went to the Kern Valley Sun to air his grievances about this issue, so therefore it is already out in the public and he has apparently made public comments about this matter since then.

OBITUARY

Daisy Cigainero

Daisy Cigainero age 90 and a long-time valley resident, died peacefully at home on June 14, 2024, surrounded by family. She was a member of Landmark Missionary Baptist Church, Southfork Women's Club, TOPS and many other activities. She was married to Jim, the love of her life for 67 years until he preceded her in death in 2019. Jim and Daisy were avid dancers, loved socializing and both loved a good laugh. Daisy is survived by her 3 children, 9 grandchildren, 17 great grandchildren and 6 great-great grandchildren.

Our family would like to thank Bristol Hospice for their loving care during her final days.

Daisy will be celebrated on July 27th 2024 at 11:00 am at First Baptist Church Lake Isabella, 3701 Suhre St, Lake Isabella, CA 93240. Lunch following the service.

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Lunch Served at 11:30 a.m & 12 p.m.
Please call 760-379-5831 for reservations 24 hours in advance.

July 24 Turkey Pastrami Sandwich • 3-Bean Salad** • Fruit Yogurt** • Milk	July 25 Chicken Cordon Bleu • Brussel Sprouts • Baked Apples • Juice • Milk	July 26 Beef Stir-Fry w/ Veggies** • Green Beans • Brown Rice • Mandarins & Grapes • Milk
July 29 Crispy Baked Chicken • Mixed Veggies • Parsley Red Potatoes • Applesauce • Milk	July 30 Egg Salad Sandwich • Celery Sticks • Vanilla Yogurt w/ Mango** • Juice • Milk	July 31 Frito Pie Casserole • Confetti Coleslaw • Green Beans • Fresh Fruit • Juice • Milk

** items are a rich source of Vitamin A

Seniors \$3 • Non-Seniors \$6

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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@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 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.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Wednesday, July 24
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.

Kern River Valley Branch Library Events
11:00am - The Butterfly Effect with Christopher Yates
11:30am-12:30pm - Lunch @ the Library
Time: 1:00pm-2:00pm - Stranger Danger
4:30pm-5:30pm - Slime
5:00pm-6:00pm - Teen Time
Where: 7054 Lake Isabella Blvd, Lake Isabella, CA 93240 • 760.549.2083

Stained Glass - Class
RSVP at KRVA.org
Time: 10am-1pm
Where: KRVA Art & Community Center 6709 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285

Improv Acting
With Hollywood Casting Director Stanzi Stokes!
RSVP at KRVA.org
Time: 3-4:30pm
Where: KRVA Gallery & Gift Shop 6749 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285

Thursday, July 25
Kern River Valley Branch Library Events
Time: 11:30am - STEM Explorers
11:30am-12:30pm - Lunch @ the Library w/Special Lunch Guest: College Community Health
1:30pm-2:30pm - Toddler Storytime
2:00pm-5:00pm - Music Lessons
4:30pm-5:30pm - Lego Storytime
Where: 7054 Lake Isabella Blvd, Lake Isabella, CA 93240 • 760.549.2083

Friday, July 26
Summer Camp Film Premiere
Come support our youth!
Time: 4:30 pm
Where: KRVA Art & Community Center 6709 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285

Saturday, July 27
Beginning Leatherwork - Class
RSVP at KRVA.org
Time: 11am-1:30pm
Where: KRVA Art & Community Center 6709 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285

"Cottage Core Mushrooms" Acrylic Painting Party!
RSVP at KRVA.org
Time: 2 - 5 pm
Where: KRVA Art & Community Center 6709 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285

Sunday, July 28
Visioning: Designing the Life of your Dreams
8-Week Expressive Arts Therapy Class
RSVP at KRVA.org
Time: 11 - 12:30 pm
Where: KRVA Art & Community Center 6709 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285

Oil Painting Lab with Daisy Torres
Time: 1 - 4:30 pm
Where: KRVA Art & Community Center 6709 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285

Tuesday, July 30
Mixed Media Collage: Abstracts with Sarah Nystrom
Time: 12 - 2pm
Where: KRVA Art & Community Center 6709 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285

Jewelry Making with Angie - Class
RSVP at KRVA.org
Time: 6-8pm
Where: KRVA Art & Community Center 6709 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285

Wednesday, July 31
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.

Stained Glass - Class
RSVP at KRVA.org
Time: 10am-1pm
Where: KRVA Art & Community Center 6709 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285

Wednesday, August 7th
Field Trip: A tour of the Buena Vista Museum of Natural History, 2018 Chester Ave., Bakersfield. Meet and sign-in at the Buena Vista Museum at 10:15 AM. Entrance fee is \$7.00. Please register by August 2nd at the Kern Valley Museum to go on the field trip. and

pay the entrance fee. Call 760-376-6683 or email historian@krvhs.org. We will get back to you. Also indicate if you would like to join us for lunch at the 18Hundred Restaurant at 1800 Chester Ave. Only historical society members are allowed on field trips. However you can join-up at that time. Then you are good to go. Please, unless you have a Service Dog, kindly leave your pets at home.

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

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

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

2nd Monday of every month 9:30 - 10:30am 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

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

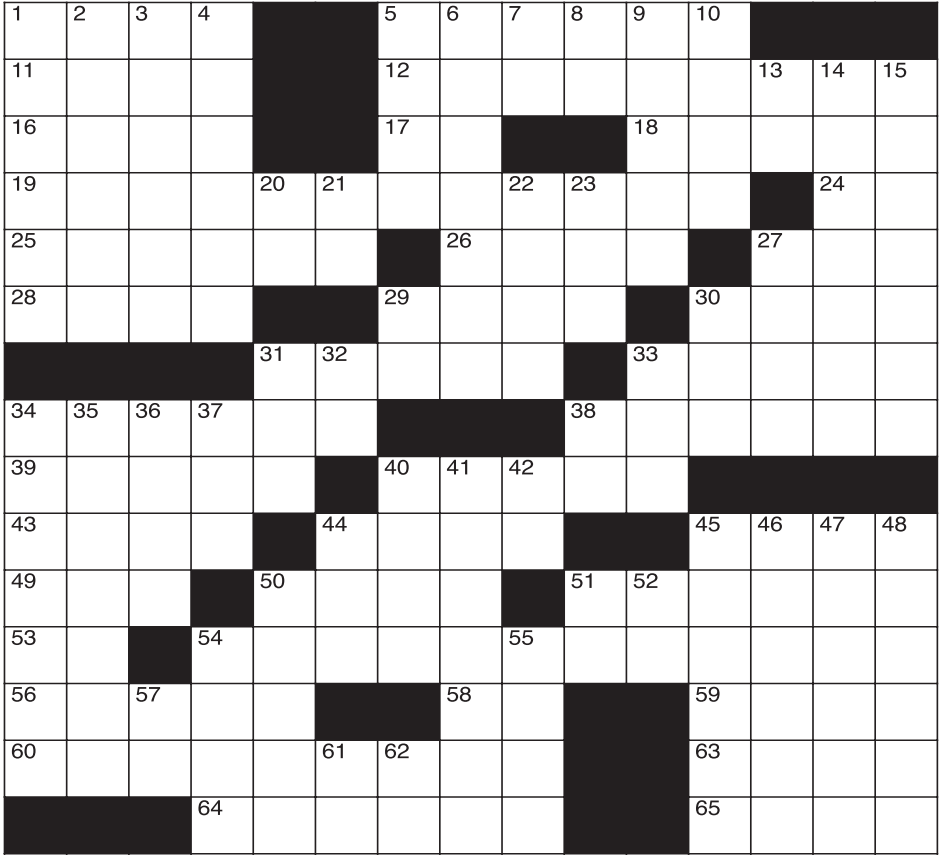
1st Baptist Church 3701 Suhre St. Free dinner every Weds 5:00-5:45 Sept- April. God's Closet-Free clothing available by appointment 760-379-5615 or 760-549-3212

Lunch at the Senior Center Mon-Fri. 12:00-12:30 RSVP 24 hours in advance. Suggested donation under age 60 is \$6.00, age 60+ \$3.00. To RSVP for lunch or to register for Meals on Wheels- Karen Northcutt (760) 379-5831

Senior Sack program, located at the ARK Age is 60 plus, 1st and 3rd Fridays each month Open 9:30 to 12 noon There is a 1-time charge of \$ 2.00 to register.

Visit us online at: kernvalleysun.com

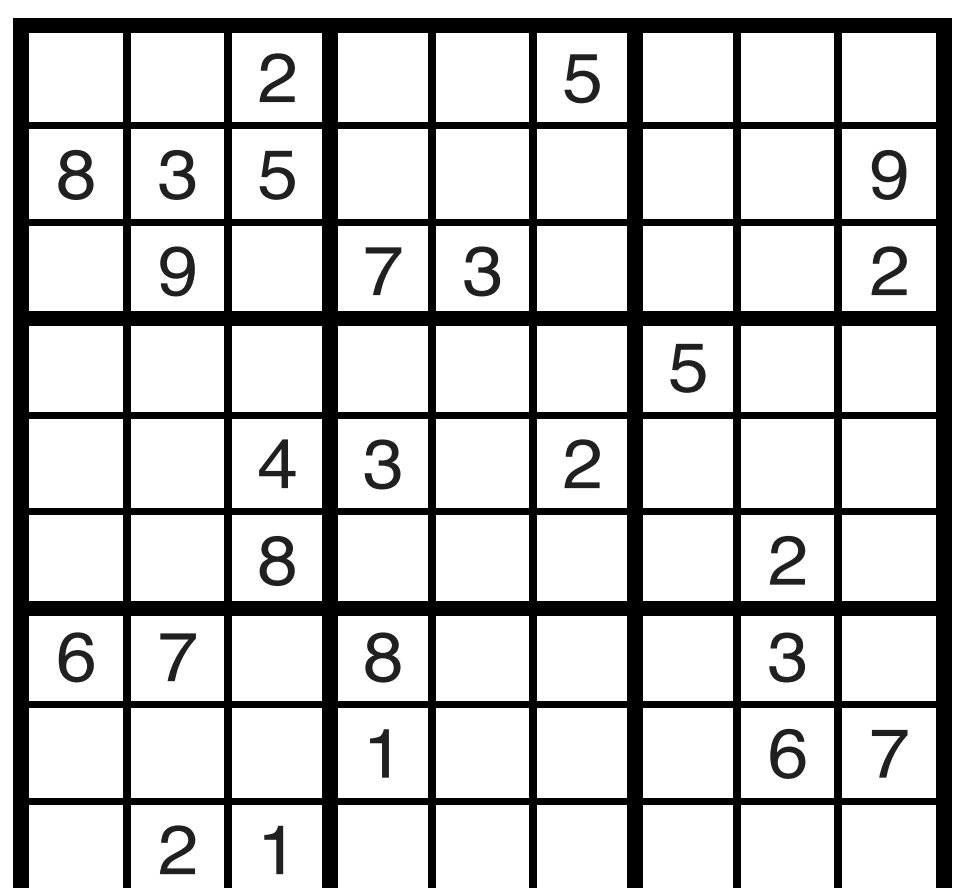
PUZZLES & GAMES



- CLUES ACROSS
1. Average damage per system (abbr.)
5. Lustful woodland gods (Greek mythology)
11. Colombian Town
12. Sour
16. A way to stuff
17. Former AL MVP Vaughn
18. Carried or transported
19. Cannot even fathom
24. Hammer is one
25. A way to separate
26. Not moving
27. Women's service organization (abbr.)
28. German river
29. Quantitative fact
30. A person's head
31. Process that produces ammonia
33. French modernist painter
34. Too much noise
38. Agree to a demand
39. One a line at right angles to a ship's length
40. Employees
43. Ribosomal ribonucleic acid
44. Component of hemoglobin
45. Quick and skillful in movement
49. Passing trend
50. Part of the eye
51. One who acclaim
53. Deadly amount (abbr.)
54. Taste property
56. Genus of mosquitoes
58. Blood type
59. A group of countries in special alliance
60. Institute legal proceedings against
63. Shade of a color
64. Spoke
65. Work units
CLUES DOWN
1. Charge with a crime
2. Mended with yarn
3. North Atlantic flatfish
4. Boil at low temperature
5. Lapps of northern Scandinavia
6. Poisonous plant
7. Atomic #22
8. 36 inches
9. Monetary unit of Russia
10. Type of gin
13. An alternative
14. Alone
15. A way to ooze
20. Publicity
21. American firm
22. Jewish calendar month
23. Popular sandwich
27. Comedian Cook
29. The NFL's big game (abbr.)
30. Political action committee
31. Make a low, steady sound
32. Legendary sportscaster Michaels
33. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
34. Designed to keep ears warm
35. One who scrapes
36. Tear into two or more pieces
37. Supervises flying
38. Flying arm of the U.S. military (abbr.)
40. District in Peru
41. One died leaving a will
42. Morning
44. The world of the dead
45. Widen
46. Drink containing medicine
47. Celebrating
48. Secret counters
50. A type of tag
51. Halfback
52. Modern tech
54. Monetary unit
55. Resigned to one's sleeping chamber
57. Execute or perform
61. "The Golden State"
62. "The Beehive State" (abbr.)

SUN SAFETY WORD SEARCH
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WIDE-BRIMMED



KERN VALLEY SUN LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF GARY A GREEN Case # BPB-24-002808

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of: GARY A GREEN aka GARY ALEXANDER GREEN

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

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

THE PETITION requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

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

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 8/15/2024 at 8:30 a.m. in Dept. J-1 located at: 2100 College Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93305. Superior Court of California, County of Kern. Juvenile Justice Center.

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:
ARTHUR GREEN
3515 KIMMIE RACHELLE CT.,
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313

(Pub SUN 07/17, 07/24, 07/31/2024)

TSG No.: 240038943 TS No.: 24-003136 APN: 485-020-16 & 485-020-14 Property Address: 2704 STARKEY DRIVE LAKE ISABELLA, CA 93240 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 05/21/2018. 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 08/26/2024 at 10:00 A.M., America West Lender Services, LLC, as duly

appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 05/23/2018, as Instrument No. 218064373, in book , page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of KERN County, State of California. Executed by: BRENT MARA HAMMER, A SINGLE MAN, 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) At the Front Entrance to the City Hall City Hall, 1501 Truxtun Avenue, 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# 485-020-16 & 485-020-14 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2704 STARKEY DRIVE, LAKE ISABELLA, CA 93240 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$ 68,992.26. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed.

The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 800-280-2832 or visit this internet website www.Auction.com, using the file number assigned to this case 24-003136 Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Website. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO

TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction if conducted after January 1, 2021, pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 855-976-3916, or visit this internet website https://www.auction.com/sb1079, using the file number assigned to this case 24-003136 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: America West Lender Services, LLC P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 America West Lender Services, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR

THAT PURPOSE FOR TRUSTEES SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 800-280-2832 NPP0462795

(PUB SUN 07/24, 07/31, 08/07/2024)

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF SHANNON MCCULLAR Case # BPB-24-002822

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: MADISON GUMMERE-BROWN in the Superior Court of California, County of KERN

The Petition for Probate requests that: MADISON GUMMERE-BROWN 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:

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Para más información sobre este aviso, por favor llame al número (760) 379-5336.

Notification of Application Filed by California Water Service to Increase Rates in 2026-2028 for the Kern River Valley District (Application 24-07-003)

Why am I receiving this notice?

On July 8, 2024, California Water Service (Cal Water) filed its 2024 Infrastructure Improvement Plan, known as a General Rate Case (GRC), Application (A.24-07-003) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). As part of the application, Cal Water is requesting to increase rates to fund needed infrastructure improvements, water system maintenance, water quality initiatives, safety measures, and business operations, as well as to adjust for inflation. If the CPUC approves the application, forecasted costs will be recovered over a three-year period, affecting your water bill no sooner than January 2026.

Why is Cal Water requesting this?

- Cal Water is required to file an application with the CPUC every three years so that water rates accurately reflect the cost of providing safe, clean, reliable tap water to customers.
- This multi-year plan enables the utility to upgrade and modernize the water system through proactive infrastructure improvements designed to keep water reliable for customers, make its communities safer, prevent small problems from getting bigger and more expensive to fix, increase sustainability, and provide high-quality service—both now and in the future.
- Some of the key projects Cal Water proposes in this cycle are to: expand storage with new water tanks, replace an existing well and install corrosion control for system reliability, and improve water treatment at multiple sources.

How could this affect my water bill?

If Cal Water's proposal is approved by the CPUC as filed, beginning in 2026, the average residential bill in the Kern River Valley District (with a 5/8"x3/4" meter and using 2,244 gallons, or 3 Ccf*, per month) would increase by approximately -\$0.05, or -0.1%, per month. These numbers do not include temporary surcharges and credits. Over the course of the review process, which could take 18 months or more, some projects may be deferred or costs adjusted. Final rates approved may be lower than what was proposed.

*1 Ccf = 748 gallons

Average Residential Customer Bill Increase

Customer Type	Monthly Usage	Current Bill	Proposed 2026 Bill Change	Proposed 2027 Bill Change	Proposed 2028 Bill Change
Residential	3 Ccf (2,244 gallons)	\$74.12	(\$0.05) -0.1%	\$6.06 8.2%	\$6.77 8.4%
Residential enrolled in Customer Assistance Program	3 Ccf (2,244 gallons)	\$45.31	\$0.11 0.2%	\$3.03 6.7%	\$3.39 7.0%

These adjustments to rates would allow for district revenue increases of \$182,299 in 2026, \$1,054,170 in 2027, and \$1,183,337 in 2028, which will offset the additional cost of needed infrastructure improvements, water system maintenance, water quality initiatives, safety measures, business operations, and to adjust for inflation.

Proposed Revenue Request by Customer Type**

Type of Service Provided	Current Revenue Requirement	Proposed 2026 Revenue Increase	Proposed 2027 Revenue Increase	Proposed 2028 Revenue Increase
Residential Metered Service	\$ 8,018,694	\$ 155,028 1.9%	\$ 883,880 10.8%	\$ 986,761 10.9%
Nonresidential Metered Service*	\$ 1,112,085	\$ 27,288 2.5%	\$ 170,079 14.9%	\$ 196,545 15.0%

*Nonresidential Metered Service applies to all customer classes that are not residential (such as business, multi-family, and public authority customers) and do not have a separate tariff. **The sum of residential and nonresidential revenues will not equal total revenue due to other revenue sources such as construction meter charges, fire protection services, and recycled water.

How does the rest of this process work?

This application will be assigned to a CPUC Administrative Law Judge, who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Administrative Law Judge will issue a proposed decision that may adopt Cal Water's application, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision with a different outcome. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners at a public CPUC Voting Meeting.

Parties to the proceeding may review Cal Water's application, including the Public Advocates Office, which is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information regarding the Public Advocates Office, call (415) 703-1584, email PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.

Where can I get more information?

Contact Cal Water:

Phone: (760) 379-5336
Email: infoKRV@calwater.com
Mail: 1720 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95112

A copy of the application and any related documents may also be reviewed at calwater.com/iip.

Contact CPUC:

Please visit apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2407003 to submit a comment about this proceeding on the CPUC Docket Card. Here you can also view documents and other public comments related to this proceeding. Your participation by providing your thoughts on Cal Water's request can help the CPUC make an informed decision. If you have questions about CPUC processes, you may contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at:
Phone: (866) 849-8390
Email: Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov
Mail: CPUC Public Advisor's Office
505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102

Please reference **Cal Water's Application 24-07-003** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.

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CNSB # 3833462

Notice of Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the CDFW Kern River Hatchery Siphon Replacement Project

The California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW), with assistance from the Department of General Services (DGS), is circulating for public review a draft Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Kern River Hatchery Siphon Replacement Project (Proposed Project).

Project Background: The siphon, which supplied water necessary for operations of the Kern River Hatchery, has failed and no longer provides water to the hatchery. The purpose of the Proposed Project is to restore functionality of the siphon so that hatchery operations can be resumed; and to construct a water conveyance facility that is resistant to vandalism, as well as trespass and associated environmental damage, and that minimizes maintenance needs. The Proposed Project would consist of construction and operation of a siphon and inlet structure, pump vault and pipeline assembly, pipeline and anchors, and diversion and outlet structure.

Document Availability: CDFW and DGS have prepared the IS/MND pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). The draft IS/MND describes the Proposed Project and evaluates its potential environmental effects. Based on the findings of the draft IS/MND, CDFW and DGS have determined that the Proposed Project, as mitigated, would not have any significant effects on the environment. The draft IS/MND is available at the following website: <https://wildlife.ca.gov/Notices/CEQA>

Time for Review: The public review period for this IS/MND will be from July 24, 2024, to September 6, 2024. Comments must be received by 5 p.m. on September 6, 2024.

Comment Submittal: Comments may be submitted via email to Environmental@dgs.ca.gov, or via U.S. mail to Jennifer Parson, Senior Environmental Planner, State of California Department of General Services, 707 Third Street, 4th Floor, MS 509, West Sacramento, CA 95605.

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SERVICES FOR

TK/KINDERGARTEN ROOM 1. & 3. RENOVATION
NEW CONSTRUCTION, MODERNIZATION,
CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT OR MISCELLANEOUS PROJECTS
LOCATED AT 6401 FAY RANCH ROAD and
5525 KELSO VALLEY ROAD
WELDON, CA 93283

See RFQ at: www.southforkschool.org

Issue Date: June 28, 2024

Non-Mandatory Site Walk - Monday, July 15, 2024 2:30 p.m.

Response Due Date/Time: Monday, July 29, 2024 4 p.m.

Response to be received:
Richard Rhodes, Superintendent/Principal
South Fork Union Elementary School District
5225 Kelso Valley Rd.
Weldon, CA 93283

Contact: Richard Rhodes, Superintendent/Principal
Office: 760-378-4000
Fax 760-378-3046
Email Address: rrhodes@southforkschool.org

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REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS ARCHITECTURAL SERVICES FOR

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FIRE WISE

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community events and also produces educational webinars.

One of the grants the KFSC received was to do defensible space inspections and home assessments. Now they're working with Kern County Fire Department and US Forest Service to identify projects in the Kern Valley to make the community more fire wise. KFSC does not do code enforcements. KFSC does not lobby.

Kennedy said that the Kern County Fire Department could inspect properties, hear concerns, issue citations, and give a correction period. However they do not have the authority to do weed abatement. If the public has concerns they can email the local department or call (661) 391-7000, the headquarters, to have a message forwarded for any hazard reduction problem.

Kennedy said that June 1st is when the department starts Hazard Reduction countywide with state responsibility area, and with three stations, split into three shifts. Once inspections are concluded the department logs the information. Mailings are then sent for citations. The property owner has 15 days to correct a violation or at least contact the department to let them know the status. He said the department tries to work with people who have a death in the family, disability, illness or another excuse. The department then does re-inspections. If there is a recurring violation there will be an increased fine. Violators have the same amount of time, 15 days to correct any violation. If the violation isn't corrected, the county puts the fee on the tax rolls. The Kern County Fire Department inspects 46,000 properties.



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK Wendy Ward and Fire Engineer Ethan Kennedy.

Ward said that the Fire Wise USA program encourages neighbors, working along side neighbors, to group together clusters of homes, within neighborhoods, to get property owners to do fire safe mitigation. Speakers gave the impression having such a Fire Wise Community affiliation could ultimately lead to lower insurance rates.

Clark said, insurance companies would be watching for Fire Wise communities going forward. Rate reductions, discounts, and other incentives would be coming with determinations from



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK Fire engineer Ethan Kennedy of the of the Kern County Fire Department.

the department of insurance being a driving factor. Clark said, "It's going to have an impact on all of us somewhere in the near future."

Clark believes the community should get in on the beginning stages of forming Fire Wise Communities. He is afraid of all the changes that are coming to Californians in the not too distant future, with regard to insurance rates. He said that all the companies care about is the zip codes residents live within.

Ward said a Fire Wise Community can be as small as 8 neighbors doing all they can to make their properties fire safe. For more information please see <https://kernfiresafe.org/>.

SCE rep speaks to locals about projects and rate changes

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Cal Rossi, region manager from Southern California Edison, spoke at the Kern Valley Exchange Club, Thursday July 18, at the request of the club's new president Fred Roach who gave Rossi a bullet point list of questions to answer.

Paradise Cove Lodge hosted his speech during a luncheon. Rossi said, "It is an honor to be here. I was happy to come up."

The SCE service territory, within 50,000 square miles, includes high fire risk areas of Kern County with 5 million customer accounts, 15 million residents within the over all SCE territory, with 300,000 power poles in high fire risk areas of the state.

He brought up the issue of proposed customer charges. On May 9, the California Public Utilities Commission issued a final decision in its current fixed charge proceeding. Once implemented around 2025 or early 2026 SCE customer bills would be organized into two main parts. The fixed charge will stay the same each month, at \$24.15 per month for all residential customers.

Customers enrolled in low income assistance programs would be paying fixed charges of \$6 to \$12, depending on the program they are enrolled in for assistance, CARE or FERA. The energy charge is based on the amount of energy the customer uses. The fixed charge will not apply to non-residential business customers.

Most of SCE's focus has been scheduled maintenance, and regarding fire concerns the company is focused on putting in fire resistance poles, making the grid more resilient, and removing conductors with trees in the higher elevation. The company has recently been replacing 26 poles along Highway 178 on the south side of Lake Isabella.



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK Cal Rossi Region Manager for SCE

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KERN VALLEY SUN LEGAL NOTICES CONTINUED

08/22/2024 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.

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ANTON H. LABRENTZ, DARLING & WILSON
1626 19TH ST., SUITE 23
BAKERSFIELD, CA. 93301
661-325-5075

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tion for change of name should not be granted.

NOTICE OF HEARING
DATE: 08/26/24
TIME: 8:30 A.M.
ADDRESS: 1215 TRUXTON AVENUE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301; METROPOLITAN DIVISION - JUSTICE BUILDING DEPT: L

3. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county (specify newspaper): KERN VALLEY SUN.

Dated: 06/21/2024
By: GINA CERVANTES, Court Commissioner

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ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF KERN CASE NUMBER BCV-24-102025

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner, JADEN TAYLOR FOWLER filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present Name:
JADEN TAYLOR FOWLER

Proposed Name:
JADEN TAYLOR MOLATORE

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter shall appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the pe-

Directors in the following Special District: (Candidates must be a resident elector within the District.)

Kern Valley Health Care District

Declarations of Candidacy for eligible candidates desiring to file for any of the elective offices may be obtained from the Elections Division, 1115 Truxton Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301. Declarations shall be available commencing on July 15, 2024, 113 days before the election, and shall be filed with the Elections Division no later than 5:00 p.m., August 9, 2024, the 88th day before the election.

Current law requires all candidates to file a Statement of Economic Interest (Form 700) with the county elections division where they file their declaration of candidacy. These forms are due no later than the final filing date for the declaration of candidacy. The form can be found on the FPPC website (www.fppc.ca.gov) or is available at the Elections Division. To obtain information regarding filing call the Elections Division (661) 868-3590 or visit our website for the Candidate Handbook at <http://www.kernvote.com>.

In the event there are no nominees or an insufficient number of nominees for each office and a petition for an election is not timely filed, an appointment to such office shall be made pursuant to

Elections Code Section 10515.

Each candidate for nonpartisan elective office may prepare a Candidate's Statement pursuant to Section 13307 of the Elections Code. Such statements may include the name, age, and occupation of the candidate and a brief description of no more than 200 words of the candidate's education and qualifications expressed by the candidate. Each statement shall be included in the Sample Ballot, which is mailed to each voter.

Each candidate filing a statement will be required to pay in advance their pro rata share as a condition of having their statement included in the Sample Ballot.

Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

Una copia de este aviso en español está disponible de la División de Elecciones, 1115 Truxton Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301.

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF EVELYN BERNECE ROWLAND Case # BPP-24-002843

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of: EVELYN BERNECE ROWLAND

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

The Petition for Probate requests that: TAMERLA PRINCE 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: 08/22/2024 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.

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Tourism booming despite heat wave

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Fireworks were a big draw, this past Independence Day, as business owners expected. The Kern Valley Sun interviewed various types of businesses, July 19, from different locations of the Kern River Valley, to see how the economy and tourism fared during the triple digit temperature heat wave of the July 4 holiday weekend. "Summer for Whiskey Flat Antiques & Gifts is always fantastic," said Diane Wilson, owner of the shop located in the town of Kernville. The store featuring books, collectibles, jewelry and toys along with vintage clothing, recently participated in a

fundraiser for Sarge's Wreaths 4 Vets, put on by Notorious Entertainment. "Fourth of July weekend was great. We were one of the businesses that participated in the Red, White, & Blues, Wine & Dessert Walk. We did great. Business was fantastic. The wine walk was nice. It was a great kick off to an annual event. Everybody had a wonderful time. Our pairing was a moscato with lemon cheesecake bites. It was really refreshing." Karla Arias, the owner of the popular eatery Kern River Ceviche Company located in the business hub of Lake Isabella, seemed to be happy with her take. She told the Kern Valley Sun, "For 4th

of July weekend we encountered a lot of tourists that came from all over. We were extremely busy. We were very successful with sales, and foot traffic." The restaurant features a unique menu from south of the border including fish and shrimp dishes. "We also launched our beer and wine so we saw a lot of locals enjoy the local beer that we do from the brewing company, Kern River Brewing Company," said Arias. "We just launched our beer and wine in July. So we launched it on Fourth of July and it was such a success. We were already getting traffic before the beer and wine. But the people enjoyed pairing (our food) with beer

and wine." While owners pondered how the heat wave might show up on their sales, apparently they were not hindered. Arias said, "Since a lot of people came to see the fireworks at the lake, we saw a lot of customers come here, before and after the fireworks. So we had very heavy, heavy foot traffic." Manager at Lakeshore Lodge in Wofford Heights, Donna Smith said things have been running smoothly for her establishment. "We're doing great. We've just been solid with our business. We haven't had to have any concerns or anything." The pet friendly motel, located between Lake Isabella



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

and the mighty Kern River, features BBQ facilities, WIFI, microwaves, mini fridges, and coffee machines for guests. "We've stayed solidly busy. The heat has not stopped anyone from coming up and visiting and enjoying the valley," Smith said.

ARTIST

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The Kern River Valley Art Association (KRVAA) commissioned him for this project he plans to complete. "I'll be back up there soon. They want me to paint all of the windows on the building. So I wanted to just go up there and meet everybody and do a little bit of work so that people can see what type of work I do. And then it's not such a big surprise, or anything like that, when I do paint the rest of the building," said Vyal One. "I wanted to kind of just give an hors d'oeuvre, so to speak."

The inspiration for Vyal One's projects and style, he explains, is kind of like writing a book, and this is one of the pages. It's just a continuation of a story that somehow he is illustrating without words. "In my travels I'm trying to connect spaces and connect with the space. So I've come to develop this style of painting and imagery that seems to be universal and people's connection to it. I always put an eye in for the representation of consciousness and the living breathing spaces that we come into as artists sharing our work and collaborating."

Describing his artistic expression as an organic abstract style, Vyal One says the work incorporates a lot of organic flow, which represents a female energy. "You always hear about masculine energy, of having big buildings and sky scrapers. And I try and reconnect to the feminine with doing more work that's more fluid, and more organic, and more airy, in a sense, so that it feels very soft. I want people to feel like they can walk into it. I want people to feel like they can touch it and maybe get some dust on their fingers. Like you touch a butterfly wing, you get some of that dust on your fingers. It's really heavily nature inspired. But it's a lot of really subtle odds to it," he said.

"The bubbles that I paint, the bubble to me has always been really powerful, and a really strong image, because it's literally your breath inside of water. That to me is amazing. I think, today, people take a lot of small things for granted." Having grown up in Los



VYAL ONE

Angeles Vyal One explains that there are not too many places where he can connect with nature. So during his professional years he sought to connect with nature and has more recently been looking into investing in property for a wellness center. "Being from the city you're caught up in the rat race," he said. "I do need to reconnect often, as it is, to nature. But even when I'm in nature I still want to paint. Places like Kern Valley are really amazing."

Vyal One has been an artist since his childhood. "When I started to dabble in this type of work, I must have been about 12 years old when I discovered it, and really started paying attention to it." He said, places like New York and in Los Angeles, in the late 1980s, early 1990s he was starting to see this type of work in magazines, sold in places one could buy magazines to see artistic work, from around the world, with various artists. And Vyal One was inspired, by seeing those works, to move full speed ahead.

Vyal One participated in an exchange program, in Berlin Germany, in 1995, which was one of his first big projects. Seeing other artists treat their artistic pursuits as a profession inspired him to do the same upon his return to the US.

Growing up in East L.A. Vyal One also saw a lot

of the murals, which were painted by local artists, during the 1960s, '70s, and '80s, such as the East Los Angeles Streetscapers. He had so much respect for all the work such artists were doing, which resonated with him.

His work, described by others of the KRVAA as the tagging style, or tag art, was based upon a tagging art culture with which he felt connected early on. A tag is usually a signature or symbol of the artist. He told the Kern Valley Sun that he has since grown beyond that in his pursuits. "As I got older I wanted to do more with the spaces that I was coming across. I wanted to show more appreciation for the places that I was painting, but also the community I was painting in. I wanted it to have more meaningful connections. So early on I was very conscious of that," he said. "You find time to become this alter ego and you can go around and meet with others that share this passion, that do this type of work (and) collaborate."

Vyal One created a community events space in Los Angeles, for car shows and other events, that showcases the works of other artists he knows. He is well known as "the guy that paints the eyes."

He likes the fact people of Kern Valley are not caught up in the asphalt rat race.

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The KV Youth football players run through a drill in learning a play they will use during the upcoming season.



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One of the youth football coaches explain a drill they to condition the players.

There are conditions in conditioning for youth football and cheer program

RAY CONNER

It might only be July, but the Kern Valley Youth Football and Cheer program is getting a jump on the season. This past week players and coaches gathered on the fields below the Kern Valley High School football field to start their conditioning. In order to proceed, all football players and cheerleaders must reach a certain number of hours in conditioning to move on to the next level of what is considered safety protocol. This is why the powers that be encourage early sign ups so they can get the conditioning out of the way and

move on to the actual learning the game of football and producing routines in cheer. For the football players, an athlete must collect 10 hours of conditioning with no gear. Then it is eight hours more with just their helmets to reach the goal of fully padded practices. For the cheer leaders program they need 10 hours of conditioning before they can start practicing their tumbling and stunt routines. In both cases it is a strict rule that the athletes reach this initial goal of 10 hours for safety reasons. Once all these conditions have been met, the players may start having live contact. For the younger athletes, this starts with learning the fundamentals and gaining valu-

able experience to learn the game of football. This is accomplished through the dedication of those coaches that have signed up to teach them. The KV Football and Cheer Athletic Director, Amy Watts said, "The conditioning hours are highly important for safety reasons and must be completed to participate in games." Using different techniques, the cheer leaders start their 10-hour conditioning process with strengthening their arms and legs. They do this so they can incorporate their routines and be ready to perform them at football games. During the past week, with the extreme heat, the KV Youth Football and Cheer program had to take this into

consideration. If needed they will modify practice times to when it is cooler and the sun is setting. This season the football program is headed by Levi Watts who is the President. Jordan Lawson comes in as the Vice President. The cheer program is led by Heather Beam and Hannah Register. This week practice went to three days started on Monday. They will practice tonight and then again on Thursday. The Thursday practice is also the Annual Bronc-A-Thon. According to Amy Watts it is a family-oriented event held at the Wallace Middle School field. Players and families are invited to come attend, enjoy a freshly cooked meal and participate alongside their players. This will start at

5:30 p.m. Currently, the schedule has not been completed. It is scheduled to come out mid August. The program is also looking for food vendors to attend home this year. According to Amy Watts, "They will have some requirements to qualify, but I'm trying to take the snack bar off my shoulders this year. So having a vendor would be a huge help." With the season right around the corner, the football players and cheer leaders are working hard to bring about the best season they can accomplish, without any conditions.



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The younger cheer leaders learn the proper position in doing a cheer.



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These cheer leaders take part in conditioning drills as they ready for the upcoming season.

Bushling readies herself for Junior Olympics try

RAY CONNER

Just like a race car has to get fine tuned before a race, so does Jayda Bushling as she attempts to make the USA's Junior Olympics squad. Bushling competed with her A3 Bakersfield teammates in the State Games of America Track and Field

this past weekend. She used this to get dialed in on her attempt of qualifying for the USA team. It was held at Monte Vista High School in San Diego. She ran the 100m race and came in second. She had a time of 12.51, just .16 off the winner of the race. Her prelim time was 13.07, but was good enough to send her to the finals. She would also run the

200m race where she would finish in fifth place. No time was made available. Bushling chose to showcase only these two events in preparation for the Junior Olympics. She will compete in the 400m race to try and make her way onto the USA Junior Olympic team. With this tune up complete, Bushling now can focus on her initial goal of making the USA Junior

Olympic team. She will travel to Texas this weekend and attempt to complete her goal. Bushling knows that there are quite a few people following her achievements. Her family and friends, along with the whole Kern River Valley wish her nothing but success in this endeavor.



SUBMITTED BY MARCIE ELLIS BUSHLING

Jayda Bushling showcases her ribbon won at the State Games of America held in San Diego.

Matter of Opinion

Acknowledge a volunteer, they will appreciate the kindness

RAY CONNER

Volunteers are the unsung heroes who just want every one to have success. This is not only the prevalent in the youth sports organization, but also valley wide. Volunteers offer their time and energy in making sure whatever needs to be done, gets done. They have to be secretaries, presidents, bosses and sergeant at arms in order to keep the moments moving. But when it comes to youth sports organizations, volunteers are

the backbone of the program. They spend endless time making sure all the requirements are met so the athletes can enjoy their opportunity in the sports world. Volunteers come in many packages. They are the coaches, the team moms, the governing board members, and the list goes on. They are usually the parents that take and make time to allow their charges to learn the game, have fun and hopefully find success. There are a myriad of what success means to the athletes. Sometimes just getting the chance to play is measured in success. And most times it's the volunteers that

have afforded this opportunity. Volunteers shape the way athletes perceive the sport they are playing. They hope they can guide these young athletes to be passionate about the sport and make it an experience they can live out for how many years they play the particular sport. Some volunteers are behind the scenes, and make sure all the athletes get to the games, make sure practice is a learning experience, and the rules of the organization are being followed. All the while, usually having to be a parent also, and make sure their own children are setting the

example of being a good teammate. If there were no volunteers, there would be no youth sports organizations. They are the glue that binds an organization together, often times with no one knowing just what it takes to accomplish these feats. They literally could be any place else, but they made a choice to be a volunteer. They don't do it for the accolades, or prestige, they do it because they care about the organization. So, the next time you get a chance, thank a volunteer. They are the ones doing most of the work. That's a Matter of Opinion!



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