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Just after 4:30pm on Friday July 26, a road closure was put up on Caliente Bodfish Rd. in Bodfish due to the Borel Fire.

Wednesday, July 31, 2024

BOREL FIRE CALL CENTER

Lines open from 9:00am-7:00pm
7 days a week

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See page A8 & A9 for local Borel Fire emergency services:

- AltaOne Federal Credit Union Activates Emergency Assistance Program for Borel Wildfire
- Kern County Animal Services Informational Message
- American Red Cross Central California Region

Borel fire threatens Bodfish, Lake Isabella

SUN STAFF REPORT

- Destroys Havilah
- More than 1,000 personnel battling blaze
- Evacuation orders issued

As Kern River Valley residents near the one week mark of the Borel Fire the loss of property and homes and the uncertainty of what's next is on everyone's mind.

An accident last Wednesday in the Kern River canyon closed Highway 178 and started the destructive inferno now known as the Borel Fire. The highway remained closed as of press time. The driver, yet to be identified, died at the scene.

Also as of press time this week the fire had burned over 55,000 acres with

5% containment. Over 1,200 firefighters are on the fire and more are expected to come throughout the week.

For the latest on the fire and area road closures please go to kernvalleysun.com or the Kern Valley Sun Facebook page.

Fast Facts on Borel Fire:

- The town of Havilah, Kern County's first county seat was destroyed by the fire. Only the school and fire station are left standing. Multiple homes lost.
- Bodfish remains under mandatory evacuation notice. Sheriff Donny Youngblood has asked all residents cooperate with law enforcement and leave the mandatory evacuation zones.
- Lake Isabella remains under evacuation warning.
- Smoke continues to dominate KRV space and unhealthy breathing condi-

tions will remain for some time.

- Red Flag wind warnings continue and is the cause of erratic fire conditions.
- Helicopters continue to drop water on the fire. Smoky conditions make the use of fixed wing aircraft unsafe to fly and fight the fire.
- Highway 178 through the Kern River Canyon remains closed in both directions to Bakersfield. It may open by Thursday or Friday. Several other road closures exist throughout the area. For up to date information 24/7 go to Kern County Public Works Department website for county road closures. For all others go to Caltrans map for information: quick-map.dot.ca.gov.
- While KRV evacuation site is closed, Ridgecrest evacuation site remains open for Borel Fire Evacuations. It is located at Burroughs High School.

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COMMUNITY

Club ramps up for Rubber Ducky races fund raiser

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Members of the committee to plan the Rubber Ducky races event for the Kern Valley Exchange Club have been planning the event for some time now.

The group prefers tickets be sold by August 15 so that enough ducks are prepped in advance of the actual event date, August 24.

"This is our biggest fund raiser. This will be the 37th annual Rubber Ducky race for the Kern River Valley. This is our base fundraiser, for the scholarships, for high school kids. Exchange Club gives the most amount of money, out of the whole valley, to our graduating class each year. Plus we honor the students and the teachers from other grades throughout the year," said Lati-sha Pruitt, board member of the Kern Valley Exchange Club.

Due to the flooding, and the fact Riverside Park was closed last year, up until three days before the Rubber Ducky event, the exchange club used Circle Park last year for the fundraiser.

Pruitt also explained that because of COVID the club wasn't allowed to hold the event in the river since 2019. Therefore during COVID the club used Rivernook Camp Ground, the tub one year, and the tumbler last year.

Pruitt said, "It's back in the river this year, going to be at Riverside Park in Kernville. The duck races start at 1pm. But the family fun and everything should be set up by 10am for people to start coming out."



Lati-sha Pruitt speaks at a Rubber Ducky race planning committee meeting.

A meal is included, at around 11am with each entrance ticket to the event. Attendees will be able to enjoy a delicious buffet, with deep pit, baked beans, potato salad, and a beverage.

There will be a water slide for children at the event, a snow cone truck, games, vendors, face painting, and kettle corn, along with a dunk tank. "Years past it has been a family fun event. It's wholesome too," Pruitt said.

Each duck costs \$25 and a family of 5 ducks cost \$100. Tickets will also be sold the day of the event however the public is urged to purchase them in advance from Exchange Club members or president Fred Roach at (760) 223-0488.

Pruitt said the Kern Valley Exchange Club also hopes that Camp Erwin Owen, possibly One Spade Packers and FFA will also be volunteering at the event.



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Older Search and Rescue vehicle.

Search and Rescue seeks funding for new vehicle

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Brian Baskin from the Kern Valley Search and Rescue spoke at the Kern Valley Exchange Club luncheon, Thursday July 25, at Paradise Cove Lodge, about the needs of the organization, in particular a new truck, which the entity has been raising money for, long term.

"Thank you guys for inviting me. I'm the president and captain of Kern Valley Search and Rescue."

The organization's truck is nearly 20 years old, and the organization will eventually need to be replaced. Baskin said, "Right now Rivernook is the biggest supporter of that, with tens of thousands of dollars going towards that."

The organization has been saving up money to replace the vehicle for eight years.

A new truck to replace the older one will cost nearly \$200,000. The county does not fund that project.

His team was the first Search and Rescue team, in Kern County, which began in 1955.

Baskin's team is also affiliated with the Kern County Sheriff's Office, yet independent as an entity, and independent, as a nonprofit, of the sheriffs in funding.

No one gets paid to serve with Search and Rescue. It is a volunteer organization.

This year alone the Search and Rescue said there were six drownings in the county. The organization also rescued 20 people from the river.

Kern Valley Search and Rescue also covers thousands of miles worth of trail, the longest section in the country without water.

They will never stop searching for anyone and always conduct a continuous search.

Resources, the organization has access to include boats, rescue swimmers, and helicopters.

Baskin stressed the fact that the public ought to use life vests in the river.

The Kern Valley Exchange Club awarded the Kern Valley Search and Rescue a financial donation.

Middle school gets new vice principal

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Tiffany Parks is the new Vice Principal of Wallace Middle School. She is up for the task with the experience she brings to the table for the position.

She told the Kern Valley Sun Tuesday, July 23, "What is neat is that I've been the TOSA here, which was like the acting vice principal at the elementary school for three years.

So now moving to middle school those are 6th, 7th, and 8th graders, those are the three years that I was the TOSA, so I've already worked with all the kids. So I know most of the kids. And I worked with the families. So that's a big plus. When I show up down there on the first day of school, they're not going to be intimidated. They're just already going to know me and have a relationship. So that will be great."

Parks applied for the position of principal at Wallace Elementary. However the other applicant who was hired

for the position left the vice principal position at the middle school, opening the slot for Parks.

"I'm really happy with it. I do appreciate the choice that they made." She said, "The new principal here is going to do a really good job."

Parks said that she has only had her administrative credential for a year and invites the opportunity to help the principal.

Parks began her education at age 22, for working at daycare and teaching pre-school. At 24 she had the opportunity to be the school director, while she worked on her teaching credential. She taught for five years and then realized she worked really well with struggling students. A position came open for her to become an Alt Ed teacher at the elementary school and she taught that for a couple of years with one year at the middle school.

An opening came about after the COVID shut down for her to work as a TOSA. Her background with student discipline and behavior qualified her



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK Gene and Tiffany Parks

for that position. She worked at it for two years and then returned to school to get her admin credential. This position then became available.

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At a Kernville Union School District board of trustees regular meeting, Tuesday July 23, board trustee Abby Bolt questioned the district's hiring practices.

When the board wanted to vote on the approval for a short-term staff-permit for a teacher, Gilbert Bernal, Bolt asked if the district had any other credentialed candidates.

Bolt asked if the district actively recruited credentialed teachers. She said

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KERN VALLEY WEATHER

EIGHT-DAY VALLEY FORECAST



TODAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
HIGH 98°	LOW 70°	HIGH 102°	LOW 74°	HIGH 99°	LOW 74°	HIGH 101°	LOW 73°
SUNRISE 6:01	SUNSET 7:58	SUNRISE 6:02	SUNSET 7:57	SUNRISE 6:02	SUNSET 7:56	SUNRISE 6:03	SUNSET 7:57



SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
HIGH 101°	LOW 74°	HIGH 102°	LOW 75°	HIGH 102°	LOW 75°	HIGH 102°	LOW 75°
SUNRISE 6:04	SUNSET 7:54	SUNRISE 6:05	SUNSET 7:53	SUNRISE 6:06	SUNSET 7:52	SUNRISE 6:06	SUNSET 7:51

KERN VALLEY WATER WATCH

Kern River Basin Data as of Sunday, July 28, 2024

Lake & River Information	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Lake Elevation	2,576.14	2,578.23	2,603.23
Lake Storage	280,436	297,541	542,359
Inflow Into Lake	506	541	2,415
Outflow From Lake	1,755	2,216	3,500

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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When I first met Sudha Rai in April 2022 she was full of life and energy, ready to take on the challenge of enhancing and developing the KVHD pharmacy in Mountain Mesa. Sometimes we have professionals come to the Kern River Valley to "make a difference" only to leave us without much of an impact on our community. Not this English native! After a little over two years of service to our community she is as vivacious as the day got here and the future for Mountain Mesa Pharmacy under the leadership of Sudha looks BRIGHT!

Where were you raised? What's your background?
I was raised in Birmingham in the UK and have 6 won-

Sudha Rai - Skilled Pharmacist Dynamo is here to stay

derful siblings who are all in the UK. My parents instilled hard-working ethics in all of us, which is probably why I never stop, however, my father also said to work hard and play harder and my mother, she could chat your socks off. (yes I get that trait from my mother)

I studied Pharmacy at the University of Sunderland and trained at Boots the Chemist to become a Member of the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, I met my husband at the same University. 2 years after qualifying as pharmacists we purchased and operated our own Pharmacy in Nottinghamshire- building it up to become one of the busiest pharmacies in England. My husband and I have an entrepreneurial spirit and a very Can-Do attitude.

When we visited California we became besotted with it and decided in 2009 to give up old England and cross the pond. I still love England and the best time to visit is Christmas with all the German Markets and festivities.

I had to take the National Board of Pharmacy exams to practice pharmacy in CA and also redo my internship, good job I passed the first time.

What brought you to the Kern River Valley?

It was by chance that I found the Pharmacy Manager position at KVHD. At the time I was looking to move away from a large city, somewhere with a beautiful Lake, stunning mountains, gorgeous rivers, and kind people, the stars aligned, and I ended up in Lake Isabella with my husband and 2 children.

What inspired you to take a position here?

The reason I took the position as Pharmacy Manager at Mesa was the challenge of transforming the pharmacy and adding new services for our community. I feel privileged to have the confidence and support of KVHD, which is an amazing organization with dedicated and passionate staff.

I may have a gung-ho style and have a desire to do everything now, but it's the way I have always been! I've made a lot of changes to the pharmacy, and this is only the start. I believe if you're going to do something, go all out, make a



real difference, and effect change.

What are your aspirations for the future?

I'm hoping to completely transform the look and feel of Mesa Clinical Pharmacy and make it a true hub for the community. A place where everyone knows your name and they genuinely care. Just like in the old-fashioned way with kindness and etiquette.

The community certainly deserves it. I love talking to my patients and if Pharmacy work didn't get in the way I could quite happily while away the day chatting to some of the nicest people on the planet.

A shout-out to all the hardworking staff at KVHD!!!

We appreciate what you have done for the KRV so far Sudha Rai and look forward to wonderful progress in the future!

Air BnBs a concern for Kernville

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Board members discussed a movement requesting an ordinance restricting the number of Air BnBs in Kernville, Monday July 22, at the Kernville Chamber of Commerce meeting.

Vice president of the chamber Gary Ananian moved the meeting into an open forum period saying that the chamber received a letter from a member of the public.

Administrative staff personnel Tara Overall announced, during open forum period, saying, "Tim (Timothy Lambirth, local attorney) is heading up communicating with California government about trying to get some Air BnB restrictions in place in Kernville. As He states in his letter a lot of people have been concerned about it. Other counties including Inyo County and I believe parts of Palm Springs have all put restrictions in the number of Air BnBs per the number of permanent residents. So we

did print out copies of his letter. If anyone is interested in sending additional letters, he welcomes you to use that as a template, or inspiration. The more voices the better."

A couple members of the board said they agreed with Tim's letter though the president of the chamber, Orion Sanders, told the Kern Valley Sun in a statement Friday that the board is not, as an entity, officially backing the movement to place these restrictions.

Board secretary Tawnya Torgl said, "It's the abundance of Air BnBs and how there's (not) enough people living in the towns so there's less foot traffic for the local businesses."

Board members also said local restaurants don't benefit from AirBnBs because the homes have kitchens within. They also said that less permanent residents means there would be less students enrolled in the public school and the school in Kernville is threatened with lack of students and a possibility of closing. A prediction for

numbers of students at the school is barely 90 students and they need 100 students to keep it open. The chamber was also concerned about business closures.

Ananian said he recently spoke with economic chief of the county Jim Damien about business closures leaving vacant businesses. Ananian said Damien swears the Kernville economy is doing better than most parts of the county. Ananian promised to invite County Supervisor Philip Peters or his field director Cody Criswell to come speak at chamber about faltering business numbers and the Sierra Way issues.

Ananian pondered whether it actually was an Air BnB problem that cause student levels to be low. He said homeschool groups have exploded in recent years, which he noticed when he took homeschool groups rock climbing. He also reminded the chamber that there were people living

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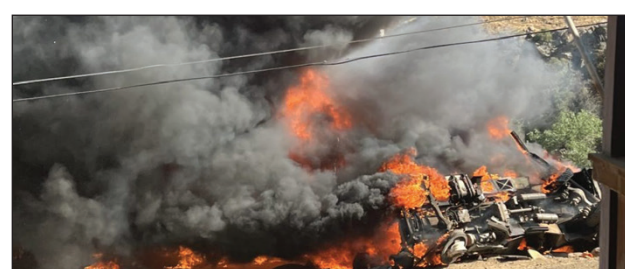
Miller Incident - Vehicle Accident and Fire

PRESS RELEASE

WOFFORD HEIGHTS, Calif., One home completely destroyed after utility truck traveling down Evans Road crashed off the roadway and burst into flames.

Thursday afternoon, Kern County firefighters were dispatched to reports of a wrecked vehicle that caught fire. While firefighters were responding, concerned neighbors were doing all they could to relay important information to dispatchers and help the driver of the vehicle. The driver, who had crashed through a power-pole and into a propane tank, crawled out of the wreckage as the flames reached skyward. The injuries sustained by the driver were severe, and the fire had started a structure fire and a grass fire. Air support and wildland crews were ordered to ensure the wildfire would be contained while other firefighters fought the house and vehicle fire.

Hundreds of feet of firehose stretched down the street. KCFD Helicopter 408 made water drops. Firefighters worked to achieve knockdown on the main fire and search for any other



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victims in the wreckage. Deputies went from house-to-house evacuating and notifying neighbors in the vicinity. CHP officers closed the roadways to provide for incident safety. Forest Service crews cut hand line and watched for spot fires. All agencies worked seamlessly together to care for the safe-

ty of their community. The single occupant of the vehicle was transported by Liberty Ambulance for life threatening injuries. The residents of the home were reported as being away at the time of the incident. A search through the burned home confirmed this.

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OBITUARY

Jodi Lynn (Norman) Weghorst



grandchildren, Johnny, Jackson, Khaidyn, Farren, Mackenzie, and Kayson, great granddaughter, Addilyn, great nieces and nephews, and many friends whom she considered family.

In typical Jodi fashion, there are no services planned, but instead a celebration of the great life she lived. The family invites you to bring your lawn chairs and gather at Riverside Park in Kernville, CA on August 17th beginning at 11:00am to enjoy some music, food, and great memories of our beloved Jodi. The QR Code below provides further information on Jodi, her celebration of life, and an opportunity to share memories.

Jodi Lynn (Norman) Weghorst, 64, of Weldon, CA, passed away with her family lovingly by her side in Bakersfield, CA on July 18, 2024.

Born September 23, 1959, to Elmer "Jack" & Jeanette Norman Jr., Jodi lived her rambunctious young life in the San Fernando Valley with her three siblings Jeffrey, Jill, and Elmer III.

Family vacations to the Kern River Valley led to a love of the outdoors and a small, tight-knit community. After moving to Wofford Heights with her parents to finish her high school years, Jodi developed many lasting friendships and met her future husband, John Carl "JC" Weghorst III, at Kern Valley High School. Jodi graduated in 1977 and was married to JC the following year. Three years later, they welcomed their son, John Carl Weghorst IV. The marriage between Jodi and JC dissolved, but their friendship never wavered. Nine years later, Jodi gave birth to her second son, Frank Dean Hodges V, while residing in California City. Missing her family and friends, Jodi moved to Ridgecrest until returning to the place she always called home, the Kern River Valley, in 2008.

Jodi was a friend to many and a stranger to none. She tried to see the best in everyone, always giving the benefit of doubt. Jodi was independent and strong willed, but she also had an enormous heart and wonderful sense of humor. She was generous, loyal, and always up for a good time. She was very reliable and hardworking, every employer's dream. Jodi proudly instilled these qualities into both her boys.

Her departure comes as a great shock and a deep wound, and it is gravely felt by her entire family and countless others who loved her deeply in her wide network of community. She will be remembered for all the love she shared with her friends and family. She truly loved each of them- and if you knew her, you knew it.

Jodi is preceded in death by her parents, Elmer Hobart Norman Jr. and Jeanette (Burks) Norman, her brothers, Jeffrey Lee Norman and Elmer Hobart Norman III, and her great-nephew, Zachary Scott Griswold. She is survived by her sister, Jill (Russ) Green, sons, John Carl Weghorst IV and Frank Dean (Carlianne) Hodges V, nephews Jeffrey (Oana) Norman and Jake (Kali) Coleck, nieces, Candice (Chad) Griswold and Julie (Jack) Barton,

Previously disabled superintendent trains for triathlon, teaches conference

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Superintendent of South Fork Union School District, Richard Rhodes was a speaker at a Newport Beach conference; the 5 days long Small Schools Conference, July 22.

The workshop Rhodes taught was for new superintendents in the field. Rhodes titled his course, "What did 25 years in the small schools as superintendent teach me?"

What is so unique about Rhodes teaching such an event is the fact that less than a month ago he was confined to a wheelchair. He is currently training for a split triathlon at age 58 after being in a wheelchair. He said, "What happened was I lost my leg February 2023. And then in January they told me I had so much bone growth on it, I was trying to grow a foot. So I had a revision amputation May 31st. So I'm back now after six weeks."

The Small School District Association of California has a leadership symposium in Newport Beach for new superintendents, veteran superintendents, and high school principal leaders in small school districts gener-



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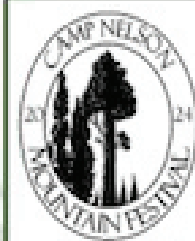
Superintendent Richard Rhodes.

ally under 2500 students. "My goal was to be ready by July 22 to be able to present at that conference. As you know I was in a wheelchair just three or four weeks ago," said Rhodes. "I went through eight surgeries over five years. I didn't walk for two years. I had a

surgery every six months for two years." As Rhodes gave the Kern Valley Sun a speedy walking tour of South Fork campuses, he told the press that he begins and ends his days in a wheelchair, because he wears a prosthetic leg during the day when he walks.

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• Confetti Coleslaw
• Green Beans
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• Milk | August 1
Strawberry
Tarragon Chicken
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• Italian Veggies**
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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 KRIV: 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.

SCHOOL BOARD

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she wanted to make sure the district followed the educational code regarding requirements to hire credentialed teachers.

Superintendent Steve Martinez said that the district was not required to hire a credentialed teacher over a permitted teacher, though the district always wanted to hire the best applicant.

Bolt said members of the community bring matters to her attention and so this issue had been brought to her attention. She didn't see any justification not to use

a credentialed teacher and worried about having low morale among staff and confidence. She said, "Telling the CTC the district doesn't have credentialed options, that's where I'm stuck."

She also said she couldn't, in good conscience, sign a form, which says they hire credentialed teachers. Chief business official to the district, Lissa Robinson, told Bolt that the district hires recruits and that if another credentialed or more qualified candidate comes along, after they already

hired a recruit, the district cannot suddenly give the job to someone else because the candidate would have already been hired.

"I'm just concerned about district integrity," said Bolt. "So knowing what I know, and even based on what you told me, now I wouldn't feel I'm being truthful if I voted yes," she said.

Bolt told the board and staff that the exact verbiage on the form that she was expected to sign states that a fully credentialed teacher cannot be found. She said, "And as we're voting right now we have a fully credentialed teacher who needs to move things out

of a classroom. I don't feel honest with that."

Apparently the other credentialed teacher had not turned in his or her application on time to meet the deadline, and other trustees and staff agreed upon that detail.

Bolt was the only trustee declining to approve the hiring of the candidate, Gilbert Bernal, to teach because of her opinion about the verbiage contained in the Declaration of Need document. Staff planned to check facts regarding the Declaration of Need form to clarify answers to Bolt's questions regarding hiring.

AIR BNBS

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in Kern Valley that are not full time residents because they live other places as well.

Sanders told the Kern Valley Sun regarding the attorney, "He was just a resident who wrote a letter. Not hired by anybody to do anything. So He submitted that letter to the chamber as

well. There's conversation going on with the county about different things that they may or may not be able to do to try to limit the number of Air BnBs in our community. They have not gotten back to me with any kind of answer at all."

Sanders conveyed that he is unclear about whether the entire board is in agreement with the letter. He said, "It's not something that the chamber is doing. The chamber is just concerned

about it because we're losing businesses in our community. And that's one of the things that our county is looking into, is trying to bring back the full time living housing."

Sanders said, "It directly affects our businesses because they rely on full time residents and not just the tourists. And so when there's a high percentage of Air BnBs there's nobody living there on a regular basis to patronize the businesses."

According to Sanders, during slow tourism seasons, businesses rely on residents.

"He (the attorney) was just voicing his opinion. He sent it to the chamber to just express his concerns and in hope that we would be able to do something about it and voice our opinion to the county, which we have already done."

EVENTS CALENDAR

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

Saturday, August 3rd
Kern River Valley Astronomy Club Star Party
Time: 8:30
Where: Kern valley Airport.
It's always free, kid friendly see you under the stars information call Rich 760-376-6290

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

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

PUZZLES & GAMES

- CLUES ACROSS**
- Nasal mucus
 - Hairs on the back of a dog
 - Ones who build anew
 - Consume too much food
 - Praised
 - Provides weapons
 - Become less lively
 - Engine additive
 - Thought or suggestion
 - South Korean city
 - Midday rests
 - Expression of acidity or alkalinity
 - Group of rockers
 - Very fast airplane
 - One who is paid to do something
 - Buzzing insect
 - Monotheistic religion founder
 - Strong dark beer
 - Blind type
 - Square measures
 - Honorific titles in NW Semitic languages
 - Present
 - Afflict in mind or body
 - Duty
 - Municipality in Stockholm
 - In a normal way
 - Rode a bicycle
 - Charitable
 - Verandas
 - Uncredited
- CLUES DOWN**
- No seats available
 - Russian river
 - A European river
 - Phrase
 - Idol
 - Keyboard key
 - Prefix indicating mutual
 - Kilometers per hour
 - Set an example
 - It's among the "Great" ones
 - VVV
 - Murdered
 - Icelandic poems
 - Seas
 - Famed cartoonist
 - Partner to "Ma"
 - Equal to one quintillion bytes
 - Speak incessantly
 - Disquiet
 - Parts per billion (abbr.)
 - Upper-class young woman (abbr.)
 - S. American plant
 - Monetary unit of Thailand
 - Regions
 - Baseball legend Yogi
 - Ancient Egyptian notion of spiritual part of humans
 - Fishing net
 - Tinseltown
 - MacBeth's wife was one
 - Took a spill
 - Adversary to pets
 - Town in Galilee
 - Secret racist society (slang)
 - About aviation
 - Longing or yearning
 - Hawaiian dish
 - Field force unit
 - Partner to "Pa"

AT THE FAIR WORD SEARCH

WORDS

AMUSEMENTS
ARCADE
BAND
CARNIVAL
CAROUSEL
CONCESSIONS
CONTEST
CORNDOG
DANCING
FAIR
FERRIS WHEEL
FIFTY-FIFTY
FUNNEL CAKE
GATE
JAMBOREE
LAUGHTER
LEMONADE
LIVESTOCK
MERRIMENT
PERFORMANCE
POPCORN
RIDES
THRILLS
TICKETS

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

Robbers Roost Restaurant set up as evacuation center for those displaced by the Borel Fire

ANDREW L. BERGMAN

Robbers Roost Ranch is a familiar sight to people travelling up Highway 14 between California City and Inyokern. With a mini-mart, restaurant, and miniature ghost town, the ranch has been planning on opening an assisted living facility for those who desire quiet isolation.

Now the store and restaurant are closed and the facility is an evacuation center for those displaced by the Borel Fire. Property co-owner Carlos Rivera was on-hand to explain the facilities available for those in need.

"We have a store and a restaurant, we shut everything down. All of our inventory and everything is given to them when they come," Rivera said.

He approximated that they could accommodate around 80 people indoors with the supplies and air conditioned

floor space available, emphasizing that nobody will be turned away. Cots and blankets are prepared to be set up as evacuees require.

Their exterior property is 150 acres, extending past nearby power lines running parallel to the 14 freeway, which can not only house people in tents and with RVs, but also any animals. Robbers Roost has 75 acres of fenced-in open range that sociable animals could mingle in. Rivera has heard unfortunate stories of animals released into the wilderness to fend for themselves while the family evacuates, due to an inability to take them along.

The facility has trailer BBQs that camping evacuees can use; as well as a pool for the evacuees to relax in. The staff of Robbers Roost have also been donating their time to helping with preparations as well as contacting other facilities and groups to coordinate

supplies and evacuees to where they need to be.

"Yesterday when we found out; within an hour this place was scurrying with people. Staging and getting ready. I was proud of my community. Very proud," Rivera said.

Around noon of Sunday the 28th, the only evacuees were Brendon Ryan, his grandfather Ron, and their three dogs and cat. Their home in Bodfish had to be evacuated due to the Borel Fire and they arrived at Robbers Roost around seven the night before. For the time being the power and internet are still working in the area, allowing the Ryans to monitor their home via the doorbell camera; watching the fires approach from the hills.

"It's rather morbid but it's nice to at least see how it's doing rather than have no idea," Ryan said. He explained that the smoke was so bad that they had to use

the infrared feature to see the flames through it.

They were evacuated from their home early in the morning and spent nearly eight hours at a Lake Isabella park deciding what to do. Around 5pm they learned of the Robbers Roost facility and made their way there.

"They've been extremely accommodating," Ryan said.

Robbers Roost is in contact with other local businesses and organizations to supply them with additional resources if needed; for example Crystal Geyser Water from Olancho, up Highway 395, is prepared to provide them with any needed water. As such they are not currently taking donations.

"We're pretty well financed. We appreciate that we've had people call up and try to donate cash, and we refused. It's just awesome that they offered," Rivera said.



ANDREW L. BERGMAN
Two victims of the ongoing wildfires shelter in the Robbers Roost restaurant, alongside their three dogs.



Association holds BigFoot FilmCamp honoring Puniwai

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

In honor of former vice president Brent Puniwai, who passed away mere months ago, the Kern River Valley Art Association (KRVA) held its BigFoot FilmCamp, Monday July 22 through Friday July 26 at the Big Red Art Center building in Wofford Heights.

The reason behind honoring Puniwai was that the BigFoot FilmCamp was his brainchild, and his project to organize, which was hindered when the year of harsh storms hit.

Organizing the very first BigFoot FilmCamp was current vice president of the KRVA Laura Tran. Only the association decided, rather than holding the camp for adult participants, the KRVA would invite kids. Being a mother herself, it wasn't difficult to imagine Tran, who is also an alpaca rancher and business owner, organizing groups of children.

Tran told the Kern Valley Sun last Monday, "We opened it up to the community and 16 kids showed up, ranging from seven years old to 18. So we have seven from the Boys and Girls Club and nine from the homeschooling community. So it was kind of cool to see different ranges of kids coming out too. We had a lesson on cinematography, film fundamentals, as well as acting lessons."

Teachers during the Film Camp were industry famed professionals Stanzi Stokes, Chuck Barbee, Fyza Griggs, and Djilali Rez-Kallah as well as popular, top-notch, local news



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professionals Corey O'Leary and Gilbert Bernal.

The first day of camp the students broke into three groups and started brainstorming with a basic plot line. However, each group of students narrated their own ending. "Today Chuck Barbee did a little power point on cinematography," said Tran.

The second and third BigFoot FilmCamp days the children learned about lighting, angles, and practiced with industry standard equipment. Students dialed in storyboards and filming was in progress.

The kids had a script to memorize. Students had jobs based upon their future goals in the film industry. The kids each had a plot line based on stories about Big Foot, to honor

Brent Puniwai. Kids learned about lighting and cameras and began filming.

The kids learned about acting, shooting, producing and editing, as well as final edits and then held a film premier. The movie premiere night featuring student's efforts, played Friday, topping off the successful camp.

The KRVA board was grateful to the teachers and the Boys and Girls Club for participating, and parents and volunteers who are ran the BigFoot FilmCamp with the association. Grocery Outlet sponsored lunches for the kids during Film Camp.



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

South Fork district upgrades campuses

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Richard Rhodes, Superintendent of South Fork Union School District told the Kern Valley Sun, Thursday about changes and upgrades happening at the district's school facilities.

He said the district plans to upgrade the elementary school facility soon. New paint trim has almost been completed on the school this summer.

The district wants to re-do the insides of the campus, re-do some roofing, and replace some of the swamp coolers with HVAC units. "You can tell it's an older facility. But they're trying to perk it up and clean it up a little bit," said Rhodes.

The district is considering trying to paint the basketball hoops and playground courts. The district also

wants to repair or replace a fire control system, fix the cafeteria and put upgrades to the secretary room. The school also needs some electrical upgrades.

The district is advertising for architect services and construction management for about \$7 million worth up upgrades at the Elementary school site.

Bids close on July29. Rhodes said the district is trying to get the architectural work and planning phase done by January, to go out to bid by March so contractors could get the work done by next summer.

Rhodes goal is for the middle school to eventually have covered parking on campus and a green house for kids to have fresh vegetables for a salad bar.

The music program is be-

ing expanded at the middle school, with violin lessons taught by a championship fiddle player, Trudy Mock.

At South Fork Middle School the track and the soccer fields, the softball field, and baseball field have been upgraded. Rhodes said that board members of the district did a lot of work on the ball fields themselves.

October 1 is the goal to get the fields ready to be used, and the entire community will be allowed to use the ball fields, according to Rhodes.

The middle school also now has a new chain link fence to keep kids from running out into the parking lot when chasing after balls from the play area.

"We're trying to do good things for the kids," Rhodes said.



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

KERN VALLEY SUN LEGAL NOTICES CONTINUED

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Hull #: CEC12868C797

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AltaOne Federal Credit Union Activates Emergency Assistance Program for Borel Wildfire

PRESS RELEASE

RIDGECREST, CA – July 29, 2024 – Due to the Borel Wildfire, AltaOne Federal Credit Union has activated its Emergency Assistance Program to provide aid to those in the Kern River Valley area of Kern County. The Borel Wildfire has spread to a vast area since igniting on Wednesday, July 24. The communities of Havilah, Bodfish and

Lake Isabella have been affected by the fire, as well as area businesses and agencies. The AltaOne Emergency Assistance Program is designed to help those who live or work in the affected areas in two ways:
• Bridge Loans up to \$5,000, at reduced rates, with no payments for 90 days for affected individuals. The Bridge Loan can be used for temporary housing, small repairs, insurance deductibles, and

other needs.
• For affected AltaOne members with existing loans, the credit union is streamlining the payment deferment process and offering late fee assistance.
“In response to the Borel Wildfire, we have activated our Emergency Assistance Program to support affected members and communities. We are committed to providing immediate financial assistance and standing with those

in need during this difficult time,” stated Stephanie Sievers, AltaOne CEO.
With a history of providing relief in times of need, AltaOne has activated its Emergency Assistance Program in response to wildfires, earthquakes, flooding, and other natural disasters in the past.
Community members affected by the Borel Wildfire are encouraged to reach out to the credit union to explore assistance options.

AltaOne’s dedicated team is ready to provide guidance and support through these challenging times.
For more information on the AltaOne Emergency Assistance Program or to apply, visit a branch or call (800) 433-9727. Additional information is also available on our website at www.altaone.org/borel-wildfire-assistance.

Wallace new basketball courts took over five years to attain

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

The new basketball courts at the Wallace Elementary School campus would have been older by now, if not for COVID disrupting the construction process, according to the former Kernville Union School District board trustee Gene Parks Jr. and his wife Tiffany Parks who is the new vice principal at Wallace Middle School.
“It was so hard to make this happen. It would have cost \$10,000 to build this. But then COVID hit. The concrete was \$80 a yard and it turned into \$200 a yard. So then funding became a little bit different. But we finally made it happen.” said Gene Parks Jr.
Tiffany Parks agreed saying, “We did research six years ago looking at schools that were the same size as ours, in Kern County. We actually called the schools. We

found out what their student population was. And then we told them that we were doing research with some of our students. We used my Alt Ed students to help us with the research. We asked them (the schools) what their student population was and how many basketball hoops they have on their campus. They all had four, five, six, eight, 10 hoops. None of them even have two hoops. We were even driving through Caliente one day, and the little school over there had eight. We did have one portable one. It was awful.”
Tiffany Parks said that the kids put out a petition asking students and teachers if they wanted the basketball courts and had to present it before the board, learning a lesson about working for such a project and presenting it. The board agreed to the project back in 2019. The project would have been

done by the summer of 2020, but COVID changed the life of the project as well as the cost.
The debate among the board was whether the district was willing to give up having some of the grassy area on campus in order to make room for the basketball courts? Happily the campus still ended up having grass, after all, despite the addition of the cement for the courts.
Back then Gene and Tiffany Parks both felt there weren’t enough activities on campus with limited members playing. Currently, with the addition of the courts to the campus, the students can have numbers of kids playing basketball but students can also still play soccer and catch. Students are busier with basketball giving them more to do.
“It helped at recess tremendously. We actually



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK
Former trustee Gene Parks Jr. stands between two new basketball hoops that he worked nearly six years to attain for Wallace Elementary School.

saw a drop in the number of referrals at recess because they (students) didn’t want to be out here and fighting and getting into trouble. They just wanted to be out here and playing a game,” said Tiffany Parks who not long ago worked on the same campus.

Gene Parks said, “My friends at Rivernook paid \$4000 for those two hoops. They donated it. So that’s what actually ended up making all of it finally push.”
The couple said they would still like to see a picnic bench and a drinking fountain.

The project involved a lot of red tape but the Parks think it was well worth their time and are both thankful. The district still plans to put three tetherball courts on campus as part of the project it approved.



TJ SANDERS

Speaking Sports with TJ Tour de France

The 111th edition of the Tour de France just came to an end with some records being broken and a rider dominating the tour. The Tour de France never fails to disappoint between sprints, the alps, the Pyrenees, and the individual time trials. Mark Cavendish who was set to retire after the 110th edition of the Tour de France came back for one more year and broke the all-time win record for the Tour. Cavendish has now won 35 Tour de France stages which had seemed almost impossible. Tadej Pogacar won 6 different stages and now has 17 total stage wins at the Tour in his career; he isn’t even 30 years old yet, Cavendish’s new record

might be in trouble.
Jonas Vingegaard and Pogacar gave us another great battle between the 2 even though Pogacar had a huge time gap on Vingegaard. These 2 riders battled on every mountain stage and seemed locked into each other’s wheels until Pogacar would have a huge burst of acceleration and gap Vingegaard. These 2 riders have never finished in a position below 2nd in the Tour de France careers. Remco Evenepoel in his first Tour de France stuck with those 2 for the most part and got 3rd place.
Most people forget about the green, polka dot, and white jersey while watching the tr and only focus on the yellow jersey. The green jersey is for the best sprinter, the polka dot is the king of the mountains, and the white jersey is for the best young rider, which is riders under the age of 26 at the start of that year. Biniam Girmay

won the green jersey at this year’s Tour despite having a huge crash towards the end of the tour. Richard Carapaz started the Tour with the yellow jersey and grabbed a stage win before claiming the KOM points in the last week of the Tour. Evenepoel won the white jersey which was expected considering he was a favorite to win the tour.
This edition of the Tour can be considered the best solely due to the fact that Cavendish got the record of 35 stage wins in the Tour. You could also argue that it was the most dominated Tour considering Pogacar dominated Evenepoel and Vingegaard except for one stage in which Vingegaard beat Pogacar in a photo finish sprint. It was obvious that this tour was going to be a classic with dominance from the favorites to win the tour to underdogs stealing some stage wins.

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Advertisement for Outlaw Country Radio 103.7 FM. The ad features a large graphic of a guitar and the text: 'Catch the local news from the Kern Valley Sun exclusively on Outlaw Radio 103.7 FM at the top of every hour daily. LOCAL NEWS Brought to you by your community partners, Outlaw Radio and the Kern Valley Sun, doing more for you. KERN VALLEY SUN'.

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A 10x10 grid of numbers for a game, likely a word search or similar puzzle. The numbers are arranged in a grid with some cells empty.



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Borel Fire Emergency Information

Kern County Animal Services Borel Fire Informational Message

If you are under an evacuation order, and you have animals in immediate jeopardy, please contact Kern County Animal Services at 661-868-7100. We have field units in the area, and will do what we can to respond to calls for assistance in the affected areas. Please share this message far and wide. We are also getting word from residents that

cell service in the affected areas may be intermittent, as a result we have turned on the messaging feature on the department's Facebook account. PLEASE ONLY USE THIS FEATURE IF YOU ARE UNABLE TO CONTACT ANIMAL SERVICES BY PHONE, AND NEED FIRE RELATED ANIMAL ASSISTANCE.

Be advised that there are currently two evacuation shelters available:

Tehachapi Education Center
126 South Snyder Ave
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This site is staffed currently to assist with evacuees' small animals.

Burroughs High School
500 E. French Ave.
Ridgecrest, CA
This site has supplies available for pet owners to provide their own care to pets. Those supplies include food, bowls, crates, leashes, and litter and litter boxes, among other supplies.

For horses and other large animals, the Kern County Fairgrounds has been made available for temporary large animal keeping. That is located at 1142 S P St, Bakersfield, CA 93307. Please be advised that this facility will only supply stalls, and pet owners may need to supply their own periodic care. Additionally, any pet owner intending to transport a horse coming from an evac zone must contact Kern County Animal Services in advance so that the facility can be advised. That number is 661-868-7132.

Additional space for horses is available at the Ridgecrest Fairgrounds. That is located at 520 S Richmond Rd in Ridgecrest. The gate there is open for anyone needing to shelter their horses. Again, the responsibility is entirely on the pet owner to provide care. Owners will need to enter off of Radar St through the D gate. Advanced notification is not necessary at this site.

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Red Cross volunteers have mobilized to support evacuation shelters for wildfire evacuees affected by the #BorelFire in #KernCounty.

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Shelter locations at of 7/27 12:30 p.m.:
NEW: Burroughs High School, 500 E French Ave, Ridgecrest, CA 93555
OPEN: Tehachapi Education Center (126 S Snyder Ave, Tehachapi, CA 93561)
CLOSED: Lake Isabella Senior Center (6405 Lake Isabella Blvd, Lake Isabella, CA 93240)

When possible, we encourage anyone coming to an emergency shelter to bring personal items for each member of their family, including prescription medications, extra clothing, pillows, blankets, hygiene supplies, important documents & other comfort items.

Small pets are welcome at the shelter and bringing carriers, food and supplies are encouraged. Kern County Animal Services and Central California Animal Disaster Team will assist with sheltering companion animals at the shelter.

Borel Fire information line is available for residents: 661-873-2660

If you have any physical limitations and require evacuation assistance, please call the Aging and Adult Services hotline at 1 (855) 264-6565.

Follow the link to view a map of the area under the Evacuation Orders and Warnings: <https://go.genasys.com/y3vaih>

For the most updated information, please continue to monitor local media or visit ReadyKern, Kern County Fire Department and Kern County Sheriff's Office. If you have an emergency, call 9-1-1.

Shelter locations are available on the Red Cross Emergency App, redcross.org/shelter or by calling 1-800 RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767).



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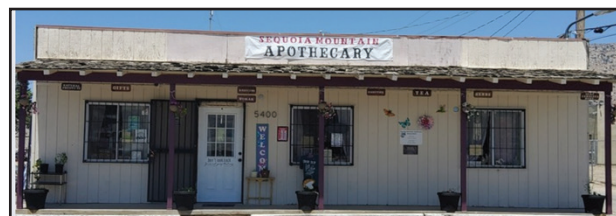
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