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Havilah California - Historic Loss

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Elks student backpack drive successful

All through July the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge and other organizations, hand in hand with Senator Shannon Grove's office, participated in a backpack drive with organizations distributing the back to school items.

Invitations issued to two evacuee resource events

The public will have two events coming up in the community, running through mid August.

Bushling Olympic in track and field experience

An experience of a lifetime and one that makes her want to try again next year. T

Youth pheasant hunt making a return

Due to the efforts of the Kern River Valley chapter of the A-Z Foundation Group, the previously defunct youth pheasant hunt is making a comeback.



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Borel fire information meeting draws emotional Havilah residents

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Sunday, August 4 Steve Rasmuson, who is public information officer of the California Interagency Incident Management Team 11 opened the Borel Fire Community Meeting at Wallace Middle School, thanking the public for sharing support and comments.

Assemblyman Vince Fong attended the meeting and so did Supervisor Philip Peters' staff members Leigh Ann Cook and Cody Criswell.

Members of the community from Havilah complained that they felt their properties were not protected well enough, and that not enough firefighting resources were sent to Havilah, which ended up burning down; a town with historical sites.

Evacuees had questions about their

children attending school, which firefighters could not answer at the meeting, because they're not school officials.

The first speaker was operations sections chief Mark LaMont. He said the goal was to bring the fire to full containment. He also noted that his family was praying for residents of the valley. He said firefighters left their own homes to protect the homes of local residents.

He got a call on July 25 telling him his team would be activated and moving towards this incident and what included the Trout, the Long and the Borel fires at which time the Borel fire was about 1,000 acres. He said their team was supposed to come on July 28 but traveled early on July 26. They were able to join with the effort to help move things out. "We were ever so

happy that we were able to get folks out of the Havilah Valley, as the fire ran through that area," he said.

There were 1504 personnel involved in the 59,000-acre effort. The fire was able to move rapidly because of the conditions at that time. Firefighters currently have seven type-1 crews, 26 type-2 crews, 72 fire engines, 23 water tenders, 21 dozers, 4 excavators, 3 graders, and at the height of the event they had 16 helicopters.

The fire was able to move rapidly due to topographical features, which don't provide for operational stopping points in conditions and this pushed the fire up from about 3,000 acres, to about 40,000 acres in a very rapid progression over a brief period.

He showed the public the progres-

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Sheriff's office assigns new local sergeant

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The Kern County Sheriff's Office just assigned a new sergeant to the Kern River Valley.

The new sergeant, Matt Harkey told the Kern Valley Sun on Friday, August 2 that he just came to the Kern Valley Substation.

"I got assigned here as of Saturday, so Monday was my first day here," he said.

Harkey has been with the Kern County Sheriff's Office for over 13 years. And during that time he has worked in almost every assignment imaginable.

Harkey started working in the jail, and he got assigned to the Metro Patrol in Bakersfield. He transferred to the

Task Substation where he worked for about three years. He worked in the department's Electronic Ankle Monitoring Unit for a few years before he transferred to Metro Patrol again.

Harkey said, "I actually worked up here as a Senior Deputy for almost two years. So I was assigned here. So I worked up here between November 2019 and August of 2021. I promoted to sergeant about a year ago. Since promoting to a sergeant I worked at our jail and then I worked what's called our East Area Night Supervisor Position. So I was in charge of our Mojave, Tehachapi, Rosamond, Boron area at night, supervised the deputies there. I really enjoyed working up here as a senior deputy, so I thought this position



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Sergeant, Matt Harkey of the Kern County Sheriff's Office Kern River Valley Substation.

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River Rhythm kick-off well attended

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Bringing some country music to the valley, Friday, August 2, the Kern Valley Hospital Foundation held its first night of the River Rhythms Concert Series, at Circle Park in Kernville. Julia Lyons was the first concert this summer. And the park lawn was full with concertgoers anticipating her vocals.

There will be several shows to follow, which the foundation promises to feature, every Friday through the end of August. The shows will include Rockslide, Left Coast Groovies, and Angels Roost.

After holding a small prayer circle with her band members, before the concert country singer, songwriter, and guitarist Julia Lyons told the Kern Valley Sun, "We definitely put God first before anything and especially in our music. He blessed us with that so you might as well give it back to Him. I think He inspires my music but also the direction. Jesus is such an important person in my life, so pretty much anything He says goes. So music, family, friends, He inspires pretty much everything."

Lyons' band includes her brother who is the fiddle player, and a couple of her friends on keyboard and drums.



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Lyons was very happy to be performing that evening. She said, "It's exciting. We have some fun songs too."

On behalf of the foundation, Orion Sanders said, "It's great to have everybody out. Kern Valley Hospital Foundation putting it on, River Rhythms. Like last year Charlie's still looking over us, so it's all good. You guys are going to get a big treat today, some great California country."

Sanders said Lyons put together her own band, and young in her craft, the performer would be going back to Nashville in about 12 days to cut some

additional recordings.

Sanders also said he was putting out a "shout out" to all the firefighters. He also expressed pride and appreciation to all the firefighting agencies keeping the public safe during the recent wildfires.

"Tonight River Rhythms is sponsored by Quality Home Services," Sanders said.

Lyons said, "It is my pleasure and my joy to bring my band up here. We are so excited. We have some fun songs for you."

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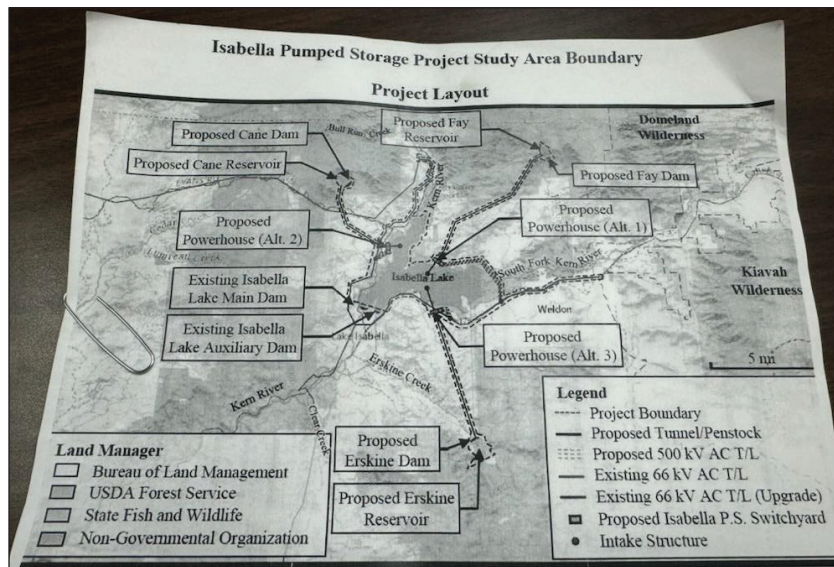
Although a notification, from the Department of Energy's Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, to the public was dated June 11, 2024, the Kern Valley Sun did not receive this notice until Friday, July 26, 2024. The public only had 60 days to comment from the original date.

The applicant Premium Energy Holdings LLC began the process back in March by applying to attain a preliminary permit in order to study the feasibility of the project occupying Federal Land, which the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the US Forest Service both manage in the Kern Valley area.

This project could interconnect to the grid at either Southern California Edison's Kernville-Isabella or Isabella-Weldon transmission lines

The preliminary permit did not initially authorize the applicant to use or enter the properties or waters therein without first attaining permission. Below was how the preliminary permit application described the project.

The Erskine Reservoir Alternative could offer the following



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new facilities: a 400-acre Erskine Reservoir with a storage capacity of 34,459 acre-feet at a maximum surface elevation of 4,500 feet msl; a 2,685-foot-long, 370-foot-high roller compacted concrete dam; a 0.92-mile-long, 34-foot-diameter concrete-lined headrace tunnel; a 0.21-mile-long, 30-foot-diameter concrete-lined vertical shaft; a 6.44-mile-long, 30-foot-diameter concrete-lined horizontal shaft; five 0.09-mile-long, 19-foot-diameter penstocks; a 500-foot-long, 125-foot-wide, 150-foot-high concrete powerhouse containing five pump-turbine generator units rated at 560 megawatts each; a 1.34-mile-long, 36-foot-diameter tailrace tunnel; and appurtenant

facilities. The average annual energy production would be approximately 6,900 gigawatt-hours.

This Fay Reservoir Alternative could offer a 135-acre Fay Reservoir with a storage capacity of 19,073 acre-feet at a maximum surface elevation of 5,960, a 1814-foot-long, 650-foot-high roller compacted concrete dam; a 0.89-mile-long, 26-foot-diameter concrete-lined headrace tunnel; a 0.21-mile-long, 23-foot-diameter concrete-lined vertical shaft; a 6.22-mile-long, 23-foot-diameter concrete-lined horizontal shaft; 15-foot-diameter penstocks; a 500-foot-long, 125-foot-wide,

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KRVCC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello Kern River Valley, I want to start this article by expressing my sincere appreciation to the first responders who have been battling the Lightning Complex Borel Fire and we send our deepest gratitude for everything you have done to protect all of us. We also want to wish a speedy recovery to the dozer operator who was injured

cutting line to protect us when his Dozer rolled several times.

But I have a heavy weight bearing down on me because of knowing the massive loss of property and history within the town of Havilah. I may be the president of the Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce and an insurance agent who has many insureds who have lost everything but most of all I am a concerned resident of the KRV knowing this could have been much worse. Our valley has seen its share of fires and I am hoping we can go many years before we go through this again.

Your chamber will have its monthly general membership meeting on August 14, 2024 at the Eagles Lodge in Mountain Mesa. Our guest speaker will be Gab Garcia BLM Manager and his team, after the Borel Fire this could be an interesting meeting.

The Hospital Foundation will be hosting River Rhythms Summer Concert Series in Circle Park every Friday in Kernville. If you wish to come out and enjoy the music it's free and it starts at 6pm.

On August 17 we will be hosting our next Bingo Bonanza at the senior center, we are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible for a night of entertainment which all of us need after this past weeks challenges.

I am sorry for the not so upbeat message but this tragic event all of us had to experience started with a vehicle accident on highway 178 which took the life of the driver and followed by a raging fire that has destroyed so much history in our valley. I have no words other than to say the Kern River Valley has always come together in time of need and today is no different, we have multiple organizations ready to lend a hand to those in need. If you need help, call us and we will point you in the right direction.

Please stay safe and stay strong,

Stay safe and stay cool, Fred Clark, President KRVCC

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Red Cross representative Hector, told the Kern Valley Sun on Wednesday, August 1, that the Red Cross would be grateful to accept donations from businesses and restaurants willing to donate meals for the affected areas and those staying at shelters.

Volunteers of the American Red Cross worked tirelessly day and night to help assist evacuees of the Borel Fire evacuation shelters, located at Burroughs High School and the Tehachapi Education Center.

Recently the Red Cross has been responding to double the amount of major disasters than they were a decade ago.

More recent wildfires serve to remind all that the central parts of California face increases in length and frequency of incidents during wildfire season

At this time the organization cannot use donations of clothing and they prefer you donate such items to the Salvation Army. Hector said, "The biggest way the public can help us right now is through monetary donations as we continue to provide all the necessary

services the public needs."

About 90 percent of those helping the Red Cross are volunteers. Hector said that thanks to these volunteers, and the contributions of donors, the Red Cross remains prepared for disasters before they occur, in order to assist families in need, and especially those affected by the Borel Fire.

To help, please see <https://www.redcross.org/>. One option for donations is via text. Simply text REDCROSS to 90999 to the American Red Cross, which assists those affected by all kinds of disasters including the Borel Fire.

Borel Fire Relief Fund

PRESS RELEASE

In response to the Borel Fire in the Kern River Valley, Kern Community Foundation has established the Borel Fire Relief Fund. The fund may receive gifts from individuals, corporations, and private foundations. The Foundation has a history of helping the Kern River Valley community and will be able to deliver monetary assistance efficiently and effectively.

First and foremost, the fund will provide assistance to communities impacted by the Borel Fire. The focus of the fund is to provide assistance in the areas of resettlement, rebuilding, and

infrastructure within the affected area. The Foundation will work with non-profit and government stakeholders, establishing safeguards to secure proper distribution of the funds, which will be used for relief and recovery: immediate aid, resettlement, rebuilding, and infrastructure within the affected area. Nonprofits may request funding from the Borel Fire Relief Fund by filling out the Assistance Request Form through our online grant portal.

To learn more about the Borel Fire Relief Fund, contact Kern Community Foundation at 661.325.5346 or info@kernfoundation.org. Donations can be made at kernfoundation.org/borel.

About Kern Community Foundation

Kern Community Foundation is a vibrant nonprofit enterprise with a powerfully simple mission: "Growing Community. Growing Philanthropy." For more than two decades, the Foundation has been in business to serve as a charitable resource for local donors and corporations, and to generate capital that provides philanthropic solutions to help make Kern County a better place to live, work, and visit. Since its establishment in 1999, we have been home to almost 200 charitable funds, with assets over \$40 million. We have awarded close to \$30 million in grants and scholarships. For more information about Kern Community Foundation visit kernfoundation.org.

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might become available, so I transferred here because I enjoyed working up here."

He is also the team leader for the hostage or Crisis Negotiation Team. When the SWAT team is deployed to an incident Harkey goes for the negotiation or talking element of the operation. "Because of my experience with that I'm our Lead Crisis Intervention Trainer," he said. Harkey helps identify people in crisis and helps them identify different resources that are available to them. He works with the Mobile Evaluation Team down in Bakersfield working a lot with the Mental Health Division.

The department currently has an academy going and hopes to have a second academy going soon. "I teach a lot in our academies," he said. "Our staffing levels are

improving across the Sheriff's office. We have deputies that are in training. I think we're supposed to start three new deputies up here in a couple weeks."

The sergeant is also dealing with day-to-day administrative duties. He does Briefing Trainings, which have to do with briefing deputies, making them aware about changes in law, or case law changes. "As the supervisor up here my job is to supervise the deputies that are all working up here. We have multiple patrol elements that are going. So we have people that are assigned to regular patrol up here. Those are the deputies that I'm supervising. And those are the ones that are handling our normal day to day calls for service," said Harkey. "I'm supposed to be getting some new deputies so I'm working on our schedule to make sure our staffing levels are all good"

He said that there were also

deputies assigned to the area for fire patrol, during recent fires, which another supervisor has been supervising.

"I'm happy to be up here. I've worked in the Kern Valley area. So I have worked in this community before.

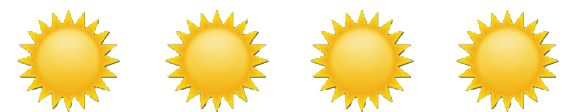
And so I was excited to be able to come back up here and hopefully improve any law enforcement services that are up here. To work with the community is ultimately my goal. Our ultimate goal is public safety."

KERN VALLEY WEATHER

EIGHT-DAY VALLEY FORECAST



TODAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
HIGH 101°	LOW 74°	HIGH 100°	LOW 73°	HIGH 100°	LOW 72°	HIGH 100°	LOW 72°
SUNRISE 6:06	SUNSET 7:51	SUNRISE 6:07	SUNSET 7:50	SUNRISE 6:08	SUNSET 7:49	SUNRISE 6:09	SUNSET 7:48



SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
HIGH 98°	LOW 69°	HIGH 95°	LOW 66°	HIGH 93°	LOW 64°	HIGH 92°	LOW 64°
SUNRISE 6:10	SUNSET 7:46	SUNRISE 6:10	SUNSET 7:45	SUNRISE 6:11	SUNSET 7:44	SUNRISE 6:12	SUNSET 7:43

KERN VALLEY WATER WATCH

Kern River Basin Data as of Sunday, August 4, 2024

Lake & River Information	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Lake Elevation	2,573.61	2,576.14	2,603.23
Lake Storage	260,474	280,436	542,359
Inflow Into Lake	460	506	2,415
Outflow From Lake	1,749	1,755	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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Havilah California - Historic Loss

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The historical town of Havilah has been scarred by the Borel Fire that began on July 24, 2024. The fire, although under partial containment, is currently still active. I had the opportunity to speak with Roy Fluhart, current



GARY ANANIAN

President of the Havilah Centennial Group, Inc. (aka The Havilah Historical Society and Museum) Mr. Fluhart has been the President for the past two years and currently resides in Kernville but he has deep family roots established in 1930 with his Mother and Uncle raised in Havilah. His mother left but returned as an adult with her husband and family in 1948 (Roy was about 2 years old). Roy's father started working on the construction of the Isabella Dam at that time. Mr. Fluhart still has cousins and other relatives residing in the Havilah area. (It is unknown if the homes are still standing)

When was Havilah established and by who? Approx 1864 and the person credited with the founding was Asbury Harpending.

What is the historical significance of Havilah? Havilah became the first county seat of Kern County in 1966. Gold

discoveries in the area created a rush of miners which led to the formation of the town.

Now that the Borel fire has burned the majority of Havilah, what has been preserved and what is gone that can never be replaced? Actually other buildings survived in Havilah in addition to our Schoolhouse. The museum building can be replaced because it was built in 1966 but the contents are all gone and that's the big loss.

History (Wikipedia)
Asbury Harpending arrived in the area, where there were many southern-sympathizers, in 1864. After finding gold deposits on Clear Creek, a tributary of the Kern River, the group claimed a townsite on the road from Keyesville to Tehachapi and named it after the Biblical land of Havilah, "where there is gold" according to Genesis 2:11. By the end of 1865, Havilah was a boom town with 147 business buildings, thirteen saloons, and a population of nearly a thousand, mostly miners working the Clear Creek Mining District.

Havilah was the county seat at the founding of Kern County on April 2, 1866, and the county's first newspaper, the Havilah Courier, began publication that same year. The county government was moved to Bakersfield in 1874

A post office operated at Havilah from 1866 to 1918. The Havilah School District, formed in 1866, was the first public school in Kern County.

Personal Note:
Our hearts go out to all Borel Fire victims at this time. May Havilah and the surrounding areas find the peace, healing, and support that they seek. Wishing healing energy during this time of loss.
Kelley McCoy & The Kern Valley Sun Staff



KERN RIVER VALLEY CRIME/ARREST REPORTS

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The following is the Kern River Valley area arrests from July 15-31st according to the Kern County Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement agencies; all suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

BODFISH - 36-year-old Martin D. Salazar was arrested

ed on July 15th on suspicion of battery on spouse/cohabitant/former spouse and cruelty to child by inflicting injury; 36-year-old Cody Skaggs was arrested on July 23rd on suspicion of disobeying domestic relations court order

ONYX - 56-year-old Lisa Williams was arrested on July 19th on suspicion of carjacking.

WELDON -27 year old

Sean Holden was arrested on July 24th of suspicion of possess controlled substance paraphernalia, use or under influence or controlled substance, resist/obstruct/delay peace officer, trespass by driving on private property, intoxicated in public and carrying a concealed dirk or dagger

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The following is the Kern River Valley area crime data report from July 15- 31 according to the Kern County Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement agencies; the geoaddress level is approximately 100%.

BODFISH, LAKE ISABELLA, MOUNTAIN MESA, SOUTHLAKE, SQUIRREL VALLEY AND WELDON -15th-grand theft auto, 100 block of Bodfish Canyon Road; 18th-battery

with serious bodily injury, 2900 block of Erskine Creek Rd. and towed-registration, 4100 block of lake Isabella Blvd.; 19th-Burglary in the second degree, 2700 block of Mountain View Rd. And burglary in the first degree, 2400 block of Clark St.; 20th-Missing person, Verna Street; 22nd - missing person, Nugget Avenue; 23rd-violate court domestic violence order, Kellen Way; 24th-attempted operate vehicle without owner's consent, 3900 block of lake Isabella Blvd.; 25th-Battery on spouse/ex-spouse/

date, 2400 block of harnage St.27th-Missing person, 2300 block of Rembach Avenue

KERNVILLE - two calls for force or assault with deadly weapon not firearm: great bodily injury likely; 23rd-violate court domestic violence order, 700 block of Bristlecone drive

ONYX - 19th-exhibit deadly weapon other than firearm, 7800 block of Rocky Hill Rd.; 22nd-Burglary in the second degree, 6400 block of Fay Ranch Rd.; 24th-burglary in the first degree 20600 block of Cypress street



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sion map of the fire. Then he showed the public the operational map, with the pace map, with primary lines they established based on weather predictions and fire analysis. A little bit of a push down south and south east, validating their map and then they got marching orders from local Forest Service to preserve life, property, and the environment.

The point of origin on the 178, along the Kern River Road corridor was a challenge because firefighters had to keep the fire on the east or west side of the corridor, to get the fire up the 178 to the north, and keep the fire south of Bodfish, holding it in the saddle, which is north of Havilah.

As firefighters got into Valley View they were ahead of application, doing prep work, and they were able to work the fire. The most fire activity just before the Sunday August 4 meeting had been in the Brown Meadows area and they were hoping to keep the fire at the south fork of Erskine Creek, containing it. Firefighters were able to insert more crews Saturday, working aggressively on Sunday to hem in the open line, which had not yet been contained around the fire's edge. LaMont said, "We are very confident that by this evening we will have what we would call scratch line around that portion of the fire and then we'll take several days to go in and prove the entirety of that line all the way around that slot."

LaMont said he was confident that the eastern progression would be brought into submission and firefighters could hold that line and keep more acreage from being

added to the fire ground. Crews continued to work at Brown Meadows area and Solomon Ridge just north of Thompson Creek.

They were working aggressively to build an indirect line that wasn't directly on the fire's edge. They anticipated another two working shifts would have gotten that area under control. Down north of the Walker Basin area, crews had been able to work the fire's edge and keep the fire from threatening anything at Breckenridge. Firefighters were working on keeping the line from being threatened.

Incident meteorologist Pete Curran explained to the crowd that wind, low humidity, lightening and very high temperatures all drive wild fires. "When the team first got here we had very strong westerly winds." He said, "Weather is the primary driver of these wild land fires." He said understanding what the weather threats were helped him forecast for the fire fighting team how to best respond to the fire.

Gabe Garcia field manager of Bureau of Land Management said he'd been working with Tony Edwards who is Forest Supervisor for the Sequoia National Forest on fighting the Trout Fire and Long Fire for the past few weeks. He said from a fire suppression standpoint things were looking good however there would need to be control of erosion and post fire clean up. "In the Federal Government we have what we call a burned area emergency response team that comes out. That team is on its way and should be here in about a week," Garcia said.

The burned area emergency response team consists of hydrologists, soil scientists, engineers, vegetation specialists and biologists. The team would check various severely

burned areas to minimize the impacts by diverting potential for excessive water runoff. Garcia said they welcome input from the community and questions.

Chief Deputy Dionisio Mitchell of the Kern County Fire Department told the public that the fire was burning in ways they hadn't seen in a long time. He said the department's highest priority is human life. That was why they issued evacuation orders. He knew that the given weather and the topography they could be up for a bad fire. The department had support in Havilah, and Havilah was now in the recovery phase. The department had to check the area to ensure public safety. He thanked the public for the patience residents have shown. He said in the coming days they'd have a better synopsis about what is going on in terms of returning the public to evacuated areas.

Kern County Sheriff's Lt. Michael Dorkin said during every operational period, day shift and night shift, the department has a sergeant and eight deputies staffing the fire, manning hard closures, patrolling evacuation areas and preventing looting, break-ins and other crimes.

The department had Search and Rescue groups, particularly in Havilah. As far as they know no one was missing and no loss of life has been found or reported.

Local Search and Rescue also received assistance from the Los Angeles Fire Department and Urban Search and Rescue.

What officers have been assigned to the fire are completely dedicated to the fire, while the sheriff's substation is still staffed to normal capacity for regular patrol.

Incident commander from the California Inter-agency Incident Management Team 11 Chris Fogle said his agency places large orders for resources. Resources have been getting thin with the large amounts of fires located in several states. He said the community was fortunate to get the resources it needed and tap additional resources, such as night flying aircraft to protect the communities of Walker Basin and Bodfish areas.

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Elks student backpack drive successful

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All through July the Kern River Valley Elks Lodge and other organizations, hand in hand with Senator Shannon Grove's office, participated in a backpack drive with organizations distributing the back to school items. The distribution event was at the Elks Lodge, in Wofford Heights, Saturday August 3.

Last year the KRV Elks Lodge had more than 200 backpacks to distribute, just as they did this year. Participating organizations, this year, included high school backpacks and other school supplies within its give away.

The organizations gave away black backpacks with various color zippers to choose from and a plethora of styles of lunch pails for younger children.

Organizer for the event, Pat Terrell said, "This is our 17th annual year. We used to just have a little carnival thing and a few back to school (items.) And then one of our members had the idea to get the backpacks and put school supplies in, so that we've been doing for 17 years. Last year we gave away 211 backpacks. With the fire and everything we've had some disruptions."

The Elks Lodge was planning to have backpacks available for folks who couldn't come to the event that morning, due to the evacuations, Terrell said.

Drug awareness is one of the Elks' big things. Terrell told the Kern Valley Sun, "We serve communities, we serve youth and we serve veterans. And one of our youth activities is drug awareness so kids can have a bright future."

Colleen Holmes, the Elks' Drug Awareness organizer said that the



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organization educates the public regarding drug awareness and holds educational projects during Whiskey Flat Days, and Christmas as well as other occasions.

Having previously worked with Liberty Ambulance, Holmes said that her experiences working for the company inspired her educating the public regarding drug awareness, and that kids were

always important to her.

Holmes manned a table with volunteers Kim Riley and Tina Baer during the event, giving away bags to the kids with fidgets, coloring books, crayons, stuffed animals and book marks along with drug awareness pamphlets for parents.

Vendors at the event included US Forest Service, Kern County

Sheriff's Office, Liberty Ambulance, and Search and Rescue.

Kern River Valley Bridge Connection was one organization helping to distribute school supplies. Founder of KRVBC Karen Zuber said, "Teachers always ask for students to bring in supplies, so we're going to donate them to the students, so that they don't feel left out. And then we have teen

backpacks for the older kids."

During the event children enjoyed games, including a very safe ax-throwing target game, a classic pins-knock-over game, and a moon bounce. Locals enjoyed a BBQ lunch.

Smokey Bear, who celebrated his 80-year birthday this year, also surprised kids by showing up unexpectedly.

Invitations issued to two evacuee resource events



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The public will have two events coming up in the community, running through mid August.

The first is a Disaster Relief event held as a popup event Wednesday, August 7, from 10am to 1pm at 6069 Lake Isabella Boulevard in Lake Isabella. There evacuees can find household items donated by Dollar General and other sponsors and distributed by Kern River Valley Bridge Connection.

The second event Chief Deputy Dionisio Mitchell of the Kern

County Fire Department announced when he invited the public to attend a local assistance center August 10 through August 13 in Lake Isabella.

Dionisio told the public at the Borel Fire Meeting Sunday, August 4 at Wallace Middle School, that the department has pulled every possible county asset for a Local Assistance Center, which will be held Saturday, August 10 through Tuesday, August 13 from 10 am to 7pm daily. He said, "We're going to be opening our local assistance center at the Kern River Valley Senior Center at 6405 Lake Isabella Blvd, Lake Isabella."

Dionisio said that multiple state agencies, county departments and faith-based non-profits would be available offering assistance during that time.

He told the public to report needs to the call center they set up at (661) 873-2660.

The firefighter who was raised in the Kern Valley also said that he has always been impressed by the community stepping up coming together and supporting others in the community in need. "We want you to get this back to feeling like your home and back to a place of normalcy."

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These plans will be changing. Benefits will be reduced as the entire Medicare insurance industry needs to buckle down expenses in light of new laws effective January 1, 2025.

You do have options. Any plan selected in August and September will be **GRANDFATHERED** for 2025. **Now is the ONLY TIME** you will have the option to change.

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Kern Valley Indian Community Quarterly Membership Meeting

PRESS RELEASE

Kern Valley Indian Council will be hosting our quarterly community meeting at the Senior Center on Lake Isabella Boulevard in Lake Isabella August 10 at 11:00. The guest speakers will be William Garfield, US Forest Service Tribal Liaison, Porterville Regional Office. He will provide an update on the

fires and the effects on our cultural resources. Bruce Love, Archaeologist working with the Museum of Art and History in Lancaster will bring a video made of our elders and tribal members to share at the meeting. Tracy Strickland, Enrollment Committee Chairman, will be assisting members with updates to their tribal enrollment applications. Please check with her. Quite a few members are missing only one item to complete

their enrollment applications. The Council will be giving an update on a recent meeting with Caesar Chavez representative at the UFW center in Keene. The Council will provide lunch. Please bring a salad or desert and any gently used clothing and household items for giveaway. Winter clothing has been donated for distribution to members. Please bring donations for the raffle.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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.

Kern Valley Senior Dance
 Air conditioned with Live music for dancing or listening pleasure, no admission charge, snacks, 50/50 drawing, FUN. Even some line dances.
Time: 6:00 to 8:00 PM.
 Every Wednesday
Where: Kern Valley Senior Center 6409 Lake Isabella Blvd., L.I.

11:30am-12:30pm - Preschool Storytime: Airplanes
 5:00pm-7:00pm - Dungeons & Dragons
Where: Kern River Valley Branch Library 7054 Lake Isabella Blvd., 760.549.2083

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

Thursday, August 8th
 FREE Guided Meditation with Ashley
Time: 6-6:45pm
Where: KRVA Art & Giftshop 6749 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285

Drum Circle (\$10 Rhythm Class at 6pm)
Time: 7-8pm
Where: KRVA Art & Community Center 6709 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285

11:30am-12:30pm - Toddler Storytime: Tacos
 2:00pm-5:00pm- Guitar Lessons
 4:30pm-5:30pm - Slime
Where: Kern River Valley Branch Library 7054 Lake Isabella Blvd., 760.549.2083

Friday, August 9th
 10:30am-12:00pm - PC 101
 4:30pm-5:30pm - S.T.E.A.M Club
Where: Kern River Valley Branch Library 7054 Lake Isabella Blvd., 760.549.2083

Saturday, August 10th
 2:00pm-3:00pm - Little Art Journey
 2:00pm-3:00pm - The Artistic Journey
Where: Kern River Valley Branch Library 7054 Lake Isabella Blvd., 760.549.2083

FREE Art Exhibit Reception
Time: 4:30-7:30pm
Where: KRVA Art & Giftshop 6749 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285

Sunday, August 11th
 Beginning Oil Painting Class
Time: 1-4:30pm
Where: KRVA Art & Community Center 6709 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285

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

Monday, August 12th
 \$5 KIDS Slime Fun!

Time: 3-4pm
Where: KRVA Art & Community Center 6709 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285

Tuesday, August 13th
 1:00pm-4:00pm - Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance
 4:30pm-5:30pm - Sewing Club
Where: Kern River Valley Branch Library 7054 Lake Isabella Blvd., 760.549.2083

FREE Guided Meditation with Ashley
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Wednesday, August 14th
 Kern Valley Senior Dance
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Time: 6:00 to 8:00 PM.
 Every Wednesday
Where: Kern Valley Senior Center 6409 Lake Isabella Blvd., L.I.

11:30am-12:30pm - Preschool Storytime: Reptiles & Amphibians
 5:00pm-6:00pm - Teen Time
Where: Kern River Valley Branch Library 7054 Lake Isabella Blvd., 760.549.2083

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

Thursday, August 15th
 2:00pm-5:00pm- Guitar Lessons
 4:30pm-5:30pm - Science Academy
Where: Kern River Valley Branch Library 7054 Lake Isabella Blvd., 760.549.2083

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 KRVA: 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. (TAF) In-person Only. First Baptist Church - 220 North St., Taft, CA 93268 (Located next to the Church office on North St.) Third Wednesday of Each Month 1:30pm-3:00pm. Please E-mail or call our bereavement coordinator for more information: Jessica Mosley, MSW. Call: (661) 716-4000 E-mail: bereavement-bakersfieldhospice@bristolhospice.com

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

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

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

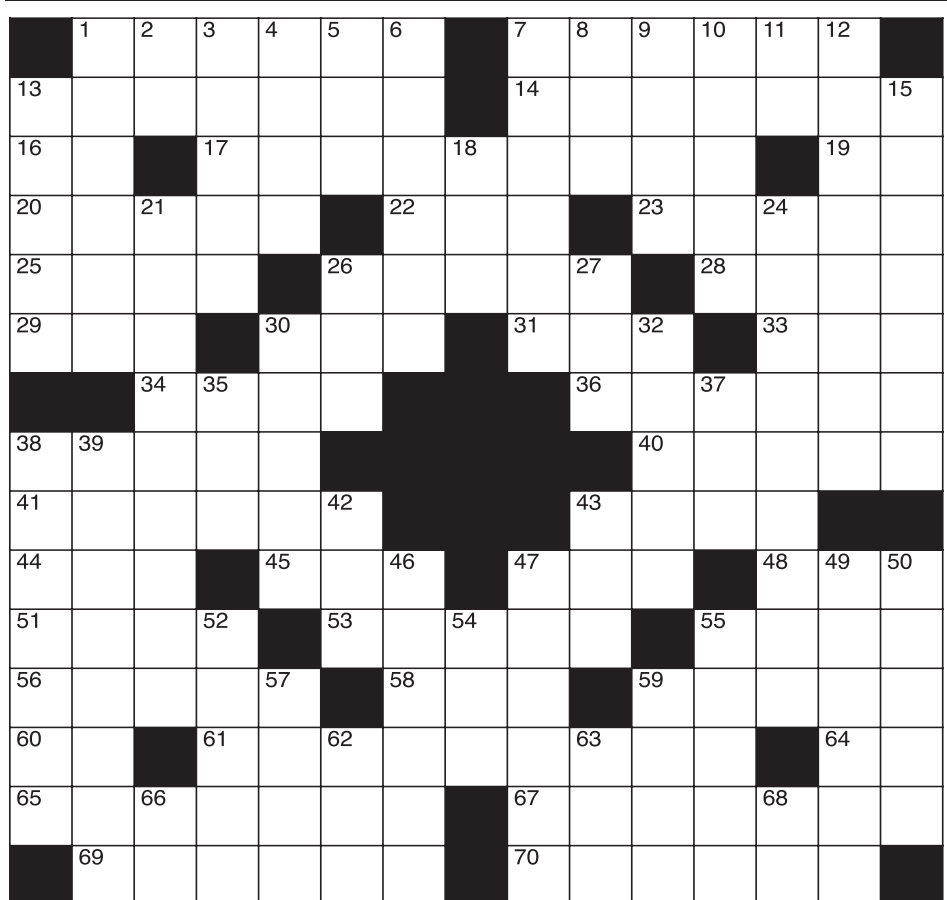
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TOPS #436: (Taking Off Pounds Sensibly) meets Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.-11:00 a.m., at the Senior Center in Lake Isabella. Open to the public. Call 760-379-3366 for more information.

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.

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- CLUES ACROSS**
- Spiritual leaders
 - A solution
 - Fortified wine
 - Edible mollusk
 - Blood group
 - A way to compare
 - Gov't lawyer
 - Actor Ciaran
 - Calendar month
 - Very willing
 - __ ex Machina
 - Satisfies
 - Type of berry
 - Distinctive practice
 - Popular pickup truck model
 - Dekagram
 - Naturally occurring solid material
 - Company officer
 - Villains
 - Cricket frogs
 - German founder of psychology
 - Endured
 - A female domestic
 - A situation you can be in
 - Cigarette (slang)
 - Fiber optic network (abbr.)
 - Belgian composer Walter
 - Employee stock ownership plan
 - Belonging to the bottom layer
 - Musical or vocal sound
 - Yankees' great Judge
 - Dickens character
 - Beloved late sportscaster Craig
 - South Dakota
 - Exposing human vice or folly to ridicule
 - Atomic #79
 - Former Braves pitcher Julio
 - Humor
 - Shawl
 - Hospital unit

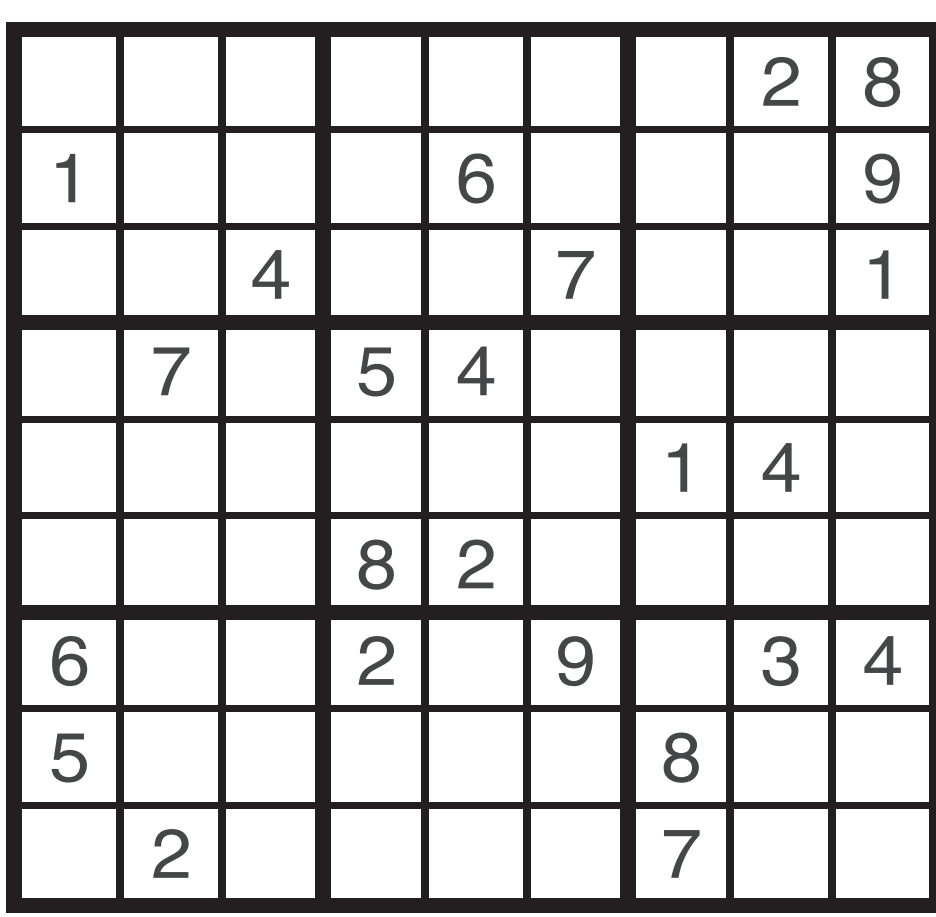
- CLUES DOWN**
- Animal disease
 - Commercial
 - Arts and crafts supplies
 - Containers
 - Investment vehicle
 - A way to greet in a friendly way
 - Bulged downward
 - "A Day Without" singer
 - Lay about
 - Intestinal
 - Negative
 - Caused to be loved
 - Prominent in Islamic eschatology
 - Sincere
 - Not in
 - Number above the line in a fraction
 - Bill Murray chased one
 - Pouch
 - Swedish krona
 - Start over
 - Wild white or yellow flower
 - Fourteen
 - Visual way of interacting with a computer (abbr.)
 - Up-to-date
 - Campaigns
 - Touch lightly
 - "Boardwalk Empire" actress Gretchen
 - Violent seizure of property
 - One who supports the Pope
 - Malaise
 - Body fluid
 - Inauthentic person
 - Title of respect
 - Chilean city
 - Central Japanese city
 - Garment
 - Draw from
 - Automobile
 - The man
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Borel Fire Evacuation Update

PRESS RELEASE

**Borel Fire: 59,340 acres | 68 % contained
Total Personnel: 1,473**

KERNVILLE, CA, August 5, 2024 – The U.S. Forest Service and California Interagency Incident Management Team 11, in unified command with Kern County Fire Department, Kern County Sheriff's Department, and Bureau of Land Management is pleased to announce the reduction of selected evacuation orders previously imposed due to the Borel Fire. Be advised, the Borel Fire is not fully contained, only

the zones listed below will be reduced. All other evacuation orders and warnings are still in effect. Please be aware that firefighting activities will continue for several more days or weeks. If any other areas become threatened, additional warnings and instructions will be issued. Genasys Zones KRN-403-A and KRN403-B have been split North, South and West. KRN-403-A is now

located southwest of the fire perimeter line. KRN-403-B now runs along the northern perimeter of the fire line, near the Kern River. 403-A and 403-B have now been placed under a 'lifted' status, no further advisories in place for these zones. This includes Kern Canyon Road which is now no longer under the evacuation order. KRN-403-C consists of the burned area and remains under an evacuation order.

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Everest Infrastructure Partners Holdings II LLC proposes to build a 135-foot lattice Communications Tower at the approx. vicinity of 3222 70th Street West, Rosamond, Kern County, CA 93560. Public comments regarding potential effects from this site on historic properties may be submitted within 30 days from the date of this publication to: Trileaf Corp, Rachel.r.bishop@trileaf.com, 2121 W. Chandler Blvd., Suite 108, Chandler, AZ 85224, (480) 850-0575. 8/7/24

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150-foot-high concrete powerhouse containing five pump-turbine generator units rated at 560 megawatts; a 1.29-mile-long, 28-foot-diameter tailrace tunnel; and appurtenant facilities. The yearly average energy production of the project could be around 6,900 gigawatt-hours.

The Cane Reservoir Alternative could offer a 185-acre Cane Reservoir with a storage capacity of 29,770 acre-feet at a maximum surface elevation of 4,740 feet msl; a 3,167-foot-long, 470-foot-high roller compacted concrete dam; a 0.53-mile-long, 32-foot-diameter concrete-lined headrace tunnel; a 0.12-mile-long, 29-foot-diameter concrete-lined vertical shaft; a 3.66-mile-long, 29-foot-diameter concrete-lined horizontal shaft; five 0.05-mile-

long, 18-foot-diameter penstocks; a 500-foot-long, 125-foot-wide, 150-foot-high concrete powerhouse containing five pump-turbine generator units at 560 megawatts each; a 0.76-mile-long, 34-foot-diameter tailrace tunnel; and appurtenant facilities. The average yearly energy product of the project could equal around 6,900 gigawatt-hours.

FERC Contact: Everard Baker; email: everard.baker@ferc.gov; phone: (202) 502-8554.

For public inquiries and assistance with filings such as interventions, comments, or requests for rehearing, the public is encouraged to contact OPP at (202) 502-6595 or OPP@ferc.gov.

The Commission strongly encouraged, in its notice, electronic filing and asked the public to file comments, motions to intervene, notices of intent, and competing applications using an eFiling system at ferconline.ferc.

gov/FERCOnline.aspx. Commenters can submit brief comments up to 6,000 characters. The public can send submissions through the U.S. Postal Service addressed to: Secretary Kimberly Bose, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street NE, Washington, DC 20426. Submissions sent via any other carrier must be addressed to: Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 12225 Wilkins Avenue, Rockville, Maryland 20852. The first page of any filing should include docket number P-15306-000.

More information about this project, the public may view or print it on the "eLibrary" link of Commission's website at www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/elibrary.asp. Enter the docket number (P-15306) in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

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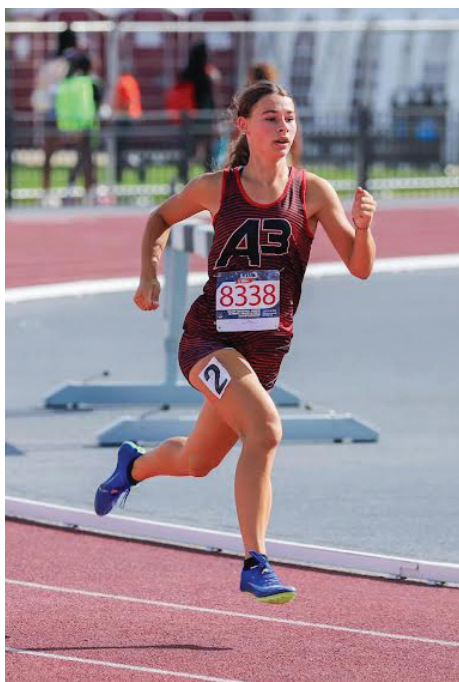
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Bushling Olympic in track and field experience



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An experience of a lifetime and one that makes her want to try again next year. This is the continuing story of one of our own that pushed herself to have the opportunity to qualify for the Junior Olympics.

Jayda Bushling, gave it her best effort and completed this year's goal of making it to the National Junior Olympic Track & Field Championships meet in Texas. She has stated that she hopes to have the same opportunity next year. She faced a lot of adverse conditions, but persevered and performed at a level that gave her the confidence to not give up on her dream.

Because of weather conditions causing all kinds of issues for the meet directors to place the championships on hold. They stopped the meet on several occasions due to lightning in the area. They had to do this for obvious safety reasons. But this caused the athletes problems as their routines were disrupted. Another issue for Bushling came in the way of a medical one. She battled this during her time in Texas, but continued to push forth and make the effort. Bushling stated, "It was a great experience. I had fun

and look forward to returning next year, but to more events."

There were well over 300 teams that had athletes make it to this meet. Plenty of competition and plenty of down time as all the events were held in one place. The effort put forth by the athletes that battled adversity can only be summed up as an exceptional experience. Not every one was a winner, but just making it to this prestigious event can only be described as being the definition of a winner.

Getting the chance to run at a college track and field venue made it a lasting experience for Bushling. The atmosphere of the competition was a loud one according to Bushling. She said, "There were so many people there and it was loud with cheering.

I was impressed by the field and that it was specific to track. It was super cool."

When her time in Texas was coming to a close, Bushling looked back and had the realization that along the way, there were plenty of people that offered their support in the accomplishing her goal. She and her family want everyone to know this support was greatly appreciated. From the individuals that gave their support to each organization that was eager to lend a helping hand.

Needles to say, the countdown for the next attempt at qualifying for the Junor Olympics has already begun. And it is a safe bet that Bushling will give it her all in heading back to accomplish a bigger goal.

SUBMITTED BY MARCIE ELLIS BUSHLING
Jayda Bushling awaits her turn to run her event in the Junor Olympics qualifying meet in Texas

Youth pheasant hunt making a return

RAY CONNER

Due to the efforts of the Kern River Valley chapter of the A-Z Foundation Group, the previously defunct youth pheasant hunt is making a comeback.

This group that takes pride in supporting veterans, the Honor Flight, and special need children, will be undertaking the revival of a once very popular event. The fund-raising dinners and other fund-raisers along the way has provided the A-Z group, both the financial means and the way to head into this new venture. They have partnered with a heavy hitter as they will be sponsored and funded by The Friends of the NRA.

The hunt will take place on privately owned property. It has been established and the owner of the property hopes due diligence in respecting the land on the day of the hunt. The owner has reached out to the A-Z Group to provide a safe haven for hunting and making the experience one to remember for the hunters.

This hunt will be open to youths aged 10-15. They must have a hunting license and will also have to be accompanied by a parent or guardian on the day they choose to hunt. There will be four sessions of hunting and limited to 40 hunters. Only 10 youth hunters will be allowed out each session. Also, the group has allowed for 10 alternates, just in case hunters do not show.

The dates of the hunt will be October 26-27. There will be a morning session from 8-11:30 a.m. and the afternoon session from 1-4:30 p.m. Registration begins one hour prior to the hunt start time and this event will take place rain or shine. The deadline to confirm entry for the hunt is Sept. 15. You can contact Bill Stonebarger at (661) 342-6831 for applications for the hunt and to get your name on the list of hunters. It is a first come, first serve as far as getting your name on the hunting roster for the session.

All safety gear will be provided, including a hat, with the exception of Snake Gators as hunters will be walking through bushes that could be home to snakes. The safety committee will do a walk through prior to the hunt to help eliminate the possibility, but better safe than sorry. To further the safety issue, it is the A-Z Groups hope that Game Wardens will be on hand to answer any additional questions hunters might have.

The A-Z Group is also looking for dog handlers volunteers to take part in the hunt. If you would like to help in this area, please contact Bill Stonebarger at (661) 342-6831. Breakfast pastries and lunch for each session will be provided by the Mt. Mesa Men's Club.

This is the first step in hopefully a long walk of returning the youth pheasant hunt to the Kern River Valley. Do not be left out on this new adventure, get your name on the list to create a memory for youth hunters.

Speaking Sports with TJ

Teams yield to their stars



TJ SANDERS

season and hope to sign a big contract during free agency.

The players that do this take huge gambles every year due to the fact that they don't have any guarantee of this working out, but the reward makes the risk worth it. We have seen many players receive extensions from putting the pressure on their teams in order to keep them.

Most star players do this when they want to get a huge contract extension and their team won't give them an extension. They typically end up winning in these scenarios because they are huge names in the sport, and everyone knows the value that they have.

Jordan Love of the Green Bay Packers is the most recent example of this. Love had threatened to not show up to mandatory training camp without receiving an extension and now he is the

highest paid player in NFL history after signing a 4 year 220-million-dollar extension.

There is a great chance that many players begin to use this as leverage in order to sign huge contract extensions.

There has been a long history of star players wanting contract extensions and receiving their extensions by threatening to skip training camps. If you look back at the history, it is how most of the highest paid players get their deals.

This happens every single year and it is always entertaining to watch due to the fact that they create so much drama and trade rumors start to be thrown around because of them wanting a contract extension and certain teams being desperate to land star players.

Matter of Opinion



RAY CONNER

Summer Olympics not my choice this year

we were forced to watch a boring, not about the athletes, but the new French regime and their agenda. From the countries on boats that slid down the Seine where even the athletes looked bored. To the extremely poor decisions on what was being covered.

Then to watch them mock a Christian rite, just to prove they could. I guess NBC, enjoyed this because they pushed it in our faces under the guise the USA needed to see it. This was the first of the last straws for me as I zipped through the rest as I had the benefit of having it recorded.

Okay, so then I figured I could watch the summer games and root

on the USA athletes. This way still, support the country and be allowed to enjoy them. Instead, all I got from the events is the so-called celebrities that were attending the games. What happen to celebrating the athletes? I guess that wasn't part of the coverage. I became so disappointed in watching the coverage of a myriad of events that I decided to shut it down. Another last straw sighting.

They say the third time is a charm, but I can tell you in this case it was not. I waited a few days and thought maybe now we'd get coverage of the USA athletes and their ups and downs. The winners of gold, silver,

bronze, or some time not making the podium. It seemed that only minimal clips from events and then not seeing other athletes that were competing. Again, a real sense of disappointment set in and I then made the decision to forgo more watching of these games. The third last straw so far.

I really tried to push down my disappointment and just watch the Summer Olympics in Paris. Then came the controversy in women's boxing. It seriously made my stomach turn and a sourness floated around. How is it possible that anyone is okay with a biological man punching a woman? I realize we are living in a so-called inclu-

sive world, but this literally made me question the role of Olympic organizers and the committees that allowed this to happen. This was the final straw and I have yet to watch any more of the summer games in Paris.

I know this is probably not the consensus, but that's what makes this country so great. Not everyone has the same opinion and that's okay. As you can see, I gave it multiple chances to grab me and say watch, but in the end, I find it better that I broke the last straw and sat back and didn't watch. That's a Matter of Opinion!

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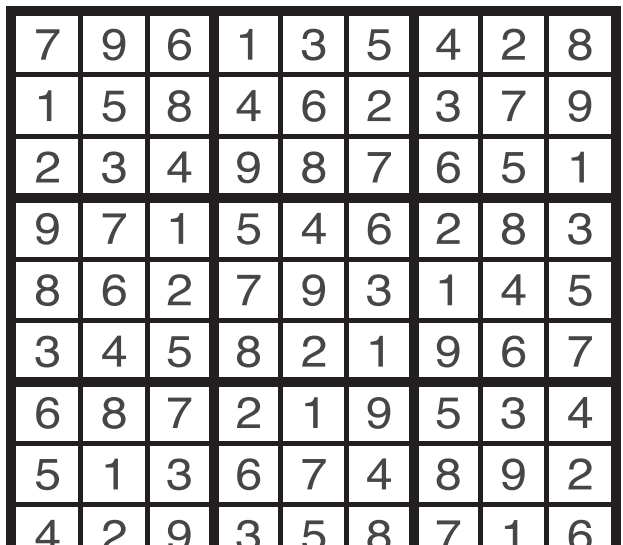
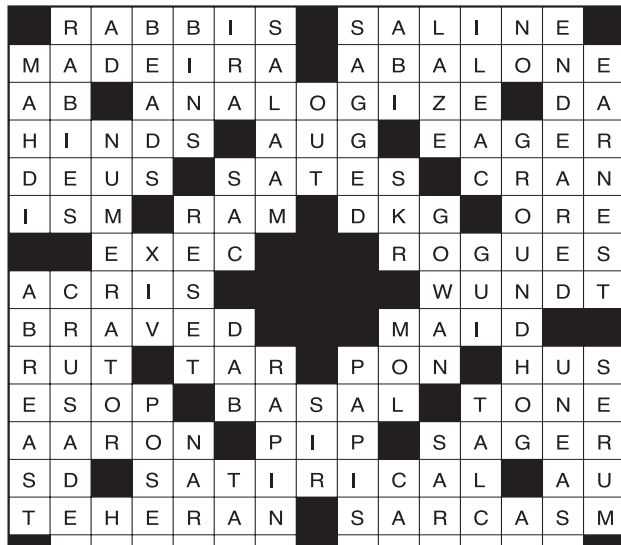
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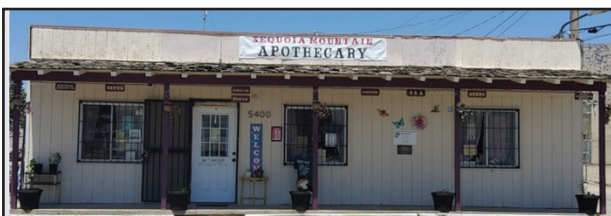
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