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Library available online, outside, in schools during upcoming closure

The Kern River Valley Branch Library of the Kern County Library system was the topic when library associate Elisabeth Duvall recently spoke at a luncheon. The Kern Valley Exchange Club invited Duvall to share at its Thursday, August 22 meeting, which Paradise Cove Lodge hosted.

Long touchdown scores saddle Broncs with the 20-14 loss

You could tell Friday was the first game of the football season for the Broncs varsity team. This was evident by the sloppy play, the missed opportunities and the failure of the special team in the end.

Kern Valley drops home match versus Shafter

The varsity Lady Broncs volleyball team started strong, but could not keep the momentum going as they were beaten by Shafter.

Groups fighting for higher flows in upper Kern River

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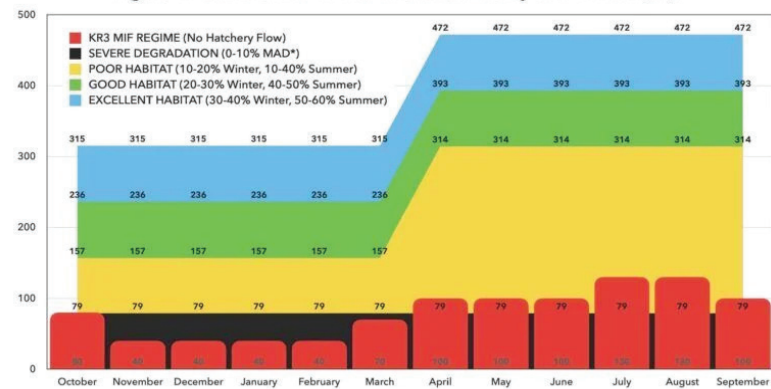
Boaters and anglers believe Southern California Edison doesn't leave enough water in a stretch of the Kern River above Kernville to support a healthy fish population. They want the utility to conduct a robust flow study as part of its quest to relicense its power plant.

The company is conducting a "Level 1" study of "angling and aesthetic flows" on that 16-mile section of river.

Level 1 is a "desktop review of existing information including a literature review, structured interviews, and the

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Figure 4: Current KR3 MIF as Characterized by CDFW PSA (cfs)



GRAPHIC FROM KERN RIVER BOATERS / FLY FISHERS MINIMUM FLOW PROPOSAL



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Rubber Ducky race provides scholarships and fire education

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

At Circle Park, in Kernville, one could not mistake the annual Rubber Ducky fundraiser for another event, Saturday August 24. With Kern Valley Exchange Club members in a flurry to man continued ticket sales and taking tickets, the place was abuzz.

Games during the event included a Duck Toss game, a Slip n Slide Duck race, Duck fishing and a Dunk Tank target game, among others.

Reyanna Santos, club member who was M.C., announced that day. She said, "This is a major fund raiser

for scholarships for our high school students. Everything here is also to bring awareness for prevention of child abuse as well as helping these kids," she said

Athletes from the Kern Valley High School football team were bold enough to volunteer taking on the race in the Kern River. Wearing yellow life vests and swim trunks the youth released the Rubber Ducks, each representing a ticket purchaser.

The high school cheerleading squad held a raffle that day as well. And local middle school students were raising money for their upcoming Washington DC tour field trip by selling water and

chips.

Students from the Future Farmers of America (FFA) served food to ticket purchasers at lunch, which featured shredded BBQ pork and hot dogs.

Smokey Bear and Sequoia National Forest Service were also vending at the event.

Sean Quezada of Forest Service patrol 47 said, "We're just here helping out the community with the Rubber Ducky Races, and just passing stuff out for the community. And if they (visitors) have any questions, for fire safety or anything, it will give them some answers."

Rankin Ranch holds fundraiser to help local fire victims

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Since the Borel Fire devastated the neighboring community of Havilah, among others in the Kern Valley, the Rankin Ranch decided to be part of the broader movement to assist neighbors struggling with loss of property.

Amanda Rankin-Barrett of Rankin Ranch spoke with the Kern Valley Sun, Friday August 23, about the ranch's two fundraisers to assist their neighbors.

She said, "In the scheme of the Borel Fire we fared a lot better than some of our neighbors. And so we felt like this is an opportunity to try to help them and support the community in a devastating time."

Rankin Ranch is giving away a quarter, or over 100 pounds of meat as part of the fundraising strategy. Rankin-Barrett said, "A \$20 donation gets the chance to win the beef. And that drawing will be held on September the 8th. So tickets are available until that drawing. And the money from that fundraiser will be shared amongst multiple families that were affected by the Borel Fire."

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According to the Rankin-Barrett her family has been compiling a list of those who have been contacting them, who need help, who were victims. So far

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Curly belongs to a local family, the Carruthers, who suffered severe losses during the recent fire. Rankin Ranch is offering tee shirts to raise money for the family and their bull Curly, who was severely injured in the fire, yet survived. Rankin-Barrett said, "The Curly the Bull tee-shirts are to support Curly's care and his family the Carruthers family who lost their home and everything in the Borel Fire."

The shirts are available on their website and \$30 each. According to Barrett, all of the proceeds go to the family. Donors can order the shirts online and the tee shirts will be shipped directly to the donor's home. **HYPERLINK** "https://www.rankinbeef.com/products/unisex-softstyle-t-shirt" https://www.rankinbeef.com/products/unisex-softstyle-t-shirt

According to Rankin-Barrett, Curly the Bull was getting attention because he



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was burned badly in the fire. The Carruthers family has been caring for him and working with a local veterinarian to treat his burns, which comes at a cost.

Rankin-Barrett said that the bull's owner Mark Carruthers told her there have been multiple times where Curly seemed like he wasn't going to make it.

She said that folks following Curly's story on social media wanted to know how they could help Curly. Seeing the shirts around town with a graphic of Curly the Bull would support the community spirit. "Curly has kind of become an icon of hope and perseverance and keeping up the good fight in a very challenging time."

Rankin-Barrett said, "After the fire burned through Havilah and burned

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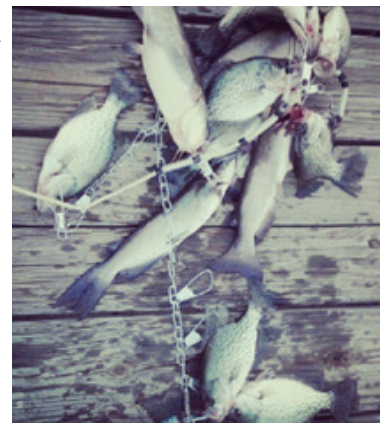
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Sequoia Mountain Apothecary in Lake Isabella will have Curly the Bull tee-shirts in stock at their store.

so many homes, and just devastated the community, Curly was kind of the last man standing, if you will. But he survived the blaze. As the fire crews, and So Cal Edison crews, and community members went through, everybody's kind of been keeping tabs on Curly, now. And seeing how he's doing and rooting for him to get better and to pull through."

KERN VALLEY SUN OUTDOOR COLUMNIST

Target Fishing Tactics

SPENCER SHEPARD



The Kern River's slowing flow makes it hard to fish successfully. While the lower Kern is holding at a respectable flow, the upper Kern requires hunting down pocket water in deep pools to land fish.

Currently, the upper Kern's fishing has slowed down. But anglers getting out early in the morning find fish in deep pocket water. Limestone to the Fairview Dam has been a viable option, and with the right setup, it is producing fish on the line. Also, it pays to be mindful of the insects in the area and choose a fly that looks native to the area you are fishing in.

Traditionally, trout have been holding in four to five feet of water, looking for insects floating towards them from upstream. Utilizing different lures or salmon eggs, it should take a little time to locate fish, with most fish being active in the early morning or the cool of the evening as the sun sets.

Fishing Lake Isabella is a great alternative, but it can often lead to full stringers of fish. With the arrival of the full moon earlier this week, catfishing tends to peak with the moon. I have done well lately in French Gulch and Engineers Point, often in the early hours of the evening after the sun has set. Nightcrawlers and shad, with two dropper loops about two feet apart and a one-ounce weight, yielded results for me in the deep water.

Some anglers have found that settling in and fishing with Power Bait or worms, with a slip-sinker bottom rig, from the shores of Lake Isabella during the day leads to trout on the line. Most anglers use sizes 10 to 12 hooks with a small Power Bait ball—Power Bait's scent and color variations appeal to hatchery trout.

One of the great things about fishing on the Main Dam side of Lake Isabella is drifting with the current. This allows for a greater area of water to be fished and can allow for a more accurate pinpointing of fish activity. For this type of fishing, I prefer to use a bobber as a strike indicator and a size 14 hook with a worm attached. I have been able to land crappie and trout using this setup.

With the increase in containment for both Trout Fire and Long Fire, the US Forest Service is reopening roads to the public, such as Monache Meadows and Horse Meadows. This is excellent news for those who like to fish the Alpine creeks and higher-altitude areas of the Kern. I have not made it up to either of these areas, but I will report on them when possible.

Archery Zones are beginning to open for deer season. However, prime hunting spots may still be within fire footprints, so check with local Ranger Districts and California Fish and Wildlife for all current information about the area you wish to hunt.

Tight lines and leave no trace, my friends.

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The annual concert series is a benefit to raise donations for Kern Valley Hospital Foundation.

Local Karaoke mobile disc jockey, Billy Bob was master of ceremonies that evening for the concert. He said, "The Kern Valley Hospital Foundation wants to welcome our community to the fourth concert in the park featuring Zen Zeppelin. It's going to be a fun night tonight."

This event was to raise money for scholarships to Kern River Valley high school students for college. The mission



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Association holds Chalk Walk, a splash of summer color

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

The Kern River Valley Art Association (KRVA) held its very first Chalk Walk Extravaganza, Sunday August 25, at the Station building in Wofford Heights.

Along with the blast of chalk color brightening up the warm day, was great weather with a clear blue

sky, and less heat for participating artists creating beneath the shade of the carport. President of the KRVA Christopher Buffalo Folsom said he was happy with the weather.

He said, "The inspiration (for the event) comes many fold. We have been inspired by the chalk



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Famous artist expands Wofford Heights mural

The World renowned Los Angeles artist, known as Vyal One, has recently continued his work at the Kern River Valley Art Association's big red Community Center building, expanding to beautify yet another window with his mural.

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KV Chamber of Commerce,

My strong opinion of Air B & B's or Short Term Rentals as might be referred to, should not be in a Residential Zone.

That designation is no different than a Motel. Motels are not Residential properties.

The Kern County Board of supervisors needs to clarify what is allowed in a Residential Zone. The Honorable Citizens of Kernville need to petition the Board of Supervisors to decide if Motels by any other name is allowed in a Residential Zone.

Ben Rudnick

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SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
95°	66°	95°	64°	94°	64°	94°	64°
SUNRISE 6:26	SUNSET 7:19	SUNRISE 6:27	SUNSET 7:18	SUNRISE 6:27	SUNSET 7:17	SUNRISE 6:28	SUNSET 7:15

KERN VALLEY WATER WATCH

Kern River Basin Data as of Sunday, August 25, 2024

Lake & River Information	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Lake Elevation	2,566.92	2,568.87	2,599.07
Lake Storage	211,700	225,309	496,710
Inflow Into Lake	284	347	5,298
Outflow From Lake	1,323	1,425	2,687

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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Marilynn Charlotte Sammons

Marilynn Charlotte Sammons entered the presence of Jesus on Aug. 2, 2024. She will be sorely missed until we meet again in Heaven. The family invites those who knew Marilynn or family to celebrate her life Sept. 7, 2024, at First Baptist Church, Lake Isabella 11:00am.

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This topic was under New Business, on the agenda for the monthly board of trustees meeting, Tuesday August 13 when William Box, who previously helped the historical society with some computer and email issues, advised the district.

Chairman of the board of trustees for KRVCD Harry Schutz introduced Box saying, "I invited him here today just to talk a little bit about our website, and also to talk about the Google platform, specifically emails."

Will introduced the board to Google Workspace saying, "They have a whole suite of business Microsoft Word equivalent applications. They have a Document, Word kind of program. They have an Excel type of program; they have a power-point presentation type of program.

They also have storage, which they call Google Drive."

Box told the trustees that he believed for some businesses and some organizations, having a central location to store files and share documents, and maybe have some user based emails, that have a professional email sounds a lot better than personal email addresses. He said, "Gmail is the big leading product that Google offers. It's a very secure and reliable way of doing email."

Box said that he thought that a custom email with a domain, which can be linked to the website, would provide a professional identity and give some confidence.

He suggested that role based email works better if the entity changes to a new person in that position, then the email can remain under that role or title, rather than having to get a new email address with the person's name. This would also assure a record of previous emails continues to be available. He also thought being able to access one's email from one's outside devices would be convenient.

Box supposed the program would coordinate with all of Google's advantages

such as a calendar, video conferencing, and then Google Drive storage opportunity.

"Even if you didn't use Google I would suggest obtaining a domain name of some sort that you can use," he said. Box believed Google lets nonprofits have the program for free but didn't know whether they'd do that for a government entity.

Regarding the district's website, Box said he'd recommend getting a domain, which links to the website, making it easier to find. Box said most people used the current host Streamline for their websites. He didn't have any critique for the district's current website.

Box said Streamline has 3 different levels. He suggested that the third level would offer more for KRVCD manager, Orion Sanders to improve the face of the website and could be a marketing investment.

Sanders wanted to investigate more into the costs involved. Box said Schutz invited him because they worked on the Google product for something else and that he (Box) is not marketing for Google.

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\$19,000 has been donated to help all the fire victims. She said, "It's really been humbling the support that's come, not only from our local community, but across the state, and even some folks from out of state that have contributed, because they've seen and heard about the fire and how devastating it was. And our community definitely needs the support to pull through this. And obviously that support comes in a number of ways. There is a lot of organizations that are assisting in this. And we recognize that what we're doing is very small in the scheme of the need. But it still helps. Every dollar counts. And we're happy to be able to try to contribute to the rebuilding of our community."

Rankin Barrett said, "I think the whole valley has felt the strain of the fire in different ways. But we're a small tight knit community."

Her family has had several from the community reaching out. And others have reached out on behalf of friends and family. She said, "On our website we've compiled a list of GoFundMe accounts to try to have a location that people have a resource to see a list of folks who have been affected by the fire."

Rankin-Barrett said her family has been adding to the list, which is not yet concluded. "It's always heart warming to see a community rally after such devastation and come together to support their neighbors in whatever way they're able to. And I think that the message that we need to continue is just the banding together, and supporting one another, because we are a very unique community, tucked up in the mountains here; and just hope that with the support from the various groups that our community will be able to rebuild and be stronger than it was before," she said.

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results of aesthetics-related questions” from other studies, according to a description by the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission of the studies Edison is required to complete as part of the relicensing process.

That’s not good enough for groups concerned about the health of the river.

They want an intensive “Level 3” study including site visits and monitoring to establish a protective “minimum instream flow.” The groups are hoping enough signatures on a petition will convince FERC regulators to require a Level 3 study.

A spokesperson for Edison did not respond to an email seeking comment for this story. But Edison’s website shows it is conducting numerous other studies looking at how its operations impact water quality, temperature and whitewater boating, among other things.

Minimum river flows, though, are key to keeping the river healthy, according to Brett Duxbury with Kern

River Boaters.

And those flows have been far too low for far too long, he said.

Kern River Boaters along with Kern River Fly Fishers’ Council prepared their own minimum flow proposal, which they plan to submit to FERC along with the petition in an effort to encourage regulators to take a harder look at Edison’s impacts.

The current minimum flows for that stretch of the river — from Fairview Dam to the Kern River 3 (KR3) plant — were established through a settlement with federal and state agencies in 1996 when KR3 was last relicensed.

That settlement caps Edison’s take at 600 cubic feet per second, leaving a required minimum 40 cfs in the river during winter and 130 cfs in summer.

Using research from the California Environmental Flows Framework, which analyzes river health, Duxbury said minimum flows in that stretch of river should be 195 cfs in winter, up to 335 cfs during spring runoff and 230 cfs by late summer. The CEFF review shows that at 79 cfs, the river habitat suffers “severe degradation.”

CEFF is a collaboration between environmental scientists from several state agencies, academics and advocacy groups and is hosted by the University of California at Davis.

One of the state agencies listed as part of the CEFF collaboration is the California Department of Fish and Wildlife. But a regional manager of CDFW said the agency is satisfied with the current minimum flows in that stretch of the Kern River.

“With the exception of dry years, which impacts both fisheries and boating, the flows below Fairview Dam generally support native fishes below the dam in addition to trout that the CDFW plants in this reach,” wrote Julie Vance, regional manager of the agency’s Central Region, in an email.

The agency is not seeking to have Edison conduct new studies on minimum flows for fish, Vance wrote.

She wrote that Edison has conducted fisheries studies, does river monitoring and files reports.

Jim Ahrens, with Kern River Fly Fishers, said those “fishery studies” were basically fish counts, not inten-

sive studies, and most were conducted during flush years when there was enough water for Edison’s demand and a brimming river.

One Edison fish study was conducted in 2016, a moderate water year, and showed what Kern River Boaters and Fly Fishers say was significant impacts.

With naturally lower flows that year, the number of trout above Fairview Dam declined by 50%. Below Fairview Dam, after water was taken by Edison for its power plant, the trout population dropped by 95%, according to the groups’ minimum flow proposal using numbers from Edison’s 2016 study.

Duxbury said river advocates know the plant and dam won’t be decommissioned. They’re just hoping to get a better deal for the river this time around.

“Why can’t we apply the latest, best science to our river? This is a generational issue,” he said.

Edison’s current license is set to expire in 2026. If it’s reissued, the new license will be in place for the next 30 to 40 years.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Wednesday, August 28th

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: Dinosaurs
4:00pm-4:45pm - Anime & Art
5:00pm-6:00pm - Teen Time
Where: Kern River Valley Branch Library 7054 Lake Isabella Blvd., 760.549.2083

Stained Glass Class
10-1pm
KRVAA Art & Community Center
6709 Wofford Blvd
Wofford Heights, CA 93285

Thursday, August 29th

2:00pm-5:00pm - Guitar Lessons
4:30pm-5:30pm - Popsicle Stick Art
Where: Kern River Valley Branch Library 7054 Lake Isabella Blvd., 760.549.2083

History Talk
Time: 10:00 a.m.
Dr. Patrick R. Laung, of the historic Chinese community in Bakersfield, will speak about the Chinese community in Kern County. The talk will be presented at the Annex across the street from the Kern Valley Museum in Kernville. As always, the History Talks are free to the public, and your attendance is very much appreciated.

Friday, August 30th
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 31st
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

Labor Day Weekend Block Party
Circle Park
6 Tobias St
Kernville, CA 93238

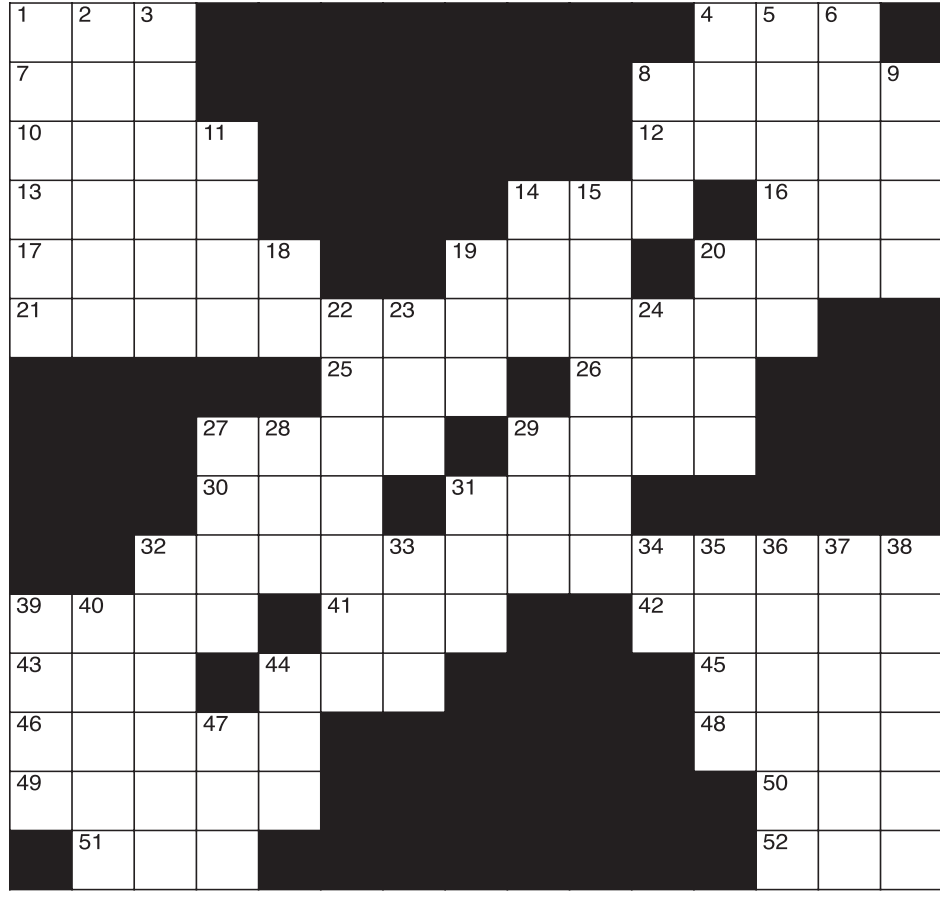
New Displays Reception
Time: 3:00 p.m.

At the Kern Valley Museum some changes have occurred. There are three new impressive displays that have recently been completed, the Natural History Display, the Rock Climbing Display, and the Postal Cancellation Display. You are invited to come see and learn about these new displays. If you have not been to the museum for a while you will find many changes.

Wednesday, Sept. 4th
Kern Valley Senior Dance
Every Wednesday with LIVE BAND for listening and dancing. FUN. 50/50 Drawing, Snacks, no admission charge.
Time: 6:00 to 8:00 PM.
Where: Kern Valley Senior Center 6409 Lake Isabella Blvd., Lake Isabella

Wednesday, Sept. 11th
Kern Valley Senior Dance
Every Wednesday with LIVE BAND for listening and dancing. FUN. 50/50 Drawing, Snacks, no admission charge.
Time: 6:00 to 8:00 PM.
Where: Kern Valley Senior Center 6409 Lake Isabella Blvd., Lake Isabella

PUZZLES & GAMES



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 4. After B
 7. Everything
 8. An unfortunate development
 10. Coat with sticky substance
 12. Cylinder of tobacco for smoking
 13. Minimum interval take off
 14. Yuck!
 16. NBA sensation Jeremy
 17. Where some rockers work
 19. Midway between northeast and east
 20. Snake-like fishes
 21. Groups of homes
 25. Swiss river
 26. Useful towel
 27. “The Wire” character “Moreland”
 29. Oafish creature
 30. A major division of geological time
 31. Bird-like Chinese dinosaur
 32. Sporting events
 39. Body part
 41. Clerical vestment
 42. Shows data
 43. Some are “special”
 44. Expression of disappointment
 45. Students’ rights document (abbr.)
 46. Vacation locale Costa ___
 48. Pop singer
 49. Distract outside a city
 50. Mark Wahlberg comedy
 51. Coniferous tree
 52. Midway between south and southeast

- CLUES DOWN**
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 2. Actress Danes
 3. Buttock muscles
 4. The 22nd letter of the Greek alphabet
 5. Popular 70s rockers
 6. Electronic communication
 8. Trigraph
 9. Sea eagles
 11. Low-pitched, resonant sound
 14. Northeastern US university (abbr.)
 15. Home of the Bulldogs
 18. Exclamation of surprise
 19. Make a mistake
 20. Advantage
 22. Monkeys love them
 23. Wood
 24. Paddle
 27. Past participle of be
 28. Tall, rounded vase
 29. Device manufacturers
 31. Financial institution (abbr.)
 32. Paper product
 33. A type
 34. Atomic #43
 35. Red Hot Chili Peppers’ drummer
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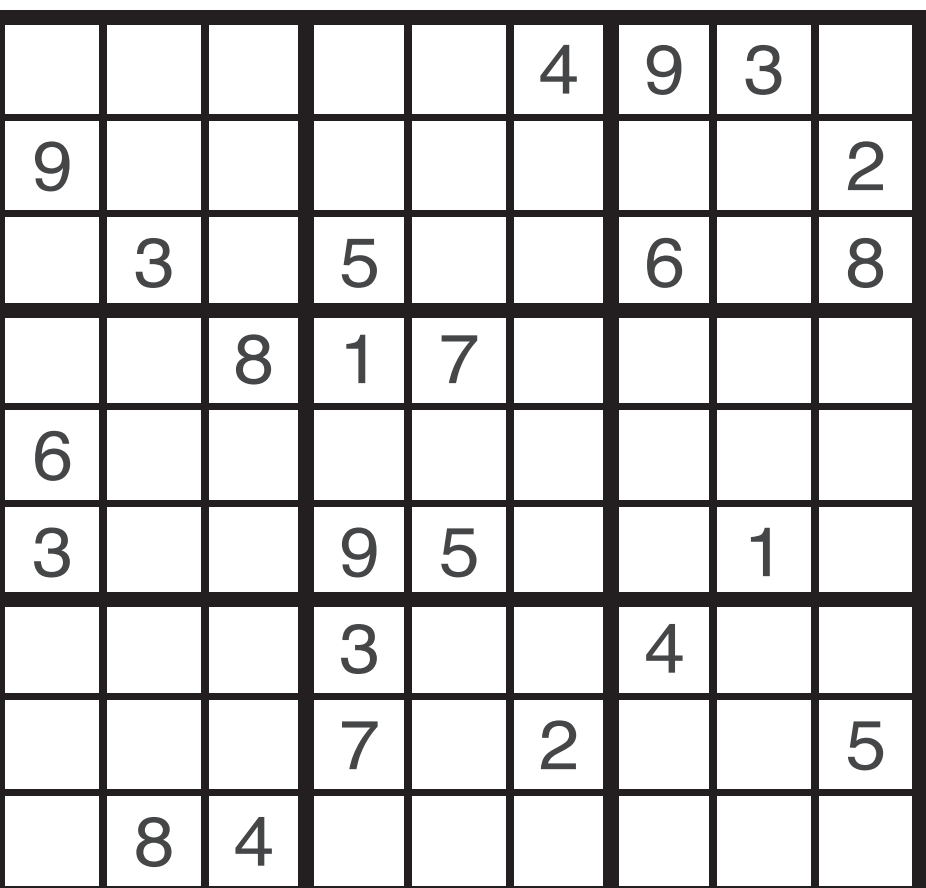
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- WAFFLE
- WHIPPED CREAM

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Library available online, outside, in schools during upcoming closure

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

The Kern River Valley Branch Library of the Kern County Library system was the topic when library associate Elisabeth Duvall recently spoke at a luncheon. The Kern Valley Exchange Club invited Duvall to share at its Thursday, August 22 meeting, which Paradise Cove Lodge hosted.

Duvall said that library was rewarded an infrastructure grant. Because of this the branch located in Lake Isabella will be closed for six months to replace their flooring, add security, change out the bookshelves and modernize. The closure will begin Tuesday October 1 and will run through March 31, 2025.

Thursday, Friday and Saturday from 12pm to 4pm the library will have a canopy in the parking lot where people can still order books, pick up books, children can pick up to-go crafts. And the library will still have books to browse. The library will also be going out to the schools doing story times during the closure.

The library will continue to provide free wi fi 24/7, available during the closure, and accessible in the parking lot. At KernCountyLibrary.org the public can still access the library catalog databases. The book drop will still be available during the closure. The contact number for the library during the closure will be (661) 868-0701. HYPERLINK "https://kerncountylibrary.org/" https://kerncountylibrary.org/

Duvall told the group, "We have been around for many years and we offer a lot of resources to the community."

She talked about what the local library offers including story times, a chess program, a sewing club, Pokemon events, art for both adults and teens, Dungeons and Dragons groups, irregular science, Slime events, guitar lessons, candle making, paint nights, and jewelry making events. "Everything we do is free. So that's the great thing about the Kern County Library is we're more than just books. We're actually a community hub and we offer a lot."

Duvall said that the community could

also use the library's 3D printer and Cricket and supplies, which are all free.

"We are funded in many ways. One of the main ways we are funded right now is measure K. This for us has given us increased hours to the community. We're now open 41 hours a week. We're open Tuesdays through Saturdays." She said, "We also have been able to increase our programming. So for example this past June and July we offered over 200 programs to the community, including a program called Lunch at the Library where we gave free meals to children to (age) 18."

The library has also been able to increase staff because of Measure K according to Duvall. There used to be only one full time staff member and one part time staff person. Yet now the library employs three full time and three part time staff members.

During library upgrades, staff will not become unemployed. Duvall said, "We are still going to be employed. So one day a week we will be commuting to Bakersfield."



PHOTO COURTESY OF JAR

Jar's iconic donated hearse sells

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

The Kern River Valley Art Association recently sold a hearse they had from a local donor, a musician named Jar. President of the association, Buffalo Folsom said Sunday August 25, "This has been a great weekend. The hearse that we had, that was donated, someone bought it. Yesterday it shipped out for Rochester New York."

Folks may have seen this pretty old collector's piece riding around town previously. "Its really a spectacular deal for us, tremendous. A Major donation," Buffalo said.



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK



TRIBUTE

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

Billy Bob encouraged the public to donate to the pink ladies collecting money at the event. He said, "Donate big because all the money from this goes to some scholarships for our local high school kids."

This show, which Pizza Barn sponsored, was of particular interest to fans of the original band, Led Zeppelin, which rose to stardom in the late 1960s.

Zen Zeppelin started off the show with the Led Zeppelin song Rock and Roll, which listeners can find here at www.youtube.com/watch?v=D2lSwsow9xY.

Their lineup also included the song Celebration. To listen to the original song check out this link. www.youtube.com/watch?v=KMQdiHIZgSo&list=RDKMQdiHIZgSo&start_radio=1

Band members for the tribute band, Zen Zeppelin are Cory Kyle, Brandon Kaiser, Adrian Manuel and Stephan Henager.

Sponsors of the River Rhythms series this year are: General Plumbing which provided outdoor restrooms during the event; Kern Family Health Care, AltaOne, California Water Service, David Woods-Edward Jones, Grocery Outlet, Harry P. Thal insurance, Kernville Saloon and Hotel, Lake Linx, OnPoint Gym, Pizza Barn QualCare, Sun Power, and West America Bank.

In 2011, recently passed away Charlie Busch, who was former owner of Kern River Radio, founded the River Rhythms Concert Series. His vision was to provide the valley with a series featuring bands, for a family fun community event that would also be a fundraiser.

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The following is a partial list; a complete list may be obtained by calling our internet advertiser, GovEase at 1-769-208-5050 or by viewing the list at www.kctc.co.kern.ca.us. You may access public computers at all Kern County Libraries.

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I declare under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct. Jordan Kaufman Kern County Treasurer-Tax Collector Executed at Bakersfield, Kern County on August 06, 2024.

The properties that are the subject of this notice are situated in Kern County, California and are described as follows: 054-235-13-00-3 \$1,700.00 REID WILBERT G 054-235-17-00-5 \$1,700.00 KANEKO ANN M 095-360-34-00-6 \$2,300.00 WANG JEFF Y & DONG DORA D REV TR 263-123-07-00-4 \$6,300.00 BRITAIN H W & L S

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENTS FILE NO. 2024-B4729 FILE NO. 2024-B4730

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as

DBA #1: RAMOS & RAMOS CONSULTING DBA #2: R & R CONSULTING, 6811 SLICKROCK DR, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313, Kern County. Mailing Address: 6811 SLICKROCK DR, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313

This business is conducted by: JOINT VENTURE: JOSE RAMOS & CATHLEEN GANDARA; 6811 SLICKROCK DR, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93313

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

This Fictitious Business Name Statement expires five years from the date it was filed in the County Clerk's Office. A new fictitious business name statement must be filed before that time: (07/30/2029). The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a fictitious business name in violation of the rights of another under Federal, State, or Common Law (See Section 14411 et seq., Business and Professions Code.). Signed: CATHLEEN GANDARA

This statement filed on: 07/30/2024 AIMEE X. ESPINOZA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: C. MARTINEZ, Deputy Clerk (Pub SUN 08/28, 09/04, 09/11, 09/18/2024)

NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

LEO Towing LIEN SALE: 16-BMW License: 9HDM160 / CA Vin: 5UXKR0C50G0P22499 to be sold at 10:00 am on 9/10/2024 @ 1150 East Los Angeles Ave Shafter, Ca (PUB SUN 08/28/2024)

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NOTICE OF VACANCY

SCHOOL BOARD APPOINTMENT, Trustee Eugene Parks Jr has submitted his resignation to the Kernville Union School District Board of Trustees effective July 22, 2024.

As a result of the resignation, the board of Trustees determined they would make a provisional appointment to fill the vacancy by advertising, interviewing, and selecting an individual for the vacant position.

The District asks individuals interested in serving on the Kernville Union School District Board of Trustees to submit a resume and a letter of intent to the Kernville Union School District Superintendent's Office 6416 Lake Isabella Blvd Ste A by 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 3, 2024.

The letter of intent shall have the following information:

- 1) Why are you interested in serving as a member of the Kernville Union School District Board of Trustees? 2) What experience and qualities would you bring to the Board? 3) What significant information would you like the Board to know or what issues do you feel are important to the District?

The Board will conduct interviews the evening of Tuesday, September 10, 2024, 3240 Erskine Creek Rd, Lake Isabella, Ca. at 4:00 p.m. and an appointment will be made at the next regular Board meeting, September 10, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. These dates and this appointment conform with the legal requirements set by California Education Code 5091.

If you have any questions or need clarification, please contact the District Office at (760) 379-3651.

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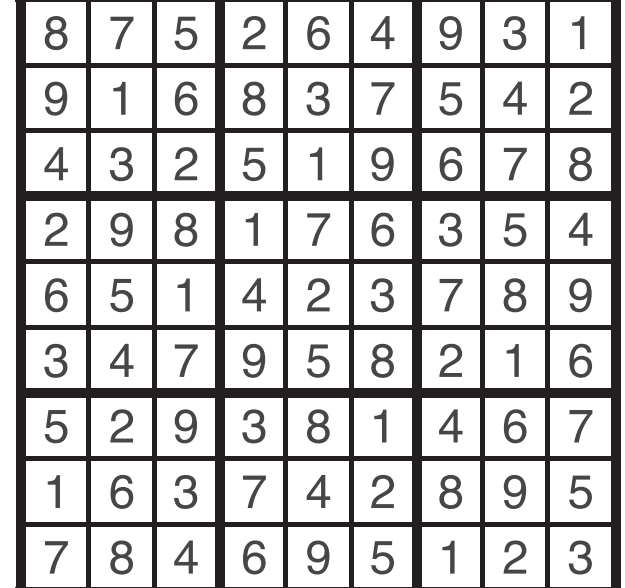
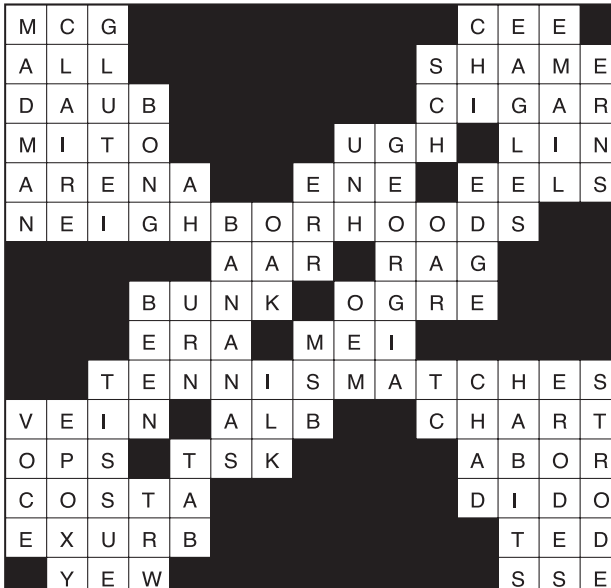
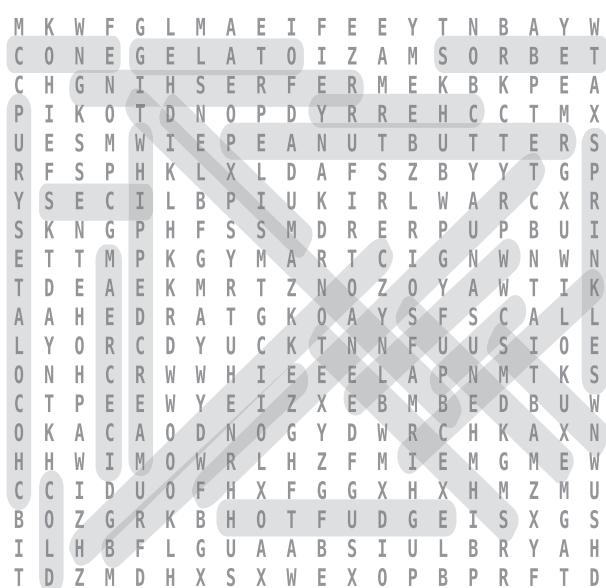
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ASHLEY DENYS

Highlights from the Kern Valley FFA Welcome back barbecue - A Night of Family Fun, held at the Kern Valley High School on Wednesday, August 21st, at 5pm. Families were treated to delicious food, fun games, and the cotton candy was a big hit among the young kids.



CHALK ART
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walk that happens in the Bakersfield through the Museum of Art. And before that, long ago, 50 maybe 60 years ago, the chalk thing that they do in Santa Barbara at the mission was the very first one that I saw. And it was so fantastic. We haven't accomplished that yet. For me to get down there on the ground and be able to do the chalk it's fun and a learning experience because I'm a three dimensional artist as opposed to two."

Folsom said an artist with a house in the valley, for 30 years, who resides in Santa Barbara showed up and did a beautiful piece in the Chalk Walk. A family with a bunch of kids came and other kids started showing up and had fun.

Along side the Chalk Walk Extravaganza, the KRVA also held an Ice Cream Social. Folsom said, "At around noon we started serving ice cream and everybody loved that. Again this has to do with our community grant and trying to bring the community together. Our community center plays a pivotal role and also gives a lot more exposure to our coffee place, now that we have it open and permitted, and past the first inspection. We're feeling really good about it."

Buffalo also joked saying some people thought his horse chalk-work looked like a penguin.

Adult participants were in a separate category from children, in the competition, which winners received different types of prizes.

Folsom wanted to remind the public that the association is inviting the public to the Labor Day Art Festival at Circle Park all weekend long.



CATHERINE STACHOWIAC



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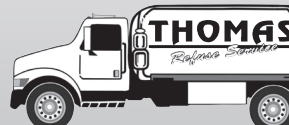
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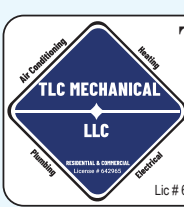
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Long touchdown scores saddle Broncos with the 20-14 loss

RAY CONNER

You could tell Friday was the first game of the football season for the Broncos varsity team. This was evident by the sloppy play, the missed opportunities and the failure of the special team in the end.

Kern Valley opened their season at home playing the Oakland Wildcats. Two long touchdowns sunk the Broncos as they gave up a 62-yard scoring toss and a 71-yard kickoff return for a touchdown. Those two plays and the fumbles, the interceptions, the missed tackles and taking penalties at the most inopportune time cost the Broncos a chance of getting the win. The first four possessions of the game for Kern Valley were filled with giving the ball back to their opponents. The first time the Broncos had a chance to get the ball a muffed punt turned it back to the Wildcats. The second time and interception stalled the drive and gifted back to Oakland. The next two possessions they would turn it over on downs.

The Wildcats took advantage of both the Kern Valley miscues. The game was only a little over six minutes old when the scoreboard lit up for the visiting team. After the Kern Valley fumble on the punt, Oakland used four plays to go the 30 yards to find the end zone. A four-yard pass capped the scoring drive and gave them the lead. Going for two was unsuccessful, but the score stood at 6-0.

Getting the ball back, the Broncos were on the move when they were short circuited by the INT. They went 39 yards in five plays, but the Kern Valley quarterback was picked off. The Wildcats player returned it to their own 38-yard line. Two plays and a penalty put the ball back at the original line of scrimmage. On the next play, the Oakland QB hooked up with a receiver who raced the 62 yards to find the end zone. This time the two-point PAT was good and with just over a minute left in the first quarter the Broncos were looking at a 14-0 deficit.

The Broncos had good field position to begin their next drive. They were set up at the 50-yard line. Kern Valley ran off six plays before they turned the ball back on downs. The defense stepped up and forced the Wildcats to punt. They tried a fake, but was sniffed out by the Broncos and they had worked field position back in their favor. They were sitting at the Wildcats 39-yard line. They moved it to the seven, but were stopped and turned it back over to Oakland. The first half ended without any other fan fare and the score remained at 14-0.

The Broncos battled back in the second half as they were able to knot the score at 14-14. The two teams alternated posses-



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The Broncos defense surrounds the Oakland ball carrier as they attempt to bring him down in the first game of the season.

sions and it was now KV ball. They started this drive at their own 35. Seven plays later the Broncos were knocking at the door on the 22-yard line of Oakland. On the next play, Zane Carver and Bryce Smoot hooked up for the 22-yard touchdown pass. The two-point PAT was no good, but the Broncos cut the lead to 14-6. The third quarter would end with this score.

Kern Valley's defense stopped the next Oakland drive. They forced the opponents to fumble and took over on the plus 28-yard line. A couple of penalties on the Wildcats moved it to 18-yard line. Another penalty on Oakland extended the drive. It took two plays to cross the goal line. Carver went three yards to raise the officials' arms. Going for two, the Broncos were successful and the score was tied at 14-14 with 4:45 left in the contest.

The ensuing kick off broke the Broncos as they surrendered a 71-yard return for a touchdown to put the Wildcats back on top. The extra try was no good, but the tie was broken. The scoreboard read 20-14 for the visiting Wildcats. The Broncos had two more possessions. One ended with a sack on fourth down. Kern Valley got the ball back with 1:57 on the clock when the

Wildcats coughed it up. An interception ended the last-ditch effort and the Wildcats went into victory formation to send Kern Valley to the loss.

The Broncos had a total of 143 yards of offense. They rushed for 110 and the one score. They threw for 33 yards and one touchdown. On the ground they were led by Carson Parks with 55 yards on 16 carries. Carver went for 47 yards on 16 touches. Tavin Watts rushed for eight yards with a pair of carries. Carver was 4-of-17 with the pair of interceptions for the 33 yards.

Note: Individual defensive stats were not made available. This was a mix up between the head coach and this writer.

Head coach Scott Tedrow commenting on the game said, "That was tough one to watch. We made a lot of mistakes. I felt like we were the better team, but we just made too many mistakes. We were able to move the ball at will, got a lot of stops on defense. We just ended up shooting ourselves in the foot. A lot of mental errors that we have to clean up before next week."

Kern Valley (0-1) will be on the road next week as they travel to Reedley to take on Immanuel High School. They will look to get in the win column.

Kern Valley tames Cougars to open their season

RAY CONNER

The Broncos JV team got the season off on the right foot as they handed McFarland a 28-8 loss.

Kern Valley started fast as they took the opening kickoff and went down the field to put it in the end zone. A balanced attack drove them down the field to take the early 6-0 lead. The Broncos were set up at the six-yard line in a first and goal scenario. They capped the opening drive with a touchdown run from Jackson Price. The PAT was no good, but the first game butterflies were now in the distance.

The Cougars took their chance and moved the ball consistently. They made it to the Broncos 10-yard line. Sitting with a fourth-and-two, A huge stop by the Kern Valley defense ended the scoring threat. Qwintin Pariseau made the tackle that turned the ball back to the Broncos. The first quarter came to an end with Kern Valley holding the 6-0 margin.

The Broncos were well on their way to adding to the scoreboard, but a fumble stuffed their chance as they turned the ball back to the Cougars. Once again McFarland drove the ball deep into Broncos territory only to be denied once again. They would give the ball back on downs. Kern Valley's offense stalled on this drive and were forced to punt. With only 1:18 left in the first half, the Cougars connected on a long pass that put the ball all the way down at the Broncos one-yard line. One play later, they pounded their way across the goal line to even the score at 6-6. After the two-point PAT was good, McFarland took the 8-6 lead into the break.

The second half was all Kern Valley as they dominated the rest of the game. The Broncos defense stopped McFarland on their initial second half possession. Kern Valley wasted little time in getting the lead back. Ty Humphers capped off the scoring drive with a 19-yard toss from Price. They added the two-point PAT and grabbed the lead back 14-8.

The defense took charge and stopped McFarland on their next two possessions. A forced fumble recovered by the Broncos and a sack that turned the ball back over on downs allowed Kern Valley to remain in control. Humphers scored his second touchdown of the game with a six-yard score. The extra-point was converted by Ewan Shea to make the score 21-8 in favor of the Broncos.

The Broncos defense came up with another stop as Shiloh Galvan picked off the Cougars quarterback. He would run it back to the McFarland 20-yard line to put Kern Valley in business. Six plays later, Price scooted his way into the end zone to make the cushion larger for the Broncos. Shea added the PAT and the score stood at 28-8. When the Kern Valley defense recovered another fumble, the game was firmly in their grasp. When the horn sounded the Broncos were sitting at 1-0 on the year.

As a team the Kern Valley offense totaled 403 yards. They threw for 201 and rushed for 202 yards on the ground. Price would throw for 201 yards on a 12-for-18 day. He completed passes to five different receivers. Price had the one touchdown toss and was intercepted once. On the receiving end, Kern Valley was led by Ryder Pappas with a pair of catches for



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The Kern Valley cheerleaders do a routine on the sideline at Friday's home football game.

67 yards. Humphers grabbed five catches for 59 yards, while Galvan hauled in three passes for 59 yards. Gabe Ross caught one pass for 10 yards, while Zane Pappas had one grab for six yards.

On the ground, the Broncos were led by Price with 65 yards on seven rushes and a pair of TD's. Humphers rushed eight times for 17 yards and the one score, while Jaadyn Cleveland had four touches for 12 yards. Pariseau took one hand off for five yards, while Galvan rushed once for three yards.

On the defensive side of the ball, Israel Padilla and Humphers shared the team lead in tackles with six. One of Humphers tackles was a sack and he pounced on one loose ball. Galvan took down five opposing players and had the INT. R. Pappas recorded three tackles, while Pariseau, EJ Anderson and Xander Lofty each had a pair of tackles. Joel Donohoe, Ross, Gavin Tippet, and Jaime Salmon were credited with one tackle apiece.

Price one of the Broncos captains said, "I'm looking forward to this season, we are playing some new schools and this will be a new challenge. But I think we have a great team and the

best coaches. We will work hard and play hard and that's all we can do."

Kern Valley head coach Gallis said, "This was an exciting game for our boys today, they had to overcome some adversity, and they got to show some grit and mental toughness on the road. McFarland played a tough game and gave us a lot of looks. They were big up front and had some athletes that were tough in space. Defensive Coordinator, Aaron LaFarga had a great game plan today and had our kids in the right spots. We had a couple of blown assignments, but those are things you expect in a first game. We can get those cleaned up." He went on to say, "Coach Davin Lee had the offense rolling and I liked how we were trying to spread the ball around and get everyone involved. All-in-all it was a successful first game and with that contest under their belts, the boys should be ready to take on the next challenge.

The next challenge will come this Friday as they make their way to Reedley to take on Immanuel High School. The game is set to kick off at 5 p.m.



TJ SANDERS

Baseball must be one of the most interesting sports due to the fact that there are 5 levels of professional ball before you make it to the

Speaking Sports with TJ

major leagues. There are the rookie leagues, low A, high A, double A, and triple A before you get to the majors.

This is what makes prospects in baseball so intriguing. With all the different levels of professional ball any prospect can turn out to be a bust due to the fact that every level is significantly better than the last level they were at.

You see so many top prospects every year who either can't compete in the majors or they are just an average

player instead of being the superstar they were projected to be.

You even see guys who weren't top ranked prospects become superstars in the majors.

You also see some top prospects who come up and struggle and people begin to doubt them, yet they still become stars. A perfect example of a top prospect struggling and then being a great player is Jackson Holliday.

As a former number 1

prospect in all of baseball his first stint in the major league was very forgettable, he got the call again later in the season and has since started to be a great player for the Orioles.

Paul Skenes is an example of domination from the second he was drafted. Skenes went through the minors in less than a year and dominated every level. When Skenes hit the majors, he had no bumps in the road. He was instantly dominant and had no issues facing some better

talent. Skenes was a top 3 prospect in baseball. He is arguably the best pitcher in baseball in this moment.

Every prospect has a different path to the majors, and they all have a different role in the majors. Most prospects advance 1 or 2 levels a year in the minors while some have huge breakout seasons and move multiple levels. Some players drafted out of college get to start in high A or double A.

These prospects are

usually stars in college and dominated at their respective college. These players can usually be fast tracked to the majors and contribute to the team faster than kids out of high school. This is why baseball is so interesting on a deeper level.

There is never a guarantee in baseball, and it takes longer for players to become stars or even play at the highest level in their respective sport.



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Kern Valley drops home match versus Shafter

RAY CONNER

The varsity Lady Broncs volleyball team started strong, but could not keep the momentum going as they were beaten by Shafter.

Kern Valley grabbed the first set as they won 25-21. Holding a 1-0 lead in match action, the Lady Broncs were hopeful. Shafter bounced back to take set number two 25-13 to even the match at 1-1. It was the Lady Generals who took control and dominated the next two sets. They won set three 25-18 and closed out the Lady Broncs with a 25-13 win in the fourth set. With the loss, Kern Valley is now 1-1 in match action on the year.

The Lady Broncs were limited to just three service aces in the match. Paisley Wilkins, Ellie Allen, and Elli Jeans each had one service ace apiece. Leading the way in kills was Ruby Hawkings. She collected 16 to top the chart for Kern Valley. Jessie Bunting recorded eight kills, while Allen had six. Ava Elliott came up with five kills, while Jeans had a pair of kills. No other individual stats were made available due to a technical difficulty with the film according to head coach Jamie Duran.

Kern Valley went on the road to McFarland on Tuesday as they continued their non-league season. They will be at home on Thursday when they take on Del Oro. Matches begin with frosh/soph match.



Gabby Eastes of the Kern Valley frosh/soph volleyball team sets the ball for her teammates in the recent match played at home.

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JV volleyball team goes 5-4 at Shafter Tournament

RAY CONNER

It was a busy week for the JV Lady Broncs volleyball squad as they played a total of six matches.

This included a home match with Shafter and then traveling to a week-end tournament. Playing against some heavy hitters, they were able to collect five set wins versus the likes of Bakersfield Chistian HS, Taft, Shafter, McFarland, and Stockdale. They split with BCHS and Taft, while earning wins over Shafter and McFarland. They rounded out their tournament with a loss to Stockdale.

The stat totals for the Lady Broncs in the tournament saw Kenadie Young lead the way in kills with 13. Brynnleigh McCarthy followed with seven kills, while Jade Montes finished with five kills. Samantha Wyly and Riley Wilkins each had a pair of kills for Kern Valley. The Lady Broncs collected 35 service aces in the matches played at the tournament. McCarthy had the hot hand as she delivered 12 aces to lead the Kern Valley team. Taylor Kristy finished with seven aces, while Wyly had six. Amber McAhren was credited with five aces, while Montes had



Kenadie Young of the JV Lady Broncs concentrates on setting up her teammate at the net.

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set as they fell 25-7. They recovered to earn the second set win 25-21 to even the match at 1-1. The decider was all Shafter as took home the match with a 15-8 win.

Only 10 kills were recorded for the Lady Broncs in the three-set match. Led by Montes with three. She was followed by Young and Allen with a pair of kills. McCarthy, McAhren, and Wilkins delivered one kill each for Kern Valley. McCarthy was the only Lady Broncs player to record a service ace, as she had two in the match.

Defensively, Plante recorded 17 digs to lead her team. McAhren had seven, while Young and Wilkins each had four. Kristy and Bechtel each had one dig for the Lady Broncs. Young was the lone Kern Valley player to record a block in the match.

Yasin said, "I am very proud of this team for their resiliency throughout this match. They never gave up and pushed through adversity to win the second set."

The Lady Broncs went on the road to play McFarland on Tuesday. Tomorrow they will take on Del Oro at home.

three. Finishing up was Young who had a pair of serving aces.

On the defensive side of the net, Kern Valley recorded 78 digs in the tournament. Young collected 22 digs to lead the Lady Broncs. She was followed closely by Ashley Plante with 21 digs. Wyly had 16, while Kristy was credited with six. Emmalyn Bechtel finished with five digs, while the M & M girls of Montes and McAhren each had three

digs apiece. Anna Allen and Wilkins capped off the digs for the team with one each. At the net, Kern Valley saw three players earn four blocks. McCarthy led the team with two blocks, while Montes and Wilkins recorded one block apiece.

Head coach Jessica Yasin commented on the tournament said, "This was a great day of volleyball. My goal was to allow the girls to work through some of the tougher

moments on their own. We have a lot to work on in the upcoming weeks before league starts so that we can put the best team on the court."

Earlier in the week, the Lady Broncs played a match at home with the Lady Generals of Shafter. Kern Valley took their opponents to set three, but came up short in getting the match victory. The Lady Broncs were dominated in the first

Lady Broncs frosh/soph falls to Shafter

RAY CONNER

Kern Valley's frosh/soph volleyball team lost a tough match at home against the Lady Generals.

The Lady Broncs took the match to three sets, but were unable to complete the math win. The matched open with Shafter winning

the first set. Kern Valley bounced back to tie the match at 1-1 by winning the second set. In the end the Lady Generals commanded the match victory by taking the third set. Note: No individual stats were made available. This is a new team, and things are still forming for the coach.

The set-back for the new team Kern Valley is a learning experience and they will improve as their short season continues. In the long run

this will strengthen the Lady Broncs volleyball program. In turn the successes should normally outweigh the shortcomings.

The Lady Broncs head coach Shelby Chumley commenting on the match said, "Our girls played very well as a team and constantly were setting up for an attack. We have continued to progress in our games as a team, in all areas of the game. Evelett (Alexander) was called upon in this match to play front

row. Which is something she has never done and she played outstanding, was constantly talking, cheering, and trying to set the ball up for attacks. I am overall proud of our performance and can't wait to see how the girls continue to grow as a team."

The Lady Broncs went on the road to take on McFarland on Tuesday. They will play on their home court tomorrow when they entertain Del Oro.



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Lady Broncs tennis squad ready to serve up success

RAY CONNER

The Kern Valley tennis team will begin their season tomorrow at home against Corcoran.

Under first-year head coach Sabine Mixon the Lady Broncs will look for success on the courts this season. She was an assistant coach two years prior. Mixon has had a long and storied coaching career at Kern Valley as she begins her 13th year of coaching. In a turnaround, Brent Mixon, was the previous head coach, will now be the assistant coach. She will also get help from Kelsey Mixon, who was an athlete at York University in Nebraska.

The Lady Broncs currently have 11 players on the squad, with five returners from last season. There is only one senior on the relatively young squad. Senior, Marissa Tate returns for Kern Valley and joins junior returners, Kyra Flint and Abbie Phillips. Rounding out the returners are sophomores, Elizabeth Davis and Karsyn Liske.

Three juniors, a sophomore and a pair of freshmen athletes join the Lady Broncs this year. The juniors are Summer Santos, Taylor Beam, and Ariel Balan. The new sophomore to the squad is Allison Watkins, while the two new freshmen are Kylie Griswold and Amberlynn Salinas.

S. Mixon as the head coach faces a special challenge with the team. Despite having the experienced five returners back, the other six need that are playing tennis on the squad for the first time. Her goal for the season is to advance the returners to a higher level, while letting the new team members that they are also part of the team. S. Mixon said, "We have five returners and six that are learning to swing a racket for the first time. The unique challenge that we have is that the only tennis courts in all of the valley are located at the high school behind

a locked gate. Most of our youth do not get exposure to tennis until they become high school students. We have one senior who is a four-year returner and two juniors who have three years of experience. While we work on expanding the strengths and game strategies of our returners, we also need to focus on fundamental skills for those learning the game."

In order to attain this goal, the head coach will rely on her coaching staff to get these athletes ready for the season. She said, "We are fortunate to have three coaches working with 11 girls so we can give individual time and attention to the diverse needs of the team members."

In the non-league matches on Kern Valley's schedule, it is the hope that the Lady Broncs gain the valuable court experience to play competitive tennis when league action comes around. S. Mixon commenting on the non-league said, "We are looking forward to gaining experience in game play during our non-league matches."

In the HDL, Kern Valley will be up against some tough competition from Desert and Bishop. According to S. Mixon, these are the teams that have had league success in the past. The Lady Roadrunners of Rosamond are also in the HDL. The Lady Broncs will have five non-league matches before heading into HDL action.

The head coach sees the strength of her team in the way these athletes actually become a team. She said, "We have strong leadership and positive attitudes on the tennis team. Year after year, the girls build a family type of relationship, which makes the season so much fun." Turning the page to the areas that need work are the lack of tennis courts in the area and time on those courts is the challenge encountering the Lady Broncs tennis squad. S. Mixon said, "We need more time on the court with a racket in hand from a much younger age."

In closing, the Lady Broncs head coach said, "It would be

great if the valley could have a recreation area with tennis and pickleball courts not only for the youth of the valley, but also for the mature community. I know that there are various organizations working toward that goal. It is unfortunate that the schools, where various facilities do exist, must be fenced for the safety and security of our children. However, it would be beneficial to the people of our valley if the County of Kern could find a place to develop a multi-use recreational area to be used by people across the generation spectrum."

With a strong commitment and a quality coaching staff, the Lady Broncs are on the right path to success in this upcoming season. Their season starts at home and the hope is to gain the upper hand right from the onset.

TENNIS

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