

# Kern Valley Sun

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## Public demands more water in the upper Kern River

Residents, boaters, anglers and river lovers had their first say on the overall relicensing application for Southern California Edison's power plant above Kernville and they uniformly demanded more water be put back into the upper Kern River.

## Stolen compressor returned to KRVA

The compressor, which was previously stolen from the Kern River Valley Art Association (KRVA), in early October, was unexpectedly returned, Monday.

## ILC gives emergency preparedness presentation

The Independent Living Center (ILC) of Kern County shared with the public how to be prepared for emergencies, Wednesday Oct 23, at the Kern River Valley Senior Center.

## Broncs varsity football team falls short of HDL title

The huge showdown in the HDL saw Bishop score a pair of touchdowns in the second half to pushed the Broncs out of the league title chase.

## Lady Broncs varsity volleyball team wins twice

The Lady Broncs varsity volleyball team closed out the regular season this past week. Kern Valley split the matches as they defeated the Lady Roadrunners of Rosamond in straight sets. They would drop the marathon decision versus Cal City in five sets.

## Aspen Hacker finishes second at Mt. Sac cross country race

In one of the largest cross country races in the United States, the Mt. Sac Race. Runners from all over compete. Aspen Hacker of the Lady Broncs ran to a second place finish to capture a medal.

## Pickleball served up success at local tournament

Sometimes finding the right fund-raiser can do your non-profit a service. The Mt. Mesa Men's Club was looking for a new way to support their scholarship fund. The game of Pickleball rose to the occasion and delivered as the local tournament held Oct. 19-20 made an impact.



## Progress made on Sierra Way reopening

If all goes well Sierra Way from Highway 178 to Kernville will be open by the end of November.

Final stages of road repairs are underway with pouring of concrete and strength testing. Cost of the repairs is estimated at \$3.2 million. Repairs started in March of this year and have progressed steadily.

Built for a 10 year flood event, larger culverts and the expansion of rock side protection for erosion has been installed.

According to county officials the ultimate plan is to build a road that will withstand the type of flooding that occurred last year.

Sierra Way has been closed since March, 2023 due to the flooding of the South Fork.

PATRICK RAY



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The road between Kernville and Lake Isabella was blocked by an accident last Friday night. No details of the accident were received from California Highway Patrol by press time. KV Sun will follow up and provide information.



LEANNE SMITH

# Community enjoys Boo Tacular Fun Run

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

People came from far and wide to enjoy the annual obstacle course with a Halloween theme, Sunday October 27. The Boo Tacular Fun Run event was a part of the Kernville Chamber of Commerce's Fall Festival and was located at McNally Arena.

OnPoint Gym organized and sponsored the event, to raise funds for Sarge's Wreaths 4 Vets.

The chamber decided to change the time of the event this year. "We pushed it back so that people could still drive up in the morning and still enjoy the Fall Festival in Kernville," said Tawnya Torgl, owner the OnPoint Gym.

Torgl, who is also on board with the chamber, said that the challenge has been a big draw, since she founded it, with close to 100 people participating and just as many in the stands.

The event was an obstacle course of over 20 obstacles. Most of the ob-

stacles were inside of the rodeo arena. There were a few that were outside of the arena. The event included two mud pits.

Participants got to enjoy climbing hay bails, up and over logs and tall walls, and pulling big heavy bags, and going over the obstacle of the big BMX mountain bike dirt track.

Younger children had a smaller, age appropriate obstacle course, which was

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# COMMUNITY

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The Kernville Chamber of Commerce held its annual Fall Festival, Saturday October 26 and Sunday October 27, at Circle Park. President of the chamber, Orion Sanders, called children over for one of the most awaited traditions. "We're going to be right over here at the Kernville Chamber booth and have a little costume parade. So work your way over here." He said, "We're going to be visiting some of our vendors and doing a little trick or treating."

Events Saturday included a performance by Danica's School of Dance. Elite Cheer also gave a performance with lots of jumps, throws, and acrobatics.

The winner of the Little Dog Race, this year, was Ashley Hill's dog Bruno. The winner of the Dog Costume Contest was Amy Sansfield's dog Daisy.

Events Sunday included long held traditions, the Sack Races, Egg Toss, and a Pie Eating Contest, for which Cheryl's Diner baked the pies.

Sunday participants enjoyed the long awaited BooTacular Fun Run event, which OnPoint Gym sponsored, and Sarge's Wreaths 4 Vets presented. This was a Halloween themed, challenging obstacle course, at the arena. The BOOTacular included Team, Youth, Adult, and Tiny Kids Challenges, ribbons, and prizes.

Kernville First Baptist Church manned a pumpkin patch with a sign inviting kids to their youth group. Others donating to the pumpkin patch, besides the church, were Kern River Ceviche Company, OnPoint Gym, Cheryl's Diner, and John Wilson. The chamber had a box on display, for individual donations, so each of the kids visiting could enjoy a free pumpkin at



PHOTO COURTESY OF KERNVILLE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

The winner of the little dog race was Ashley Hill and his dog Bruno.



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the event. Vendors there sold festive and colorful crafts and circulated information to locals. There was also a huge inflated slide, a moon bounce, and lots of food vendors.

## Dove Fire Update

The Dove Fire, which, was west of Dove Springs, started Monday, October 19.

It was located at Dove Spronga Canyon Road and Kelso Valley. According to CAL FIRE-CA.gov the fire was at about 1,000 acres as of Thursday, Oct 24. And by October 25 the Dove Fire was 100% contained.

The fire has been under the administrative management of the Kern County Fire Department. Fire Restrictions were in place since October 20. Officials earlier had expected to lift restrictions, by October 24.

The cause of the fire was still under investigation before press time.

<https://www.fire.ca.gov/incidents/2024/10/19/dove-fire>

## BOOTACULAR

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inside the arena where they chose their own pumpkin.

Spectators and families were able to watch, from the stands, and root for family and friends for support.

"This year we're offering prize money," Torgl told the Kern Valley Sun.

This year's event, which Angels Roost favorites Val Stone and Bronson Slaughter were MCs for, included categories of Male, Female, and Teams of Four. For the individuals the winner of the Men's won \$250. The winner

of the Women's won \$250.

People signing up early to participate got an event tee shirt.

Other than her concern for local health and fitness, Torgl said she had reasons for supporting Sarge's. She said, "I love Sarge's Wreaths 4 Vets because I've got family that's been in the military. I have my dad, I have 7 family members that are buried up here, and now I know that every one gets the flag on Veterans Day and the wreath on Christmas so that my family member is not forgotten for service. So that's super nice."

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slack water behind rocks, or deep water with a clear gravel bank, free of silt and debris buildup. Big trout are lazy and like to have the food come to them, so they get smart and find spots where they exert minimal effort. And on the Kern, there is never a shortage of areas where big trout can be found.

Big trout are savvy and will test your knowledge and willpower. Often found in hard-to-reach areas, like overhanging vegetation, bank undercuts, or deep river channels, big trout are worth the reward if you put in the work. They like the deep water and obscure spots for protection from predators, and it's cooler for them. The slowest moving water is near the bottom, and big trout know this and cling to it, so they exert less energy. So, when they move away from their comfort zone, it best be for a good reason.

Trout have excellent vision, so it goes without saying that big trout are experts at using visual cues to survive. In deep water, they look up towards the surface so they can see what's coming towards them. So, you want to make sure you land your line before it floats to where you think some trout are. Sometimes, they'll hit right when it drops, but this is rare; in my experience, proper fly/bait placement

leads to fish on the line.

With the cooler weather, trout should be more active throughout the day, increasing the number of fishable daylight hours. I have had luck in the mid-morning, between Chamise and Limestone, especially when the sun first hits the water. You want to be casting when the bugs become active; if you see active bugs, you might be on the money. A nine-to-twelve-foot leader should get you where the bugs land on the water's surface.

When finding a good spot along the bank, this time of year, move slowly and quietly; trout are spooked easily. In some places, being quiet is a must since the shoreline and the spot you are fishing are near one another. And if you're a goof, like me, watch where you place your feet to avoid slippery moss and falling in what might have been a sound hole.

When you get out, think about where you are. Soak in the area and watch what the water does. Find what

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| HIGH    | 65°  | HIGH     | 65°  | HIGH    | 63°  | HIGH      | 53°  |
| LOW     | 39°  | LOW      | 39°  | LOW     | 41°  | LOW       | 39°  |
| SUNRISE | 7:14 | SUNRISE  | 7:15 | SUNRISE | 7:16 | SUNRISE   | 7:17 |
| SUNSET  | 5:59 | SUNSET   | 5:58 | SUNSET  | 5:57 | SUNSET    | 5:56 |
| SUNDAY  |      | MONDAY   |      | TUESDAY |      | WEDNESDAY |      |
| HIGH    | 58°  | HIGH     | 65°  | HIGH    | 65°  | HIGH      | 66°  |
| LOW     | 39°  | LOW      | 41°  | LOW     | 42°  | LOW       | 42°  |
| SUNRISE | 6:18 | SUNRISE  | 6:19 | SUNRISE | 6:20 | SUNRISE   | 6:21 |
| SUNSET  | 4:55 | SUNSET   | 4:54 | SUNSET  | 4:53 | SUNSET    | 4:52 |

## KERN VALLEY WATER WATCH

Kern River Basin Data as of Sunday, October 27, 2024

| Lake & River Information | This Week | Last Week | Last Year |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Lake Elevation           | 2,557.09  | 2,557.46  | 2,578.47  |
| Lake Storage             | 150,820   | 152,878   | 299,540   |
| Inflow Into Lake         | 82        | 196       | 2,237     |
| Outflow From Lake        | 319       | 412       | 2,237     |

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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# Artists recycle escape room into haunted Halloween maze

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Folks enjoyed a scary evening, after volunteers built a neat Haunted House Maze, for the purpose of bringing the community into unity at Halloween.

The Kern River Valley Art Association volunteered a lot of effort toward this project so the public could enjoy the scary recycled maze at their first Masquerade Ball, this past Saturday, at the Art and Community Center in Wofford Heights. The planning initially

began when the Kern River Valley Bridge Connection, with Chris Zuber from Hooster, came to the KRVA A asking them to assist with an Escape Room for the Skate Park Trunk or Treat event, saying they'd give KRVA A the materials afterward, if they helped.

President of the KRVA A, Buffalo Folsom said, "We did a lot of work to get it to the Skate Park for his event. And then we tore everything down and brought it here and redid it the way we wanted it." The KRVA A decided to

use the materials from the Escape Room, for a Haunted House Maze, which would be friendly for children, yet a bit scary.

Folsom's two grandsons helped with the maze and were doing the jump scares during the evening.

Lowes, store number 2424 of Bakersfield, donated buckets to hold up the maze.

Volunteer Kimberly Salazar painted the maze.

Another volunteer, who helped build the Haunted House Maze, Mara Heller explained the story. "They

told me what was going on, when to be here. I showed up and realized they didn't have as much help as they needed," she said. "Last weekend we helped Chris Zuber put it up as the Escape Room. I had to help redesign the layout. I helped build the original panels, and then helped build it at the park, and then moved it all here."

Heller spent days up on scaffolding, preparing for the event, which included the Masquerade Ball.



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# First Masquerade Ball draws many families

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Neighbors gathered at the Art and Community Center, Saturday October 26, for the Kern River Valley Art Association's very first Masquerade Ball. Lots of families joined in on the festivities with their wee ones all dressed in their Halloween costumes.

President of the KRVA A, Christopher Buffalo Folsom told the Kern Valley Sun, "The reason for this event

is to bring the community together. I realize that they have the Senior Dance over at the Senior Center. But we just wanted to open up a dance to everybody, to kids and adults. And Halloween is such a fun time because everybody likes dressing up as different things especially the kids." According to Folsom, the occasion was one of the Neighbor to Neighbor Grant events, although, even if the organization had not received the grant, the KRVA A would have presented the event regardless. "I'm hoping we're going to have a good crowd tonight. Back in the day we used to have dances all over the place," he said.

The association's Big Red building was nicely decorated with fancy table settings. Lead Docent of the KRVA A Kimberly Salazar helped organize the Masquerade Ball with Vice President of the KRVA A Laura Tran. Salazar said, "We're very excited to have youth attend and dance the night away."

What the event was about, according to Salazar



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was neighbors socializing with their own neighbors and community, having a good time, and helping

people feel connected.

Salazar said she was grateful to all of the volunteers who helped prepare everything for the event and especially Patty Kelly who made the most of the KRVA A's paper mache decorations, including "Skeleton Bob," which was up for raffle that evening.

Salazar was also grateful for Ashley, who ran the coffee cart, and Randy for playing music all evening.

Before the evening's events fell off, Buffalo announced to the dancing crowd, "I want to thank everybody for being here because this is truly what the art association is about. It's about community and family and bringing people together. We're going to do a kids contest for best costume."

Children, ranging from toddler age to teens, participated in the Costume Contest. The contest had no specific winner because every participant won. The KRVA A gave every participant a bag of prizes with candy.

Kern River Ceviche Company sold food, at a discount, outside the event. The KRVA A served snacks.

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# Broncs varsity football team falls short of HDL title

RAY CONNER

The huge showdown in the HDL saw Bishop score a pair of touchdowns in the second half to push the Broncs out of the league title chase.

The first half of the game the two teams battled to keep a lead. The back-and-forth contest saw the Broncos of Bishop grab the early lead at 7-0. The first quarter ended with Kern Valley trailing 7-0. Early on in the second, The Broncs drive pushed them into the end zone to knot the score at 7-7. Bishop responded and score again to retake the lead. A missed extra-point made the score 13-7 in favor of Bishop. Kern Valley had an answer as they crossed the goal line once more to tie it at 13-13. After the PAT from the Broncs, they had their first lead of the game. The two teams went into the break with Kern Valley holding the one-point edge at 14-13.

Scoring for the Broncs in the first half were Zane Carver on a one-yard plunge. Carver

would also connect with Aid-en Madden on a 20-yard scoring toss for the two touchdowns. Tristan Beckham booted both PAT's for Kern Val-ley's scoring on the night. That would be all the scoring for the Broncs.

In the second half, the Broncs could not muster any scoring offense. Kern Valley drove themselves into scoring opportunities multiple times in the second half. They could not break through the Bishop defense. The Kern Valley defense tried to match their opponents, but the Broncos crossed the goal line twice in the second half to dash the HDL title hopes of the Broncs. The final score favored Bishop 27-14.

The Broncos offense totaled 296 yards in this game. They threw for 114 yards and rushed for 182 yards. Kern Val-ley was limited to 174 yards of offense. They had 132 yards passing and the one score, but managed only 42 yards in the ground game and the one TD.

Carver completed 13 passes in 33 attempts for the 132 yards. He was picked off once by Bishop. Daniel Hinkey grabbed two passes for 60 yards to lead the Broncs. Carson Parks hauled in three catches for 30 yards, while

Mad-den had three receptions for 27 yards. This included the 20-yard touchdown. Bryce Smoot caught two for 11 yards, while Deegan Lee completed the passing game with three receptions for five yards. The rushing leader for Kern Val-ley was Parks with nine carried for 21 yards. Carver had 11 rushed that went for 20 yards. Lee had one touch for five yards, while Smoot carried once for a minus four yards.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Broncs were led by Hinkey with a team high 21 tackles. He was credited with 12 solo tackles. Tavin Watts brought down 11 Bishop ball carriers, including seven that were solo tackles. Blake Baughman collected nine tackles. Seven were recorded as solo. Joely Galvan followed with six tackles, while Lee was credited with five solo tackles. Drake Posney had four tackles and loosed the ball from a Bishop ball carrier. Jeffrey Clark had three solo tackles, while Smoot and Jacob Arbraugh had a pair of tackles apiece. Ivan Mondragon had one tackle and pounced on the loose ball caused by his teammate. Parks, Andrew Miller,

Mickey Pearman, Tyler Lewis, and Michael Porter each had one tackle in the game. Madden picked off the Bishop quarterback and returned it 41 yards.

The Broncs head coach Scott Tedrow commenting on the game said, "Another tough loss for us. We played tough for four quarters, but their size eventually wore us down in the second half. We took a 14-13 lead in to halftime, but just couldn't capitalize on multiple trips to the red zone in the second half. Defensively, we held Bishop to 114 yds passing, but their run game pounded away at our defense all night rushing for 182 yds on 33 carries."

With this game in the books, the Kern Valley team has to regroup as the battle for second place is on tap. The Broncs will entertain the Boron Bobcats on Friday. The winner of this game will have sole possession of second place in the HDL. This night it will also be a time to honor the seniors on the Kern Valley team as it is Senior Night.

# JV Broncs fall to Bishop in first-place league battle

*Kern Valley scores 28 points, but isn't enough as they lose 52-28*

RAY CONNER

The Kern Valley JV squad could not hold down the explosiveness of the Bishop offense in key HDL matchup.

Traveling to Bishop for the first-place showdown, the Broncs needed the win to take over sole possession of the HDL standings. Both teams came into the contest undefeated in league play. It started off well for Kern Valley as they took the opening kickoff and drove the ball 80 yards in 10 plays. Jackson Price capped off the long drive when he hooked up with Shiloh Galvan for the 30-yard touchdown. They extra-point try was unsuccessful, but the Broncs took the early 6-0 lead.

The Broncos of Bishop answered on their first possession as they scored on a 56-yard touchdown pass of their own. The score stood at 6-6. The Broncos took the lead for good when they scored on 60-yard punt return for a touch-down to make it 14-6. Two scoring tosses later by Bishop and the score had ballooned to 27-6 before Kern Valley stopped the scoring streak for Bishop. Kern Valley drove to the Bishop three-yard line after a 14 plays. Price took control and scampered in from three yards out to cut into the lead. The Broncs went for the two-point try and were successful to make the score a little closer at 27-14. Bishop grabbed back control as they managed to score on a Hail Mary pass into the end zone. The

half ended with Bishop leading 33-14.

Coming out of the break, the Kern Valley defense forced a punt. Taking over at their own 28-yard line the Broncs were back on offense. One play was all that was needed for the scoreboard change. Price took off and sped his way into the end zone for the 72-yard touchdown. Another successful two-point try and the lead had dwindled to 33-22. Taking a chance, the Broncs tried for the onside kick. Gabe Ross was able to pounce on the loose ball and hand it back to the Broncs. With momentum swinging their way, Kern Valley did not waste the opportunity. It took 11 plays, but in the end Price crossed the goal line for the third time to make it a one-score game. The scoreboard read 33-28 for Bishop, but the Broncs had the momentum.

Kern Valley was able to get the ball back as Gavin Tibbet caused a fumble. Israel Padilla gathered in the loose ball to give the Broncs offense the ball. With a chance to get back into the lead, Kern Valley could not keep the momentum going and allowed Bishop to regain control. The Broncos scored twice more to cement the victory and send Kern Valley to the road loss at 52-28.

Price completed seven of his 14 pass attempts for 100 yards. He hit four different receivers in the game. Galvan led the way with three catches for 78 yards and the TD. Ross hauled in a pair of passes for 10 yards, while Ryder Pap-pas and Tye Humphers grabbed one

pass each doe three yards. On the ground, the Kern Valley team was led by Price with 133 yards on 13 totes and the three scores. Pappas had 11 rushed that went for 101 yards. Tibbett closed out the ground game with six carried for 22 yards. No defensive stats were made available in this game.

Bill Gallis the Broncs head coach had this to say on the game, "That's a tough loss for us, going in we felt very confident we were going to be able to do good things to put us in a position to win. We played very well at times, but we just didn't have an answer for their big

play capability. We put ourselves in a big hole during that second quarter and it took a lot to get us back in the game. You tip your hat to Bishop, they made the big plays when they needed them. Our young team showed resilience throughout the game, and with continued hard work, we'll look to bounce back and close out the season on a positive note against Boron next week."

Kern Valley's season will come to an end on Friday when the Boron Bobcats comes to town. The game is slated to kickoff at 4 p.m.

## Youth Football freshmen only team to advance to playoffs

RAY CONNER

The Freshmen Broncs of the KV Youth Football program is the lone one standing as the regular season comes to an end. They move on to the playoffs that will start in Tehachapi this Saturday. This freshmen Broncs will face off with Bishop in the first round of the playoffs. The game is scheduled to start

at 9 a.m.

This past Saturday, the Kern Valley teams followed their high school counterparts and made the trip to Bishop. It was a long ride home for each team as none of the Broncs squads were able to bring home a victory. This was the last game of the season for the Kern Valley varsity, JV, and sophomore teams.

# Cheerleaders visit Exchange

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Some of the Kern Valley High School Cheerleaders visited the Kern Valley Exchange Club (KVEC) Thursday October 24, as a special guest of Reyanna Santos, president elect and board member of exchange.

The luncheon, which Paradise Cove Lodge hosted, was pretty well attended. Apparently those girls are popular among exchangeites.

Accompanied by their coach Samie Gould the visiting cheerleaders, Danika D'Amico, Alex Armes, Ava Elliott, and Mia Vittoria thanked the KVEC for the contribution members made to their organization. They also wanted to

share their plans for the future.

The cheerleaders have been very involved with events, this year, most recently Homecoming. The club cheers for each volleyball game, every football game, home and away.

The squad used the money, from the KVEC Rubber Ducky fundraiser and a cookie raffle, to attain customized items for cheer, for all 25 girls.

Cheerleading through the high school is not technically a funded club. So the school doesn't offer the group any money. The club sells buttons, which people request, to purchase.

All four girls who visited KVEC participate in various activities at school, including ASB, pep rallies, volleyball, softball and soccer.

Their coach told exchange, "These girls get to school, for

practice, at 7:00 in the morning. And then they go and practice until 8:30. And then they go to school. And then the girls who play volleyball and soccer stay until 5:30 and 6:00 every night, pretty much all year round, through basketball and softball season."

The girls said they felt like role models to younger girls. They appreciate meeting older students and being considered representatives of the Kern Valley.

Santos reminded the girls that youth becoming junior members of the KVEC is a help to the community.

The KVEC raises money for scholarships to high school students helping them attend college. Some of the cheerleaders have already been making plans for college.



Kern Valley High School Cheerleaders



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## Lady Broncs varsity volleyball team wins twice *Kern Valley earns top seed in Division V CIF playoffs*

RAY CONNER

The Lady Broncs varsity volleyball team closed out the regular season this past week. Kern Valley split the matches as they defeated the Lady Roadrunners of Rosamond in straight sets. They would drop the marathon decision versus Cal City in five sets.

They will now turn their focus to the CIF Division V playoffs. They opened up the playoffs at home as the No. 1 seed in the division. They started the run to a CIF title against the Chavez Lady Titans. Kern Valley on the year was 19-11 overall. In the High Desert League, the Lady Broncs finished with an 11-3 mark. That was good for sole possession of second place. Chavez, from Delano finished the year with a record of 9-15 overall. They were 4-8 in the South Sequoia League in fifth place. When they come to take on Kern Valley, they arrive with a 2-6 record away from their home court.

Heading into the CIF Playoffs, head coach Jamie Duran said, "The Lady Broncs are looking ahead as we start playoffs this week. The girls are excited about our home match Tuesday. They're ready to get to work at practice."

As the Lady Broncs ended the regular season, they entertained both Rosamond and Cal City on their home court in both matches. Kern Valley took control in the match versus Rosamond early on and never looked back. They won the opening set 25-14. They made it 2-0 in set wins by the score of 25-20. They would close out the match with a 25-17 win in the third set. As it has all season, the Lady Broncs have put the ball in play to put the pressure on their opponents. They only missed two serves in this match and delivered 40 serves in play. As a team, they delivered just six serving aces versus the Lady Roadrunners.

Leading the way in service aces for Kern Valley was Ava Elliott with three. Jayda Bushling delivered a pair of aces, while Ruby Hawkins wrapped up the aces with one. Hawkins made her mark in the kills department. She was the team leader with 15. She was followed by Jessie Bunting with eight kills. Elliott recorded a pair of kills, while Paisley Wilkins was credited with one kill.

Turning to the defense, the Lady Broncs delivered as they came together and made sure the offense flowed through the defense. Hawkins recorded the lone block at the net. Kern Valley totaled 24 digs in the match. Bushling topped the chart with 12. Elliott recorded eight digs, while Wilkins had two. Bunting and Hawking contributed one dig apiece. All those digs resulted in assists for the offense to make the play. Wilkins was on her game as she was credited with 24 assists. Bushling had one assist in the match.

Two days later the Lady Ravens of Cal City came to town. Kern Valley started strong on as they honored their senior players. They took control of the match by winning the first two sets. In the first set, the Lady Broncs won 15-13. They continued to dominate as they grabbed a 2-0 lead in sets by winning 25-14. From that point on it was all Cal City as they ex-



Kern Valley's Jessie Bunting snaps the wrist as she connects for an attempted kill in the match versus Cal City.

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Jayda Bushling of the Lady Broncs varsity volleyball team is all concentration as she delivers the serve.

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The Lady Broncs Elli Jeans No. 14 focuses on the serve in the recent home match

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tended the match by taking the third set 25-21. The fourth set was a battle that saw the Lady Ravens hold and collect the 26-24 win to send it to the decider. It was another back-and-forth game that went the way of Cal City. The final score was 15-12 and that was the deciding factor in Kern Valley dropping the match three sets to two.

The Lady Broncs had another good day at the service line. They delivered 48 serves with just one error. They were credited with three aces and 37 kills in the match. Elliott had a pair of service aces, while Bushling delivered one serving ace. The kills race in the match was a close one for Kern Valley. Hawkins led the team with a whopping 18 kills. Bunting followed closely as she finished with 17. Elliott capped the kills with two.

It was another strong game from the Lady Broncs defense as they had six blocks at the net. They were led by Bunting who was credited with four blocks. Hawkins recorded a pair of

blocks for the Kern Valley squad. Bushling led the way in digs with 29. Elliott had 15, while Wilkins finished with a baker's dozen 13. Hawkins finished with two digs. Wilkins control the assists as she delivered 34 to lead the Lady Broncs. Bunting was credited with one assist to close out the defensive stats for the match.

Duran said, "The Lady Broncs had a good week. Against Rosamond, we came out and stayed consistent in play and energy. Our back row made sure to take care of the first touch and allowed Paisley (Wilkins) to run a dynamic offense." Continuing on she commented on the Cal City match by saying, "Against Cal City we came out on fire the first two sets. Jessie (Bunting) and Ruby (Hawkins) were especially important in those two sets. The last three sets, unfortunately we played with lower energy and didn't take care of the fundamentals as we normally do."

## JV volleyball squad finishes second in league

RAY CONNER

The JV Lady Broncs volleyball team was able to hold onto second place despite falling to Frazier Mountain the previous week.

The final week of the season saw Kern Valley take on Rosamond and Cal City. They would collect wins in both home matches to cement their second place finish in the HDL. They would sweep both of their opponents and end their year with a 14-5 overall record. The Lady Broncs capped their season with an 11-3 HDL mark that was good enough for to finish in second place. They took care of Rosamond 25-9 and 26-24 to earn the match win. In the Cal City match Kern Valley had to battle as the scores of both sets were close. They took command of the match in set one with a 25-20

win. They grabbed the match with a 25-23 victory in the second set.

In both matches it was a team effort as all players contributed in earning the victory. The Lady Broncs rallied to stay focused and keep the score in their favor. In the Rosamond contest, their were only eight serving aces in the match. Sharing the lead in aces were Kenadie Young and Brynneigh McCarthy with two each. Jade Montes, Anna Allen, Riley Wilkins, and Taylor Kristy had one ace apiece. Two Lady Broncs players shared the lead in kills. McCarthy and Amber McAhren delivered three kills apiece. Samantha Wyly, Montes, Allen, Kristy, and Young each had one kill for the Kern Valley team.

Eight Lady Broncs team members recorded at least one dig in the contest. They were led by Ashley Plante with 11. Kristy and Wyly each had

eight digs, while Young contributed six. Keira Hayes and Kiki Smith finished with a pair of digs. Rounding out the digs were McAhren, Wilkins, and McCarthy with one apiece. Kristy was the team leader in assists with 11.

Versus Cal City, another strong defensive game helped Kern Valley secure the victory over the Lady Ravens. This time there were 12 players from Kern Valley to earn a dig. Plantes topped the team with 10 digs. Wyly, and McCarthy each had four, while Young delivered three digs. Montes and Emmalyn Bechtel had a pair of digs in the match. Smith, Allen, McAhren, Wilkins, Hayes, and Kristy recorded one dig apiece. McCarthy was credited with the lone block in his match for the Lady Broncs, while Kristy led the team with 15 assists. Wyly recorded one assist to close out the defense of Kern Valley.

The previous week, the Lady Broncs split matches with Desert and Frazier Mountain. They toppled Desert in two sets 25-16 and 25-23. The loss came at the hands of the Lady Falcons. This match was sent to the decider. In the first set the marathon battle saw Kern Valley win 29-27. The second set was another battle that went to Frazier Mountain 26-24. In the decider, the Lady Falcons were able to pull away and win the set 15-11 to send Kern Valley to the loss.

In individual stats versus Desert: Service Aces: Young 2, McCarthy 2, Montes 1, Wilkins 1.

Kills: Kristy 4, Montes 3, McCarthy 2, Wilkins 2, McAhren 1, Young 1. Setter Assists: Kristy 7, Plante 2.

Digs: Wyly 7, Plante 6, Young 5, Kristy 3, Bechtel 3, Montes 2, Smith 1, Wilkins 1.

In individual stats versus Frazier Mountain: Service aces: McCarthy 3, McAhren 2, Young 2, Wyly, Wilkins 1, Kristy 1. Kills: Montes 7, Wyly 3, McCarthy 3, Young 2, McAhren 1, Wilkins 1, Kirsty 1, Plante 1. Setter Assists: Kristy 18. Digs: Plante 24, Wyly 24, Young 13, Bechtel 8, Kristy 5, Montes 1, McCarthy 1.

Kern Valley head coach Jessica Yasin said, "We had a great season finishing 14-5

overall and 11-3 in league. The huge win over Mammoth placed us tied for second in league. We had an amazing year of growth as well as success. I am very much looking forward to next year and coaching a majority of these amazing girls again."

With the success this Lady Broncs team had this season, next year could mean a step further in creating a volleyball program that other teams have to contend with.

## Seventh grade Lady Colts volleyball squeak by South Fork

RAY CONNER

The Wallace Middle School seventh-grade volleyball team was able to get past South Fork in the battle of the valley. The match had to go three sets before a winner would be decided.

Wallace took the opening set by the score of 25-14, but the Lady Mustangs

battled back to tie the match at 1-1. South Fork won the second set 25-13 to send it to the deciding set. The see-saw contest in set three was not decided until the score was 16-14. This score favored Wallace as they had tucked away the match.

The Lady Colts was able to put the ball in play on their service. This allowed the defense to perform and give their offense the opportunity to create scoring chances.

As a team they recorded 42 made serves. Wallace had 17 serving aces in the match. They were led by Maddoxx Armes with seven total aces. Savannah Olague served up six aces. Charlet Eastes delivered a pair of aces, while Dani Brooks and Riley Gibson have one ace apiece. Eastes led the offense in kills as she put down a total of five kills in the match. Trinity Shepard had one kill for the Lady Colts.

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# Aspen Hacker finishes second at Mt. Sac cross country race

RAY CONNER

In one of the largest cross country races in the United States, the Mt. Sac Race. Runners from all over compete. Aspen Hacker of the Lady Broncs ran to a second place finish to capture a medal.

Kern Valley's A. Hacker ran the three-mile course in a time of 19.46. She was placed on the D5 Varsity race and bested all but one runner. She trailed this runner from Arrowhead Christian Academy by 20 seconds. Coming in second place, A. Hacker was the top Kern Valley runner on the day. The Lady Broncs, Greta Boettcher also ran in this race and came in a respectable 11th place. Her time was 23.02. She also took home a medal on the day.

Other Lady Broncs runners to compete were Kyla Hacker and Tabitha Cazares. Cazares competed in the D4 and 5 Frosh race. She ran the three-mile course in a time of 25.00. She crossed the line in 19th place. K. Hacker running in the D4 and 5 Sophomore race crossed the finish line in a time of 22.11. This time brought her a third-place finish and a medal.

Three Broncs runners also made the trip to Mt. Sac to race. Sebastian Stallone, Logan Sampson, and Angel Oliveras. Stallone ran in the D5 varsity race and crossed the line in 56th place. His time was 21.07. Sampson raced in the sophomore D4 and 5 race. His time was 20.48 and was good for 43rd. Oliveras finished the frosh D5 race in a time of 24.32 which placed him 72nd.

Kenny Bushling the Kern Valley head coach said, "It was an incredible experience for our runners, it is billed as the world's largest Cross Country Competition. The kids did outstanding.

Kyla Hacker is coming along after not feeling well for much of the season, she will be a real difference maker for CIF and hopefully at the State Meet. Also impressive was Tabitha as she set a new PR at 25 flat, she is running stronger each week she too can be a big difference maker come CIF/State meet time. Sebastian (Stallone) and Logan (Sampson) also participated at Mt. SAC. Both ran well and had very good experience this experience will serve them well over the next couple of weeks as we near the CIF meet."

On Oct. 23, the Kern Valley cross country runners got to run on their home course. They faced off with Frazier Mountain. Both teams were able to race to victory. The Broncs squad was in a tight race for the team win. The final score of 27-29 favored the Kern Valley runners. The Falcons runner crossed the line in first place. Sampson of Kern Valley followed closely to come in second. His time was .28 seconds behind the leader. Stallone was next to come in. His time was 21.34 to finish third. Next up for the Broncs was Ethan Mauer. He crossed the line in a time of 22.13 to finish fifth. Three Broncs finished eighth, ninth, and 10th to secure the win. Dario Jones was eighth in a time of 24.39. Oliveras was ninth in a time of 26.24 to give Kern Valley the victory. Luis Lopez was 10th in a time of 26.57 to prevent Frazier Mountain a chance to take the win away from the Broncs. The last runner for the Broncs was Matthew Leonez. His time was 29.03 to come in 14th. The Broncs are 4-1 in the HDL and that puts them currently in second place.

The Lady Broncs race was 20-36 to give them the HDL win. Kern Valley took the top three places in the home race. A. Hacker led the charge as she was first. Her time was 20.24.



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Three of the four Lady Broncs runners at the Mt. Sac earned medals.

Boettcher crossed the line in second place in a time of 23.06, while K. Hacker came in third in a time of 24.36. Cazares was the fifth place finisher in a time of 26.38. Wrapping up the race for Kern Valley was Cassandra Guarneros who was the fifth finisher for the Lady Broncs. Her time was 28.15. The other finisher for Kern Valley was Faith Kirby (28.38) in 10th.

Up next for Kern Valley will be another home race versus Rosamond today. They have one more race after that before the HDL finals on Nov. 13.

# Pickleball served up success at local tournament

RAY CONNER

Sometimes finding the right fund-raiser can do your non-profit a service. The Mt. Mesa Men's Club was looking for a new way to support their scholarship fund. The game of Pickleball rose to the occasion and delivered as the local tournament held Oct. 19-20 made an impact.

The weekend tournament saw well over a hundred players participate at different skill levels hoping to be standing on top of the podium during the medal ceremony. The different skill levels of the pickleball players sorted out which division they would be playing in. Pickleball is a two-member team divided into three different groups for this tournament. There are the women's doubles, men's doubles, and finally the mixed doubles players. Now you take into consideration the players skill levels and you have eight divisions that would play in the tournament, spread out over the two days and two time slots.

The competition for the two days was fierce, yet friendly. The games and the rules that cover the tournament were played on the honor system. Sometimes, even a give-and-take was used to decide outcomes of play. The tournament was played at the Kern Valley High School tennis courts. There were 10 marked pickleball courts where the competition was held.

Saturday play opened with the women facing off against

each other. There were two divisions in the early time slot. They are the Middle women and the Lower women. There were 11 teams split into the two groups. The tournament format was to play a round robin schedule. Then the top four teams would move to the semi-finals. From there it was the medal round to see which place you finished. When this was concluded another round of players took their place to compete on Saturday.

The Upper Women's Division, the Upper Men's Division and the Lower Men's Division started their tournament play just after the noon time slot. The format was slightly different due to the number of teams entered in the tournament. There was a total of 24 teams playing in the three divisions. The format started the same as round robin games were played. When these were concluded you went into a double elimination bracket play to decide the gold, silver, and bronze winners.

The following day it was time for the Mixed Division. They were separated into the Upper, Middle, Lower Divisions. The format was the same as the Saturday noon time slot. The Middle Division was the first to open play on Sunday. The 8:30 a.m. time slot was filled with six teams. The Sunday time slot at noon saw 16 teams take to the pickleball courts to try and reach bracket play. They were the Upper and Lower Mixed Divisions. The 32 teams battled to the end.



PATRICK RAY  
These are the Medal winners that competed in the first Annual Mt. Mesa Men's Club Pickleball Tournament held Oct. 19-20.

They had to endure warmer temperatures and windy conditions to finish up their tournament action. When all the medal ceremonies were concluded it was time to pack up and call it a tournament.

Some comments for those that participated in the tournament: Elizabeth Rimstad said, "Everything ran smoothly on and off the courts. It was nice to have food. Let's

have another one soon." Kim Ward commented, "A great shout out for Wayne (Moore) and the Mt. Mesa Men's Club for creating a smoothly run pickleball tournament, with great competition, swag, and food. I hope there is more to come." Tess Pugliese said, "Awesome work Wayne (Moore). The tournament was a lot of fun and well organized."

The Mt. Mesa Men's Club, "Would like to give a special shout out to Tournament Director Wayne Moore and his trusty sidekick Rusty. Moore presented this opportunity to us as a fund-raiser, and both him and his sidekick took the time to make it run smoothly as possible with very few issues arising. You and your committee were a huge part in being able to put this tournament on. Another shout out goes to all the valley sponsors that put forth their donations to help make this a successful venture. Without your willingness to give, we as a group could not add additional scholarships to hand out to the students at Kern Valley High School. They would also like to thank Kern Valley High School and Principal Alan Paradise for allowing us the chance to use the tennis courts and surrounding grounds for the event. A thank also goes out to the KV Broncs Boosters Club, and the newly formed KVHS Pickleball Club, and the Wallace Washington D.C. students who were also present during the tournament in



hoping to fill up their coffers. Their presence was greatly appreciated. If you were not specifically mentioned, we as a group apologize. In hindsight, we are very thankful for the help you gave."

According to the Mt. Mesa Men's Club, the behind-the-scenes volunteers were a huge help in pulling off this successful fund-raising effort. Thanks to Jim Wyly and John Robinson for handling lunch on both days. A special thanks to Bill and Carla Stonebarger, Greg Figueroa, Lissa Robinson, Connie LaFarga, Lisa Diffine, Teri Ritchison, Joel and Julie Sundell, and Jon Wilson for the help put forth before, during, and after the tournament. Brad Alexander rocked the T-shirts, that were handed out to the players. The KRV Pickleball Club for the use of their nets and the work put forth in setting up the courts. And the A-Z Foundation Group for the banner that hung behind the medal ceremony podium.

Winners for the tournament:  
Lower Women's Division: Gold-Amanda McWhorter and Mei Ling McWhorter. Silver-Lisa Sietsma and Stacey Sanders. Bronze-Chastity Briese and Estelle Van Der Merwe. Middle Women's Division: Gold-Brenda Kay Quiring and Donna Tibbils.

Silver-Maria Diaz and Shirley Franco. Bronze-Jacelyn Moss and Cheryl Draycott.

Upper Women's Division: Gold-Shelly Hayes and Mary-Ellen Hess. Silver-Erica Butkiewicz and Becky Landon. Bronze-Joelle Lobos and Krystal Flynn. Upper Men's Division: Gold-Daniel Albee and Paul Stroud. Silver-Ralph Rogers and Ian McGilvray. Bronze-Scott Ostrem and Chris Draycott. Men's Lower Division: Daniel Albee and Michael Morin.

Upper Mixed Division: Gold-Shelly Hayes and Paul Pugliese. Silver-Terri Baker and Niel Morales. Bronze-Tracy Richardson and Desimone. Middle Mixed Division: Gold-Cissy Teagarden and Larry Fajardo. Silver-Olga Villalovas and Dan Villalovas. Bronze-Shelly Murphy and Mike Brown. Lower Mixed Division: Gold-Barbara Stromsness and Jerry Hensley. Silver-Estelle Van Der Merwe and Nico Deetlefs. Bronze-Lisa Sietsma and Adam Sanders.

With pickleball trending the way it is in the Kern River Valley one might see more people wanting to find a place to play. By the looks of it, pickleball is well on its way to becoming huge in and out of the valley.

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