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## Pre Need a focus of the cemetery district

The Kern River Valley Cemetery District's board meeting focused on pre need events, Tuesday, December 10.

## VFW provides children's Christmas

The VFW held a Christmas event for children December 14, with Santa Visits, gifts for the children, homemade Christmas cookies, and hot chocolate for the kids.

## SBDC provides business advice locally

Businesses can now sign up, on the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) site for their business advice program, to get advice from their new business advisor Justin Powers, who started giving advice through this program in recent weeks.

## Kern Valley wrestling squad competes in Coyote Classic

The largely, inexperienced Broncs wrestling team made the trip to Bakersfield to take their chances at the Coyote Classic. The annual tournament was held at East High.

## Busy week of matches for Lady Broncs soccer team

Kern Valley took to the pitch for six games over four days. This included opening the HDL schedule against Mammoth and Bishop.

## Broncs varsity basketball team falls to Bishop 46-40

Kern Valley's varsity basketball squad played four games this week including a key HDL battle with rival Bishop. They would also compete at the Farmersville Tournament.

## JV girls basketball team goes on the road to rout Bishop

See on page A8. The Kern Valley JV basketball squad opened up the HDL season by romping past Bishop. The final score of 37-16 showed how dominating a victory it was against some who feel that Bishop is the Lady Broncs rival.



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

## South Fork leader speaks at Exchange

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Superintendent for South Fork Union School District, Richard Rhodes spoke to the public, at Paradise Cove Lodge, in an attempt toward further transparency, about what the district is spending public dollars on.

Coming up soon South Fork students will be performing a Christmas presentation, on Friday, December 20 at 9am. The whole community is invited to attend.

Rhodes told the Kern Valley Exchange Club Thursday, December 12, "We picked up a \$1.2 million dollar Community School grant."

Rhodes explained that one aspect of the grant is community involvement. So South Fork staff is attempting to spend more time within the community. He said, "What I'd like to talk to you about is, we have something that's called an LCAP, which is a Local Controlled Accountability Plan, which advises the public of what the district is spending tax money on, what the district does with it, and how it uses

the money, and how we're holding ourselves accountable with what we do with the approximately \$6 million per year.

This time of year the district provides a budget report, regarding how much is spent, and how much is in reserve.

The district's local accountability plan includes a triage approach to dealing with behavioral issues. Rhodes explained that about 68% of South Fork students are Medi-Cal eligible, out of the 355 students. Almost 80% of the district's students are in foster care, or living with extended family, and are low income. These facts bring with them emotional issues because if parents or guardians are worried about food, shelter, and clothing, it's really difficult to concentrate on schoolwork

Therefore the school created a triage-team, which meets to discuss the students and their needs. The team consists of a nurse, a psychologist, a social worker, and a school safety officer.

The school is getting ready to provide tele-medicine, to assist parents with students, to see a doctor locally, preventing them having to drive to

Bakersfield.

The previous Monday the district partnered with Weldon Christian Church, before the holiday, to give out 36 Thanksgiving baskets to the 10 lowest percent income families.

Another church will be partnering with the district, to contribute Christmas baskets, for those in need.

A donor donated 30 pairs of shoes for the school nurse to give students. Rhodes said that, within an hour of telling teachers about the gift, all the shoes were taken. "We're moving forward with our shoe give away," he said.

Another donor provided jackets for students as well.

The district also wants to assure kids learn to read proficiently by the third grade and is assisting any struggling students based on student test scores and other data

The school board was hearing a presentation from an architect and has a \$7 million budget to remodel the cafeteria and bathrooms. They also want an additional classroom for TK

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Orion Sanders, founder of Sarge's Wreaths 4 Vets.

## Sarge's Wreaths Across America Day well attended

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Saturday, December 14, was Wreaths Across America Day. At this year's Sarge's Wreaths 4 Vets ceremony, plenty of volunteers appeared to lay wreaths at the headstones of our heroes buried at Kern River Valley Cemetery.

"Today is National Wreaths Across America Day," said Orion Sanders, founder of Sarge's Wreaths 4 Vets.

According to Sanders the first ceremony for this event was held at Arlington Cemetery. "I appreciate everybody showing up and coming out to help us place wreaths on all of our veteran headstones; and remembering and honoring all of our veterans for the holiday."

John Nash led the invocation for the

event. He thanked all those serving our nation previously and then prayed for those carrying scars from warfare and asked for the healing of veterans experiencing pain and loss.

Kern River Chorus performed the National Anthem.

Sanders said that those families of veterans serving in the military sacrificed for the nation.

VFW Post 7665 and the American Legion Post 711 brought up one wreath to the stage, for each branch of the military, to represent and honor all branches of the military

Families with relatives buried at the cemetery were called to lay the wreaths before other volunteers went out to place wreaths on the graves of veterans.

Sanders said 14 motorcycle riders escorted the wreaths from Inyokern up

to the cemetery. And the Daughters of the American Revolution hosted refreshments at the ceremony. A trucking club called 5150 Dieselz, from Tehachapi, drove up an entire parade of trucks, about a dozen, and brought the 32 wreaths Sarge's Wreaths 4 Vets was short of, before the day of delivery for the event. Sanders thanked everyone involved for the help.

Sarge's Wreaths 4 Vets attempts annually to reach the goal of attaining the close to 900 wreaths Sanders needs, to cover all the gravestones of veterans buried, at Kern River Valley Cemetery. Sanders said that there are 885 veterans, buried in the cemetery, if you include the six veterans buried at Cottage Grove Cemetery

Sanders will still need volunteers to remove the wreaths on January 18.



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# COMMUNITY

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The foundation conducts Guitars 4 Kids, guitar give-away events, to keep Nora's memory alive, through the love of music.

Nora's mother, Pat Hines turned an unimaginable loss into an extraordinary mission. After the tragic passing of her daughter Nora, in a car accident, Pat chose to honor Nora's memory by sharing the love of music with children. From this act of love, the idea of donating guitars to children was born.

The foundation honored 26 students with guitars, after these students submitted their names in a contest. Each of the 26 students was gifted a guitar. The instruments were a gift of love from Nora-Rose-Hines Foundation, as a tribute to Nora, to keep her legacy alive in a powerful, meaningful way.

Nora's surviving twin brother, Will Mellon, plays a key role in continuing this legacy.



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

He spoke to the audience at the event. He said, "I was very very blessed to be able to learn to play the guitar from my sister. It is something that can help you be anyone you want to be, and be anywhere you want to be. We all tell stories in some sense. We all play make believe when we're young. And a guitar gives you an

outlet, to go above anything that's hard that you're experiencing; and to find a way to be yourself, in a way that you may not even. So I feel very blessed to be able to be here, and to be able to give these guitars, and to see the amazing things you guys will all do

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## Community attends post fire event

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Agencies assisting with the Borel Fire, and its aftermath, were on hand at the Community Connection event, to assist survivors of the fire regarding concerns about winter weather.

The event was located at Wallace Middle School, Saturday, December 14.

Agencies present at the event were Kern County Sheriff's Office, Kern Fire Safe Council,

US Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, Kern River Conservancy, Kern County Public Works and Kern County Fire Department.

The agencies were present to support the Kern County Fire Department, letting the community know what's going on, and how the county and various agencies were prepared for all coming storms. They wanted the community to understand some of the coming risks because of the Borel Fire.



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK Division Fire Chief Andrew Kennison from Kern County Fire Department

Environmental Health, Public Health was present to answer questions for the community. The department oversees the cleanup portion for the Borel Fire, working with the State. They help the public enroll into the programs and with the cleanup portion of the fire for the properties.

In the case of the Borel Fire, the state has been overseeing the cleanup process, and goes out to the properties, and the owners qualify for the program. And there's pre requisites involved within the forms

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### KERN VALLEY SUN OUTDOOR COLUMNIST

## Keyesville Cleanup – Stewards of Change

litter. Do people lack the moral responsibility to "pack in, pack out" because they think pollution is "out of sight, out of mind" once they leave for the weekend?

Individuals are responsible for creating the trash that clogs our waterways and litters our trails. It is up to each of us to clean it up. Organizing or participating in a cleanup project in your area is a great way to improve the health of your local waterways while forming new friendships with like-minded people. Additionally, cleanups promote biodiversity and help restore natural habitats.

"Plastic bags, bottles, and other litter can be mistaken for food by fish, leading to ingestion and potential death." – Hatch Magazine.

Responsible habits, such as litter removal, can enhance habitats, benefiting activities like fishing, deer hunting, recreational sports, and upland bird hunting. Non-biodegradable waste can persist in an ecosystem for generations.

By removing litter, we prevent soil and water pollution, protect wildlife from ingestion or entanglement, and contribute to healthier hiking trails, cleaner waterways, and thriving forests. Ralph Waldo Emerson,

in his essay "Nature," states that "the redemption of the soul" addresses the issue of restoring ourselves and our surroundings. The litter problem reflects a lack of thoughtful consideration for our environment and a disrespect for public lands.

Next time you plan to recreate, pack a trash bag and pick up litter along the way. If we all care a little more, our mountains, waterways, and wildlife can thrive. We have a responsibility to leave the Kern River Valley better than we found it so that future generations can enjoy it and learn from our good habits.



SPENCER SHEPARD

I have written several articles highlighting the issues with trash on our public lands in the Kern River Valley, particularly how bad some areas have become. On December 19th, the Camp Owen crew, the Bureau of Land Management, and I will be conducting a trash cleanup in Keyesville. We will meet at 7:30 AM at the corral on Pearl Harbor Drive. If any trash warriors would like to join us, please do!

I love the Kern River Valley and all the fun we can have here. However, some of my best memories are marred by the presence of trash. Imagine driving for hours to Monache Meadows only to be greeted by plastic water bottles along the road or diapers on river beaches—pretty gross, right?

If we want to enjoy better recreational activities in our area, we all need to pitch in. Litter impacts anglers and hunters just as much as it affects rafters, hikers, and mountain bikers. I find just as much litter in the backwoods as I do in heavily used areas.

It's a troubling mindset that thinks, "Who cares?" or "I don't want trash in my car, or I can't be bothered to pack it out." Some people even believe that the forest and river look better with



### KERN RIVER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

We have been blessed with Pastor Shawn Collins who has brought new energy to our congregation with his passion for sharing his love of Jesus Christ.

Our congregation has been busy this past year with community outreach and special events. We are now looking forward to an exciting year of new challenges and opportunities for involvement with our beautiful community.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS AND BLESSINGS THROUGHOUT THE YEAR AHEAD

## SOUTH FORK

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students. The district already put in a baseball and softball field, and a track, and put in a football/soccer field. They redid the pool.

The district applied for grants with First Five to run three years, of the after school and summer swimming program. They also just got renewed for the pre school program grant. The district also runs an after school program until 6pm.

The district is attempting to deal with chronic absenteeism, reducing the number of students, with lower attendance.

Rhodes said that the district wants to be a better part of the community, especially with the district being sort of isolated because of its location.

The district offers basketball, after finishing its volleyball season.

The district invites the community to support youth by enjoying their presentations.

The district is holding activities to reach out to the community, including the recent Veterans Honor presentation. Please feel free to attend their Christmas event.

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## KERN VALLEY WEATHER

EIGHT-DAY VALLEY FORECAST



TODAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
72°	45°	72°	44°	71°	44°	68°	42°
SUNRISE 6:58	SUNSET 4:42	SUNRISE 6:59	SUNSET 4:43	SUNRISE 6:59	SUNSET 4:43	SUNRISE 7:00	SUNSET 4:44



SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
63°	43°	67°	45°	60°	38°	57°	39°
SUNRISE 7:00	SUNSET 4:44	SUNRISE 7:01	SUNSET 4:45	SUNRISE 7:01	SUNSET 4:45	SUNRISE 7:01	SUNSET 4:46

## KERN VALLEY WATER WATCH

Kern River Basin Data as of Sunday, December 15, 2024

Lake & River Information	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Lake Elevation	2,557.77	2,557.78	2,570.71
Lake Storage	154,617	154,673	238,610
Inflow Into Lake	320	411	1,379
Outflow From Lake	386	415	2,263

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.



# AltaOne takes applications for scholarships and grants

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The federal credit union, AltaOne announced to the press that it launched its scholarship and non-profit grant programs, on December 11, to empower communities.

AltaOne Federal Credit Union also announced its 2025 Digital Scholarship Program and Reach New Heights Grant Program. These two impactful initiatives are aimed at supporting the educational aspirations of local students. They're also aimed at supporting the vital work of non-profit organizations in our communities.

Digital Scholarship Program is open to high school students, ages 14 years and up, graduating high school seniors, and current college students who demonstrate a commitment to academic achievement. Community involvement of the applicant is also under consideration.

The application period has already begun and continues through 5pm Friday, March 21, 2025.

Award amounts are up to \$1,000 per recipient. The process requires no essay. Two

or three financial literacy related social-media posts is a consideration. Applicants have to be AltaOne members. They must have a GPA of at least 2.5.

High School students can use the funds for summer 2025 academic programs

Graduating seniors can use these funds for their college pursuits, university, and trade school expenses for the 2025/2026 academic year.

College students may use the funds for expenses related to continuing their courses.

Apply online at [www.AltaOne.org/scholarship](http://www.AltaOne.org/scholarship).

Digital Scholarship Program invests in the next generation of leaders.

Application Period is open through Tuesday, December 31, 2024

Grant Amounts are up to \$1,000 per organization. The online application is a simple process. Nonprofits can submit their applications online at [www.AltaOne.org/grant](http://www.AltaOne.org/grant). AltaOne serves many areas that have limited or no availability to financial services. For more information on AltaOne, visit [www.AltaOne.org](http://www.AltaOne.org).

# BLM works with other entities to help Havilah

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Bureau of Land Management was on hand as a vendor, at an event tailored for serving Borel Fire survivors, Saturday December 14, at Wallace Middle School campus.

Field Manager Gabe Garcia told the Kern Valley Sun, "Today we're just providing information on what we've done in response to the Borel Fire when it comes to emergency rehab. We've cleaned out a bunch of culverts and replaced some culverts, so that when it does rain, the hope is that those will help with the debris flooding."

Garcia said that the work BLM did was in the Havilah Basin BLM area. BLM has land intermixed within the community of Havilah.

Some of the culverts, in the road system previously available, were under-sized; some were as small as a foot in diameter. Therefore they replaced the smaller culverts with increased diameter culverts of three-

feet to meet the needs of increased water flow, preventing flooding.

BLM is leaving some of the control lines from the previous fire fighting work; firefighters did, in case of another fire to the area. "Typically they essentially make a line so that when the fire hits that, it runs out of fuel, so it stops the fire from spreading further."

Garcia said that through good containment, strategically leaving those control lines, that was how they prevented the fire from hitting Bodfish homes.

The area of Havilah had very steep terrain leaving potential for debris flows and flooding. That's what BLM was working on shoring up short term.

Garcia explained that there were avenues to attain funding so funding was secured for the culverts. And there's other work they plan on doing in the years to come.

Garcia also said that the last rain event in November, BLM was monitoring the area of Havilah for potential flooding.

# Public invited to Christmas lunch at Jayda's blanket give away

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Nothing warms the heart like a real old fashioned Christmas story about people willing to help out their less fortunate neighbors.

The story of how the Sertic family started the Kern River Valley Christmas Outreach,

compelled by Christ's love, is one such story.

Ryan and Ronda Sertic are definitely not happy go lucky. In fact the two have suffered the trials of Job, by all Christian standards.

Yet through all their suffering, they came to a place where they wanted to reach others, especially children, with the real mean-

# Cemetery trustee disputes rumors of overspending

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At the district's December 10 meeting, Kern River Valley Cemetery District administrator, John Blythe, discussed the many years the district is catching up on delinquent audits for.

During new business period, on the meeting agenda, Blythe said that there were still so many years in audit and there would still be some adjustments to do. He said an accurate future balance would not be obvious until all the details were in line. However as far as revenue and expense issues, everything ought to be in line. Thereafter, Trustee for the district Mike Ryan began to address what he felt were misunderstandings about district spending; the community has been talking about.

"Because the audits were so far behind, and are now being caught up, to do the audits costs money. It's an expensive process. It's burdensome to have to do seven years in a year or two. It's a large expense that was not addressed previously and it should have been. So that's what the management and especially the administrator of the financials is trying to do, is get those caught up. And until they're caught up, David and the controller, they don't come cheap. You can see. And to do seven, eight years of that, in a year or two, is a huge expense for a small cemetery. So it will be done," Trustee Ryan stated.

"That's to quell some of the comments and things that are going around about the spending of the money and stuff. The money is not being spent frivolously. To put it very bluntly, the State Controller, it's a law that this paperwork should have been done every year, in a timely manner. And with them so far behind, they could have come down here and locked up the building, and chained up the gates, until everything was into accordance with the laws."

Ryan said people working in the office have been trying to bring everything up to speed so there will be smooth sailing.

Laura Kyt, a former administrator to the district, said she thought the public needed to hear these things.

Ryan said, "It will be completed but it's

going to be an expense. So if you hear, out and about in the community, the board is spending a lot of money; it's a law with the state of California it has to be completed."

Blythe said he was frustrated with how long it was taking those involved with completing the audits to finish the job.

Thereafter the meeting turned into a heated conversation between trustee Mike Ryan and former employee to the district Laura Kyt, who was present as an observer.

Ryan said staff was working feverishly to get the paperwork completed, though it should be a smoother process going forward, now that they've got things in order on the accounting system.

Kyt said, "It should have been done in September when I had planned for all of it to be done to the moment. And to add to the money part, there is a budget for that fund 42010 for all of those years that you guys passed. The money is there for this."

Cemetery District Manager, Orion Sanders explained that the district has been doing its part, giving the parties the information, and had no control over the time it takes, on the other end, to complete the audits for those years.

"More progress has been made in the last six months than has been made in the last seven years," Trustee Ryan said.

Kyt countered Ryan, saying, "For one year, for one fiscal year you've got accomplished."

Ryan said, "From seven years ago, yes. It's hard to go back seven years ago and do paperwork that should have been done seven years ago."

Kyt emotionally defended her previous work at the district saying, "I had a timeline to be done, in September, with all of it, but you didn't give me a chance."

Trustee Ryan said, "You're out of order."

Indeed Kyt was out of order, because she was there as a citizen, and not as a board or staff member, and it was not public comment period.

Kathy Agapiou, who was chairing the meeting that afternoon, cut off the conversation between Kyt and Ryan, and thanked Kyt for sharing, before board member Kat Barnum quickly changed the topic.

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**Faith, Family, and Forestry**  
The Story of Bob Powers  
Cattleman and Accidental Historian  
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Kern River Valley Historical Society

Marge Powers made available to the authors the entire archive of materials Bob collected over his life, in addition to both of their unpublished autobiographies. The authors also conducted numerous interviews with locals who knew Bob, and a collection of over 500 photographs was also tapped to add richness to their story. The book will surely be a wonderful addition to any library containing Bob's nine books on Valley history.

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"Santa" Terry Simpson with organizer of the event Kelley McCoy

# Toys for Tots and community provide toys for Great Cookie Contest

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The Kern River Valley Toys for Tots, and other individual donors in the community sent many toys for the boys and girls attending the Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce's Great Christmas Cookie Contest, Saturday, December 7, at the Kern River Valley Senior Center. "All those toys, that big bunch of toys - Santa Claus handed them to the kids for free." Kelley McCoy, the organizer of the chamber's cookie contest said. "Toys for Tots donated toys for the kids, who came to the Great Cookie Contest. They were generous. It was a very gen-

erous donation. And Santa gave them away. And a lot of kids came." McCoy explained that the toys came delivered in boxes. And the boxes came labeled saying Boys ages 2-4 or Girls ages 7-8. The toys were all very well organized. "Teresa Kat Barnum was actually the one who deciphered which (toy or game) went to which kid," McCoy said. Terry Simpson was a good sport acting as Santa for the event. "Ticket numbers were read off, for a toy giveaway, of the individually donated toys. Those were for the items that were donated by private donors," said McCoy.

# Great Western exhibition packs gallery

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

The third annual Great Western Gallery Exhibition, Saturday December 14, drew in numbers packing the gallery of the art association, with standing room only after every seat was filled.

President of the KRVA, Buffalo Folsom told the Kern Valley Sun, "We live in an area that used to do westerns. And actually I wrote a screenplay Vengeance at Red Rock that's a western. So they're kind of near and dear to my heart." The crowd was wishing Steve Selznick, Artist of the Month, happy birthday when he blew out the candles on his birthday cake.

Then Buffalo told the crowd "This is the iconic show of the Kern River Valley Art Association. It's the very first show that I put on, at the historical society, years ago. The turn out from artists is fantastic. And the quality of the artwork is amazing."

Selznick who was featured artist showed a collection of his unique style. He usually begins with a 13 x 16 piece of half-inch plywood. "It's called Lichtenberg or Fractal Burning. It's about 2000 volts and it just burns with the grain." He said, "Like water it just goes wherever the grain goes."

Afterwards Selznick just inlays over his design with a resin. The process may appear easy to the viewer however it is time consuming. "It takes a long time because the resin - you've got to let it sit over night to dry. It takes five or six layers. And so it takes awhile. It takes a full day for a coat to dry." The artist only works on his projects once or twice a week. He began with this process and just started doing this type of design and style about six



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years ago. "I was a later starter for sure. Every picture I do is kind of an experiment," he said.

Selznick makes frames with the same process and sells them. And the framework was where he began to use this sort of signature design process. He has also made headboards and tables from the same process.

Two of the creations Selznick showed, he modeled after a Salvador Dali style, Selznick appreciates.

Despite Selznick being late to the process, he's already been selling his work, at the KRVA gallery. He has already won First Place and an Honorable Mention on some of his displayed works.

Selznick also explains that he uses colored pencils, pastels, or acrylics for coloring the designs on some of his works. Others he uses pens or pencils. Another work he began by doodling a design in church one day. Selznick said folks are never too old to explore new avenues of expression. "I feel

the Lord has led me, and blessed me with this new ability and helped me to discover it within myself," he wrote in his bio.

Placing First in the Great Western show that night was the acrylic work, by artist Kate Cutts titled, "His Majesty King of the West. The Second Place winner that evening was a wood carving by artist John Adams titled, "Buffalo Family." Coming in Third Place at the show was an oil painting by Frances Collins, titled, "Progress."

The Fourth Place winner that evening was artist Chuck Barbee for his photograph titled, "Lynn's Posse." Buffalo told the crowd that the photo was of a reenactment of Lynn's Posse memorialized. Lynn's Posse was actually a historical event where a posse was put together, here in the valley, because of some sort of problems in the north, with Native Americans. And the posse rode out and found out the Native Americans were just having a party.

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with them."

Another friend of the Nora Rose-Hines Foundation is Danny Torgl, owner of OnPoint Gym. He encouraged the students to continue expressing themselves through their music and keep their dreams and passion alive.

Musician Bronson Slaughter, district alumni, and Valerie Stone - his band member, were there to speak. Bronson said he was discouraged from playing his music. But he didn't let others stop him from building a career in music. He said even people from a small town could still live their dreams. He encouraged the students to express themselves through music and to have a good time doing it. Val encouraged the parents to support their

kids playing these new guitars.

It has been over 20 years since Wallace schools were able to offer music. Emily Probst, music teacher, will be able to support the students in their efforts with their new guitars.

Mellon spoke directly with the Kern Valley Sun at the tail end of the event. He candidly said, "We've been working on this for quite some time, at least a couple years. It was always something that we knew, after Nora's passing, would be an amazing way to keep her memory alive; and would do so, in a way that brought the thing she cared about most, to as many people as possible. And music is such a beautifully transformative thing, that there's no other way to so deeply touch people's lives, because it's more than just an event. It's more than just a gift. I still have my first guitar. And that's 20 something years down the line. And it still means as much to me. So it's the

gift that keeps giving."

Mellon said he was really excited to see this dream come to fruition. "This has been an amazing morning. And getting to see the joy on these kids faces. I've done a lot to keep my sister's memory alive. My whole family has. But nothing has more concentratively brought me more of that feeling, of what we've done, than today. And so I feel really amazing."

After the guitar gifting, Kimberly Salazar, Bronson Slaughter and Doug Featherstone were on hand, to teach the kids how to tune their guitars, and a bit about the parts of a guitar.

"Even if they forget where they got the guitar. If they forgot anything about the organization, that's fine, as long as they keep playing it. And as long as they make music - we did well," Mellon said.

## COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUPS

**Adult and Adolescent Substance Abuse Classes:** (Medi-Cal not accepted). Please call to schedule an appointment or for further information. 760-379-9194. 5121 Lake Isabella Blvd., Lake Isabella.

**Al-Anon Meeting:** Wednesday, 80 Evans Rd., Wofford Heights, 7:00 p.m. Contact 760-379-7312 or 760-378-0041. These meetings are for friends and family of alcoholics.

**Alcoholics Anonymous:** Faced with a drinking problem? Perhaps Alcoholics Anonymous can help. Weekly meetings, call AA Hotline, 661-322-4025.

**Alzheimer's:** The Alzheimer's Disease Association of Kern County provides up to six hours of respite to caregivers who have a loved one with Alzheimer's or other related dementias. Currently, we hold these adult day services at the Veterans/Senior Center in Lake Isabella on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month from 9:00 - 1:30 (if weather permits). An application packet should be completed by the caregiver on your first visit. Call Otilia for more information at KDAKC (661) 665-8871.

**Celebrate Recovery at The Ark:** Come celebrate recovery every Friday at the Ark located at 5301 Lake Isabella Blvd., Lake Isabella, CA 93240. The program starts at 7:00 p.m. Celebration Place - ages 5 to 14. The Landing - ages 14 to 18. Celebrate Recovery ages 18 & up, The Landing 13-18 and Celebration Place 0-13. For more information, call 661-862-9420 or info@knuckleupministries.org.

**Grief Share:** 1st Baptist Church Lake Isabella has resumed GriefShare Sunday school class at 9:15 am in The Fellowship Hall. Non Denominational course dealing with loss. All are welcome. 3701 Suhre St., Lake Isabella. Phone: 760-379-5615

**God's Closet Clothing Ministry:** Free gently used clothing for newborns through adults. Located at First Baptist Church Lake Isabella. Must make appointment by calling 760-379-5615 or e-mailing godscloset@fbcli.org

**God's Storehouse of the KRVV:** Feeding those in need in the Valley. Monetary donations are always welcome and may be mailed to P.O. Box # 2977 Lake Isabella, Ca. 93240. All donations are tax deductible. Call 760-223-0750 for more information. Located at 3810 Golden Spur, Lake Isabella. Hours of operation: 2nd Tuesday of each month 9am - 11pm and 4th Sunday of each month 1pm - 3pm.

**The Bristol Hospice (formerly Optimal Hospice) Grief Support Services:** Child and Teen Support. All child and teen services are uniquely tailored on a case-by-case basis. One-on-one counseling is available. Grief Support Group Information (BAKERSFIELD) In-person & Virtual. Bristol Hospice - 1675 Chester Avenue, Suite 401, Bakersfield, CA 93301. (Park in the parking garage located on Eye St. Enter through the black gate and up to the 4th floor.) Tuesday's 11:30am-1:00pm Thursday's 6:00pm-7:30pm. (TAFT) In-person Only. First Baptist Church - 220 North St., Taft, CA 93268 (Located next to the Church office on North St.) Third Wednesday of Each Month 1:30pm-3:00pm. Please E-mail or call our bereavement coordinator for more information: Jessica Mosley, MSW. Call: (661) 716-4000 E-mail: bereavement-bakersfieldhospice@bristolhospice.com

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

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

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

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**Women's Domestic Violence Support Group:** A place for education, healing, growth, and empowerment. Female survivors and family members are welcome. Every other Thursday, 5:30-7 pm. Call 760-223-2777 for location and information.

**Editor's Note:** Please call groups listed above to assure that information is correct prior to attending a meeting.

## KERN RIVER VALLEY CRIME REPORTS

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The following is the Kern River Valley area crime data report from Dec. 1-15 according to the Kern County Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement agencies; the geoaddress level is approximately 100%.

**BODFISH, LAKE ISABELLA, MOUNTAIN MESA, ONYX,**

**SOUTHLAKE, SQUIRREL VALLEY AND WELDON** - 2nd; obstruct/resist/delay public/peace officer/EMT, 2200 block of young Ave., 3rd; Danger to self; protective custody, 2200 block of Angler Ave. and attempted burglary first degree, 6200 block of Bonikell St., 4th; vehicle theft trailer, 2700 block of Mayfair Rd., 9th - vandalism damage property, 6200 block of Poplar St. and Force and assault with deadly

weapon not firearm; great bodily injury likely, 6200 block of Poplar St., 10th - reckless driving on highway, 7000 block of lake Isabella Blvd.

**KERNVILLE** - 2nd - vandalism deface property, 11900 block of Sierra way; 4th - burglary first degree, 2400 block of Evans Rd., 9th - Force or assault with deadly weapon not firearm; great bodily injury likely, 1700 block of Sierra Vista Drive

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The following is the Kern River Valley area arrests from Dec. 1-15 according to the Kern County Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement agencies; all suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.

**BODFISH** - 42-year-old Cassie Short was arrested on December 7th on suspicion of possession of controlled substance, receiving stolen property-motor vehicle, hit and run resulting in property damage, stop requirement, reckless driving-public street and evading PO; wanton disregard for safety, 42-year-old old Shannon Gamel was arrested on December 7th on suspicion of possess controlled substance paraphernalia, unregistered California-based vehicle, vandalism \$5000 or more, drive while license suspended for drunk driving and burglary; other

**LAKE ISABELLA** - 46 year old Raymond Rocha was arrested by Bakersfield Police on December 1st on suspicion of unsafe speed for prevailing conditions, DUI alcohol/drugs, DUI alcohol with BAC greater than .08 and WARRANT; warrants or holds only, 31-year-old Terra McKiearnan was arrested on December 4th on suspicion of violation parole; felony, drive without license and unauthorized entry of a dwelling house, 47-year-old Jose Zubeldia was arrested on December 4th on suspicion of possess a controlled substance for sale, resist/obstruct/delay peace officer, receiving stolen property-motor vehicle, take vehicle without owners consent, possession of ammunition, carrying loaded firearm-previous felony conviction and carry loaded firearm with prior conviction of a crime, 32-year-old Kristina McDonald was arrested on December 4th on suspicion of unregistered California-based vehicle, receiving stolen property-motor vehicle, vehicle chop

shops, take vehicle without owner's consent, drive while license suspended, drive while license suspended for drunk driving, drive while license suspended for reckless driving, fail to provide evidence of financial responsibility, safety belts, unregistered vehicle and obtaining property by theft where value exceeds 950 dollars, 50-year-old Shannon Byrne was arrested on December 7th on suspicion of possess controlled substance paraphernalia, possess forged notes, Grand Theft, receiving or concealing stolen property, burglary, unlawful use of willingly obtained personal identifying information and unauthorized use of personal identifying information, 43-year-old Julian Michael was arrested on December 7th on suspicion of shoplifting, burglary-other, vandalism \$5000 or more and violation parole; felony.

**WELDON** - 29-year-old Aaron Mustain was arrested on December 9th on suspicion of intoxicated in public

## EVENTS CALENDAR

**Saturday, December 21**  
Beginning CNC Class: Milling & Carving (with Huan)  
**Time:** 10:00 to 2:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Alchemy Industrial Art Center 30 Woodland Dr, Wofford Heights, CA 93285 Krvaa.org

Class: Acrylic Paint Party! (with Daisy Torres)  
**Time:** 1:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
**Where:** KRVA Art & Community Center 6709 Wofford Heights Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285 Krvaa.org

**Sunday, December 22**  
Beginner Oil Painting Class (with Daisy Torres)  
**Time:** 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.

**Where:** KRVA Art & Community Center 6709 Wofford Heights Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285 Krvaa.org

**Monday, December 23**  
Drawing 101 Class (with Alita)  
Walk-ins Welcome  
**Time:** 12:00 to 3:30 p.m.  
**Where:** Art & Community Center 6709 Wofford Heights Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285 Krvaa.org

Open Art Lab for Youth & KRVA Members  
**Time:** 3:30 to 8:00 p.m.  
**Where:** KRVA Art & Community Center 6709 Wofford Heights Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285 Krvaa.org

**Tuesday, December 24**  
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**Where:** 6200 Lake Isabella Blvd.

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#### NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROBERT EDWARD COOVER aka ROBERT E COOVER Case # BPB-24-003248

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of: ROBERT EDWARD COOVER aka ROBERT E COOVER

**A Petition for Probate** has been filed by: KERN COUNTY PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR in the Superior Court of California, County of KERN

The Petition for Probate requests that: KERN COUNTY PUBLIC ADMINISTRATOR be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and

shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

**A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 02/28/2025 at 8:30 A.M.** in Dept. J-1 located at: 2100 College Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93305. Superior Court of California, County of Kern. Probate Court.

**If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing.** Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

**If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the latter of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.**

**Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.**

**You may examine the file kept by the court.** If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for

Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Petitioner OR ATTORNEY OF PETITIONER:  
KELLI KING, Deputy Counsel Counsel  
1115 Truxtun Avenue, Fourth Floor  
Bakersfield, CA 93301  
661-868-3828

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**FILE NO. 2024-B6555**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as  
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This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL: VIKKI LEE VEGA, 107 PARK WAY A, WOFFORD HEIGHTS, CA 93285

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: (10/29/2029). 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: Vikki Lee Vega, (442) 218-6197  
This statement filed on: 10/29/2024  
Aimee X. Espinoza, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: M. CEDENO, Deputy Clerk

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**FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT**  
**FILE NO. 2024-B7001**

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as  
**DBA #1:**  
**JAM PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, 6950 LAKE ISABELLA BLVD, LAKE ISABELLA, CA 93240, Kern County. Mailing Address: P.O. BOX 701, LAKE ISABELLA, CA 93240**

This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL: JONATHAN ALLISON MAGARETT; 6950 Lake Isabella Blvd, Lake Isabella, Ca 93240

The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 11/01/2024

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: (11/21/2029). 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: JONATHAN ALLISON MAGARETT  
This statement filed on: 11/21/2024  
Aimee X. Espinoza, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: M. CEDENO, Deputy Clerk

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**NOTICE OF HEARING AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE**  
**RESIDENTIAL NON-TAX ROLL BILLED ZONE 3 FRANCHISE**

**AREA 5 SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026**

On the 7th day of January, 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for residential property located in Garbage Zone 3 Franchise Area 5 that is not located within any Universal Collection Area. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for all residential properties. Property owners in this area are not required to subscribe to the services of the franchise haulers, but if they do so, these charges will apply. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a report filed by the Public Works Department titled "Residential Non-Tax Roll Billed Zone 3 Franchise Area 5 Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026." Issues and recommendations in the report include the following:

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KERN VALLEY SUN LEGAL NOTICES CONTINUED

1. Designate the use of each parcel of real property in the Residential Non-Tax Roll Billed Zone 3 Franchise Area 5 as residential or non-residential.

Consumers Index compiled and published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for Garbage and Trash Collection (Series ID: CUUR0000SEHG02) without a protest hearing for three additional years.

Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the Report filed by the Public Works Department are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California.

2025-2026 over the rates established for Fiscal Year 2024-2025. The charge imposed on a parcel of property used as a single-family residence with one to four residential units per parcel will increase from \$179.72 per year per residential unit to \$185.52 per year per residential unit.

the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works Department at (661) 862-8900 or by making a request via email at waste@kerncounty.com.

COMPANY) NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT: On the 7th day of January, 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors ("Board"), County of Kern Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, the Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing to hear any objections to granting Erskine Creek Water Company ("Grantee") a 20-year non-exclusive franchise ("Franchise"), replacing Ordinance F-479, to construct, install, maintain, inspect, operate, repair, renew and remove a publicly regulated utility pipeline together with the appurtenances and equipment necessary or convenient for operation thereof.

o Residential Service per unit\*
• Current Fee = \$31.31
Effective July 2025 = \$33.20

o Blue Cart Recycling per unit\*\*
• Current Fee = \$10.93
Effective July 2025 = \$11.61

Dated: December 3, 2024
KATHLEEN KRAUSE
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
By: /s/ Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk

Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the Land Use Fee based on the fiscal year Consumer Price Index (CPI) for Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA (Series ID: CUURS49ASA0) without a protest hearing for two more years.

Dated: December 3, 2024
KATHLEEN KRAUSE
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
By: /s/ Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as
DBA #1: RIDGECREST BAKERY, 1055 N. INYO STREET, RIDGECREST, CA 93555, Kern County. Mailing Address: 1055 N. INYO STREET, RIDGECREST, CA 93555

o Green Waste Service per unit\*\*
• Current Fee = \$12.00
Effective July 2025 = \$12.75
\*Charges shown include the Admin Fee of \$1.00 per month per unit

The Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15273 and Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) because it is the establishment of operational rates and charges.

Notice of Hearing and Summary of Proposed Ordinance
SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SERVICE CHARGE (LAND USE FEE) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

Upon the conclusion of the hearing, the Board of Supervisors may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any fee set forth in the Report filed by the Public Works Department or overrule any or all objections, and shall make its determination upon each fee as described in that Report.

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: (11/21/2029).

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PUBLIC AUCTION LIEN SALE
Kernville Mini Storage
12001 Sierra Way
Kernville, CA 93238
December 27th 2024 9:30 a.m.
Notice is hereby given that the undersigned intends to sell the personal property described below to enforce a lien imposed on said property pursuant to Sections 21700 through 21716 of the Business and Professions Code, Section 535 of the Penal Code and provisions of the Civil Code.

On the 7th day of January, 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of the Solid Waste Management Program Service Charge (Gate Fee and Bin Fee) for all non-residential property in Kern County.

Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the Report filed by the Public Works Department are on file for inspection with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works Department at (661) 862-8900 or by making a request via email at waste@kerncounty.com.

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF KERN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AND SUMMARY OF
PROPOSED ORDINANCE
(ERSKINE CREEK WATER

Notice of Hearing and Summary of Proposed Ordinance
COMMERCIAL ZONE 3 FRANCHISE AREAS 5 AND 10
SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

On the 7th day of January, 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of the Solid Waste Management Program Service Charge (Gate Fee and Bin Fee) for all non-residential property in Kern County.

On the 7th day of January, 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, in the Kern County Administrative Center, located at 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, a Public Hearing will be conducted to consider the enactment of, and hear any objections to, an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026.

Complete copies of the proposed Ordinance and the report filed by the Public Works Department are on file for inspection with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California. Alternatively, you may request copies by calling the Public Works Department at (661) 862-8900 or by making a request via email at waste@kerncounty.com.

Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard regarding this matter may appear at the hearing of this matter or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken by the Board of Supervisors on this matter in Court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the Public Hearing described in this Notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the Public Hearing.

TABLE A
Commercial - Zone 3 Franchise Areas 5 and 10

Table with 3 columns: Gate Fees, Current, Effective July 1, 2025. Rows include non-residential trash, transfer station fees, bin fees, non-residential waste at facilities with and without scales, fees for recyclable material, tire program fees, dead animals, treated wood waste, and other special fees.

Table with 5 columns: Commercial Bin Service Monthly Rates - July 1, 2025, Size (CY), First Commercial Container, Each Additional Container, Each Additional Service Pick-up. Rows include Trash Service and Recycling Service.

Table with 5 columns: Commercial Cart Service Monthly Rates - July 1, 2025, Size (gallons), First commercial Container, Each Additional Container, Each Additional Service Pick-up. Rows include Trash Cart and Blue Recycling Cart.

Table with 5 columns: Commercial Organic Service Monthly Rates - July 1, 2025, Size, First commercial Container, Each Additional Container, Each Additional Service Pick-up. Rows include Organic Cart, Organic Bin, and Organic Bin.

Table with 6 columns: Commercial Roll-Off Services Monthly Rates - July 1, 2025, Per Dump, Rental Rate, Delivery Charge, Per Hour Charge, Roll-Off Compactor Service Fee. Row includes Roll-off Container.



# Pre Need a focus of the cemetery district

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

The Kern River Valley Cemetery District's board meeting focused on pre need events, Tuesday, December 10.

District Manager Orion Sanders reminded the board that one of the reasons he worked on the books he published, in partnership with the Kern River Valley Historical Society, was because he wanted to allure people to the district for their internment needs.

The district is attempting to market the cemetery with a Pre-Need marketing campaign and possibly pre-need workshops. The district plans on opening up its offices to the public. The visits would include tours of the facility, with Reno Shadden, the groundskeeper.

The idea is to provide those considering plots, for their burials, with peace of mind. Sanders wanted to bring information to the community, and awareness about the

cemetery, into an information packet, with goodies to bring home after their visit and tour.

Sanders said, "I think there's a lot of people that put it off. People don't want to think about it. They just put it off. They wish they hadn't. And then it's too late. A lot of people would like to take that burden off the family's plate and not have them worry about it. Or if they have something specific they want at their funeral, this is the opportunity to put those things in place."

The curator of the Kern Valley Museum is doing research on the veterans of the Old Cemetery, so that the district could use that, and the other book the district recently published, as part of a workshop, giving the books out to attain public interest in the cemetery.

Sanders said across the research he was doing he found cemeteries are now focusing on pre-need for one marketing approach.

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that the residents fill out, to see whether they qualify.

Property owners would have to sign a Right of Entry form in order for the state to come in and do the cleanup. The agency helps the public fill out the forms and submit the forms to the state. And then the state goes out to do the clean up.

Speakers at the forum told the victims of the Borel Fire and other fires about the risks for potential hazards related to wild fires. They wanted the public to continue making a defensible space and told the public that there are risks related to burn scars where wild fires occurred.

They said Public Health has been here all along preparing the public for the cleanup.

Kern Fire Safe Council has been here conducting surveys and educating the public.

Division Fire Chief Andrew Kennison from Kern County Fire Department spoke to the public about what happened as the

Borel Fire was closing out, with regard to the Watershed Emergency Response Team (WERT) from the State of California, which is comprised of geo-technical engineers from the California Technological Survey, hydrologists, and registered professional foresters. The WERT came out to evaluate the burn scar, the burn severity, the terrain, and the natural flow of the watershed to make a determination on the level of risk for expectation of possible free flows and flooding. They conducted this process a few months back, and found high confidence there would be some flooding events, in the Havilah Canyon area. They did immediate public outreach to prepare residents. This educational process continues.

Wendy Ward updated the public about what Kern Fire Safe Council was doing with regard to the Borel Fire area after the fire. During the last six weeks the Kern Fire Safe Council has done a lot of public outreach and identified owners. The council has sent mailers, and met with owners, to assure life and safety, because of the potential for flooding.

The council was considering needs regarding damaged handicap ramps, troths, electricity, food shelter and schooling. They have been connecting the needs in the fire burned area, with the proper agencies, to attain assistance with fencing livestock, agricultural issues, and with utility companies through a survey. The public can still fill out a survey online at <https://kernfiresafe.org/> or call the entity for any assistance resources and to complete the survey. (661) 619-6841

Alex Bedolla from Kern County Public Works spoke about the county roads. "This fall we've been cleaning out the culverts in and around the area of Havilah, near Bofish Road." He said the county was concentrating on future weather forecasts to be prepared for potential flooding.

Kern County wanted to tailor communication to the public directly about concerns. The Kern River Conservancy and Fire Safe Council have been getting sandbags, and go-bags to the public in Havilah area.

Bureau of Land Management was on hand at event.

# JV girls basketball team goes on the road to rout Bishop

Kern Valley takes consolation at McFarland Tournament

RAY CONNER

The Kern Valley JV basketball squad opened up the HDL season by romping past Bishop. The final score of 37-16 showed how dominating a victory it was against some who feel that Bishop is the Lady Broncs rival.

For three quarters the Lady Broncs were locked in a battle. Despite holding the edge, they could not shut down Bishop. The first quarter saw Kern Valley take the early 9-6 lead. When the buzzer sounded to end the first half, the Lady Broncs only held a seven-point cushion. The 18-11 score at the break favored the visiting Kern Valley team.

In the second half, the Lady Broncs began to put distance between themselves and their opponents. A 7-2 third quarter saw the lead extend to 25-13 as the defense took over. The final quarter was more of the same. The Lady Broncs defense smothering Bishop. When the horn sounded to put a close on the game, Kern

Valley had added 12 points to their total. Bishop managed to score just three points to create the final 37-16 game.

Leading the way in scoring was Millie Bustamonte with 17 points. She would sink two from long distance. Sam Ruiz followed as she scored in double digits with 10 points. Taylor Kristi added six points, while Amber McAhren and Payton Mental each had two points. Ruiz led the team in assists with two. Kaylee Ellis recorded one assist for the Lady Broncs squad.

McAhren and Bustamonte shared the team lead in rebounds with six apiece. Kristy and Ellis each grabbed five rebounds, while Mental and Bobbie Pruitt pulled down three boards apiece. Brooke Gibson was credited with a pair of rebounds, while Hazel Kiosef had one rebound in the game. Ruiz was the leading thief foe the Lady Broncs as she was credited with seven steals to lead the team. McAhren recorded three steals, while Kristy and Bustamonte each had two steals. Collecting one

steal in the game for the Lady Broncs were Ellis, Kiosef, Zoe Perfect, and Pruitt. Ellis was credited with two blocks in the contest.

Head coach Kenny Bushling said, "It was a tough, first league game in which the girls battled. It was our relentless defense that held Bishop."

It was tournament time for the Lady Broncs after the successful HDL win. The Kern Valley JV squad went to McFarland to play. The games were two halves of 16 minutes with a running clock.

Game one saw the Lady fall short as they faced off with South, The Lady Rebels grabbed the halftime lead at 12-5. Kern Valley tried to make a comeback, but it fell short as they lost 18-12. This would drop Kern Valley into the consolation bracket for the tournament. Bustamonte was the leading scorer for the Lady Broncs. She had a team high five points, including a made three-pointer. Kristy

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# BLANKET GIVEAWAY

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such as clothing and warm blankets.

Despite the tough times life has sent Ronda and Ryan Sertic, throughout the years, the couple decided to serve the Lord by running a Christian men's discipleship home, which is how the Sertics affiliate with all the churches and congregations of the valley that help bring Christmas lunch to the valley. "We're trying to raise enough to feed 200 people," Ronda told the Kern Valley Sun. "Donations would go directly to the restaurant in lieu of Christmas Outreach."

"La Bikina is so gracious to open their doors for us to hold the event there. And then they give us the food at a discounted price. And then they take time out of their day at Christmas for us to hold this event faithfully every year."

People are welcome to come as early as 10:30 to begin set up. Clean up is at 3pm

The Sertics need volunteers to help them set up and clean up afterwards. They also appreciate when folks bring items to help their neighbors in the community

Ronda said, "I'd like to give a little shout out to Jayda Bushling, because she faithfully is doing the Warm a Heart Blanket Drive. And she provides blankets to elderly people, the homeless. Anybody that comes there is welcome to a blanket. It's all about giving and loving and the fellowship."

Ronda expressed gratitude to Jayda Bushling because of the fact she is a youth, spending time doing the Warm a Heart Blanket Drive and has a positive influence on the community for the local youth.

Debra and Robbie Beeler went out of their way to

purchase gifts with donated money for all the kids at the event this year.

Ryan said, "Thomas Refuse donates the out-house and the hand washing station. They bring it before and they pick it up after the event. Every year they do it because they want to sponsor something like this for Christmas."

"Please just hang around and fellowship. Make new friends. Just visit. It's Christmas. We should spend it together," said Ronda.

The public is invited to bring desserts as a potluck. "If anybody wants to swing by Christmas day, and just drop off a dessert, just so we have enough. That would be wonderful," she said.

The Sertics said this event is an effort of the entire community. "We are a very small knit community and we have an abundance of people pooling together in our community."

Churches assist with purchasing the meals. "Kern Christian Calvary every year they faithfully bring all the tables and chairs." Ronda said. Other people from churches are trying to teach their children what Christmas is about. Each Christmas parents from the church have their teens serving the plates of food for others.

About a decade ago the Sertics realized that some children might be ungrateful about their gifts. That's when they realized children need to learn the value of Christmas. And that's how this Christmas story got started.

The following year, and every Christmas thereafter the Sertic family went to the homeless and provided clothes, food or snacks, and fellowship with those in need.

Then Angela and John, owners of My Place restaurant who used to do Christmas outreaches, was closing, so they donated the paper goods and items for an outreach to the Sertics.

The Sertics pulled a camper up to My Place. Ronda said, the couple got donations from their church and made up toiletry bags and held a potluck and fed the homeless and anyone wanting to come. And Ronda gave out gifts from their camper door.

Ryan said, "The next year that restaurant was totally closed. So we asked Webb Recycling can we do this Christmas event at Webb Recycling, in the alley, and just run extension cords out of your place, and use your outhouse? And they said yes. So we just set up tables, in the alley, and a bunch of chairs. It was a high of like 43 degrees, that Christmas Day, cloudy and windy. It was blustery and cold."

The third year the couple was friends with the old owner of LaBikina and got permission to do the event at the restaurant for a couple of years in a row. Then the next owners allowed them to do the outreach there again. Then the place was sold and the current owner has let them do the Christmas event there, for the third year in a row, this year.

The Sertics say it has been a miracle that three owners of LaBikina have wanted to serve the community in this way.

Ryan said, "I'm just grateful that LaBikina wants to be a part of a blessing and that all the other churches are helping together. Christ died for a world that nailed Him to a cross. And he wants us to follow Jesus' example. So we want to treat people how we would want to be treated."

# KERN VALLEY SUN LEGAL NOTICES CONTINUED

THE PRODUCTION OR SALE OF UTILITY SERVICES WITHIN the limits of the County for which the ordinance is awarded. Grantee shall file with the designated agent of the Board of Supervisors, within three (3) months after the expiration of the calendar year or fractional calendar year following the date of the granting of the franchise and within three (3) months after the expiration of each calendar year thereafter, a verified statement showing in detail the gross annual receipts arising from the use, operation or possession of the franchise during the preceding calendar or fractional calendar year. Grantee shall pay to the County, within 15 days after the time for filing the statement described hereinabove, in lawful money of the United States, the annual fee due. Any neglect, omission, or refusal by Grantee to file the verified statement, or to pay the franchise fee at the time or in the manner provided, shall make the Grantee subject to penalties as detailed in Sections 11, 13, and 14 of Ordinance F-3 (Fourth Revision), and/or constitutes grounds for declaration of forfeiture of the franchise and of all rights thereafter. The Grantee shall maintain, at its cost and expense, at all times

during the term of the franchise, a commercial general liability policy of insurance, including broad form property damage coverage, owner's and contractor's protective insurance (during construction), fire legal liability coverage and contractual liability coverage for obligations under the franchise, naming County, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers as additional insureds, and acknowledging that the Franchise shall be used for transporting domestic water. The amount of the insurance coverage required by this agreement shall be the policy limits, which shall be at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and \$2,000,000 aggregate. Persons seeking additional information on this matter should contact Grace Imamura at (661) 868-3071 with the General Services Division of the County Administrative Office. Written comments may be submitted any time prior to, or at, the public hearing. Written comments may be sent to Kern County General Services Division, Property Management, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 3rd Floor, Bakersfield, CA 93301. If you challenge the action taken on this request in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described

in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at any time prior to, or at, the public hearing. By order of the Board of Supervisors.

Dated: December 3, 2024  
**KATHLEEN KRAUSE**  
 Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
 /s/Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk

(PUB SUN 12/18/2024)

## NOTICE OF LIEN SALE

**GOLDEN EMPIRE TOWING 2**  
 LIEN SALE: 15-FORD  
 LICENSE: 10875C2 / CA  
 VIN: 1FD8W3E6XFEC39546

LIEN SALE: 15-FORD  
 LICENSE: 25934Y1 / CA  
 VIN: 1FD8W3E7FEC91769

LIEN SALE: 14-FORD  
 LICENSE: 80062P1 / CA  
 VIN: 1FD8X3E68EEA55900

TO BE SOLD AT 10:00 AM ON  
 12/31/2024

@ 1915 S UNION AVE  
 BAKERSFIELD, CA

(PUB SUN 12/18/2024)

# Senior Lunch Special

At the Senior Center • 6409 Lake Isabella Blvd. • 760-379-5831

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

**December 18**  
**Incredible Chicken Thighs**  
 • Capri Veggies\*\*  
 • Potatoes Au Gratin  
 • Gelatin w/ Fruit  
 • Milk

**December 19**  
**Dixie Cornbread Casserole**  
 • Cauliflower Blend  
 • Baked Apples  
 • Juice  
 • Milk

**December 20**  
**Ham**  
 • Green Beans\*\*  
 • Mashed Potatoes  
 • Green Salad  
 • Christmas Cookie  
 • Juice/Milk

**December 23**  
**Chicken Tamale**  
 • Corn  
 • Mexican Rice  
 • Pudding  
 • Juice  
 • Milk

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# VFW provides children's Christmas

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

The VFW held a Christmas event for children December 14, with Santa visits, gifts for the children, homemade Christmas cookies, and hot chocolate for the kids.

Larry Bly told the Kern Valley Sun, "We have a list, with the ages of the children, so Santa was able to reach in" he said, and give those kids age appropriate

gifts. Santa Claus, also known as Richard Mohr said, "I came from the Elks. They just had their Christmas over there." Mohr explained that he was singing with the Kern River Chorus at the recent Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce, Tree Lighting Ceremony, dressed in a Santa suit, after he was at the Elks Lodge. That's how he was discovered to be the most authentic Santa, with a real natural set



Santa accepts Christmas wishes from Jackylyn Northam's kids. of whiskers, to go with the get-up. He never intended to steal the other Santa's popularity at the tree lighting event. It was a matter of timing. No one knew he'd be dressed that way when he was singing with the Kern River Chorus.

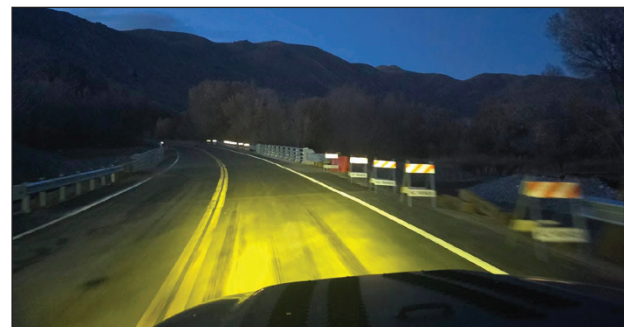
# Sierra Way update on opening updates

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Alex Bedolla, Engineering manager of Kern County Public Works maintenance division gave an update, to the Kern Valley Sun, Saturday December 14, regarding Sierra Way.

Regarding the Friday opening of the thoroughfare he said, "Friday afternoon (we opened it.) I actually

drove through it this morning. They're still finishing off a little bit of the guardrail that they hadn't completed quite yet. But it's all drivable now. "There's a little bit of traffic control, but last I spoke with our Construction Division, it should be completed by the end of the day, today, assuming the equipment doesn't keep breaking down."



KERN RIVER VALLEY ROAD CONDITIONS FACEBOOK

# KRV Woman's Club holds "Vegas" themed Christmas event

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

The Kern River Valley Woman's Club held its annual Christmas Spectacular, Saturday December 14. The posh affair included a dinner, which drew a pretty large crowd that night.

The event is the club's largest fundraiser of the year. "This is our 24th annual. This is our third year here, at the Elk's Lodge," said Leslie Black, president of the club and chair for the committee, which plans this event each year.

"This is the club's big fundraiser. We in turn use that money to give three high school scholarships. Members that continue their education, we'll give them some money."

Black said the club also helps the Kern River Valley Art Association, the

Kern River Valley Historical Society, One Spade Youth Packers, Red Cross, and McDonald's House among many others in the community that have needs.

Those attending the event buy "opportunity tickets" in attempt to win one of the decorated Christmas trees on display, which were pre-decorated. "All these trees are sponsored by local businesses and some of the club members," Black said.

Two of the trees, which are Gift Certificate Trees, are sponsored by businesses in the whole valley. Black said, "It's one of the biggest things in the valley. We enjoy doing it. It's a lot of work, but it's fun."

During the event, Black would draw one ticket number, out of each of the buckets, representing the organization or person that decorated the tree. The



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

person, whose number is in the bucket, wins that tree.

"We pick a theme early in the next year. And then we really start working on it in September through November," Black said. This year's theme was based on Vegas.

# Knuckle up holds Christmas performance

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Knuckle Up Ministries, in Lake Isabella, held a Nativity Event, Sunday evening, December 15, with the performance opening with the song Little Drummer Boy and some worship songs.

Jeanette Rogers-Erickson explained how Pastor Jeremiah Maxwell enlisted an artist from Bakersfield to paint the backdrop, which appeared behind the live Nativity.

Gary Grimmer "Bird" who played a wise man told the Kern Valley Sun, "It was a blessing to be a part of this event. I've never done anything like it before. But I really enjoyed being a part of it. And I thank Miss Jeanette for inviting me to be a part of it."

Phil Delatova, who played a shepherd, said, "What this means to me is just getting back to basics and having a little joy in one's life. The reason for the season is Jesus."



Members of Knuckle Up Ministries.

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

# Powers holds "New To Town" event

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Sierra Shared spaces held a New To Town event, Saturday December 14, at the Kern River Valley Senior Center, with help from other organizations, hoping to make newcomers feel welcome.

Justin Powers, founder of Sierra Shared Spaces said, "The reason we're doing these events is to just try to increase connection and reduce loneliness

in the Kern River Valley. This is a really fun kind of first version of this event. If it's something that works out, we'd like to do more of them, in the future," he said.

Powers wanted to connect people to their neighbors, in partnership with Kern County in the Neighbor to Neighbor program, Kernville Cowork. And Kern Valley Hospital Foundation wanted to give new neighbors welcome packages.

Vendors at the event included the Kern Valley Exchange Club, Narcotics Anonymous, Riverstone Wellness Center, the Lake Isabella & Bodfish Property Owners Association,

Kern Family Health Care, Boys and Girls Club of Kern County Kernville, Kernville Union School District, Kern County Library, Kern Valley Hospital Foundation, the Kern River Valley Bridge Connection, and Sierra Shared Spaces.

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# SBDC provides business advice locally

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Businesses can now sign up, on the Small Business Development Center (SBDC) site for their business advice program, to get advice from their new business advisor Justin Powers, who started giving advice through this program in recent weeks.

Kelly Bearden, Director at CSU Bakersfield, Small Business Development Center said, "When the opportunity came up for Justin Powers, who started giving advice through this program in recent weeks. Kelly Bearden, Director at CSU Bakersfield, Small Business Development Center said, "When the opportunity came up for Justin Powers, who started giving advice through this program in recent weeks."

Powers has the potential to reach more people in need because of his location.

Bearden said, "I've known Justin for the last several years, through several of his entrepreneurial projects. Bringing in someone of that talent, and that wherewithal to work and assist small businesses is the kind of people that we like to hire at the SBDC. The fact that he's located in the KRV, he's a community leader there, he's well established; the fact that he's local really provides one less canyon drive for anybody needing business advise."

The CSUB, SBDC is hosted by Cal State Bakersfield though its office is not on campus. Bearden said, "Were not an on campus program. We're off campus. We're in the downtown area of Bakersfield. But we provide services to all of Kern County."

Powers has greater access to other advisors that offer very specific talents, such as in funding, or intellectual property, or other things the public normally would have to leave the county to get access to.

Bearden said that Powers and the SBDC have been going back and forth, for a while, regarding Powers coming on board. And more recently Powers was able to free up time to devote to increasing awareness, to the public, to what the SBDC has available, paid through the public's tax dollars. "Everything that we do, as far as the advising side of things, is free. We are part of the national franchise that is a resource partner of the US Small Business Administration. So they provide the primary funding for us. And we use that to contract with advisors and others."

All of the SBDC's training classes, with a very rare exception, are free of charge.

To access Power's advice, go to the SBDC site at <https://csusbdc.com/csu-bakersfield-sbdc-central-california-sbdc>.

Bearden said that it takes only a few minutes to attain the advisor, who best fits your needs. And most likely it would be Justin Powers.

Other than loan advice, the SBDC has an option to work on a business plan, and to do so with ones advisor.

There are also market research tools, out there, for small business owners to start, grow or transition ones business.

According to Bearden the SBDC intends to increase outreach to rural areas of the county, which was why they felt Powers, whom Bearden describes as a top notch, talented person was the right pick for the Kern Valley area. "It coincides with the SBA's disaster program for the Borel Fire. So we're engaged in that, and trying to help businesses and individuals that lost their residence during the fire," he said.

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## Kern Valley wrestling squad competes in Coyote Classic *Broncs send 14 to East High for the tournament*

RAY CONNER

The largely, inexperienced Broncs wrestling team made the trip to Bakersfield to take their chances at the Coyote Classic. The annual tournament was held at East High.

There were 14 Broncs that took their turn on the mats to try and advance in the brackets. Only three from Kern Valley were able to

finish in the top 12, but mat time is the goal at the beginning of the season. The three that made it top 12, barely missed bringing home a medal, but gained valuable mat time. Charles Schmeiser wrestling in the 120-pound class, Andrew Miller at 126 pounds, and Ivan Mondragon at 165 pounds were the three from Kern Valley to finish in the top 12 at the Classic.

Leading the way for the Broncs

was Schmeiser. He would collect three wins on the day. Mondragon was right behind as he earned a pair of victories on the mat. Michael Porter in the 215-pound weight division wrestled his way to the first-ever win at the varsity level for Kern Valley. The rest of the squad consisted of Carlos Monzo at 113 pounds, Max Baughman at 132, Greyson Fitzgerald at 138, Brett Willingham at 144, Troy Valenzuela at 150, Jacob

Abraugh at 174, Thomas Pacheco at 190 pounds, Cyrus Rutherford at 215, and Hunter Aultman who wrestled in the Heavyweight division.

The Broncs head coach Wes Woody said, "We brought a really young team with only one wrestler from the end of last year's season along with Ivan (Mondragon) who moved in this year. We brought many underclassmen who showed a lot of improvement from last week's

tournament. Showing growth even though the wins aren't coming yet. We are rebuilding, but the future this year is bright as well as the years to come."

The upcoming wrestling schedule will take the Broncs team to Immanuel -Reedley Invitational this weekend for another tournament as the team heads toward the HDL matches that will take place just the beginning of the New Year.

## Kern Valley girls wrestle at Queen of the Valley tournament

RAY CONNER

On Dec. 6, the Lady Broncs traveled to Golden Valley to compete at the Queen of the Valley wrestling tournament. They had a good showing across the mats.

With the team nearly split between returners and new wrestlers, the Lady Broncs wanted to be on top of the Queen's list. One wrestler from Kern Valley took to the mats at the varsity level. Summer Santos was crowned, literally, as the Queen. Santos wrestled her way to the top spot to lead the Lady Broncs squad.

Four others from Kern Valley took to the mats at the JV level. They were able to gain a pair of second place finishes and two coming in third. Delilah McComas, a junior worked her way up to second place. Freshman, Naomi Tapia also collected a second-place spot at the tournament. Sophomore Reiss

Ritchison and freshman Keira Hayes followed with third place finishes.

Earlier in the week, Kern Valley took on Tehachapi in a dual match but fell short of the team victory. The Lady Broncs head coach Angel Anderson said, "I have about half newbies

and half returners, so they really put in work this week."

The Lady Broncs will make the long trip to Farmersville as they will participate in the Farmersville Tournament on Saturday.



The Lady Broncs that competed at the Queen of the Valley wrestling tournament.

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Kern Valley's Summer Santos was literally 'Crowned' at the Queen of the Valley tournament for taking first in her weight class.

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## Busy week of matches for Lady Broncs soccer team

RAY CONNER

Kern Valley took to the pitch for six games over four days. This included opening the HDL schedule against Mammoth and Bishop.

They began play versus Mammoth. The Lady Broncs opened up their league season with an away match against the Lady Huskies. The two teams battled the whole way. The half would end in the scoreless tie. Coming out of the break, the two squads continued to run back and forth going from offense to defense. The score remained 0-0 as they approached the halfway mark of the second half. Kern Valley was able to get inside the Mammoth defense and break the scoreless tie. Kern Valley's Kassandra Guarneros lined up to take the corner kick. The corner kick sailed into the net giving the Lady Broncs the 1-0 lead. With about 10 minutes left in the match, Mammoth was able to break free and scored the tying goal. Both teams clamped down and the score of the match ended at 1-1.

The following day, the Lady Broncs were back on the road as they were playing their second HDL match. This time Kern Valley would be facing rival Bishop on a key matchup. The Lady Broncs have not scored a goal against the Lady Broncos since 2017. They were hoping to end this scoring drought. This trend would end quickly as the Lady Broncs took the early 1-0 lead.

It took less than five minutes into the match for Kern Valley's Alex Armes to find the back of the goal. The Lady Broncs would make it 2-0 as Aspen Hacker took the pass from Kenadie Young and banged it home past Bishop's goalkeeper. In the second half, the Lady Broncos would answer twice and make it another tie game. Bishop kept the momentum going and would

rally back to take the 3-2 lead. It would end that way giving the Lady Broncs an HDL loss.

After playing the two HDL matches it was tournament time for the Lady Broncs. Kern Valley would compete in the Mira Monte Tournament. They opened with a match versus South. Going up against the Lady Rebels who are a higher division team than Kern Valley. It was all South as they would come away with the 2-0 win. The Lady Broncs could not muster any offense as they fell in the initial tournament match.

Playing the waiting game, Kern Valley had a five hour wait before going up against Golden Valley. The defensive battle saw only one goal scored in the match. Unfortunately, it was for Golden Valley as the Lady Broncs lost the match 1-0. In their next match, Kern Valley was slated to play the No. 1 ranked team in Division 1. Stockdale loomed as the tournament was in day two. The Lady Broncs had to wake early and be ready to play at 8 a.m. Paul Armes the head coach of the Lady Broncs decided to rest his starters and let the younger players see the field. Once again, no offense as the younger players fell to Stockdale 5-0.

The sixth and final game of the week and the tournament found the Lady Broncs facing off with North. Thus was the team that Kern Valley was supposed to open the season against that got cancelled because of the high AQI in Bakersfield. Going into the match P. Armes urged his team by saying, "I bribed, pleaded, and begged for 60 more minutes out of the girls for our last game." The Lady Broncs responded as they were able to pull off the 2-0 win. The defense really stepped up as they limited their opponent to just two shots on goal. Young would score the only goal that Kern Valley needed. A. Hacker added one more goal as that put the Lady Broncs up 2-0.

The tired, nearly exhausted, and sore Lady Broncs held their head high as they left

the field knowing that despite the setbacks, they competed at a high level that can only

bring future success. The Lady Broncs will know have an extended layoff for the holidays.

They will be back in HDL action on Jan. 7 when they go on the road to Desert.

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## Broncs varsity basketball team falls to Bishop 46-40 *Finish fourth of eight at Farmersville Tournament*

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Kern Valley's varsity basketball squad played four games this week including a key HDL battle with rival Bishop. They would also compete at the Farmersville Tournament.

The game with Bishop saw the Broncs (3-7, 1-1 HDL) get saddled with the loss. Despite seven of the 12 players on the team scoring points. The defense also kept the scoring low as they handled Bishop allowing only 46 points. The loss in the HDL saw Kern Valley drop in the standings.

Two Broncs shared the scoring lead. Aiden Madden and Shiloh Galvan each scored a team-high nine points. They were followed by Zane Carver with six points. Joey Galvan and Bryce Smoot each added five points for Kern Valley. Carson Parks added four points, while Daniel Hinkey wrapped up the scoring with two points. Smoot led the team in unselfish play as he dished out four assists. S. Galvan collected three assists, while Carver finished with a pair of assists. Madden and J. Galvan each had one assist to close out the offense for the Broncs.

On the defensive side of the ball, the Broncs were led in rebounding by Carver. He was a monster as he pulled down a team-high 16

rebounds. J. Galvan and Hinkey were each credited with six boards, while S. Galvan and Smoot gathered in four rebounds apiece. Madden wrapped up the board play as he recorded a pair of rebounds. Kern Valley as a team were credited with seven blocks. They were led by Smoot with four. Carver smacked away two Bishop shots, while S. Galvan had one block in the contest. Madden had the quick hands as he led the team in steals with three. Carver and Hinkey each had two steals, while Smoot recorded one steal.

Before going up against Bishop, the Broncs played in the Farmersville Tournament. Despite not winning a game they would finish fourth of the eight teams that participated. They began the tournament in pool play where they would go 0-3. They started with a game versus Granite Hills out of the Porterville area. The final score in this game favored the Grizzlies 46-34.

J. Galvan was the top scorer in this one with nine points. Madden and S. Galvan each scored six points, while Smoot finished with five. Jeffrey Clark and Carver finished off the scoring with four points apiece. Smoot was the leader in assists with a team-high five. J. Galvan handed out a pair of assists, while S. Galvan had one assist.

On the boards, Carver grabbed nine re-

bounds to lead the Broncs. Clark pulled down five boards, while Smoot and Hinkey each had four rebounds. J. Galvan had three rebounds, while S. Galvan grabbed two boards. Carver and Clark swatted away four opponent shots in this game. Smoot and Hinkey had one block apiece. Carver recorded four steals to lead Kern Valley. Maddox Beaury was credited with three steals, while S. Galvan and Smoot had two steals apiece. Hinkey picked up the last steal for Kern Valley.

In their second game of the tournament, the Broncs squared off with East Bakersfield High School. This was a battle that came down to the end. Kern Valley stayed in the game, but came up just short. They dropped the 64-55 decision to the Blades. Seven Broncs were able to score points in this contest. S. Galvan had the hot hand as he poured in a team-high 22 points. Clark followed as he scored in double digits with 11 points. Carver and Hinkey each scored six points, while Smoot finished with five points. J. Galvan had three points in the game, while Madden closed out the Broncs scoring with two points. In the assists department, Smoot was the leader with five. Madden dished out four, while J. Galvan and Carver each handed out a pair of assists. S. Galvan was credited with one assist in the game.

On the boards, Carver grabbed eight re-

bounds to lead the Broncs. Clark pulled down six boards, while Madden had four rebounds. Smoot and Hinkey each collected three boards, while Beaury, S. Galvan, and J. Galvan finished up with one rebound apiece. Four Broncs were credited with one block in the game versus the Blades. S. Galvan, Clark, J. Galvan, and Hinkey were the four players. Four players from Kern Valley were credited with at least one steal. Leading the way was Carver with eight steals. Smoot recorded a pair of steals, while Beaury and Hinkey each had one steal.

The final game of the tournament, Kern Valley went up against a tough team from Taft. The Wildcats Dominated the game as they saddled the Broncs with a 70-37 loss. Nine Kern Valley players were able to put the ball in the basket. Clark and J. Galvan led the way as they shared the team lead in scoring with eight apiece. Parks added six points, while Hinkey scored four. Smoot finished with three points for the Broncs. Four Kern Valley players would score two points in the contest with Taft. Madden, Beaury, Carver, and Brandon Cox scored two points apiece. No other stats were made available for this game.

The Broncs will get back into HDL action this Friday as they will entertain the Boron Bobcats.

## Kern Valley varsity girls basketball team wins key HDL game

RAY CONNER

The Lady Broncs varsity girls' basketball squad made the long trip to face their HDL rival in Bishop. They would come home with the lop-sided 52-33 victory.

Bishop is considered Kern Valley's league rival. In this case, the Lady Broncs pushed their rivals into the loss column with a dominating win. Having to go on the road and collect the victory is always a challenge for Kern Valley. The first quarter of the games was a tale of two cities. The Lady Broncs started quickly as they scored the first seven points of the contest. Ahead 7-0, Bishop adjusted and got back into the game with a scoring surge. When it was over the Lady Broncs were on the outside looking in. They trailed their opponent 10-8.

It was Kern Valley's turn to adjust and that is exactly what they did. The Lady Broncs defense stepped up their game as they pressured Bishop at every turn. The Lady Broncs of Bishop would turn the ball over under the pressure that would lead to easy points for Kern Valley. With the limited scoring from Bishop and the Lady Broncs dropping in points, the half time lead for Kern Valley was 23-14. The 15-4 run put them squarely on top as they went to the break.

As the two teams returned to the court, the game resumed the way Kern Valley wanted it. The defense causing Bishop to cough up the ball leading to points in their offensive zone. It was the four made three-pointers that increased the lead to put Kern Valley in a comfortable spot. When the horn sounded to end the third, the scoreboard read 39 for the visiting Lady Broncs and 21 for the home team. Coming down the stretch, the Lady Broncs matched the scoring output by Bishop to maintain the margin and collect the HDL win. Kern Valley scored 13 points in the fourth, while Bishop added 12 points to their total.

Two Lady Broncs would record double-doubles in the game. Jayda Bushling led the team in scoring by pouring in 17 points. She would complete her double-double by grabbing 13 rebounds. Ava Elliott score 11 points. She scored six in the in the second quarter. Her double-double was completed when she grabbed 11 rebounds. Elli Jeans added 12 points, including three from behind the three-point arc. Jessie Bunting contributed nine points, while Leenah Troller hit from three-point land for her three points in the game to capped the scoring



Kern Valley's varsity basketball team along with their coaches pose with the second place trophy they won at the Corcoran Tournament.

for the Lady Broncs.

Bunting grabbed six rebounds, while Jeans pulled down five boards. Bushling handed out five assists to lead the Kern Valley squad. She also was credited with five steals in the contest. Bunting and Elliott recorded a pair of assists apiece, while Jeans dished out one assist. Elliott also recorded five steals, while Naomi Tapia had a pair of steals. Troller had one steal for the Lady Broncs squad.

Head coach Bill Gallis commenting on the game said, "I'm very proud of our girls tonight. We wanted to come in, run the floor, and set the tempo, and I felt we were able to accomplish that. I was especially happy with our outside game—Elli Jeans was huge from beyond the arc. I also liked how we applied pressure and forced them into tough situations. It's always challenging to come up here and play, but I think we did a great job maintaining momentum throughout the game. I'm looking forward to finishing the first part of our season strong before we head into the Christmas break. The girls played extremely hard tonight and gave a tremendous effort."

Prior to the game with Bishop, Kern Valley took part in the Corcoran Tournament. They would make it to the championship finals. Unfortunately, for them they would suffer their first setback of the season. The Lady Broncs took on El Diamante to see who would claim the tournament title. The Lady Miners are Division 2 squad, so Kern Valley knew they would have to play their best game.

The two teams played a see-saw first quarter. The Lady Broncs started strong from the gate as they took an early 7-2 lead. El Diamante went on a 6-2 run to grab the lead at 9-8. The score was sitting at 14-14 when the Lady Miners scored five unanswered to take the 19-14 lead. Trailing by five, Kern Valley would not quit. They pulled to within four points at 26-

22, before El Diamante went on a 10-6 run to send it to halftime. The score at the break was 36-28 for the Lady Miners.

The Lady Broncs continued to battle, but they could not stay with their opponents. They got the score trimmed to 42-38, but then the Lady Miners dug in and opened the offensive floodgates. When all was said and done Kern Valley (8-1, 2-0 HDL) would fall in the title game 65-50.

Bunting was the scoring leader for Kern Valley with 22 points. Bushling recorded another double-double with 16 points and 10 assists. Elliott scored five points, while Troller finished with four. Jeans contributed two points, while Ashley Plante made a free throw for her lone point. Bushling grabbed seven rebounds, while Bunting and Elliott each pulled down six boards. Troller had four rebounds, while Jeans recorded three boards. Plante closed out the board work with one rebound. Jeans also handed out three assists.

Kern Valley began the tournament by beating Golden West 56-35. The dominating start kept the Lady Broncs fueled and it led them to the easy victory. Bunting was the leader of the pack as she recorded a double-double. She scored a team-high 25 points and pulled down 12 rebounds. She also helped out with three blocks and three steals. Elliott helped out in scoring as she added nine points, just missing a double-double of her own. She would grab a team leading 14 rebounds. She also got credit for four steals. Bushling had six points, seven rebounds, nine assists, and six steals for the Lady Broncs. Tapia also scored six points and had a pair of steals. Jeans scored five and grabbed 13 boards. She handed out four assists and had two steals. Wrapping up the scoring for Kern Valley was Troller with three points. She also pulled down four rebounds. Plante was credited with five boards, while Scarlet

Russell had three rebounds. Jade Montes had a pair of rebounds and one steal in the game.

Next up for the Lady Broncs was the host team Corcoran. This was the Bushling show as she recorded a triple-double. She led the team to the dominating 68-41 victory. She scored 22 points, pulled down 18 rebounds, and finished off the triple-double by dishing out 11 assists. And she was credited with six steals.

The first quarter saw Kern Valley trailing 17-13 when the horn sounded. Early in the second the score was 20-15. The defense stepped it up as they closed out the Lady Panthers and limited them to just the three points to end the half. The Lady Broncs on the other hand poured in basket after basket as they went on a 17-0 streak to put them firmly ahead 32-20 at half-time. This spelled the beginning of the end for the host team. Kern Valley kept pushing forward, while the Lady Panthers were two steps behind. At the end of the third the Lady Broncs were comfortably ahead 50-26. The fourth was just a formality as Kern Valley added 18 points to their total. With this victory the Lady Broncs knew they were in the championship contest.

Besides the outstanding play by Bushling, other Lady Broncs contributed to the win. Scoring: Bunting 11, Jeans 9, Elliott 9, Troller 7, Tapia 6, McKayla Bachman 2, Jade Montes 2. Rebounds: Elliott 13, Troller 10, Jeans 3, Bunting 3, Plante 2, Montes 1, Emmalyn Bechtel 1, Russell 1, Bachman 1. Blocks: Bunting 4. Assists: Jeans 2, Tapia 1. Steals: Troller 5, Elliott 4.

Kern Valley was supposed to take on Chavez, but were awarded a forfeit victory, Chavez could not field a team to give the Lady Broncs a perfect 3-0 pool play round and seven straight wins to start the season. The 3-0 mark pushed them to the Championship Finals.

Gallis said, "I'm extremely proud of our effort during this tournament. We showed a lot of growth and gained valuable experience throughout the week. The team delivered tremendous individual performances and played outstanding team defense. As we continue to grow, the girls consistently play with great effort and exciting enthusiasm. Competing against these bigger teams is an invaluable part of our progression, and it helps us prepare for the challenges ahead. Now, our focus shifts to improving every day and getting ready for league play."

Kern Valley took on Boron on the Lady Broncs home court on Friday to get back into HDL action.

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finished with four points, while McAhren capped the scoring for Kern Valley with three points. Ruiz handed out a pair of assists to lead the team.

On the boards, Ellis was the monster as she grabbed 13 rebounds to lead her team. Pruitt grabbed four boards, while Kristy had three rebounds. McAhren and Kiosef each had a pair of rebounds, while Gibson and Ruiz each had one. Ellis recorded the lone block in the game. Pruitt had a pair of steals to lead the Lady Broncs. Gibson, Kristy, McAhren, Bustamonte, and Ruiz each had one steal.

Kern Valley would advance to the consolation championship as they took care of Corcoran. The Lady Broncs poured in 20 points and the defense allowed their opponents nine points for the 20-9 final score. It was a close game as the two teams went

to the break. Kern Valley was holding the slim 10-6 margin. In the second half the defense really took over and allowed Corcoran just three more points the rest of the way.

Scoring: Kristy 8, Perfect 4, Ruiz 4, Ellis 2, Mental 2. Assists: McAhren 2, Bustamonte 2, Mental 1, Ruiz 1. Assists: McAhren 2, Bustamonte 2, Mental; 1, Ruiz 1. Rebounding: McAhren 9, Gibson 4, Kristy 3, Ellis 3, Pruitt 3, Perfect 2, Mental 2, Kiosef 1, Bustamonte 1, Ruiz 1, Alissa Webster 1. Steals: Kristy 4, Bustamonte 4, McAhren 2, Ruiz 2, Ellis 1, Kiosef 1, Mental 1, Pruitt 1.

In the Consolation title game, the two teams battled as the score remained close when they went to the break. When the first half ended the Lady Broncs were holding the slim 8-6 margin. In the second half it was all Kern Valley as the offense poured in 23 points. The defense did their job as they allowed West just six more points the rest

of the way to come away with the 31-12 victory. This was balanced scoring effort by the Lady Broncs. Of the 12 players on the team 10 were able to record points in the game. The win gave the Lady Broncs some 'consolation' as they were crowned the Champions of the consolation bracket.

Scoring: Kristy 6, Ruiz 6, McAhren 4, Mental 4, Piper Connolly 3 (made three-pointers), Gibson 2, Kiosef 2, Bustamonte 2, Pruitt 2. Assists: McAhren 3, Bustamonte 2, Mental 2, Ruiz 2, Gibson 1, Ellis. Rebounding: McAhren 12, Pruitt 7, Ellis 5, Gibson 4, Ruiz 3, Perfect 2, Bustamonte 2, Connolly 1, Kristy 1, Mental 1. Blocks: Ellis 3. Steals: Kristy 5, McAhren 4, Bustamonte 4, Kiosef 2, Pruitt 2, Connolly 1, Ellis 1, Ruiz 1.

The Lady Broncs will close out the holiday season with a home game against Boron as they get back to playing league games. After that they will not play until Jan. 7.

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