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Public invited to "New To Town" event

Longtime resident and founder of Sierra Shared Spaces, Justin Powers is holding a special event for everyone new to the valley.

Kern River Chorus performs at holiday events

The Kern River Chorus performed at two events last weekend, the Kernville Chamber of Commerce Candlelight Stroll Friday, December 6 at Circle Park in Kernville and A Christmas Spectacular "Sing We Noel" Saturday, December 7, at First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella.

Chamber's Christmas cookie contest meets with cheer

Contestants were charged up this year, with enthusiasm, for the chamber's third Great Christmas Cookie Contest, Saturday December 7, at the Kern River Valley Senior Center, in Lake Isabella.

Boy Scouts selling Christmas trees

Boy Scout Troop 711 has been selling Christmas trees at their Christmas Tree Lot on Lake Isabella Blvd, in Lake Isabella, between 178 Bar and Grill and the Shell Station at Nugget Avenue.

Former Broncs athlete gets Hall of Fame nod

Rusty Muncy, a 2012 graduate from Kern Valley will be inducted into the Briar Cliff University Athletic Hall of Fame. His athletic prowess at the college level was recognized, and now he will be a Hall of Famer.

Broncs varsity basketball squad takes opening HDL game

Kern Valley's varsity basketball team began its league season at home on Dec. 2.

Kern Valley varsity girls get 'Mammoth' 66-8 win

The Lady Broncs varsity girls' basketball team made the long trip to Mammoth to begin their league season.

Hawkins named offensive player at All-Star volleyball game

Being selected for an All-Star game is always and accomplishment. For the Lady Broncs Ruby Hawkins, she would turn that into being named the Offensive Player of the Kern County All-Star volleyball match.

It's lucky Friday the 13th, Sierra Way to open

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

According to a post from Kern County Supervisor Phillip Peters, in a Sierra Way update he gave on Facebook, Friday December 6, a few unexpected issues came up, which the county had to deal with on the Sierra Way project.

However Peters still expected the opening of Sierra Way to be Friday December 13. He also dispelled false information about the possibility of a ribbon cutting. The opening will not

include any ribbon cutting according to Peters.

The issues that needed work at Sierra Way were related to installing guardrails at the construction site. Peters claimed these would be minor fixes and would not take more than a week. He said, "We do not want anything to interfere with opening it as soon as is safely possible. Thank you."

The thoroughfare from Weldon area into Kernville had been closed for months in relation to storm damages, causing many locals in Kernville concern about the inability to safely leave during evacuation events.

Residents from Weldon paid more money for gasoline and had to travel many more miles, to dump their trash, as a result of the Sierra Way closure.

This topic packed the Kernville Chamber of Commerce meeting hall, with irate locals expressing anger toward the County, when public works engineers and the supervisor came up to talk about why the repair project took longer than expected.

Part of the issue was an unworkable FEMA design and the need for the county to find funding for a better design. Ultimately the project continued.



PATRICK RAY

CDF & W delivers fish to Isabella Lake

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Anglers may be very happy to find more fish, in their favorite fishing spots, in the coming months. The California Department of Fish and Wildlife brought Isabella Lake two truckloads of fish on, Monday, December 2. Fire crews helped do the unloading at Red's Marina according to the president of the Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce (KRVCC) Fred Clark.

He told the Kern Valley Sun, "The fish that we are currently raising in the pens are provided to us by the Department of Fish and game. And they are not associated with the fishing derby itself."

The KRVCC raises those fish within the pens with multiple volunteers feeding the fish, three times per day, seven days a week, rain or shine.

After delivery Clark told the Kern Valley Sun, "It was amazing. We had a couple of different squads from United States Forest Service showed up to assist with the trans loading from the delivery trucks to the pens."

He said, "If it wasn't for those two stations, coming to us with the assistance, it would have made the job very difficult. Those young men busted their backsides carrying buckets of trout from pen to pen and just did an amazing job assisting us and making it happen." Clark said that the chamber's volunteers raise the fish for, on average, about four months.

And then the chamber releases them into the lake so that the angling community will have some fish stocked in this lake.

The KRVCC started this program a number of years ago when Department of Fish and Wildlife reduced the amount of fish they were stocking into Lake Isabella. "We wanted to make sure that there was always fish in this lake for the anglers to catch and enjoy," he said.

The chamber buys the fish food, after fundraising throughout the year, and from some of the events the chamber puts on. "We allocate on average between \$6,000 to \$8,000 per year for fish food. That seems to be about the average amount of money we seem to have spent, over the past five or six



PATRICK RAY

years, per year," Clark said. "There is roughly 10,000 trout in the four fish pens. And the fish that the chamber gets from the Department of

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Vets to be honored with wreaths at local cemetery

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Orion Sanders recently spoke on the topic of Wreaths Across America Day. Sanders invited the public to attend an event celebrating Christmas and honoring those who served the military and are buried here, On December 14, at 9:00am, at Kern River Valley Cemetery District at 8441 Burlando Rd, in Wofford Heights.

Please come place wreaths at the headstones of our heroes. Even before Sanders became District Manager, for the cemetery district, he founded Sarge's Wreaths 4 Vets for the purpose of raising money to hold such events honoring the veterans at the local

cemetery. Sanders said, "I just wanted to remind everybody that December 14th we have National Wreaths Across America Day."

Sarge's Wreaths 4 Vets attempts annually to reach the goal of attaining the close to 900 wreaths he 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

"If you want to, come out and help us place out wreaths," Sanders said. "National Wreaths Across America day is a celebration to remember and honor our veterans in our cemeteries. There are over 4200 locations around

the world that participate in National Wreaths Across America day."

Sarge's Wreaths 4 Vets raises money and then purchases the wreaths. The wreaths are transported the day before the National Wreaths Across America Day. Sanders said, "We have a very short ceremony at the cemetery. And then we place wreaths on all of our veteran headstones."

Sarge's works very hard to assure that every headstone gets a wreath. "Sarge's is just a way for us to remember our local heroes that are buried here. National Wreaths Across America Day is done in every veteran cemetery across the nation, and every participating public cemetery, which is what we are," he said.

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COMMUNITY

Organizations work to bring Christmas to Borel Fire survivors

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Walking into the courtyard was like arriving at a nighttime winter wonderland adventure with every beloved character of Christmases past, Friday night, December 6 at the Kern River Valley Bridge Connection (KRVCB). And all of this celebration was to help neighbors in need.

Eric Simpson, the founder and executive director of Hopenster explained the meaning. He said, "The event is called Gift of Giving. Really our heart is to give an opportunity for the families, the parents, to give to their children."

He told the Kern Valley Sun that the family fun experience included pictures with Santa and creative kids crafts. Parents picked out gifts for their children who also got to play carnival games and win some cute little stuffed animals.

"It's really just a time of honoring, specifically those families that suffered so much great loss from the Borel Fire. But then also other families in the community that maybe don't have the resources this Christmas to get their kids gifts. And so we want to provide them that opportunity to give those gifts."

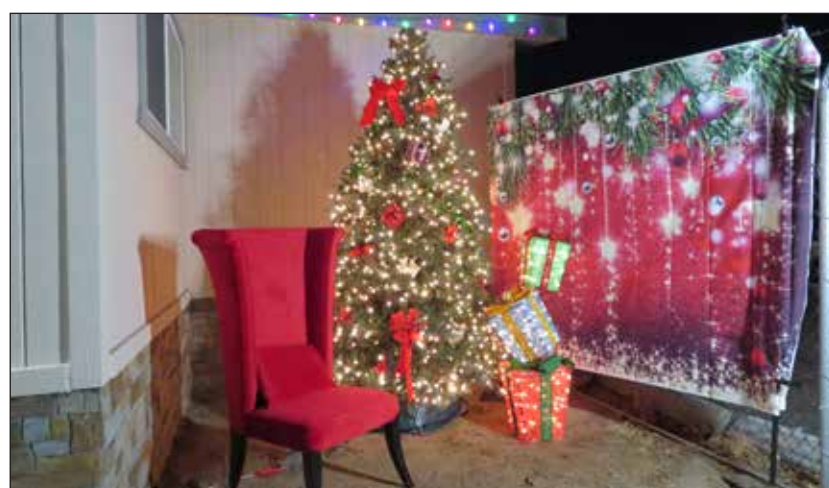
Organizations participating in the event included United Way, KRVCB, Hopenster, Pregnancy Resource Center, and Boys and Girls Club.

The Neighbor to Neighbor Grant and Kern Community Foundation assisted financially in bringing this event to the community. "They are really the heart of funding this opportunity for the families," Simpson said.

Local Claire Hartley, who volunteered that night, told the Kern Valley Sun, "With this you have the gift wrap, and the bags, and the bows, and the tape, and the tables. And you can come and be with your friends and your new



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK



friends. And you don't have to go out and buy this stuff and find somewhere to wrap this stuff."

She said, "The next room is face-painting and all kinds of crafts so that the parents can come in here and pick out some things and wrap them while the kids are in there playing."

Nearby shelves were stocked with an overflow of bedding and pillows, toys, pajamas, slippers, jackets, and

gloves. In another part of the room were pots and pan sets. Even more clothing was nicely folded and stacked in yet another room.

Borel Fire survivors were given special priority while other families in need were welcome. The event was well attended with a long line accumulating and waiting, at the entrance, while people signed in at the opening.

KERN VALLEY SUN OUTDOOR COLUMNIST

Packsaddle Cave Trail: A Hike to Remember

see United States fighter jets training in Kern Canyon. Bring a camera with you because you might be able to get an epic shot of the plane and/or pilot.

At the saddle, stay awhile and soak in the views. Off in the distance, to the left, you can see Dome Rock and the Kern River. The beautiful scenery inspires weary hikers to continue so they can see what new adventure is around the next corner.

Once you descend, you will come to a creek. The trail continues on the opposite side, following a secondary creek channel. The trail passes beneath mature oaks, offering well-deserved shade and a chance to take a hydration break.

Leaving the creek, you will come to an old campsite, perfect for taking a break and listening to anyone at the cave. I like to wait my turn so I do not ruin anyone's experience and can appreciate Packsaddle's majesty.

My recent visit to the cave disappointed me with other visitors who do not practice, leaving any trace. I saw writing on cave walls stating who they were and when they visited, a banana peel, orange rind left behind, and graffiti in the back of the cave. It is tragic when someone visits any area without regard for environmental degradation or others who will visit after them.

Individuals are responsible for creating the trash that clogs our waterways, pollutes our forests, and ruins natural beauty. Unfortunately, it is up to individual people to clean that trash up. A pollution cleanup project in your area is a great way to improve the health of

your local waterways, trail systems, and natural resources. Cleanups can also form new friendships with like-minded people.

Cleanups promote biodiversity and the connection between humans and the health of a river's ecosystem. Furthermore, reflect on the following psychology terms and how they contribute to a mindful understanding of the ecosystem's health: the dominion/connection paradigm, the Weber-Fechner law, and environmental ethics.

The Weber-Fechner Theory focuses on whether "a person will be able to detect a difference between an original stimulus and a new stimulus in the environment." By adequately removing pollutants, we can change the stimuli in our environment, which will benefit the ecosystem.

Focusing on properly removing pollutants shifts our mindset to how humanity consciously extends its dominion over the ecosys-



tem through contaminants. Moreover, do people lack the moral agency to "pack in, pack out" because the pollution is "out of sight, out of mind" after leaving for the weekend? Also, if they return to the area, would they respond to the new stimuli of pristine river beach or lack cognizant discretion for the environment?

The leave-no-trace mindset focuses on an ecosystem's connectivity and how the working parts need to be protected so that life can continue; the health of ecosystems is intrinsically connected to the health of the whole Earth.

Please! Leave no trace.

KRVCC PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Hello residents of the Kern River Valley,

Winter has finally arrived and our first opportunity for rain has come and gone, now is when all of us need to prepare for what is coming in the not too distant future. We have a couple months of cold weather headed our direction and let's pray for snow in the high country so we

get some water in the river and see our beautiful lake rise once again.

I want to thank the following companies and or individuals for joining the Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce family this past month, Kern River Rain Gutters, Riverstone Wellness, Kern Initiative for Talent + Entrepreneurship (KITE), Caty Payne & Mrs. Jamie Ward. Welcome to the family and please remember to utilize your chamber as we are here for you.

I want to say I am writing this presidents message with a heavy heart and humbled mind at the same time. I have had the privilege of serving as the Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce President since August of 2019, hard to believe it has been five and a half years of serving our community but I want to say thank you for all of your support with the good or bad decisions made during my presidency. Your chamber will be conducting its annual elections for its board of directors on December 11 at 12:00, if you are an active member please cast a ballot for who you would like to represent yourself on the board of KRVCC as they need your guidance as well.

Thank you Mickie Phillips, Christmas parade committee team & volunteers for the hard work and another successful Christmas Parade. Now we move on to the Great Cookie Contest and Tree Lighting event which will take place at Kern River Dental, let us hope this is an annual event to spread a little cheer in Lake Isabella.

Thank you for taking the time from your day to read this little blurb from a person who is proud to have had the privilege to say YOU allowed me to serve the KRV, I am not stopping from serving but I am hoping to slow down just a bit. OK maybe not but it sounded good.

Remember to utilize your chamber, we are here for you and here to serve.

Fred Clark

President

Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce

FISH DROP

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Fish and Wildlife will be between four to five fish, to the pound, which means that we're going to be getting 8,000 to 10,000 trout that we raise in those pens." And then the chamber later releases the fish for the anglers to catch according to Clark.

"At this point we have a full crew in position, and alternates already in place, to feed the fish. It's fantastic! We have a lot of people really jumping up to help feed. It's a great thing," he said.

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Packsaddle Cave Trail has always been a favorite of mine because it is challenging and makes arriving at the cave worth every drop of sweat and leg cramp along the way. When you crest the first saddle, the sublime view of the Kern River is worth the price of admission. I like the Packsaddle Trail because of the views and because it is often not crowded.

The Packsaddle trail, 33E34, is a 4.9-mile out-and-back hike that begins at Fairview and ends at 33E23. It typically takes me four hours to complete because we like to explore the cave, appreciate the beauty of the limestone, and enjoy the canyon views. Enjoy all the subtle wonders along the trail as you hike from a desert trail to a riparian zone along Packsaddle Creek.

After parking at the Fairview Campground overflow parking lot, you cross the street to the trailhead to start your ascent. The first part of the trail is the most challenging, and I find myself taking breaks along the way. The Packsaddle Trail is challenging but worth it. I pack water, a first aid kit, and a snack.

After a half mile, the trail turns north and narrows down into a nicer hiking trail. After a mile or so, the trail reaches the saddle after about 900 feet of climbing. At this elevation, you can

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| SUNSET | 4:41 | SUNSET | 4:41 | SUNSET | 4:42 | SUNSET | 4:42 |

KERN VALLEY WATER WATCH

Kern River Basin Data as of Sunday, December 8, 2024

| Lake & River Information | This Week | Last Week | Last Year |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Lake Elevation | 2,557.78 | 2,557.71 | 2,570.71 |
| Lake Storage | 154,673 | 154,279 | 238,610 |
| Inflow Into Lake | 411 | 497 | 1,379 |
| Outflow From Lake | 415 | 412 | 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.

Fred Clark wins Man of the Year

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

According to Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce president, Fred Clark, there were a lot of people nominated for this year's Man of the Year slot, yet somehow he was nominated and selected.

He told the Kern Valley Sun last week, "I will be completely honest with you. Don't get me wrong; I'm honored for being nominated. I appreciate it very much. But I personally would have liked to have seen a different person receive Man of the Year."

While it's hard to imagine anyone wanting to turn down the honor, apparently Clark tried to turn it down and the chair for the committee determining the winner shooed Clark's protests away.

"I don't believe it's in the best interest of the Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce to have a current sitting president nominated for that award. I feel that it looks bad upon the chamber because there's so many people that do so many great things. And I feel like they (the committee) are looking within their own spectrum for that nominee when they do what they

did," Clark said. "I personally nominated a different individual in the valley, that they (the committee) obviously chose not to support because apparently there was a number of nominations for myself, which I'm honored with that."

Clark also stated that he would have preferred the committee waited until he was out of the presidency before honoring him. "I just hope the public doesn't tatalize the chamber because of this. All I care about is the image of the chamber nothing more. We do a lot for the KRV and I wouldn't want us to be negatively impacted by this decision

Clark was asked to join the board of directors for the KRV chamber in mid 2017 because the chamber had open seats. He was on the board for a few months before the secretary of the chamber left and moved out of state. He was approached to become secretary of the chamber.

In 2019 Clark was the vice president of the Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce. The president then resigned the position and Clark was seated as president of the chamber. Fred plans to continue with the chamber even

after he leaves the presidency next election. Clark said the position of president involves a lot of responsibility.

Clark and his family moved to the Kern Valley full time in November 2014. He started his business the Fred Clark Farmer's Insurance Agency as insurance professional in November 2016.

Prior to that Clark grew up in the packaging industry, "literally from ground zero," he said. In October 1990 he went to work for West Coast where the owner Keith Hoching became his business mentor. Clark said, "Keith is the one who truly taught me everything on how to operate and handle yourself in the business world. He was basically my mentor in life."

Clark eventually went to work for Reserve Truck Lines, a trucking company, which was a family owned business where he became a key part of that business and he worked sometimes 16 hour days. When Clark finally pulled the trigger, left the transportation industry he was approached by Farmer's Insurance. He said, "They found my resume online."

Clark was thereafter able to step

back into the role of how his mentor Keith taught him. "It's his focus and teachings that really got me to where I'm at," Clark said. As long as there's a need for an insurance agent he plans to serve in that capacity.

Clark moved his family to the Kern Valley after they inherited a home and were preparing to sell it. That was when Fred and his wife Lana found that their son Hunter, who was a special needs child, blossomed more when they were up here in the valley. With Hunter doing better up here, than where they formerly lived, the couple decided to shift their life, and moved up here from Moreno Valley.

Aside from his mentor, Clark also credits his son Hunter for making him a better person. And therefore Clark credited his wife's efforts at home educating their son, for making him the excellent person their son Hunter grew to be.

Clark has been involved with Exchange Club where he has served as president, twice in the past 8 years. He runs the Isabella Fishing Derby, as chairman, which



COURTESY OF MICKIE PHILLIPS AND THE KERN RIVER VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE is a year-round project. He is on the board of directors for the Kern Valley Healthcare District where he was just reelected to another four years of service.

Clark is also chairman of SOS Dog Rescue and partner in the Kern Valley Sun. "I've got my hat in enough arenas that I don't know that I need to join more at this time," he said.

He has been married to his wife Lana since February 21, 1987. They share a son Hunter. Clark also has a daughter who is a schoolteacher and lives in Conway Arkansas.

Janet Roberts wins Woman of the Year

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

When Janet Roberts won Woman of the Year award from the Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce, this month, she said it was very unexpected and exciting for her to receive the title of

"Woman of the Year." Roberts is definitely well known to the community. She is currently Treasurer of the chamber's board of directors.

She and her husband Stace Roberts, who created the poster for the annual Christmas parade, have been

married since 2011 when they became a blended family.

Together the couple owns the Grocery Outlet Bargain Market, in Lake Isabella, providing jobs to the community as well as products the valley needs.

Janet said that the store

was the perfect fit for the couple because it was an ending career for them, at a company that is family oriented, and one that gives back to the community, locally owned and within the place they live.

Janet grew up in the Leona Valley and her husband Stace grew up in the nearby town of Mojave. Yet both of them came to the valley previously.

She was in mortgage lending before she dated Stace and before they married. The couple eventually owned a smaller chain of music stores in the Antelope Valley where they rented musical instruments to the local schools.

The Roberts eventually went to live in Mammoth, California, where Janet was doing merchandising for the store Stace worked at, when she was offered a job in merchandising.

Eventually Grocery Outlet offered Stace a position, and Janet and Stace both trained in Sun Valley to work. They were offered the opportunity to work in the Lake Isabella Store in 2019. "I think Fred (Clark of the KRV Chamber) and Orion (Sanders of the Kernville Chamber) were the first people we met," she said. The couple watched the store being built in Lake Is-

abella and bought a home up here a couple years ago.

Roberts was on the Christmas Parade Planning Committee, and her friend Lisa Laughlin helped on the day of the parade. Roberts also assisted with the first ever KRV Chamber Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony. Roberts assists with the Senior Center Bingo Bonanza, and just joined the chamber's Fishing Derby Committee.

She and her husband as owners of Grocery Outlet have sponsored the Kern Valley Hospital Foundation's annual Crabfest fundraiser, the Kernville Rodeo, Whiskey Flats, Wreaths for Vets, Flags on the Boulevard, Yesterfest, the KRV chamber's Fishing Derby, Outlaw West in Kernville, and the Great Cookie Contest. "We love it. That's why we're here. We want to build the community and just make it a really nice place," she said.

The Woman of the Year also pushed for the new Lake Isabella Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony and for businesses in the valley to have the pleasure



COURTESY OF STACE ROBERTS AND THE KERN RIVER VALLEY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE of competing with decorating their businesses in a contest the chamber started.

Regarding being nominated, for Woman of the Year Janet said, "I get embarrassed. And then I start to think, am I worthy of that? Am I really a woman of the Year? It makes you look at yourself and go, am I doing enough to have that honor? But yes, I'm very honored."

Janet Roberts has a good work ethic because she was raised on a farm, and has always been working on something, all of her life. She broke horses, and was involved with English riding, killed her own animals to eat, and was in 4H. She ascribes all she knows to her parents' efforts teaching her.

"I think that everybody has been very cordial to us here. I know a new grocery store coming in would upset anybody's apple cart." She said, "We didn't come in to take anything over. We just came to offer something different."

KRVAA offers youth scholarships and hangout

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

A donor recently blessed the Kern River Valley Art Association (KRVAA) with some youth scholarships. Therefore the KRVAA currently offers scholarships for teens, ages 13 through 17, to take classes at the Art and Community Center, in Wofford Heights, for free. Times and days of classes may vary.

The KRVAA also has classes on their website calendar tab for December 2024 through February 2025. Please search https://www.krvaa.org/events-and-classes . Kimberly Salazar said the public could sign up to these classes by clicking the class and then the link in the pop up window, or contact the KRVAA at the contacts. Please feel free to leave a message if not answered. To take any of these classes please contact KRVAA at info@krvaa.org or call their office at (760) 478-0077 landline (no texts available at this number.) Salazar wanted to remind the public that the new teen

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUPS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The Salvation Army is looking for donations for winter items of any type like coats, blankets, shoes, boots, and tents and much more. 5109A Lake Isabella Blvd. Lake Isabella Ca. 93240 Call Yolanda for more information at 760-379-0112 Monday and Friday only from 9am to 11am

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

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

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

KRVCF grants three organizations

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

The Kern River Valley Community Fund (KRVCF) recently announced through Director of Community Impact at Kern Community Foundation, Fatima Tulfo, those organizations receiving from the annual competitive grant program.

Kern Community Foundation previously invited local organizations to apply for the grant and then Kern Community Foundation selected to award three local organizations to be

recipients of a total of \$9,500 in grants. The Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK) received \$3,000 to continue the vision of enhancing food security in the Kern Valley. The project CAPK will use the money for is expanding storage by purchasing a commercial freezer or refrigerator.

The Kern River Conservancy received \$3,000 for their vision to "Keep Kern Clean." The organization plans to continue cleaning and restoring the Kern River Corridor, addressing pollution caused by homeless encampments and illegal dumping through communi-

ty engagement and finding sustainable solutions.

Strength of Shadow Dog Rescue, Inc received \$3500 for its continued vision of fixing pets. The project funds half of spay and neuter clinics to pets of the Kern Valley. SOS will also vaccinate pets at the time of their surgeries.

The Kern River Valley Community Fund is a regional initiative of Kern Community Foundation, members and residents of the Kern River Valley community established to keep local capital local benefiting the community.

SCHOLARSHIPS

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lounge is open at the coffee shop at The Station: Espresso & Books, at 6701 Wofford Boulevard, in Wofford Heights. The Station is open from 6am until 11am, until the KRVAA gets more volunteers to expand its hours.

The KRVAA welcomes anyone, to come get trained to be a volunteer barista, which the KRVAA can certify volunteers to do. The coffee shop has free wifi and will be getting more seating. Salazar said that if folks have beanbag chairs to donate the KRVAA would be grateful.

According to Salazar, despite this

amazing sponsorship, providing youth with these classes, the KRVAA is always still in need of sponsors, "for big and little things," she said.

Kimberly thanked everyone for supporting the KRVAA and making a place for the organization in the Kern River Valley community.

EVENTS CALENDAR

Wednesday, December 11

Creative Crafters Group
Time: 10:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Where: KRVAA Art & Community Center 6709 Wofford Heights Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285 Krvaa.org

Stained Glass Class (Walk-in for info)
Time: 10:00 to 1:00 p.m.
Where: Art & Community Center 6709 Wofford Heights Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285 Krvaa.org

Improv Acting (with Stanzi Stokes)
3:00 to 4:30 pm

Gallery and Gift Shop
Where: 6749 Wofford Heights Blvd. Wofford Heights, CA 93285 Krvaa.org

Blacksmithing (with Scott Alten) Ages 12+
Time: 6:00 to 8:30 p.m.
Where: Alchemy Industrial Art Center 30 Woodland Dr. Wofford Heights, CA 93285 Krvaa.org

Thursday, December 12
FREE - Children's Hot Chocolate Poetry Night (with Sandra Hughes)
Time: 4:00 to 5:30pm
Where: The Station: Espresso & Books 6701 Wofford Heights Blvd. Wofford Heights, CA 93285 Krvaa.org

Hand Drum Rhythm Class

Time: 6:00 -7:00 pm
Where: KRVAA Art & Community Center 6709 Wofford Heights Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285 Krvaa.org
Open Drum Circle
Time: 7:00 -8:00 pm
Where: KRVAA Art & Community Center 6709 Wofford Heights Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285 Krvaa.org

Friday, December 13
Movie Night
Time: 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Where: KRVAA Art & Community Center 6709 Wofford Heights Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285 Krvaa.org

Saturday, December 14
The the KRV Woman's Club is having our annual Christmas Spectacular
Where: Elk's Lodge in Wofford Heights. Dinner tickets are now on sale to the public. Ticket price is \$40.00 each. To get your tickets call Laura Oreskovich at 310-569-0405.

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

The Great Western Community Round-Up! Art Show & Potluck
4:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Where: KRVAA Art & Community Center

6709 Wofford Heights Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285 Krvaa.org

Sunday, December 15

Paper Mache Santa Ornament (with Patty)
Time: 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Where: KRVAA Art & Community Center 6709 Wofford Heights Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285 Krvaa.org

Beginner Oil Painting Class (with Daisy Torres)
Time: 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.
Where: KRVAA Art & Community Center 6709 Wofford Heights Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285 Krvaa.org

Monday, December 16

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

RSVP: Make a Gingerbread House (with Alita)
Time: 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
Where: KRVAA Art & Community Center 6709 Wofford Heights Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285 Krvaa.org

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

PUZZLES & GAMES

- CLUES ACROSS**
1. Thou __ do it
 6. Sino-Soviet block (abbr.)
 9. Brainstem part
 13. Town in New York state
 14. Little (Spanish)
 15. Continent
 16. Retch
 17. Short-billed rails
 18. Small period of time (abbr.)
 19. Confused
 21. A team needs one
 22. Woman in ancient times
 23. Republican Party
 24. Spanish be
 25. "The Godfather" character Johnny
 28. Not around
 29. City in Zambia
 31. A type of beginning
 33. Numb
 36. Gurus
 38. Small, gray-headed crow
 39. Vehicle type
 41. Disorders
 44. One point east of southeast
 45. Indian soldier
 46. Tree type
 48. Midway between south and southeast
 49. It cools your home
 51. Corn comes on it
 52. Ship's deck
 54. A way to bake
 56. Improvised
 60. Butterfly genus
 61. Baseball fields have them
 62. Designated space
 63. Discharge
 64. Two of something
 65. Once more
 66. Part of your face
 67. Tax collector
 68. Cassia tree

- CLUES DOWN**
1. One-time Aaron Rodgers target
 2. Wings
 3. Overly studious person
 4. They protect your valuables
 5. The Volunteer State
 6. Non-hydraulic cement
 7. Horse mackerel
 8. Jackson and Diddley are two
 9. Splendid displays
 10. Mountain in NE Greece
 11. A daughter or your brother or sister
 12. German surname
 14. Having more than one husband at a time
 17. Romanian city
 20. Energy
 21. Makes less hot
 23. Gas diffusion electrode
 25. Former CIA
 26. Set an example for others
 27. Support of a particular person
 29. One from the Big Apple
 30. Mountain range
 32. Violate the sanctity of something
 34. Supervises flying
 35. Talks
 37. Persian male given name
 40. Born of
 42. Forcibly take one's possessions
 43. Discounts
 47. Knockouts
 49. Posh Colorado destination
 50. Form of therapy
 52. British rock band
 53. Type of virus (abbr.)
 55. The U. of Miami mascot is one
 56. Volcanic crater
 57. Middle Eastern nation
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GAMES & PUZZLES WORD SEARCH

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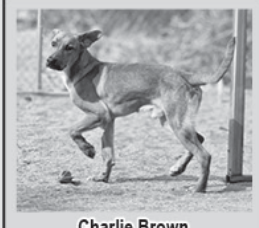
Louie
 Louie, young male. He is a big boy. Shep/ dane possibly.



Sara
 Sara is a special case. 2 year old spayed boxer mix. Needs a very patient person. Extremely protective.



Chico
 Chico is high energy, high maintenance. Dog selective. Has leash manners. Hiking buddy is needed.



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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-B6682

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as
DBA #1: SUGARS BAKERY, 6005 MULBERRY AVE, LAKE ISABELLA, CA 93240 Kern County. Mailing Address: 6005 MULBERRY AVE, LAKE ISABELLA, CA 93240

This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL: ANGELINA MARIA BUSCHBACHER; 6005 MULBERRY AVE, LAKE ISABELLA, CA 93240

The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 10/28/2024
 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: (11/06/2029). 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: ANGELINA MARIA BUSCHBACHER
 This statement filed on: 11/06/2024

Aimee X. Espinoza, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M. TORRALBA, Deputy Clerk

(Pub SUN 11/20, 11/27, 12/04, 12/11/2024)

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 ob-

taining 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 later 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

(Pub SUN 12/04, 12/11, 12/18/2024)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-B6555

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as
DBA #1: CHESHIRECATCAKES, 107 PARK WAY UNIT A, WOFFORD HEIGHTS, CA 93285, Kern County. Mailing Address: P.O.

BOX 833, WOFFORD HEIGHTS, CA 93285

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

(Pub SUN 12/04, 12/11, 12/18, 12/25/2024)

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

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Aimee X. Espinoza, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: M. CEDENO, Deputy Clerk

residential or non-residential.

2. Describe the amount of the proposed service charge for each type of service in the Residential Non-Tax Roll Billed Zone 3 Franchise Area 5 should the proposed Ordinance be enacted, and the Report approved.

3. Maximum monthly rates for solid waste collection for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the Residential Non-Tax Roll Billed Zone 3 Franchise Area 5 are set forth in the following table for residential properties. This maximum rate includes the Solid Waste Administration Fee which is charged on a per residential unit basis and will be continued at the current rate of \$1.00 per residential unit per month. Residential Non-Tax Roll Billed Zone 3 Franchise Area 5 - Hauler: Thomas Refuse, Inc. Monthly Fees:

- 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

- 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
**Recycling and Green waste service may not be available in voluntary location

Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the universal solid waste collection charges based on the prior fiscal year All Urban Consumers Index compiled and published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics for Garbage and

Trash Collection (Series ID: CUUR000SEHG02) without a protest hearing for three additional years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index.

Any affected person may submit written protests to the Report. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing.

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

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. Additionally, it has been determined that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with a certainty that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment. 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. 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.

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

(PUB SUN 12/11, 12/18/2024)

NOTICE OF HEARING AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SERVICE CHARGE (LAND USE FEE) 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 Management Program Service Charge (Land Use Fee) for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for all residential property in Kern County. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service

charges for residential property which will be collected along with the County's property taxes and will become a lien on the property, if unpaid. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a Report filed by the Public Works Department that designates the use of each parcel of real property in Kern County as either residential with four units or less, residential with five units or more, or non-residential, and describes the amount of the proposed service charge for each parcel of residential real property in Kern County should the proposed Ordinance be enacted and the Report approved. In accordance with this report, the Public Works Department proposes to increase the Solid Waste Management Program Service Charge (Land Use Fee) imposed on residential property on the tax roll for Fiscal Year 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. Parcels with multi-family dwellings with five or more residential units will increase from \$143.78 per year per residential unit to \$148.42 per year per residential unit.

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. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substan-

tively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index.

Any affected person may submit written protests to the report or the enactment of the proposed tax roll billing. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing.

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. The Board of Supervisors may order the Report filed with the Kern County Auditor-Controller-County Clerk who will enter the amounts of the fee against the respective parcels of residential real property as they appear on the assessment roll.

The Director of 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. Additionally, it has been determined that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with a certainty that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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.

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

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NOTICE OF HEARING AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED ORDINANCE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SERVICE CHARGE (GATE FEE AND BIN FEE) FOR NON-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY 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. This Ordinance will establish a schedule of service charges for non-residential property which will be collected as a Gate Fee or a Bin Fee. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a Report filed by the Public Works Department that describes the amount of the proposed service charge for waste delivered to Kern County waste disposal or transfer facilities for further handling. In accordance with this Report, the proposed basic fee for non-residential waste (Gate Fee) will be increased from \$65.15 per ton to \$67.25 per ton effective July 1, 2025. A transfer fee of \$11.60 per ton will be added to the basic fee for non-residential waste delivered to any transfer station effective July 1, 2025. For non-residential customers using bin service provided by a Franchise (or City) Garbage Hauler, the Bin Fee will be increased from \$3.37 per cubic yard to \$3.48 per cubic yard effective July 1, 2025. A transfer fee of \$0.60 per cubic yard will be added if the waste is delivered to a Transfer Station effective July 1, 2025. Table A is a detailed list of the increases in all of the chargeable rates.

Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the Gate Fee and Bin 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 an additional two years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index. Any affected person may submit written protests to the report. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing.

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.

The Director of 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. Additionally, it has been determined that this action is exempt from further environmental review pursuant to California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) because it can be seen with a certainty that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment.

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.

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

(Sun 12/11, 12/18/2024)

TABLE A

FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026 GATE FEE AND BIN FEE RATES

| Gate Fees | Current | Effective July 1, 2025 |
|--|--------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Any non-residential trash - not in a sideloader | \$65.15 | \$67.25 per ton |
| Transfer Station Fee - additional | \$11.23 | \$11.60 per ton |
| Out of County Fee | \$101.09 | \$104.36 per ton |
| Bin Fees | | |
| Municipal solid waste in a bin | \$3.37 | \$3.48 per CY |
| Transfer Station Bin Fee - additional | \$0.58 | \$0.60 per CY |
| Out of County waste picked up in a bin | \$4.83 | \$4.99 per CY |
| Non-Residential Waste at Facilities with Scales | | |
| Cars | \$13.48 | \$13.91 per vehicle |
| Pick-up trucks | \$30.33 | \$31.31 per vehicle |
| Pick-up trucks loaded above cab | \$38.19 | \$39.42 per vehicle |
| Trailers, large vehicles, rolloff boxes | \$65.15 | \$67.25 per ton |
| Non-Residential Waste at Facilities without Scales | | |
| Cars | \$13.48 | \$13.91 per vehicle |
| Pick-up trucks | \$30.33 | \$31.31 per vehicle |
| Pick-up trucks loaded above cab | \$38.19 | \$39.42 per vehicle |
| Fees for Recyclable, Reusable or Divertable Material | | |
| Clean Fill Dirt | \$5.62 | \$5.80 per ton |
| Clean inerts - concrete, asphalt, bricks, or similar | \$16.85 | \$17.39 per ton |
| Construction and Demolition waste | \$89.86 | \$92.76 per ton |
| Tire Program Fees | | |
| Tires in bulk loads | \$280.81 | \$289.88 per ton |
| Individual tires | | |
| Light duty - 18" diameter rim or smaller | \$3.37 | \$3.48 per tire |
| Heavy Duty Tires - 19" - 24" diameter rims | \$16.85 | \$17.39 per tire |
| Oversize tires (>24" rims or racing tires) | \$22.47 | \$23.19 per tire |
| Earth Mover Tires | \$280.81 | \$289.88 per ton |
| Dead Animals | | |
| Any dead animal that requires special handling | \$112.33 | \$115.95 per animal |
| Multiple dead animals or parts that require special handling | \$168.49 | \$173.93 per ton |
| Treated Wood Waste | | |
| All treated wood waste other than railroad ties | \$168.49 | \$173.93 per ton |
| Railroad Ties | \$16.85 | \$17.39 per tie |
| Other Special Fees | | |
| Hourly rate for Department personnel | \$101.09 | \$104.36 per hour |
| Processing fee for returned checks | \$25.00 | \$25.00 each |
| Travel Trailer disposal | \$561.63 | \$579.77 each |
| Any other hard to handle items | \$224.65 | \$231.91 ton |
| Untarped/unsecured loads | 2X Gate Fee or \$20.00 minimum | 2X Gate Fee or \$20.00 minimum |

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 Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for commercial property in Garbage Zone 3 Franchise Areas 5 and 10. The Board of Supervisors will also consider a Report filed by the Public Works Department titled "Commercial Zone 3 Franchise Areas 5 and 10 Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026." Issues and recommendations in the report include the following:

1. Designate the use of each parcel of real property in Commercial Zone 3 Franchise Areas 5 and 10 as commercial (non-residential).
2. Describe the amount of the proposed service charge for each type of service in the Commercial Zone 3 Franchise Areas 5 and 10 should the proposed Ordinance be enacted, and the Report approved.
3. Maximum monthly rates for solid waste collection for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the Commercial Zone 3 Franchise Areas 5 and 10 are to be set by container size as per Table A for commercial properties. The maximum rate also includes the Solid Waste Administration Fee which is charged per commercial unit per month based on provisions in County Ordinance and contracts with the individual haulers. The Solid Waste Administration Fee will be held constant at \$1.00 per commercial unit per month (as defined in Kern County Ordinance Code Section 5.36.055).
4. The Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments based on the prior fiscal year Consumer Price Index (CPI) for all Urban Consumers, Garbage and Trash Collection (Series ID: CUUR000SEHG02) without a protest hearing for three additional years. If, in any year, the rate adjustment approved by the Board is lower than the amount resulting from the application of the CPI, the difference may be carried over and applied by the Board to future rate adjustments. In the event the cited index is substantively changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index.

Any affected person may submit written protests to the report. Written protests must be signed by the objecting party, indicate the subject property, and be delivered to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors prior to the conclusion of the public hearing.

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

The Public Works Department has considered the environmental impacts of this action and concluded that this action will not have a significant effect on the environment and the action is statutorily exempt from further CEQA review per Public Resources Code Section 21080(b)(8) and Sections 15061(b)(3) and 15273 of the California Environmental Quality Act Guidelines.

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.

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

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TABLE A

Commercial - Zone 3 Franchise Areas 5 and 10

| Commercial Bin Service Monthly Rates - July 1, 2025 | Size (CY) | First Commercial Container | Each Additional Container | Each Additional Service Pick-up |
|---|--------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Trash Service | | | | |
| | 1 | \$120.83 | \$111.67 | \$68.25 |
| | 1.5/300 gals | \$140.58 | \$131.42 | \$77.89 |
| | 2 | \$168.76 | \$159.60 | \$92.18 |
| | 3 | \$212.38 | \$203.22 | \$103.13 |
| | 4 | \$263.88 | \$254.72 | \$132.90 |
| Recycling Service | | | | |
| | 1.5/300 gals | \$81.25 | \$81.25 | \$77.25 |
| | 3 | \$142.22 | \$142.22 | \$128.22 |
| | 6 | \$203.77 | \$203.77 | \$183.77 |

| Commercial Cart Service Monthly Rates - July 1, 2025 | Size (gallons) | First commercial Container | Each Additional Container | Each Additional Service Pick-up |
|--|----------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Trash Cart | 96/101 | \$58.12 | \$48.96 | \$23.50 |
| Blue Recycling Cart | 96/101 | \$35.95 | \$35.95 | \$31.95 |

| Commercial Organic Service Monthly Rates - July 1, 2025 | Size | First commercial Container | Each Additional Container | Each Additional Service Pick-up |
|---|-------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Organic Cart | 96/101 gals | \$55.15 | \$48.96 | N/A |
| Organic Bin | 2 CY | \$331.58 | \$319.19 | \$184.36 |
| Organic Bin | 3 CY | \$418.83 | \$406.44 | \$206.26 |

| Commercial Roll-Off Services Monthly Rates - July 1, 2025 | Per Dump | Rental Rate | Delivery Charge | Per Hour Charge | Roll-Off Compactor Service Fee |
|---|----------|-------------|-----------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|
| Roll-off Container | \$336.87 | \$287.93 | \$155.31 | \$187.45 | \$410.78 |

Public invited to “New To Town” event

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Longtime resident and founder of Sierra Shared Spaces, Justin Powers is holding a special event for everyone new to the valley. The event is from 12pm to 3pm, December 14, at the Kern River Valley Senior Center. The cost of this event is free to the public.

“It’s called the New To Town event. It is for anybody who is new to town. And that is up to their own interpretation,” Powers said. “Sometimes people who have been in town for awhile can still kind of feel like a newcomer.”

Sierra Shared Spaces would be connecting people to their neighbors in partnership with Kern County in the Neighbor to Neighbor program, Kernville Cowork and Kern Valley Hospital Foundation.

Part of Powers’ inspiration for the event was that often people coming into town, that have online or digital jobs, visit Kernville Cowork and have common questions relating to where they can find out what events occur in town and where they can get connected.

Powers said that there is also a list of things people need to understand, if they’ve never lived in place like this, such as issues with wild fire season and weed abatement and property clearances; evacuations; how

to deal with septic tanks, propane tanks and swamp coolers. “We’ll have some speakers throughout the day that can help with sharing their knowledge, through the afternoon, these topics with an educational portion,” said Powers.

A friend of Powers’, who held a similar event, was also part of Powers’ inspiration for holding the affair. Powers plans to have other organizations there, for people to be introduced to, organizations they can volunteer for. “We’re also partnering with the Kern Valley Hospital Foundation, which has had a desire for awhile, to put together Welcome To Town baskets for people new to town.”

Powers explained that he hopes if the event goes well, and if the organizations feel it’s worthwhile, and people that come feel its worthwhile, Sierra Shared Spaces would consider doing it annually, or more frequently, to make the valley more welcoming to new people.

“I’ve been blessed, to always be a local, since I was born. But it’s easy for people that are new here to tend to still feel like an outsider, even after they’ve lived here for a little while. So we want to change that. We want people to feel welcome, and like they’re part of the community. Let’s welcome people to the community.”



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Members of Knuckle Up Ministries presented the Live Nativity.

Kern River Chorus performs at holiday events

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

The Kern River Chorus performed at two events last weekend, the Kernville Chamber of Commerce Candlelight Stroll Friday, December 6 at Circle Park in Kernville and A Christmas Spectacular “Sing We Noel” Saturday, December 7, at First Baptist Church in Lake Isabella.

Both events were especially to get the community into the holiday spirit.

The Candlelight Stroll included a live

Nativity, which members of Knuckle Up Ministries participated in, this time around. According to Cheryl Borthick various churches have participated in the live nativity over the years.

Back in the 1990s Lanny Borthick founded the event, when he was president of the Kernville chamber.

The day after the stroll the Kern River Chorus and the Community Orchestra participated in Christmas Spectacular, Sing We Noel, which was a fundraiser for the chorus.

Chamber’s Christmas cookie contest meets with cheer

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Contestants were charged up this year, with enthusiasm, for the chamber’s third Great Christmas Cookie Contest, Saturday December 7, at the Kern River Valley Senior Center, in Lake Isabella.

Categories for the event, this year were Best Decorated Table, Best Team Spirit, and Chamber Choice Cookie. The big prize was the Greatest Christmas Cookie in the KRV.

Winners for the Greatest Christmas Cookie in the KRV for 2024 were First Place team 6, “Rebel Sweets.” Winning Second Place in the same category was team 1, “Candyland Crew.” Coming in Third Place for greatest was team 2 “Bee Merry.”

Winning Chamber’s Choice Cookie, First Place was team 1 Candyland Crew. Second Place for Chamber’s Choice was team 6 Rebel Sweets. Coming in Third Place for Chamber’s Choice was team 10 Wonka Winter Wonderland.

Winning First Place in the Best Decorated Table category was Candyland Crew, with an over the top perfect vision of the world’s sweetest candy game. Second Place for the same category was team 10 Wonka Winter Wonderland, which displayed a chocolate waterway reminiscent of Willie Wonka’s Chocolate Factory. Coming in Third Place for best decorated was team 5 Snow Angels, a heavenly sight.

The category of Best Team Spirit was a real showdown. Winning First Place was team 7 If Pigs Could Fly. The Bee Merry team won Second Place for that slot. Snow Blowers team won Third Place, and Egg Nog Expert team won Fourth Place.

The two previous Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce (KRVC) events were pretty good indicators of how well the public would receive the third run of the baking competition according to chamber board director Kelley McCoy. The house was fairly full all day.

McCoy said that the first time she planned The Great Christmas Cookie Contest, she got the idea for the event, when she went to a lemonade stand and asked the parents why their kids never attended chamber events. That’s when she realized that the chamber did not have enough chamber events especially for children. Well this year there was a stockpile of toys and games she raffled off to the children attending.

The event, which was free to the public, also had the option of being an official cookie taster and participating in the voting ballot for the favored cookies.

Families got to see chamber president, Fred Clark make an appearance, as the



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Team 6 Rebel Sweets won First Place, Greatest Christmas Cookie KRV 2024.



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Team 1 Candyland Crew won First Place Chamber’s Choice Cookie 2024.



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Team 7 If Pigs Could Fly won First Place, Best Team Spirit.



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Team 1 Candyland Crew won First Place Best Decorated Table.

Grinch who stole Christmas. Children participated in a Craft Corner, which the Kern River Valley Art Association provided everything for.

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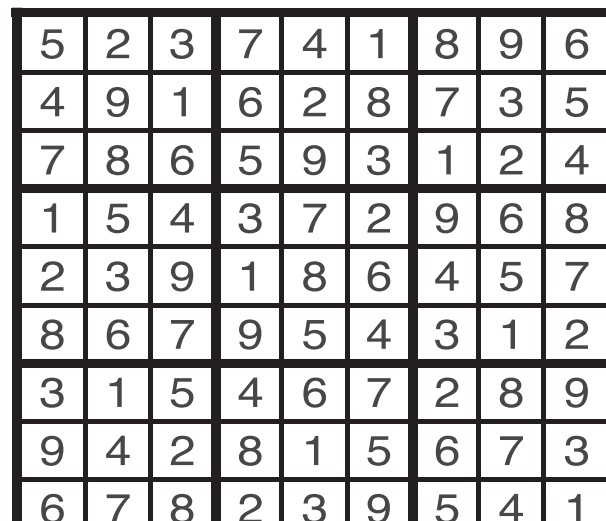
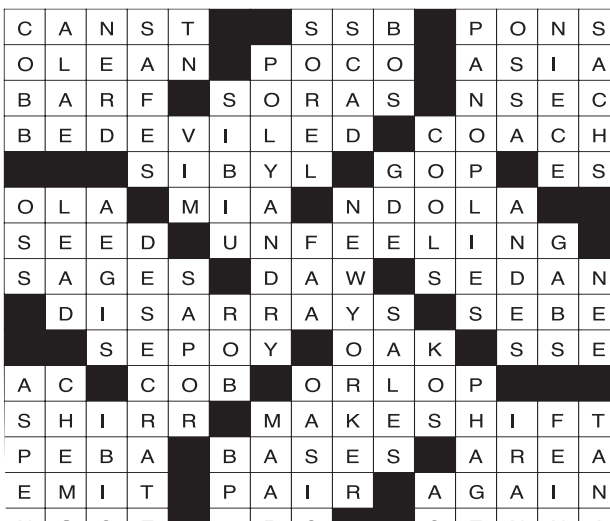
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Famed artist completes Art and Community Center murals

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

The world-renowned artist known as Vyal One finished painting the murals he began at the Art and Community Center of the KRVA. “Vyal One did everything,” Kimberly Salazar told the Kern Valley Sun, Wednesday, December 4.

Remember to take a look the next time you happen to pass by or visit the center in Wofford Heights.

The internationally famed tag artist, known as Vyal One, began this project painting murals in the windows, at the Art Center building, in early July. The Kern River Valley Art Association (KRVA) commissioned him for this project. He ended up recently making the murals into one big mural by painting a bit on the front of the building and the benches up front.

When he began the project, last summer he told the press that he’d soon return, to finish up. “They want me to paint all of the windows on the building. So I wanted to just go up there and meet everybody and do a little bit of work so that people can see what type of work I do. And then it’s not such a big surprise, or anything like that, when I do paint the rest of the building. I wanted to kind of just give an hors d’oeuvre, so to speak.”

Keeping in mind that his inspiration for his projects and his style is like someone writing a book, and this was only one in his many pages. The continuation of the story is his illustration without using words. He said, “In my travels I’m trying to connect spaces and connect with the space. So I’ve come to develop this style of painting and imagery that seems to be

universal and people’s connection to it. I always put an eye in for the representation of consciousness and the living breathing spaces that we come into as artists sharing our work and collaborating.”

Describing his artistic expression as an organic abstract style, Vyal One explained that his work incorporated a lot of organic flow, representing female energy. “You always hear about masculine energy, of having big buildings and sky scrapers. And I try and reconnect to the feminine with doing more work that’s more fluid, and more organic, and more airy, in a sense, so that it feels very soft.”

Vyal One wanted people to feel like they could walk into his project. “I want people to feel like they can touch it and maybe get some dust on their fingers. Like you touch a butterfly wing, you get some of that dust on your fingers. It’s really heavily nature inspired. But it’s a lot of really subtle odds to it.”

The bubbles he paints have always felt very powerful to him, as a very strong image, because it is literally one’s breath inside of water, which to him is amazing. “I think, today, people take a lot of small things for granted,” he said.

Vyal One grew up in Los Angeles with very few places to connect with nature. During his professional years he has sought to connect with nature. “Being from the city you’re caught up in the rat race,” he said. “I do need to reconnect often, as it is, to nature. But even when I’m in nature I still want to paint. Places like Kern Valley are really amazing.”

Vyal One began his art during his childhood at around age 12. He also started to see, in places like New York and Los Angeles,



Artist known as Vyal One

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

in the late 1980s, early 1990s, this type of work within magazines one could buy to see artists, from around the world. Seeing such works inspired him to move full speed ahead.

The artist participated in an exchange program, in Berlin Germany, in 1995, which was one of his first big projects. Seeing other artists treat their artistic pursuits as a profession inspired him to do the same upon his return home.

Growing up in East L.A. Vyal One saw many murals the local artists painted, during the 1960s, ‘70s, and ‘80s, such as the East

Los Angeles Streetscapers. He had respect for all the work those artists did that resonated with him.

His work, others of the KRVA described as the tagging style, or tag art, was based upon a tagging art culture that he felt connected to earlier on. He described tag as a signature or symbol of the artist although he has since grown beyond that in his artistic pursuits. “As I got older I wanted to do more with the spaces that I was coming across. I wanted to show more appreciation for the places that I was painting, but also the community I was painting in. I

wanted it to have more meaningful connections.” He said, “You find time to become this alter ego and you can go around and meet with others that share this passion, that do this type of work.”

Vyal One previously created a community events space in Los Angeles, for car shows and other events, showcasing the works of other artists he knows. He is well known as “the guy that paints the eyes.”

He likes the fact that people of Kern Valley aren’t all caught up in an asphalt rat race.

Local writer releases book to help churches

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Author Olive Swan can be found ministering often in churches around the valley. The Kern Valley Sun met her at Knuckle Up Ministries’ Peddler’s Faire, last year, and recently at the Kern Valley Exchange Club’s Pastor Appreciation Lunch.

Her current book is titled, “Accessing the Presence of God.” The purpose of the book is to assist the church in accessing God’s presence in a tangible way using one’s senses for that purpose to perceive God’s presence. “I wasn’t intending to write this. The Lord was

giving me little whispers that this needs to be written,” Swan said.

She explained that there are churches waiting for finances, healing, assistance, truth and direction. “These things can only be found in God’s presence,” she said. Because of their waiting for healing, trusting and waiting, churches need the presence of God. They may be missing some element to access the presence of God.

The book is 24 chapters and over 224 pages, in four parts. The first part is where to start to access the presence of God. Swan uses Scriptures, going back over the Scriptures, to reveal how the patriarchs delved into God’s presence,

through a meeting place, an altar.

Not a modern day altar, like those made for idols, but the one God requires without idols.

The second part of her book talks about those things, which displease God, holding back His presence, such as sin. “We come to God being embraced by Him so that we become new creations,” she said. “The sanctuary of God is a holy place.”

The third part of the book is about preparing one’s self to meet God the King, having a mindset and spirit of expectation to glorify God, receive answers, worship the Lord, and get relief. “Meeting your king takes some preparation,” she said. Swans’ book leans more

toward flowing with the Spirit of God and seeing the glory of God when the Lord takes over with His agenda rather than man’s agenda.

The fourth part of the book is about the protocols of respecting and honoring God, a real meeting with the Lord, and not holding back God’s fullness, ultimately being able to receive answers from the Lord. The book, Accessing the Presence of God, is attainable on Amazon. “This book is really saturated with a lot of gems,” said Swan. “Someone who picks it up won’t be disappointed.”

Swan’s ministry primarily focuses on counseling women as well as writing her books to edify the spiritual lives of others

through her 501c3, which is called “Feministry.”

She has written over 50 books. Her calling from God is to assist women through counseling them in their marriages and relationships. Swan says Her books are like stepping stones in her life into femininity.

Her whole reason for getting into femininity was she had a turning point event when God shifted her journey toward femininity, so she could have a better journey toward finding a better partner, whom she could marry, rather than her less than ideal previous experiences.



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Former Broncs athlete gets Hall of Fame nod

RAY CONNER

Rusty Muncy, a 2012 graduate from Kern Valley will be inducted into the Briar Cliff University Athletic Hall of Fame. His athletic prowess at the college level was recognized, and now he will be a Hall of Famer.

Muncy who grew up in Bodfish was a stand-out Broncs athlete, track and field was where he really excelled. He also took his turn on the football field. Muncy, after graduating from Kern Valley went on to be a Charger at Briar Cliff. The next level was just an extension of his high school talents. His best event was the 400m hurdles and he perfected this at college. He would also be part of the 4 x 400m relay team that he would qualify for the NAIA National Meet. Because of his success he gained All-American status for the relay five times. Muncy was selected as an All-American once in the 400m hurdles.

According to the Briar Cliff University website Muncy was selected for quite the number of accolades. “Rusty Muncy had a decorated career for the Charger Track and Field team, being named a six-time All-American, nine-time GPAC Champion, and earning All-GPAC honors 27 times during his career. In 2015, Muncy was named the most outstanding performer at the GPAC Indoor Championships, where he earned All-GPAC status in all five of the events he participated, on top of winning the 60m and 200m dash. Muncy qualified for the NAIA National meet in eight different events, earning All-American status in the 400-hurdles once and the 4x400 relay five times.”

Muncy talking about the experience of becoming BCU Hall of Famer said, “When I first received the news that I will be inducted into the 2025 BCU Athletic Hall of Fame I was ecstatic. I was so happy that all my hard work and dedication to the Briar Cliff track and Field program is being recognized. I never imagined that I would have become



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Rusty Muncy, a 2012 graduate of Kern Valley is shown here running for Briar Cliff University.

such a successful sprinter in college due to me specializing in hurdles/jumping going into college. I hope I inspire future student/athletes that even though it’s hard or out of your comfort zone, as long as you put your mind to it, you can do anything.”

Muncy went on to say, “I want to thank

coach Brian Christianson for providing me with his guidance, support, and giving me the opportunities and experiences to prepare me for college. And being an amazing friend and mentor. I also want to thank all my friends, family sponsors and KV residents for believing and supporting me through my track and

field career.”

“I am so happy that Rusty has been selected to join the BCU Athletic Hall of Fame. After one year of trying different events, Rusty really burst onto the conference and national stage becoming a 24X All GPAC selection, 9x GPAC champion, selected as the Most Outstanding Male Performer at the 2015 GPAC indoor championships by scoring 30.5 points, named NAIA National Men’s Indoor Track Athlete of the Week, qualified for nationals 19 times in 8 different events, and obtaining All American honors 6 times. His versatility and reliable starts on the relays made Rusty extremely valuable to the team’s success.” This quote is attributed to Nathan Treinen, Former Head Track and Field Coach, Assistant Athletic Director.

Muncy will see his named placed in the Hall of Fame on January 25. The doctrine for the BCU Hall of Fame is, “The Briar Cliff Athletic Hall of Fame was established in 1991, following the 25th anniversary of co-ed intercollegiate athletics at Briar Cliff. The Hall of Fame was formed as a means of recognizing those who have, at some point in their lives, left their mark on the Charger athletic program. The Hall of Fame is designed to include former athletes, coaches, athletic personnel, entire teams and honorary inductees.”

Former Broncs track and field head coach Brian Christianson giving his thoughts on Muncy at Kern Valley said, “Rusty (Muncy) worked very hard and excelled in a number of events in track at Kern Valley. His best events were the 300m hurdles and the long jump, but honestly if the HDL would have had a decathlon, Rusty (Muncy) would have won that easily. As good as Rusty (Muncy) was in track and field, he was equally as good as a person. It was a privilege coaching Rusty (Muncy), and I’m grateful to call him a friend.”

As the history of Kern Valley athletics age, it is quite apparent that there are those that take it to the next level and succeed. This gives hope to those that follow with the same dream.



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Broncs varsity basketball squad takes opening HDL game

RAY CONNER

Kern Valley's varsity basketball team began its league season at home on Dec. 2. They entertained Mammoth as they began the HDL.

The Broncs (3-2 overall, 1-0 HDL) defense took control as they dominated play. Kern Valley grabbed the 65-30 win. Nine of the Broncs players were able to contribute to the team's scoring. Kern Valley would hit four times from long distance. Shiloh Galvan led the surge as he was the top scorer for Kern Valley with 23 points. He would drain two from behind the three-point arc and made one of two from the free-throw-line. He was followed by Aiden Madden with nine points. Madden was included in the made three-pointers with one. Two players would add seven points to the team total. Bryce Smoot and Carson Parks scored the seven points. Parks capped the three-point scoring with one made. Daniel Hinkey and Jeff Clark each dropped in six points, while Joey Galvan added four points. Zane Carver scored two points, while Brandon Cox made free throw for his lone point.

Smoot led the Broncs on the boards as he grabbed a team-high six rebounds. Carver followed by pulling down four boards. The Kern Valley players recorded a pair of rebounds each. Hinkey, Clark, and Maddox Beaury had the two rebounds. Cox was credited with one rebound in the game. Smoot was the leader in assists. He handed out three to lead the team. Carver dished out a pair assists, while J. Galvan, S. Galvan, and Madden each had one assist.

The following day Kern Valley was at home again as they faced off with the team from Arvin. The Bears turned the tables on the Broncs as they shut down the opposing offense after the opening quarter. The adjustment from Arvin came after the opening quarter. The Broncs poured in 10 points in the initial quarter and found themselves down by seven. From that point on it was all Arvin as they clamped down. Kern Valley was limited to 12 points the rest of the way. The Bears offense continued balanced scoring as they added 17 points in both the second and third quarters. They finished off with nine points to create the final score of 60-22.

Clark led the Broncs in scoring with six points. Madden hit once from the three-point line for his three points. S. Galvan also scored three points. J. Galvan, Smoot, Carver, Cox, and Parks each scored two points to cap the scoring. S. Galvan handed out a pair of assists to lead the Broncs. Clark, J. Galvan, Smoot, Carver, and Parks each recorded one assist in the game.

Clark was the top rebounder as he pulled down seven. Carver grabbed five, while Smoot



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Bryce Smoot of Broncs varsity squad drives down court against Arvin.



ISABEL ANZALDO

Jeffrey Clark, 11th Grade, Varsity Boys Basketball

had three boards. Beaury was credited with a pair of rebounds, while Madden, Jacob Redenius, S. Galvan, Cox and Parks had one board apiece. Smoot was credited with a pair of steals, while Madden had one steal. Carver and



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Kern Valley's Shiloh Galvan of the varsity team gets off a shot in the recent game versus Arvin.



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Kern Valley's Zane Carver looks for an outlet as the Arvin defender closes in.

Clark recorded a pair of blocks, while Beaury had one block for Kern Valley.

Earlier in the season, the Broncs competed at the Mira Monte Tournament. They would lose their opening game to Central Valley Christian 65-17. This loss dropped them into the consolation bracket of the tournament. The bounced back to take the second game over Delano 57-42. They followed that with a 61-52 win over Golden Valley. With the pair of victories, they moved into the Consolation

Bracket Championship. They went up against Tehachapi where the outcome was a lopsided affair. The final score 76-33 for the Warriors.

This past weekend, Kern Valley competed in the Farmersville Tournament. Results and individual stats will be reported in next week's issue of the Kern Valley Sun. On Tuesday, the Broncs traveled to face off with Bishop in another HDL battle.

Kern Valley varsity girls get 'Mammoth' 66-8 win

RAY CONNER

The Lady Broncs varsity girls' basketball team made the long trip to Mammoth to begin their league season.

The dominating victory put Kern Valley at 1-0 in the HDL. The game was decided mostly in the first quarter. The Lady Broncs began the game with a 23-0 run to sprint out to the early lead. The defense clamped down on their opponent as the relenting pressure turning that into easy transition baskets in the offensive end. When the horn sounded to end the initial quarter, the Lady Broncs held the 27-2 cushion.

The second quarter was more of the same as the Kern Valley defense smothered the Lady Huskies. They limited Mammoth to zero points to end the first half. With the scoreboard reading visitors 47 and the home team two, the teams went into the break. This would be the last time the starters would see the floor on the night. Getting valuable experience, the bench players got their chance to work the ball on the court. They were able to keep the pressure defense going and the offense adding points. The domination continued as they allowed just four points in the third. The Lady Broncs scored eight points to make the score 55-6 when the buzzer buzzed.

The final quarter was just going through the motions with the younger Kern Valley players running the floor. With the starters cheering on their teammates from the bench, the Lady Broncs finished with an 11-point quarter. The defense stayed the course as they limited Mammoth to just two points. The final score of 66-8 showed a huge scoring difference between the two teams.

Kern Valley had a pair of players score in double-digits. Leading the way in scoring was Jayda Bushling with 16 points. She was followed by Naomi Tapia with 14 points. Scarlett Russell added eight points, while Jade Montes scored seven. Montes would hit a three-pointer in the game. Jessie Bunting contributed five points. Three Lady Broncs scored four points in the contest. Ashley Plante, McKayla Bachman, and Emmalyn Bechtel put in four points apiece. Leenah Troller and Elli Jeans each hit once from behind the three-point arc for their three points each for Kern Valley. Ava Elliott capped the scoring for the Lady Broncs with two points. Five players handed out multiple assists. Bunting topped the chart as she dished out four assists. Bushling and Troller each recorded three assists, while Tapia and Montes were credited with a pair of assists.

Russell was the chairman-of-the-boards as she grabbed a team-high nine rebounds. Montes pulled down seven boards, while Elliott

grabbed six rebounds. Plante and Bachman grabbed four rebounds apiece. Bushling and Tapia had two boards apiece, while Bunting and Jeans recorded one rebound in the game. Three Kern Valley players shared the team lead in steals. Bushling, Tapia, and Elliott each had five steals. Plante and Bechtel recorded four steals apiece. Bunting and Jeans were each credited with three steals.

Kern Valley head coach Bill Gallis commenting on the game said, "Traveling to Mammoth always brings some concern about starting off slow, but the girls came out with great energy and focus, putting those worries to rest. I was particularly impressed with how hard they played and how well they commu-

nicated on the court. Their effort to find the open player really showcased our team-first mentality. One of the highlights of the night was the opportunity to rest our starters and give our younger players significant minutes. This experience will be invaluable for their development as we progress through the season. Overall, it was a great way to start league play, and I'm excited to see how we build on this momentum moving forward"

This past weekend, the Lady Broncs competed in the Corcoran Tournament. On Tuesday they traveled to Bishop to continue HDL action. Look for results and individual stats in next week's issue of the Kern Valley Sun.

Soccer match postponed from high AQI

RAY CONNER

The Kern Valley soccer teams were supposed to begin their season on Thursday. This did not happen as the Air Quality Index came into play. This never came about as the Kern High District made the decision to cancel all sporting events under their supervision. With

the AQI sitting at a high number it was done to protect the athletes.

This was the only non-league match on Kern Valley's schedule as they played their first match on Tuesday when they made the trip to Mammoth. They will go on the road to take on Bishop on Thursday. This will begin the HDL season for the Kern Valley squads.

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L-R: Kern Valley's Carlos Monzo, Charles Schmeiser, Max Baughman, and Joel Donoho all medaled at the Cotton Classic at Shafter.



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Max Baughman of the Broncos turns his opponent at the Cotton Classic tournament. He would take third place.



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The Broncos Charles Schmeiser sinks the half nelson on his opponent at the Cotton Classic. He would end up placing fourth.

Broncs wrestlers begin season with dual match

Four from Kern Valley earn medals at Cotton Classic Tournament

RAY CONNER

The inexperienced Kern Valley Broncos wrestling team began their season facing a tough Tehachapi squad. They would submit to the Warriors by the score of 60-18.

With only two returners, the Broncos knew this year would be tough when it comes to duals. Blake Baughman earned the only team points on the mat. Two others were awarded forfeits to give Kern Valley their 18 team points on the night. Jacob Lopez and Charles Schmeisser received the forfeit win sin their

weight class. Michael Porter went into his match knowing he would be squaring off with one of Tehachapi's better wrestlers. He would eventually lose by pin. Carlos Monzo showed plenty of promise as one of the younger wrestlers for the Broncos. He battled his opponent, but would fall short of an upset bid. Andrew Miller moved up a weight and would lose by the pin. Max Baughman, Greyson Fitzgerald, Troy Valenzuela, Jacob Abraugh, and Brett Willingham, gained mat time, but in the end would lose by pin. Schmeisser would wrestle an exhibition match and collect the win by fall. In other exhibitions matches, Joel Donoho, Thomas Pacheco, and Valenzuela would all

fall short and drop their matches.

On Saturday, the Broncos a team that needs mat time competed at the Cotton Classic in Shafter. When all was said and done four athletes walked away with medals on the day. M. Baughman was the top finisher for Kern Valley. He placed third as he picked up his first ever high school wrestling victory. Schmeisser, Donoho, and Monzo would all take fourth to garner medals at the tournament. The Broncos also sent Ryan Stokes, Hunter Aultman, Pacheco, Fitzgerald, Valenzuela, and Miller to compete. Pacheco was another first-time winner at the high school level.

Head coach Wes Woody said, "We are

young, and really inexperienced, however we have numbers like we haven't had in a long time. We are gaining experience and our two returners were able to pick up wins at the dual and lead the team. We have a long way to go, but an eager group that is putting in the work which will benefit all in the end."

Kern Valley will now have a 10-day break from wrestling matches. They will compete at the Immanuel-Reeder Invitational on Dec. 21. The girls wrestling squad will get their chance to face off with opponents at the Farmersville Invitational also on Dec. 21.



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KV Lady Broncos offer youth softball camp

RAY CONNER

Coming soon the first annual Broncos softball youth camp fund-raiser. This will happen on Jan. 2-3 at the Kern Valley varsity softball field.

There will be two groups for players to attend based on age. Players aged 8-11 will take place 10 a.m.-12 p.m. Players aged 12-15 will have the noon to 2 p.m. time slot. Attendees have the option of attending one or two of the days the camp is offered. The cost to attend both days of the camp is \$40. If the athlete wants to attend one day of the camp it will be \$25.

The camp will offer the following skills: Throwing, hitting, fielding, base running,

growth mindset, and athletic success. They will also offer a pitching/catching for an addition charge of \$15 9-10 am on Jan. 2 ONLY. Lunch will be included. The deadline to sign up for the youth camp is Dec. 20. Payment will be cash or check to be given to Jamie Duran, Jessica Yasin, or the Finance Office.

If you have any more need of information you can email Jaime Duran at Jaime_duran@kernhigh.org or Jessica Yasin at Jessica_yasin@kernhigh.org. An athlete can also register, by going to Jamie Duran's Facebook page and scan the QR Code. Remember the deadline to register is Dec. 20. Don't miss out on the chance to gain valuable softball experience and support a good cause, the Kern Valley Lady Broncos softball team.



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Kern Valley's Ruby Hawkins with the rest of her teammates in the Kern County All-Star Volleyball game.

Hawkins named offensive player at All-Star volleyball game

RAY CONNER

Being selected for an All-Star game is always an accomplishment. For the Lady Broncos Ruby Hawkins, she would turn that into being named the Offensive Player of the Kern County All-Star volleyball match.

Hawkins had a gathering from the valley to go and see her, not only play in the All-Star game, but would get to see her excel. Hawkins play time included all six rotations. She played for the Mountain and Horizon Team A squad in the match. This All-Star volleyball match was for seniors around the Kern High District.

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The Lady Broncos, Ruby Hawkins was named the Outstanding Player of the Game in the Kern County All-Star volleyball game.



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