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Kern Valley gets back into the HDL win column

The Broncos varsity basketball team was in league action on Dec. 20 when they hosted Boron in an HDL contest. They would collect the 52-37 victory.

Three Lady Broncos run inside at Holiday Invite

Jayda Bushling, Aspen and Kyla Hacker got a chance to take a different track in their careers. They recently competed on Dec. 28-29 in Reno at the USATF Holiday Invite on an inside track.



Tawnya Torgl Co Chair for Whiskey Flat Days 2025 events

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Whiskey Flat kick-off dinner fills Elks Lodge

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The Kernville Chamber of Commerce held its Whiskey Flat Days Kick-Off Dinner, Friday January 3, at the Elks Lodge, in Wofford Heights. The event attracted a full house of people, dressed in their cowboy best, and blessed with a heaping dinner plate to please.

This year is the 68 year Whiskey Flat Days, with a theme of Rhinestones & Wranglers.

President of the chamber Gary Ananian was Master of Ceremonies during the festivities.

Ananian introduced chamber board member Tawnya Torgl.

Torgl is the co-chair for Whiskey Flat Days this year. She credited all the board members that have been working on the chamber, especially for the up and coming Whiskey Flat Days events, planned for February 14-17, 2025, on President's Day Weekend.

Torgl said, "What we've got going at the rodeo, to get it all in shape for what we're

planning on doing; and bless (board member) Valerie Stone for this. She's really been the person that's really bringing it together, thank you. We're

getting it shaped up. We've got Camp Erwin Owen's boys coming in. They're raking it all out and getting it fancied up."

The chamber plans a warm up area and a better coral at the rodeo grounds. They plan to have a wash or sud station for horses during Whiskey Flat Days.

Board director Val Stone said being the new chairperson for the Rodeo Grounds and the Event Center she did some research. She said the old Rodeo Grounds used to be located where the sheep field is by Vons. The first rodeo was in 1945. Gary Ananian announced that it was a lot of work for Whiskey Flat mayor candidates to do fund raisers, in a short period of time, which is why it's difficult to get a lot of candidates to run for the mayor slot.

Ananian invited past Whiskey Flat mayor candidates up front to speak during the dinner about the projects they raised money for.

Outgoing 2024 mayor team River Rat Ryan and Deputy Doug told the crowd they planned to bring the Camp Erwin Owen Boys out to the Rodeo Grounds and wanted to help make the community a better place. Out of the \$43,000 they raised during their 2024 campaign, the largest donation they received was \$500.

Their homes turned into what looked like a flea market, from all the donation baskets businesses donated to their cause, which was helping the youth at Camp Erwin Owen enjoy life-enriching activities and to teach them civic responsibility.

Ananian talked about the project he did when he ran for mayor previously with Robbie Miller of SOS Dog Rescue. Their team was Rescue Robby and Grand Marshall Gary in 2023. With the help of Supervisor Phillip Peters the Kern County planning department finally approved the dog park their mayor team raised \$20,000 for, known as Happy Tails Dog Park.

Ananian said that the process ended up costing four times what the county told his mayor team it would cost. The chamber is hoping to get the project started in spring or summer of this year.

Ananian applauded Corey O' Leary for his two years of work as a news broadcasting reporter for ABC-23 in the Kern Valley.

The Kern Valley Sun plans to keep our readers up to date on the 2025 Whiskey Flat mayor candidate campaigns, as well as the upcoming Whiskey Flat Days events, in February.

Sheriff's office finds human remains, explosives in Isabella

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Detectives from Homicide have been investigating the origins of the remains of the human bones, located inside the residence, where Michael Deatherage resided at the time of a drug and explosives and weapons bust in Lake Isabella.

The public information officer from Kern County Sheriff's Office (KCSO) reported, to the press on December 29, a bust which occurred on December 26, wherein a search warrant for an investigation at the 3000 block of Erskine Creek Road, in Lake Isabella, led to the finding of 52 year old Michael Deatherage, who was allegedly in the possession of firearms.

The Gang Suppression Unit served a search warrant wherein the investigation findings from Deatherage's dwelling included two hand grenades and suspected human remains though the investigation ultimately led to far more than these expectations. These findings led to the KCSO's Homicide Unit and Bomb Squad and Crime Scene Investigations Unit responding to what was then considered a crime scene.

Within the residence deputies located over 30 firearms along with some hand grenades. Officers also seized 95 grams of methamphetamine, and found evidence of the sale of the illegal substance, along with bomb making materials. Police also found 10,000 rounds of ammunition and, of earnest

concern, the suspected human remains.

According to police reports, officials arrested and booked Deatherage into the Lerdo Jail for all of these charges: manufacturing a replica hand grenade; illegally possessing an assault weapon; illegally possessing an explosive substance; illegally possessing an explosive; illegally possessing a destructive device; illegally possessing a chemical precursor for a destructive device; manufacturing a short-barreled rifle; felon in possession of a firearm; felon in possession of ammunition; possession of a controlled substance for the purposes of sales; maintaining a residence for the purposes of sales of a controlled substance and possession of additional destructive devices.

One killed in canyon accident on Saturday

PRESS RELEASE

The California Highway Patrol is investigating the death of a person as a result of an accident last Saturday night in the Kern Canyon at mile marker 36.

Deceased was identified as Kaitlyn Rose Sawyer, 24, of Lake Isabella by

a news release from the Kern County Sheriff's Office.

According to the CHP the accident happened at around 10 p.m. on Highway 178 and Kern Canyon Road and Sawyer died when her vehicle veered off the road.

Reports said investigators and emer-

gency crews found the car about 200 feet down the embankment adjacent to the Kern River. Driver of the car was found deceased about 50 feet down the side of the highway.

No other information is available at this time and the accident investigation is continuing.

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COMMUNITY

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Raymond told the Kern Valley Sun, on January 2, she created the logo to correlate with this year's Whiskey Flat Days theme "Rhinestones & Wranglers." The poster was unveiled, at the recent Whiskey Flat Kick-Off Dinner, January 3.

This was an unusual year because, traditionally, the chamber held a contest to decide upon the artist's work they would use to promote their annual theme. This year the chamber decided to choose one specific artist instead.

Raymond said that she communicated with the chamber discussing different ideas. Raymond based her design on the pictures they put together during that meeting.

The chamber wanted Raymond to do the design within a week's time. However she needed more time. She was grateful they gave her about two weeks total.

"I pulled out my colored pencils and my pastels and started drawing. And the rest is history. It just kind of evolved on its own. That was my first draft. I had put together a compilation of different pictures and made a layout so I knew exactly what I wanted to create. The feeling that it has is what I was hoping for. I was hoping for something that was reminiscent of love, and of romance, and of being whisked away by love and romance. He's riding in to sweep her away. And she's running to him to be swept away."

Raymond said, "I would imagine other people would interpret it differently. So there's no right or wrong way to interpret the picture. It speaks



COURTESY OF AMANDA RAYMOND

Official Whiskey Flat Days 2025 logo poster.

At right: Artist Amanda Raymond for itself to each viewer."

The talented artist was surprised to be chosen for the honor. She said, "I was so humbled and a little nervous because I wanted to give them what they were asking for. And I wanted to meet their expectations. I was just incredibly honored."

The decision of which artist to use, for the design, was one that the board made. Raymond said she was thereafter approached by one of the board members. "I had not expected it at all. It looks like they were pleased with what was created, so I was thrilled."

Raymond is a self-taught artist and relies on the Lord. She said, "I have tried to grasp what the Lord is teaching me. Every piece I do, I just pray over it, that it would bless somebody. And I want feelings of joy and warmth

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Avraham and his son Shlomo explain the meaning of the Festival of Lights

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"Hanukkah mainly is a celebration of the miracle of lights; The miracle of a single jar of olive oil lasting eight days, when it was only supposed to light the menorah for one day," leader Avraham Baruch Goldshtein said.

"The actual menorah that was lit at the temple in Jerusalem is something like this but it's huge. It was probably ten times as big as this. So one jar at best would have been

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Outdoor Lessons for the New Year

strive to incorporate those lessons of resilience and determination into my own life, both on and off the water. Whether it's understanding the best times to cast my line or recognizing the significance of patience in waiting for that perfect catch, each fishing experience serves as a metaphor for growth and self-improvement.

As 2024 ends, it's a great time to reflect on our lives and identify areas for personal growth. One aspect I always want to improve is my angling skills. As an avid freshwater fishing enthusiast, I'm constantly seeking new ways to enhance my abilities and draw lessons from nature to apply to my own life.

When trout swim actively, they streamline their bodies by folding their fins back and rapidly beating their tails to propel themselves forward. This technique enables them to navigate turbulent waters effectively, giving them a distinct advantage. Their relationship with turbulence and energy use serves as a metaphor for our own experiences.

Similarly, when we resist and struggle against the challenges in our lives, we often find ourselves emotionally exhausted and depleted. Like trout, we

need to learn how to adapt and move through difficult times. By swimming in this way, trout can navigate turbulent waters and benefit from it. Their relationship with turbulence and energy usage serves as a powerful metaphor for our own struggles.

When we fight against the turbulence in our lives, we may feel drained and deprived. Like the trout, we must understand how to navigate turbulent times by learning to adapt and flow with the challenges we face.

As stressful challenges arise, I like to think about how the Leave No Trace philosophy applies to my own life. Leave No Trace is

centered around respecting the natural world and other visitors. This philosophy can be applied to everyday life, with its main concept being to minimize harm and damage.

As stressful challenges emerge, I find it helpful to reflect on how the Leave No Trace philosophy applies to my own life. Leave No Trace emphasizes the importance of respecting the natural world and fellow visitors. This concept can be integrated into our daily lives, focusing on reducing damage and preserving our surroundings.

Happy New Year! Please Leave No Trace.

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KERN VALLEY WEATHER

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TODAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
60°	37°	66°	40°	66°	37°	62°	36°
SUNRISE 7:04	SUNSET 4:57	SUNRISE 7:04	SUNSET 4:58	SUNRISE 7:03	SUNSET 4:59	SUNRISE 7:03	SUNSET 5:00

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
60°	34°	58°	34°	58°	37°	61°	40°
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KERN VALLEY WATER WATCH

Kern River Basin Data as of Thursday, January 5, 2025

Lake & River Information	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Lake Elevation	2,557.91	2,557.78	2,570.71
Lake Storage	155,406	154,673	238,610
Inflow Into Lake	356	400	1,379
Outflow From Lake	414	338	2,263

Source: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.
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Young artists featured at new receptions

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Kern Valley youth have become integral members of the local artist community, according to the Kern River Valley Art Association (KRVA), which has started a monthly gallery showing, at the Station, featuring the works of toddlers, tweens and teens. The showings will open with monthly receptions that the KRVA invites the entire community to attend.

This month, January 11, from 10am to 12 pm is the children's reception, held before the association's usual adult Art Gallery showing from 4:30 to 7pm.

"The show happens at the Station. It coincides with our art association themed gallery exhibitions. So we're going to see what's

the perspective of a child doing artwork versus an adult doing artwork with the same theme, essentially," vice president of the KRVA, Laura Tran said.

This month the theme at the Station is "Space Aliens" for the kid's reception. The theme at the Art Gallery reception is "Out of This World" for the adult artwork showing.

Next month the adults have a "Villains" theme. And the kids will have a "Super Heroes" theme. Tran explained to the Kern Valley Sun that the theme is a general starting point and can be veered from if necessary.

The main coordinator for the Children's Art Gallery is Alita Elfstrom, a well-known art instructor.

Elfstrom said the KRVA will be taking submissions for youth showings every month at the beginning of the month, at the same time they take adult submissions. For dates of submissions

please keep an eye on the KRVA Facebook and website. <https://www.facebook.com/KernRiverValleyArtAssociation/>

<https://www.krva.org/> Some of the prizes at the youth reception will include a tee shirt and art kits. The KRVA will also award ribbons and certificates of merit to winning artists. All the prizes are donations to the KRVA. Judging categories, which the students will enter, are ages 13 to 17 and ages 12 and under. Submissions can be any media. Kids can submit the work without any frame. The artwork will be displayed all month.

The Station will serve hot chocolate and refreshments during the event. "We got nine entries for our first show. We're going to do hot chocolate for the kids and awards for everyone," Elfstrom said.

"A 16 year old girl came in and she welded a piece. So we had some good stuff

come in. But I think our next show will be even better."

Elfstrom was a teacher of art at Cerro Coso Community College for about ten years and has a Masters degree. She has been retired for a while. She said, "I was one of the people that received an Art Association scholarship. I think it was in 1994. And they really helped me a lot. And I wanted to pay it back somehow. I want to make a place for kids to be able to express themselves."

Elfstrom currently teaches several classes for the KRVA. She teaches a class especially for kids Mondays after school.

Some of the themes for 2025 showings will include "Ships and Boats," "Gardens," "Animal Farm," and "Mushrooms."

Elfstrom said, "I want kids to feel safe. And if they can do it with art, I'm there with it."



COURTESY OF THE KRVA

Metal sculpture "Bot Alien" created by student Abby Deeley.

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Teacher pleads no contest, due for sentencing

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

On Thursday, December 19, the BakersfieldNow Staff news reporters reported that the high school teacher, accused of abuse, formerly employed by Kern Valley High School, pleaded no contest to the charges he allegedly committed sex acts with an underage student, in March of 2024, according to Kern County Superior Court records.

The former instructor, Christopher David Renaudo,

age 29, was accused of five counts, including two counts of oral copulation, with a person under the 18 years of age, along with exhibiting harmful matter to a minor.

The accused pleaded no contest to both counts.

Charges previously led student parents to seek answers after Kern Valley High school teacher's arrest for the allegedly committing sex crimes

The court dismissed three related counts, Thursday, according to the court records, which news reporters accessed the contents of.

The Kern County Sheriff's Office filed an incident report about Renaudo, which indicated the crimes were reported when on the morning of March 5th, 2024, Kern County Sheriff's Office deputies from the Kern Valley Substation were dispatched to Kern Valley High School for the investigation of these suspicions.

Police eventually learned of an inappropriate relationship between Kern Valley High School teacher Christo-

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Assembly Candidate Stan Ellis Condemns Governor Newsom's Visit to the Central Valley, Calls High-Speed Rail Project a "Billion-Dollar Insult"

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Kern County, CA—Stan Ellis, candidate for California's Assembly District 32, issued a statement today in response to Governor Gavin Newsom's upcoming visit to the Central Valley to tout "progress" on the controversial California High-Speed Rail (CAHSR) project. Ellis described the visit as a "tone-deaf spectacle" and an insult to the hardworking taxpayers and farmers of the Central Valley.

"Governor Newsom's visit to the Central Valley today is pure political theater. Declaring 'progress' after \$128 billion in cost overruns and a train to nowhere insults Valley residents, whose farmland has been seized, tax dollars wasted, and trust shat-

tered," said Stan Ellis. "The Governor admitted in 2019 that there is no clear path to completing this project, yet billions more have been squandered while real local needs are ignored. The Central Valley needs leadership that prioritizes our people, farms, and future—not empty promises. That's why I'm running for the Assembly."

Background
The CAHSR project was approved by voters in 2008 under Proposition 1A, which promised a high-speed rail system connecting San Francisco to Los Angeles in under three hours by 2020. Voters were assured an efficient, affordable transportation alternative that would create jobs and benefit the environment. However, the project has been plagued by mismanagement, skyrocketing costs, and repeated delays. The original cost estimate of \$33 billion has ballooned to over \$128 billion, with only partial construction completed in the Central Valley—far short of the promised statewide network.

In addition to financial concerns, the project has drawn criticism for its environmental and agricultural impacts. Thousands of acres of prime farmland in

the Central Valley have been seized, threatening the livelihoods of local farmers and disrupting the state's most vital agricultural region.

In 2019, Governor Newsom himself acknowledged significant flaws in the project, stating during his State of the State address: "Right now, there simply isn't a path to get from Sacramento to San Diego, let alone from San Francisco to L.A." Despite this candid admission, his administration has continued to pursue the project, leading to ongoing controversies surrounding its financial and practical feasibility.

Background on Stan Ellis
Stan Ellis is a lifelong Central Valley resident, farmer, business owner, and advocate for fiscal responsibility. Running for Assembly District 32, Ellis has committed to prioritizing infrastructure projects that directly benefit Valley residents, protecting farmland, and ensuring taxpayer dollars are spent responsibly. Ellis is running to bring common-sense leadership to Sacramento and to end wasteful spending on projects like the California High-Speed Rail.

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Angels Roost Gang campaigns as Whiskey Flat mayor team

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

The Angels Roost Gang announced its candidacy for Whiskey Flat Days Mayor 2025, last Friday, January 3, at the Whiskey Flat Kick-Off Dinner, at Elks Lodge, in Wofford Heights.

The real life band members of the Southern Rock/Outlaw Country band, Angels Roost, are running for mayor under the names Kern River Kid (Bronson Slaughter) and sidekick Peacemaker Pete (Pete Tebow.) The two are raising money for the project, which was once a larger tourist

attraction than it is currently, the Kernville rodeo grounds. They hope the grounds will become a much larger tourist attraction because of the funds they raise to upgrade the facility.

The chamber plans to make upgrades to the rodeo grounds. The grandest vision for the rodeo grounds is to finally put up the McNally Barn.

Their next event is sure to entertain at the 178 Bar and Grill in Lake Isabella, Saturday January 11, from 1pm to 4pm. For further updates on their campaign events please take a peek at their Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=angels%20roost>.



KELLEY MCCOY

Whiskey Flat Days mayor team candidates Angels Roost and Chuckwagon Ochoa's.

The Chuckwagon Ochoa's campaign for Whiskey Flat mayor

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Yolanda Ochoa and Destiny Ochoa, also known as the Chuckwagon Ochoa's, announced their candidacy for Whiskey Flat mayor, Friday, January 3, at the Whiskey Flat Kick-Off Dinner at the Elks Lodge.

The two came up to introduce themselves as the opponents to the other team running for mayor. Yeehaw Yolanda said, "Howdy Ya'll, Yeehaw Yolanda here, along with Desperado Destinee. And we would like the honor to be the next Whiskey Flats mayor, yeehaw!"

The Chuckwagon Ochoa's are campaigning for Whiskey Flat mayor to raise money for The Salvation Army, the well-known entity founded by William and Catherine Booth, to help souls in 1865. The organization provides food to those in the Kern Valley who are in need, including the elderly and families with children.

The 4 foot 7 inches of determination,

Yeehaw Yolanda said she is running against another candidate who "looms large." She said good things come in small packages. Her team is raising money for "a new chuck wagon, to feed hungry cowboys." Her mayor candidate team wants to make sure the Kern River Valley has nourishment through their

Food and Friendship program of the Salvation Army. Translated from Whiskey Flat talk, that means that her team is raising finances to purchase a new, modern day van, for deliveries to help the needy around the Kern River Valley.

Among their many fundraising events, the Chuckwagon Ochoa's team plans to hold a Super Bowl Sunday event, February 9, at 12pm at the 178 Bar and Grill in Lake Isabella. They just held a Meet and Greet at Dick Weed's Brews & Grub Saturday, January 4. Please keep up to speed on their team's Mayor Candidate events at <https://www.facebook.com/search/top?q=Chuckwagon%20Ochoas>

KRV SENIOR CITIZENS, INC. - PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

As we begin the New Year, I want to express my sincere appreciation for your dedication to Kern River Valley Senior Citizen's Inc. (SCI) and those that serve our community.

SCI is an all-volunteer 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation. The tireless efforts, compassion, and unwavering commitment of SCI volunteers fulfilling our mission of serving an aging population has made a profound difference in the lives of countless individuals. It is an honor to work with each and every one of you. Your dedication is truly inspiring. I am truly grateful to be a part of SCI.

To our incredible board of Directors: your guidance, expertise, and unwavering support are invaluable to SCI's success.

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To our valued members: Your strength and trust in SCI have been unwavering for SCI. We celebrate our accomplishments. SCI is privileged to serve you and celebrate your accomplishments.

As we enter the New Year, we are excited about presenting new and innovative workshops, social activities, and creating a lifestyle of health and wellness. Our goal at SCI is to create an environment for aging adults to live and thrive in their own homes as long as it is safe.

Beginning in January of 2025, we will begin reaching out to community members with information and workshops that will help SCI not only reach its goals, but expand on referrals, resources, and activities that improve not only your health, but life enjoyment as well. Kern River Valley Folks at Home (KRV Folks at Home) is just around the corner. We hope you choose to be a part of this lifestyle.

Diane Holcombe, retired Physical Therapist, and Terri Wellbaum, Occupational Therapist, will continue twice monthly workshops based on the "Adventures in Fall Prevention" series that began in September. Remember what fun you had?

Terri Wellbaum will also be continuing DIY Tai Chi on a weekly basis. This form of exercise combines slow, flowing movements with deep breathing and meditation. It has been shown to be beneficial for a wide range of health conditions. Tai Chi's focus on slow, controlled movements helps to strengthen muscles and improve balance. As a result, Tai Chi reduces stress and anxiety.

Yoga is also very beneficial for aging adults with certain health conditions, such as arthritis, to exercise without putting pressure on joints. It may also reduce the fear of falling and help people who are not used to exercise to begin improving their strength and balance.

SCI will continue to bring the CHP to the Kern Valley for "Age Well, Drive Smart" workshops. One of our volunteers was able to reduce her automobile insurance premium significantly by taking the class. Definitely worth your time. For adults 50 and over.

SCI is currently seeking the services of a line dancing instructor for weekly dance lessons. Of course, our Wednesday night dances will continue.

SCI is currently in the process of creating a book club, opportunities for board games, instructions for using smart phones and tablets, and more. It is going to be a great year.

As President of SCI, I wish you all a joyous holiday season and healthy New Year.

Celebrate the New Year!

Judy Hyatt,

President KRVSC

SENTENCING

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pher Renaudo, 29, of Bakersfield, and a juvenile student. The teacher was placed on

administrative leave, from the district, and then the Kern County Sheriff's Office continued the investigation. Thereafter the Sheriff's Office arrested Renaudo April 4,

2024, once deputies responded to a warrant.

Renaudo is due to be sentenced in court on January 21, 2025.

Save the Date!
South Fork Choices in Education

Virtual Homeschool Option
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 January 15th
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Contact: Mrs. Kristy dkristy@southforkschool.org
 Dr. Rhodes rrhodes@southforkschool.org

Historical Society's New Book Coming Soon

The Kern River Valley Historical Society's newest book, Faith, Family, and Forestry: The Story of Bob Powers - Cattleman and Accidental Historian is now available for pre-order. This long-awaited biography of local luminary Bob Powers will be released in early February. The book chronicles Bob's life as a fifth-generation Kern Valley resident from early childhood until his death in 2002.

Faith, Family, and Forestry



The Story of Bob Powers
Cattleman and Accidental Historian

Larry M. Holochwost
Gene Verbeet

Kern River Valley Historical Society

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

As a reward for pre-ordering, each pre-ordered book will feature a beautiful numbered bookplate. Of course, each book will also be signed by the authors.

Book Order Form

The book will be released on Feb. 8th and may be picked up at the museum at that time, or for an additional fee, the book may be mailed to you upon its release.

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

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

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

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

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

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.

FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS CELEBRATION

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enough oil for about one day.”

Avraham told the group congregated at his home, that when the Maccabean warriors revolted against the Seleucid Empire conquering an army, they were excited and in a rush of happiness and lit the menorah, even if it was to use it for one day. The oil they needed for this purpose had to be purified as holy to use in G-d's temple. And there wasn't enough time to make it worthy of the temple eight days worth. However the limited amount of purified oil lasted for eight days while the new oil was purified as holy. So Jews celebrate this occasion, they considered a miracle from G-d, every year, by lighting the lights of the menorah.

“On the first day of Hanukkah we light one candle with the Shamash, the helper.

The second day we light two. The third day we light three, and so on. Today marks the last day, the eighth day, of the Festival of Lights, the festival of Hanukkah. So today we will light all of the candles.”

The candles are always lit after sunset rather than during daylight. Avraham said that the reason his family wanted to share this particular lighting, with those who came on the eighth day, was because they wanted to shed and share the most light with this gathering. “The reason being, we're living through very dark times. We're

living through very dangerous times. We all know very well that the world is a little bit crazy right now,” he said, reflecting on the recent uptick in persecution against the Jewish people.

The point of the light of the menorah is not just candles and light. It's sharing and spreading light and positivity, hope and love, and everything that is good that light means. He said, “In doing that we're trying to have you partake of something that is holy since ancient times. We're trying to counter everything that is bad today.” He also talked about countering hatred with love and everything that is bad with goodness. “A little light dispels a lot of darkness,” he said.

Avraham provided several menorahs and invited the guests to each light a menorah. All the children, from very young toddlers up to teenagers, joined in on lighting these menorahs.

The Goldshtein family translated the Hebrew prayers of Hanukkah into English for everyone. The first prayer of the festival involves thanking G-d, who commanded His chosen people to light the lights of Hanukkah. The second blessing of the festival is thanking G-d who made miracles for their forefathers at this time of year.

Anneta Goldshtein, Avraham's wife invited guests to drink a toast for celebrating the miracle of life. She also served guests a traditional Israeli

dinner of potato latkes.

Anneta's and Avraham's son, Shlomo Goldshtein is training to be a rabbi. He lit the large menorah, that night, showing guests how it is done and saying the Hebrew prayer and blessing. Shlomo later told the guests that the festival was based on the fact that the Jews were under Greek suppression and not allowed to learn the Torah, and not allowed to follow G-d's commands. “At one point the Greeks took over the Holy Temple in Jerusalem, which was the most important physical location in all of Jewish culture, in all Jewish history,” he said.

Therefore the Jews fought with a very small army, an unattainable battle to break the shackles of this oppression and regain use of the Jewish temple. The first miracle was that the Jews won the war and could openly serve G-d again. The second miracle was that they were able to find the oil. The third miracle was that the purified holy oil lasted the eight days rather than just one day.

“The most important thing is to be a light and stay positive.” Avraham told the Kern Valley Sun that being the light is a universal Jewish concept, just as believing the concept that, “this too will pass, this too will be over, and there will be light again.”

Shlomo said working with one's hands and feet, being involved in the world, in order to uplift it, is the theme; and becoming involved, rather than being alone, on a higher plane, and lofty.

WHISKEY FLAT LOGO

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to come from whatever I do.”

Being from an entire family of creative people, her mother was a prolific artist. Therefore Raymond was raised watching her mother oil paint and create landscapes and portraits.

When she was in her early 20s she put her hand to a brush and some watercolor paints. However the mother of two grown sons took a break from her art, for about 30 years, while raising her family. Raymond was inspired

to create again, when she inherited her own mother's easel, after her mother's passing. “I've just recently come back into creating.

And I'm learning a love of colored pencil, and pastels, and graphite, and gouache, and pretty much all the mediums I have tried my hand at. And I really enjoyed them. And I've had a very positive response, which has delighted me. And so I became a full time artist,” Raymond said.

Raymond enjoys creating visuals of animals and of florals, which she says are forgiving and free flowing. As a member of the Kern River Valley Art

Association, Raymond was Artist of the Month, in December of 2023. Her work was also shown at the Maturango Museum in Ridgecrest and displayed for a month at the Kern Valley Museum in Kernville. Raymond creates greetings cards, in glossy stock, sold at KRVA Art Gallery. She has a website https://www.amandaraymondartworks.com/

Again Raymond expressed gratitude for the chamber giving her the opportunity to create the official Whiskey Flat Days logo poster of 2025.

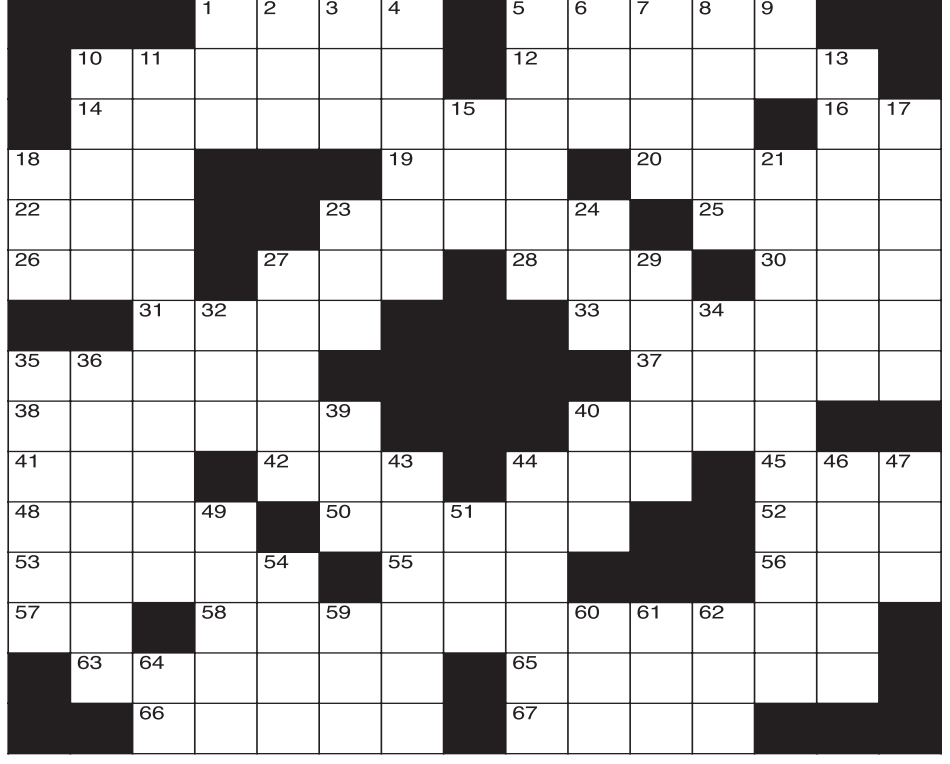
EVENTS CALENDAR

MONTHLY EVERY 2ND TUESDAY
Lake Isabella and Bodfish property owner association
Time: 5:00 P.M.
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Time: Dusk
Where: Kern Valley Airport

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PUZZLES & GAMES



- CLUES ACROSS**
- Hand (Spanish)
 - Siskel and __, critics
 - Seaman
 - Chemical weapon
 - One who eliminates
 - They precede C
 - Baseball stat
 - Americans' "uncle"
 - Cassia tree
 - Surround
 - Crisp and Pebbles are two
 - A sudden very loud sound
 - Affirmative
 - Disadvantage
 - Corpuscle count (abbr.)
 - OJ trial judge
 - New York art district
 - Become more bleak
 - Upstate NY city
 - Clarified butters
 - One who witnesses
 - Condemn
 - __ juris
 - Natural
 - Prohibit
 - Swiss river
 - Greek war god
 - 5 iron
 - New Zealand mountain parrot
 - Scandinavian surname
 - Follows sigma
 - Doctor of Education
 - Spanish be
 - One that feeds on bugs
 - Tooth issue
 - Get into
 - Lumps of clay
 - Overly studious student

- CLUES DOWN**
- Variety of Chinese
 - Boxing's GOAT
 - Japanese classical theater
 - Prayer
 - Inspire with love
 - Ballplayers' accessory
 - Retailer payment system
 - More raw
 - Atomic #81
 - Fencing sword
 - Hostilities
 - Sea dweller
 - Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects
 - Businessmen
 - Rest here please (abbr.)
 - Loud devices
 - Make a soft murmuring sound
 - One point west of due south
 - Trout
 - Type of grass
 - South American plant
 - Letter of the Greek alphabet
 - Not secure
 - Traveler
 - Sweet potato
 - Period after sunrise and before sunset
 - Some are choppy
 - Asian country
 - Genus of mosquitoes
 - Cool!
 - Shrill, wailing sound
 - A baglike structure in a plant or animal
 - Within
 - Unhappy
 - Decorate a cake with frosting
 - Videocassette recorder
 - Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
 - It cools a home

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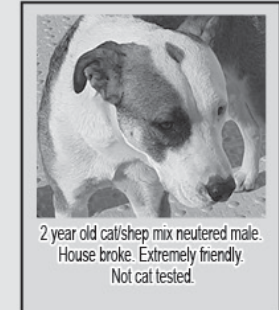
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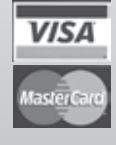



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Signed: REBECCA KOBYRA, This statement filed on: 11/21/2024
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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF BRADLEY DONALD RICE CASE NO. BPB-24-003579

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of BRADLEY DONALD RICE

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Jessica Lynn Nelson in the Superior Court of California, County of KERN.

Nelson be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the petition.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on January 23, 2025 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. J-1 located at 2100 College Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93305.

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. Attorney for petitioner: B JOLENE LEWIS ESQ SBN 239100 BOTTI & MORISON ESTATE PLANNING ATTORNEYS LTD

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NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF LISA K. HASH AKA LISA KAY HASH Case # BPB-24-003629

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both of: LISA K. HASH AKA LISA KAY HASH
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: KELLY STEWART in the Superior Court of California, County of KERN
The Petition for Probate requests that: KELLY STEWART 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

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KERN VALLEY SUN LEGAL NOTICES CONTINUED

Trustee Sale No. 1226120
Notice of Trustee's Sale Unified Sale
Loan No. 2073645 Title Order No. You Are In Default Under A Deed Of Trust Dated 05/29/2019. Unless You Take Action To Protect Your Property, It May Be Sold At A Public Sale. If You Need An Explanation Of The Nature Of The Proceedings Against You, You Should Contact A Lawyer. On 01/29/2025 at 10:00AM, First American Title Insurance Company as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded on May 31, 2019 as Document Number 219063439 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Kern County, California, executed by: Suthar & Suthars LLC, as Trustor, PromiseOne Bank (f/k/a/ NOA Bank), as Beneficiary, Will Sell At Public Auction To The Highest Bidder For Cash (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At the front entrance to city hall, 1501 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301, all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the real and personal property therein: See Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein for real property; and See Exhibit "B" attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein for personal property. The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 67 Valley View Road, Kernville, CA 93238. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$1,827,521.41 (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. Notice To Potential Bidders: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. Notice To Property Owner: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may visit the website below using the file number assigned to this case. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Notice To Tenant: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (858) 410-2154, or visit this internet website [See Link Below], using the file number assigned to this case [TS 1226120] to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. For information on sale dates please visit our website at: <https://foreclosure.firstam.com/#/foreclosure> Date: 12/23/24 First American Title Insurance Company 9255 Town Center Drive Suite 200 San Diego, CA 92121 (858) 410-2158 David Z. Bark, Foreclosure Trustee Exhibit "A" Parcel 1: Lots 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 And 17 Of Tract No. 1598 In The Unincorporated Area Of The County Of Kern, State Of California, As Per Map Recorded March 6, 1952 In Book 7, Pages 196 And 197, Of Maps In The Office Of The County Recorder Of Said County. Together With That Portion Of The Alley Adjacent To Lot 13 On The Northeast And Adjacent To Lots 14, 15 And 16 On The Southwest, As Vacated By The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Kern In Resolution No. 97-242, Adopted August 25, 1997, A Certified Copy Of Which Was Recorded September 11, 1997 As Document No. 0197119804, Official Records, Being More Particularly Described As Follows: All That Portion Of The Southwest Quarter Of The Northeast Quarter Of Section 15, Township 25 South, Range 33 East, Mount Diablo Meridian, In The Unincorporated Area Of The County Of Kern, State Of California, According To The Official Plat Thereof, Being A Parcel Of Land More Particularly Described As: Beginning At The Most Southerly Corner Of Lot 17 Of Tract No. 1598 As Per Map Recorded March 6, 1952 In Book 7, Pages 196 And 197 Of Maps, In The Office Of The County Recorder Of Said County; Thence (1) Along The Southwesterly Boundary Of Lots 16, 15, And 14 Of Said Tract No. 1598, South 50° 48' 25" East, A Distance Of 132.76 Feet To The Most Southerly Corner Of Said Lot 14, Said Point Being On The Westerly Right Of Way Of Valley View Drive And Being The Beginning Of A Non-Tangent Curve, Concave Southeasterly, And Having A Radius Of 295.00 Feet, A Radial To Which Point Bears North 50° 48' 25" West; Thence (2) Southwesterly On And Along Said Curve And Right Of Way, Through A Central Angle Of 03° 53' 15", An Arc Distance Of 20.02 Feet To The Northeast Corner Of Lot 13 Of Said Tract No. 1598; Thence (3) Along The Northeastly Line Of Said Lot 13, North 48° 50' 25" West, A Distance Of 137.12 Feet To The Most Northerly Corner Of Said Lot 13; Thence (4) North 49° 37' 20" East, A Distance Of 20.34 Feet To The Point Of Beginning, Also Together With That Portion Of The Alley 10 Feet In Width Adjacent To Lot 17 On The Southwest, As Vacated By The Board Of Supervisors Of The County Of Kern In Resolution No. 2013-116, Adopted April 30, 2013, A Certified Copy Of Which Was Recorded May 30, 2013 As Document No. 0213075840 Of Official Records, Being More Particularly Described As Follows: Being All That Portion Of The 20.00 Foot Wide Alley Within Tract No. 1598 Per Map Book 7, At Page 196, In The Office Of The Kern County Recorder, Being In A Portion Of The SW 1/4 Of The NE 1/4 Of Section 15, T.25S., R.33E., Mount Diablo Base And Meridian, Kern County California, And Being More Particularly Described As Follows: Beginning At The Northwesterly Corner Of Lot 22 Of Said Tract No. 1598; Thence (1) S 29° 57' 10" E, 210.00 Feet Along The Northeastly Line Of Said Alley To The Northerly Line Of That Portion Of Said Alley Vacated By Board Of Supervisors Resolution No. 97-242 Recorded As Document No. 0197119804 Of Official Records In The Kern County Recorder's Office; Thence (2) S 49° 37' 13" W (Record S 49° 37' 20" W), Along Said Northerly Line A Distance Of 20.34 Feet To The Southwesterly Line Of Said Alley; Thence (3) Along Said Southwesterly Line, N 29° 57' 10" W, 213.68 Feet; Thence (4) N 60° 02' 50" E, 20.00 Feet To The Point Of Beginning. Parcel 2: Lots 11, 33 And 34 Of Tract No. 1598, In The Unincorporated Area Of The County Of Kern, State Of California, As Per Map Recorded March 6, 1952 In Book 7, Pages 196 And 197 Of Maps In The Office Of The County Recorder Of Said County. Parcel 3: Lot 32 Of Tract No. 1598, In The Unincorporated Area Of The County Of Kern, State Of California, As Per Map Recorded March 6, 1952 In Book 7, Pages 196 And 197 Of Maps In The Office Of The County Recorder Of Said County. 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APN: 082-042-13-00-2 and 082-042-34-00-3 and 082-042-14-00-5 and 082-042-32-00-7 and 082-042-33-00-0 and 082-042-27-00-3 Exhibit "B" All inventory, all fixtures, equipment, accounts (including but not limited to all health-care-insurance receivables), chattel paper, Instruments (including but not limited to all promissory notes), letter-of-credit rights, letters of credit, documents, deposit accounts, investment property, money, other rights to payment and performance, and general intangibles (including but not limited to all software and all payment intangibles); all oil, gas and other minerals before extraction: all oil, gas, other minerals and accounts constituting as-extracted collateral; all timber to be cut; all attachments, accessions, accessories, fittings, increases, tools, parts, repairs, supplies, and commingled goods relating to the foregoing property, and all additions, replacements of and substitutions for all or any part of the foregoing property; an insurance refunds relating to the foregoing property; all good will relating to the foregoing property; all records and data and embedded software relating to the foregoing property, and all equipment, inventory and software to utilize, create, maintain and process any such records and data on electronic media; and all supporting obligations relating to the foregoing property; all whether now existing or hereafter arising, whether now owned or hereafter acquired or whether now or hereafter subject to any rights in the foregoing property; and all products and proceeds (including but not limited to all insurance payments) of or relating to the foregoing property.

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KERN RIVER VALLEY CRIME REPORTS

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The following is the Kern River Valley area arrests from Dec. 15-31 according to the Kern County Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement agencies; all suspects are considered innocent until proven guilty in a court of law.
BODFISH – 28-year-old Duniven McNeal was arrested on Dec. 19th on suspicion of false report of emergency, vandalism damage property, intoxicated in public, throw substance

The following is the Kern River Valley area crime data report from Dec. 15-31 according to the Kern County Sheriff's Department and other law enforcement agencies; the geocode level is approximately 100%.
BODFISH, LAKE ISABELLA, MOUNTAIN MESA, ONYX, SOUTHLAKE, SQUIRREL VALLEY AND WELDON – 15th – obstruct/resist/etc public/peace officer/EMT, lake Isabella Blvd., 16th - Danger to self; protective custody, 2200 block of angler Ave., 18th - Vandalism deface property, 200 block of elk St., 19th - danger to self; protective custody, 10800 block of powers Ave., burglary second degree, 12000 block of Hwy. 178, Vandalism damage property, 5200 block of lake Isabella Blvd., 21st - Possess controlled substance paraphernalia,

at vehicle with great bodily injury intent and obstruct/resist executive officer
KERNVILLE – 64-year-old Tammy Corcoran was arrested by Mount Shasta CHP on December 17th on suspicion of possession of controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia
LAKE ISABELLA – 46-year-old Charles Alvarado was arrested on December 18th on suspicion of resist/obstruct/delay peace officer and intoxicated in public

lake Isabella Blvd., 22nd - 4th order assault with deadly weapon not firearm; great bodily injury likely, 12200 block of Hwy. 178, 23rd - danger to self; protective custody, 8000 block of harmony lane, extortion, 4000 block of Maryland St., 24th - Assist other department, 2200 block of angler Ave., 25th - contempt of court; disobey court order/etc, 11900 block of Hwy. 178, 26th – Felon/addict/etc possess firearm, 3000 block of Erskine Creek Rd., 29th - since the other department, 14200 block of Polaris St., battery on person, 6000 block of Cypress Ave., battery on person, 5200 block of Isabele drive, 31st - disorderly conduct alcohol, 6200 block of Bonikell St.
KERNVILLE – 18th - battery on person, 11900 block of Sierra way

allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 1/30/2025 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.
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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.
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1430 TRUXTUN AVENUE,
SUITE 900,
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301
(661) 322-6023

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-B7475

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as
DBA #1: WALT WEGNER LIGHT SYSTEMS, 2955 N. TUMBLEWEED ST. INYOKERN, CA 93527, Kern County. Mailing Ad-

dress: 2955 N. TUMBLEWEED ST. INYOKERN, CA 93527

This business is conducted by: CORPORATION: WALT WEGNER LIGHT SYSTEMS, 2955 N.TUMBLEWEED ST. INYOKERN, CA 93527
The registrant(s) commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on: 10/17/1989
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: (12/18/2029). 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: WALT WEGNER, PRESIDENT
This statement filed on: 12/18/2024
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: M. TORRALBA, Deputy Clerk

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Para más información sobre este aviso, por favor llame al número (760) 379-5336.

Notice of Public Forum (Public Participation Hearing) for California Water Service Company's Request to Adjust Water Rates in its Kern River Valley District for 2026-2028 (Application 24-07-003)

What is this, and how can I participate?
California Water Service Company (Cal Water) and the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC) would like to hear from you. You are invited to participate in a Public Forum, also called a Public Participation Hearing (PPH), about Cal Water's 2024 Infrastructure Improvement Plan, also known as a General Rate Case (GRC), application (A.24-07-003).

This Public Forum is part of a formal proceeding that will be documented and placed into the formal record so the CPUC can make a decision about Cal Water's request. You can make comments and raise concerns to the CPUC Administrative Law Judge overseeing this application. You can also provide written public comments at any time during the proceeding at apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2407003.

The Public Forums can be viewed online or listened to via phone with the information below. Your participation by providing your thoughts on Cal Water's request can help the CPUC make an informed decision.

Where and when will these Public Forums be held?

Date: January 23, 2025 Time: 1 p.m. & 6 p.m. Location: Virtual	Toll-Free Phone Number: (800) 857-1917 To make a public comment: Press *1 to be added to the queue Webcast link (View Only): www.adminmonitor.com/ca/cpuc
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Please note: If you need a language interpreter, please contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office using the contact information at the end of this notice at least five business days before the Public Forums.

Why am I receiving this notice?
On July 8, 2024, California Water Service (Cal Water) filed its 2024 Infrastructure Improvement Plan, known as a General Rate Case (GRC), Application (A.24-07-003) with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). As part of the application, Cal Water is requesting to increase rates to fund needed infrastructure improvements, water system maintenance, water quality initiatives, safety measures, and business operations, as well as to adjust for inflation. If the CPUC approves the application, forecasted costs will be recovered over a three-year period, affecting your water bill no sooner than January 2026.

Why is Cal Water requesting this?

- Cal Water is required to file an application with the CPUC every three years so that water rates accurately reflect the cost of providing safe, clean, reliable tap water to customers.
- This multi-year plan enables the utility to upgrade and modernize the water system through proactive infrastructure improvements designed to keep water reliable for customers, prevent small problems from getting bigger and more expensive to fix, increase sustainability, and provide high-quality service—both now and in the future.
- Some of the key projects Cal Water proposes in this cycle are: to expand storage with new water tanks, replace an existing well and install corrosion control for system reliability, and improve water treatment at multiple sources.

How could this affect my water bill?
If Cal Water's proposal is approved by the CPUC as filed, beginning in 2026, the average residential bill in the Kern River Valley District (with a 5/8"x3/4" meter and using 2,244 gallons, or 3 Ccf*, per month) would change by approximately -\$0.05, or -0.1%, per month. You may use more or less than the average. These numbers do not include temporary surcharges and credits. More details, including proposed changes for other meter sizes and usage tiers, are available at calwater.com/iip/resources. Over the course of the review process, which could take 18 months or more, some projects may be deferred or costs adjusted. Final rates approved may be lower than what was proposed.
*1 Ccf = 748 gallons

Customer Type	Monthly Usage	Current Bill	Average Residential Customer Bill Increase			
			Proposed 2026 Bill Change	Proposed 2027 Bill Change	Proposed 2028 Bill Change	Proposed 2029 Bill Change
Residential	3 Ccf (2,244 gallons)	\$74.12	(\$0.05) -0.1%	\$6.06 8.2%	\$6.77 9.1%	\$6.77 9.1%
Residential Enrolled in Customer Assistance Program	3 Ccf (2,244 gallons)	\$45.31	\$0.11 0.2%	\$3.03 6.7%	\$3.39 7.0%	\$3.39 7.0%

How does the rest of this process work?
This application will be assigned to a CPUC Administrative Law Judge, who will consider proposals and evidence presented during the formal hearing process. The Administrative Law Judge will issue a proposed decision that may adopt Cal Water's application, modify it, or deny it. Any CPUC Commissioner may sponsor an alternate decision with a different outcome. The proposed decision, and any alternate decisions, will be discussed and voted upon by the CPUC Commissioners at a public CPUC Voting Meeting.

Parties to the proceeding may review Cal Water's application, including the Public Advocates Office, which is an independent consumer advocate within the CPUC that represents customers to obtain the lowest possible rate for service consistent with reliable and safe service levels. For more information regarding the Public Advocates Office, call (415) 703-1584, email PublicAdvocatesOffice@cpuc.ca.gov, or visit PublicAdvocates.cpuc.ca.gov.

Where can I get more information?
Contact Cal Water:
Phone: (760) 379-5336
Email: infoKRV@calwater.com
Mail: 1720 North First Street, San Jose, CA 95112
A copy of the application and any related documents may also be reviewed at calwater.com/iip.

Contact CPUC:
Please visit apps.cpuc.ca.gov/c/A2407003 to submit a comment about this proceeding on the CPUC Docket Card. Here you can also view documents and other public comments related to this proceeding. Your participation by providing your thoughts on Cal Water's request can help the CPUC make an informed decision. If you have questions about CPUC processes, you may contact the CPUC's Public Advisor's Office at:
Phone: (866) 849-8390
Email: Public.Advisor@cpuc.ca.gov
Mail: CPUC Public Advisor's Office
505 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94102

Please reference **Cal Water's Application 24-07-003** in any communications you have with the CPUC regarding this matter.
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Kern Valley gets back into the HDL win column

RAY CONNER

The Broncos varsity basketball team was in league action on Dec. 20 when they hosted Boron in an HDL contest. They would collect the 52-37 victory.

The difference of the game was the middle quarters where the Kern Valley defense turned up the heat and limited the Bobcats to a total of nine points to end the half and coming out of the break. The game see-sawed after the tip off. The two teams battled swapping baskets. When the horn sounded to end the opening quarter of action, the Broncos were sitting on top 15-12. In the second the defense turned it up a notch and held their opponent to six points. The offense continued to find the mark and dropped in 12 points to take a 27-18 lead into halftime.

The third quarter was an extension of the second as the Broncos shut down Boron's offense. They managed to allow just three points to open a big margin and then cruise to the win. Kern Valley added 13 points to their total in the third to make the score 40-21 as they headed to the final quarter. The Bobcats tried to come back as they outscored Kern Valley 16-12, but in the end



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Carson Parks No. 55 of the Broncos lays in a shot in the recent home game against Boron.

the middle quarters were the downfall for Boron.

Leading the way for the Broncos was Aiden Madden who poured in 18 points. He would hit twice from behind the three-point

arc. Carson Parks added 11 points, including a three-pointer, while Joey Galvan followed with nine points. Jeffrey Clark scored six points, while Bryce Smoot got in on the scoring with four points. Closing out the

scoring for Kern Valley was Maddox Beaury and Zane Carver with two points apiece. Playing as an unselfish team, 8-of-the-10 players from the Broncos squad handed out at least one assist. The team leader was Parks with three. Madden, Shiloh Galvan, Smoot, and Carver each had a pair of assists in the game. Clark, J. Galvan, and Daniel Hinkey recorded one assist apiece.

Turning to the defensive side of the ball, Carver was the 'chairman-of-the-boards'. He had a team-high 11 rebounds. Clark and J. Galvan each pulled down five boards, while Smoot grabbed four rebounds. Madden was credited with three boards, while Jacob Redenius and Beaury pulled down two rebounds apiece. Four Broncos swatted away would be shots from the Bobcats. Redenius, Beaury, Clark, and Carver had one block each in the contest. Sharing the lead in steals was Smoot and Parks with a total of five each. Madden, J. Galvan, and Carver got in on the thievery with two steals apiece. Redenius, Clark, and Hinkey each had one steal for Kern Valley.

The Broncos currently sit at 4-8 overall with league mark of 2-1. They faced off with Desert on their home court on Tuesday and will go on the road to square off with Frazier Mountain on Friday.

Varsity Lady Broncos stampede over Boron 59-19

Bunting records double-double to lead the way

RAY CONNER

The Kern Valley varsity girls' basketball team made short work of their HDL opponent on Dec. 20 when they took on the Lady Bobcats. This would be the last game before the team went on an extended break.

The Lady Broncos controlled the game from the outset as they went on a 15-0 run to begin the contest. The Kern Valley defense smothered their opponents as they limited them to just four points in the initial quarter. It would end with them opening huge margin of 17-4. The defense was credited with 14 steals in the opening quarter of action.

Kern Valley never looked back from this point on as they dominated in the scoring department and the pressure defense led to the huge deficit for their opponents. The Lady Broncos continued to drop in points in the second quarter leaving no doubt to the outcome. They added 14 points to their score and went to the break with a commanding lead.

It was like the game was never interrupted by halftime as Kern Valley began where they left off. The defense was caging the Lady Bobcats, while the offense was rolling. The scoreboard read 52-16 by the time the third quarter ended and the Lady Broncos were one quarter away from staying unbeaten in league action. The final quarter was just a matter of going through the motions until the final horn sounded. Kern Valley would score seven

points, while the Lady Bobcats added three points to their total.

Jessie Bunting was the star as she recorded a double-double. She had a team-high in both points and rebounding in doing so. She dropped in 16 points and pulled down 12 rebounds. She added five steals and one assist for the Lady Broncos. Jayda Bushling followed with 15 points and handed out seven assists. Elli Jeans added 10 points, including hitting a pair of three-pointers. She also dished out three assists. Ashley Plante scored five points, including hitting once behind the three-point arc. She also got in on the assists by handing out one. Lennah Troller lifted off once from behind the three-point line for her three points. She would be credited with a pair of assists. Emmalyn Bechtel had four points, while Naomi Tapia scored two points and had three assists. Scarlet Russell and McKayla Bachman rounded out the scoring for Kern Valley as they had two points apiece.

Bechtel pulled down eight boards, while Bushling and Jeans each grabbed seven rebounds for the Lady Broncos. Tapia, Russell, and Bachman secured a pair of rebounds each. Jade Montes recorded a pair of assists, two rebounds, and three assists. Wrapping up the unselfish play was Ava Elliott who recorded three assists. Troller and Bachman were credited with one block each in the contest. Leading the way in steals was Elliott with seven. Troller had five steals, while Jeans, Plante, Montes,

and Russell each had three steals. Bushling and Bechtel had two steals apiece, while Bachman rounded out the thefts in the game with one.

Kern Valley has nine wins versus one loss overall and 3-0 HDL. Head coach Bill Gallis said, "I thought the girls put in an outstanding effort on the defensive end tonight. Despite being off for over a week, they showed no signs of rust and came out with incredible energy and focus. The support from the crowd was electric, and the girls really fed off that, using it to fuel their relentless play. Their unselfishness stood out, with 22 assists highlighting how well they worked together to create opportunities for one another."

He went on to say, "Our effort on the boards was equally impressive, as evidenced by the 27 offensive rebounds, which demonstrated our determination and hustle to fight for every possession. It wasn't just about individual performances; every player contributed in some way, whether it was scoring, making plays, or providing defensive pressure. Overall, it was a tremendous team effort in front of a packed house, and I couldn't be prouder of how they performed and represented Kern Valley basketball tonight."

With the holidays behind them the Lady Broncos will now focus on the rest of the HDL matchups. They played Desert at home on Tuesday and will travel to Frazier Mountain on Friday.



SUBMITTED PHOTO
Ava Elliott No. 20 and Elli Jeans No. 14 of the varsity Lady Broncos surround the Boron player in an attempt to disrupt the action versus Boron.

JV Lady Broncos basketball team handle Boron 37-15

RAY CONNER

The Kern Valley JV girls entertained the Lady Bobcats of Boron on Dec. 20. They would collect the victory in their HDL matchup.

The game started off in the right direction as the Lady Broncos defense shut down Boron. Kern Valley allowed zero points in the first quarter to take control. They would never look back the rest of the way. The offense did its part as they turned the pressure defense into points. They poured in 12 points in the first quarter to open a 12-0 cushion.

The fast start would prove helpful as both teams turned up the defense in the second quarter. The offenses were handled and the scoreboard would reflect that. Only seven combined points were scored to end the first half. Kern Valley would add four points to their total, while the Lady Bobcats managed to finally get on the board. They would score three points. The teams went to the break with the Lady Broncos leading 16-3.

The second half saw Boron climb back into the game. They continued their defensive presence by limiting Kern Valley to just

four more points. The Lady Bobcats would score 10 points to head to the final quarter with the score sitting at 20-13. Kern Valley took exception and rebounded to take back control in the fourth quarter. The defense was once again on point or actually limited points, Kern Valley stymied their opponent. Boron managed to score just four more points in the game. The Lady Broncos got back on track offensively as they dropped in 17 fourth-quarter points to create the 37-15 score to collect the victory.

Leading the charge was Taylor Kristy with a double-double. She scored 13 points, including hitting once from downtown to lead her team. She completed the double-double by pulling down 10 rebounds. With eight of those on the offensive boards. Millie Bustamonte finished with eight points. She was able to hit once from behind the three-point line. Sam Ruiz scored six points, while Brooke Gibson added four points. Finishing up the scoring for the Lady Broncos were three players with two points apiece. Amber McAhren, Kaylle Ellis, and Hazel Kiosef each had two points.

Ruiz led the Kern Valley team in assists with four. Kristy followed with two assists,

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Three Lady Broncs run inside at Holiday Invite

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Jayda Bushling, Aspen and Kyla Hacker got a chance to take a different track in their careers. They recently competed on Dec. 28-29 in Reno at the USATF Holiday Invite on an inside track.

This would be the first time ever these young ladies competed in an inside venue. The Hackers both competed in the 400m, the 800m, and the 1600m races, while Bushling ran the 55m, the 200m, and the 400m. She also took her turn at the long jump. A. Hacker and Bushling would compete in the 17-18 age group, while K. Hacker competed in the 15-16 age group. All three Lady Broncs would bring home medals from the meet. Most of the western states were represented at this high-quality meet.

A. Hacker was the top finisher as she ran to a first place in the 1600m. Her time was 5:48 to take the top spot. She crossed the line in second running the 800m with a time of 2:30, and finished off the day with a 17th in the 400m. She ran the race in a time of 1:06. On a side note, but in the running department, A. Hacker was third in the Kern County Runner of the year award according to the central section outlet. She was also named to the All Central Section second



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This was the indoor venue that Aspen Hacker, Kyla Hacker, and Jayda Bushling competed at on Dec. 28-29.

team for her achievements in cross country this past season.

Bushling leaped her way to a second place in the long jump. She jumped a distance of 16' 5" to earn her medal. In the 55m, Bushling would finish fourth in a time of 7.38. In the 200m, Bushling was 11th in a time of 27.07. In her final event, she ran the



SUBMITTED PHOTO

Jayda Bushling, Aspen Hacker, and Kyla Hacker gather on the podium to show off their medals won in their first ever indoor track meet.

400m in a time of 1:04. This time gave her a 13th place finish.

The younger Hacker, Kyla would finish in the top 10 in all the events she competed in. K. Hacker collected a third place in the 1600m to grab a medal. This race was run in a time of 6:34. She ran the 800m in a time of 2:48 to cross the line in eighth place.

Running the 400m K. Hacker would come in the 10th place. She ran this race in a time of 1:11.

Kenny Bushling who accompanied this group of athletes said, "This was the first experience for the trio to run in an indoor venue. It's a little different as the track length in only 200M (half the distance of a normal outside track). The is a meet where the athletes run for a 'track club' or 'unattached' meaning it is not affiliated with CIF or high school competition. This was an excellent "kick off" meet to the 2025 track and field season. There is a short winter track club season in California, that has begun and will culminate in a California winter track championship February 8 in Arcadia for those who achieve qualifying marks. So, the girls plan to be competing in several meets over the next six weeks to achieve qualifying marks for the California winter championships. The girls had a great time and it was a good experience for each of them. The meet was able to give the girls times to work on prior to our official high school track season."

Coach Bushling also commented, "If anyone wants more information on the California winter track season, they can contact me. There is competition for the grade levels up to high school levels."

Kern Valley athletes named to All-League status

RAY CONNER

Hinkey named HDL defensive Co-MVP

The HDL has announced its All-League selections for football and volleyball. Kern Valley athletes saw themselves get a combined 17 of those selections.

The football selections were made on both sides of the ball. They resulted in the Broncs having seven athletes named to the

defense, this included Daniel Hinkey being selected as the Co-MVP. Joining Hinkey as All-League players were Bryce Smoot, Jeffrey Clark, and Tavin Watts who were named to the first team All-League. The second team saw Blake Baughman, Drake Posney, and Ivan Mondragon selected on the defensive side of the ball.

Turning to the offense, first team All-League went to Zane Carver and Mickey Pearman. Being named to the second team were Carson Parks, Deegan Lee, and Aiden Madden. Joey Galvan was also named as an Honorable Mention All-League athlete. The Broncs finished second in the HDL this past season and made a run though the CIF

playoffs.

The Lady Broncs volleyball squad had four players that were selected to the All-League teams. Ruby Hawkins and Jessie Bunting were selected to the first team. Paisley Wilkins got the nod for the All-League second team. Joining her teammates was Jayda Bushling who was named as the Honorable Mention selection from Kern Valley.



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Matter of Opinion

Old school fan might never agree with the newness in sports

rely on analytics. Until the movie "Moneyball" came out no one knew what analytics were. Some say its progression, I'm going to hold my opinion as my opinion is classified as old school.

Anyway, baseball has been the worse in the changes that have been made. Did any fan of baseball ever think a timer clock would be used for games? I have been and still am opposed to this, but it seems I'm in the minority. Then play reviews. What happened to the human element?

Those in charge say it's to get it right. How many times even and it's set in stone after the booth review leaves more controversy after they make a decision. Same for the NFL, how come the expediated booth review can quickly make a decision, but it takes three commercials and the ref consultant weighing in before the play stands as called. It sure is confusing to me, but heck I'm an old school fan.

Since I get to use the forum to vent, another area that needs to

be addressed is the way the new age athletes celebrate. The NFL is the worse. Really, after making an interception or recovering a fumble the whole defense celebrates in the end zone. Can someone tell me why? If the stations that carry the game would quit showing it, I wager it would stop quickly. How about the new kick off rules? What a waste of kicking the football. If you are so afraid of getting players injured, why not do away with the kickoff all together. Set the offense up at the 30-yard line

and play ball.

I could go on and on about the newness in sports, but I surmise that I've left you with plenty to think about. I would also talk about the NBA, but I have not watched that sport since the late 80's. So, we can leave that to your imagination and wonder what you will how this sport has lost the old school affect. But, of course that's a Matter of Opinion!

JV BASKETBALL

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while five other recorded one assist in the contest. Piper Connolly, Zoe Perfect, Bustamonte, Peyton Mental, and Bobbie Pruitt each had one assist in the

game. McAhren was the team leader in rebounding as she grabbed 14 rebounds. Kiosef gathered in five boards, while Perfect secured four rebounds. Ellis, Gibson, and Bustamonte each had three rebounds, while Pruitt and Ruiz each had a pair of boards. Kiosef was able to

reject three shot attempts by the Lady Bobcats. Ellis recorded a pair of blocks for the Lady Broncs.

Continuing on the defensive side of the game, the Kern Valley squad totaled 31 steals in the contest. All but one player on the squad recorded at least one steal. Kristy and Ellis shared the

team lead in thefts with five apiece. Kiosef and Mental each had four steals, while McAhren and Ruiz finished with three steals apiece. Gibson and Alissa Webster each recorded a pair of steals, while Perfect, Bustamonte, and Pruitt had one steal apiece.

Kern Valley head coach

Kenny Bushling commenting on the game said, "We employed a full court 2-2-1 press. We also used a 'platoon' system of generally subbing five at a time. We generate offensive points from the defensive pressure that we bring.

On the season, the Lady Broncs are currently 5-1

overall and 2-0 in the HDL. Kern Valley was back in action on Tuesday as they faced off with Desert on the Lady Broncs home court. They will travel to Frazier Mountain on Friday to continue HDL play.

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 - 5. EBERT
 - 10. SAILOR
 - 12. NAPALM
 - 14. ANNIHILATOR
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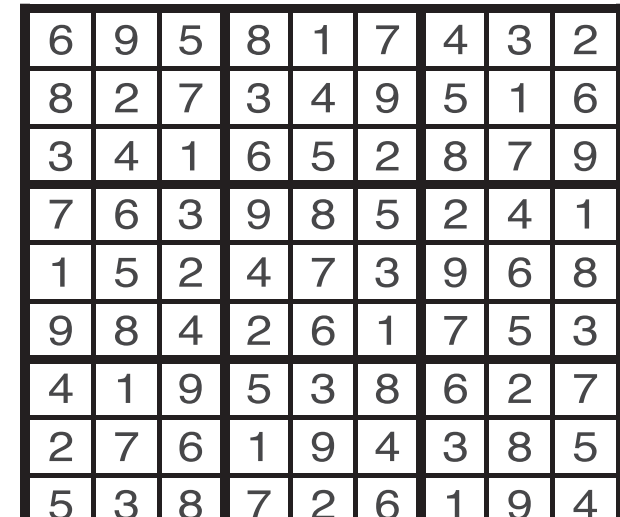
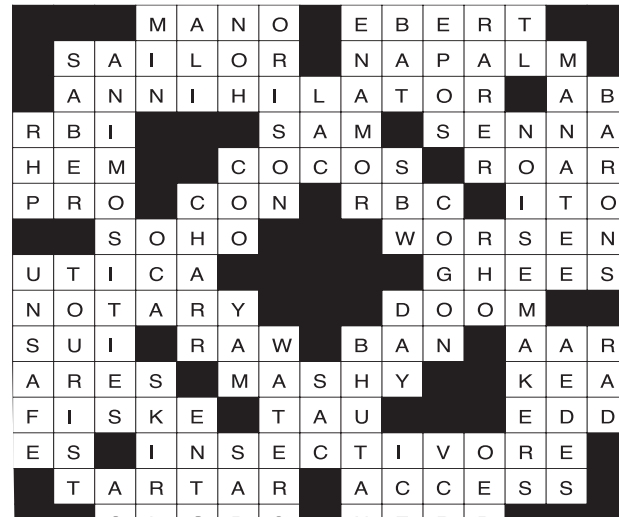
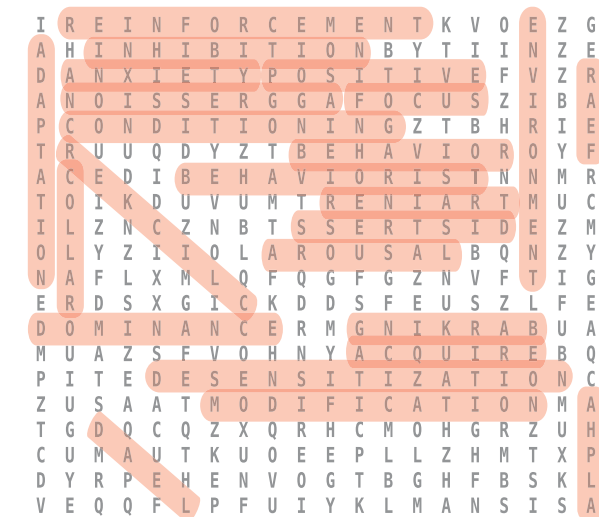
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 - 2. ALI
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- 15. LAC
- 17. BARONS
- 18. RHP
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- 23. COO
- 24. SBW
- 27. CHARR
- 29. COGON
- 32. OCA
- 34. RHO
- 35. UNSAFE
- 36. TOURIST
- 39. YAM

- 40. DAY
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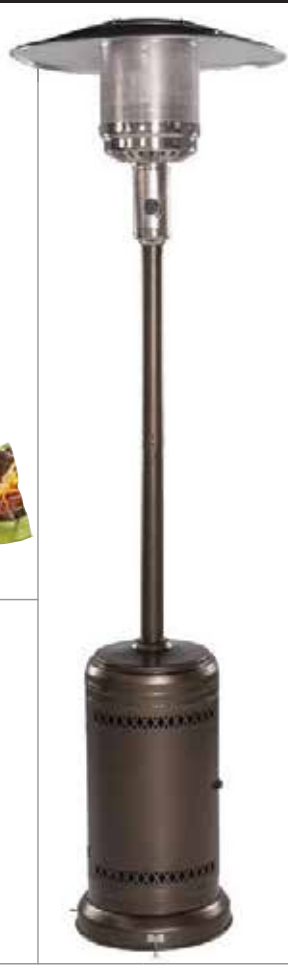




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