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KCSO responds to Lake Isabella for overturned boat rescue

On December 30, 2024, at approximately 2:15 pm, Kern County Sheriff's Office deputies assigned to the Kern River Valley substation along with the Kern County Sheriff's Office Park Rangers were dispatched to Lake Isabella for an overturned vessel with the occupants in distress in the water.

Varsity Lady Broncs get comeback win over Desert

For the first time this season the HDL matchup was a struggle for the Kern Valley varsity girls' team. They trailed late in the game, but were able to gather together and gain the comeback victory to remain unbeaten in league play.

Kern Valley JV girls crowned champion at Trona Tournament

The Lady Broncs JV girls' basketball team trying to stay active, competed in the Trona Tournament during the holiday break. They would claim three wins and be crowned the champions. The tournament would end in an interesting way. But in the end the Team from Kern Valley had earned the rightful place of being the champions in the tournament.

Tapia takes first at Farmersville wrestling tournament

The Lady Broncs wrestling squad competed at the Farmersville Tournament in December. Naomi Tapia, only a freshman wrestled her way to a first place finish to lead the Kern Valley team.

Hospital board elects 2025 officers

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

At the recent Kern Valley Healthcare District (KVHD) board of directors meeting, the board determined its officers on the board for year 2025.

It was toward the tail end of the January 9 meeting that board Director Gene Parks recommended that board Director Ross Elliott become this year's Chair, replacing Katheryn Elconin for the slot. Elconin had served as Chair during the year 2024.

Director John Blythe humbly yet confidently said that he wanted to throw his hat in the ring for the prospect of being this year's Chairman.

However he was ultimately fine with whatever the other board members wanted to do about the decision of who would be Chair.

Elliott preferred that the board keep the same slate of officers as last year and that Elconin be Chair again for another year.

Board Director Fred Clark said he preferred to see a fresh Chairperson for the new year, either Blythe or Parks, who had not served as Chair since Clark was Chair. He thought the KVHD board ought to rotate its officers annually.

Parks said he did not have time in his schedule to be the Chair of the KVHD board for 2025 year.

Board Directors Blythe, Clark,

Elliott and Parks then all agreed with the idea of Director John Blythe being Chair. Elconin said she still wanted to be Chair for another year. Clark asked Elconin how she would feel to be second.

Blythe, Clark, Elliott and Parks all voted in agreement on the following nominated slate of officers for 2025. Elconin voted against the nominated slate. No other slate was proposed.

- 2025 Slate of Officers
- 1.) Chair: John Blythe
 - 2.) First Vice Chair: Katheryn Elconin
 - 3.) Second Vice Chair: Fred Clark
 - 4.) Secretary: Ross Elliott
 - 5.) Treasurer: Gene Parks Sr.

Hospital board meets head to head with staff complaints

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

During public comment at the Kern Valley Healthcare District board meeting, Thursday January 9, several employees came to the meeting knowing some staff members had circulated a complaint, which was sent to the board and hospital executives.

Hospital employee Kelly Joy Brown-Lewis read a statement to advocate for the concerns of her co-workers, "in an unofficial capacity." However it became apparent that she initiated the original letter of redress under discussion, to the board and executives. It also became apparent that the performance of CEO Jim McGlew, and some department managers, was under scrutiny. Brown-Lewis had addressed the board with a 12-page document circulated among employees at the hospital. She originally requested feedback from employees about what could be done to improve the hospital. "There's consensus among employees and most of our concerns have been previously submitted through the proper channels," she said.

"A majority of the staff that I've spoken with feels that their questions and concerns have been largely dismissed."



Registered Nurse Danielle Welzig (left) with author of employee letter Kelly Joy Brown-Lewis.

Issues employees have addressed included: workplace safety issues, maintenance issues, patient safety issues, dietary issues, educational training, jobs and systemic organizational issues. She said, "Employees want to be involved in bettering the hospital for their community and our patients."

Staff requested in the statement she read to be represented at every board meeting and to have monthly meetings with the CEO to address concerns.

The CEO responded saying, "We're very open to having open dialogue

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Urban cowboy competition draws competitors

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

The 178 Bar & Grill in Lake Isabella hosted an Urban Cowboy Bull Riding Competition, Saturday January 11 with a mechanical bull from Scotty's Castles.

Divisions in the contest included a Men's Division, a Kids Division, and a Women's Division all competing for cash prizes.

A young man, Sylus B., won a \$50 cash prize for the competition for the Men's Division with a time of over 21 seconds, when others riding could not stay on the bucking mechanical bull for more than 8 to 10 seconds.



Sylus B., winner of the Men's Division for the Urban Cowboy bull riding competition.

Smile: if you're on the upper Kern River, you're on camera

LOIS HENRY, SJV WATER

A unique study using more than a dozen cameras, 730,000 photos and artificial intelligence is intended to quantify recreation on a section of the North Fork of the Kern River now through November 2025.

Southern California Edison is conducting the study as part of its relicensing application for its Kern River No. 3 (KR3) power plant near Kernville. It's current license expires in 2026. It is applying for a new 50-year license.

Several recreation advocacy groups have argued that Edison's operations leave too little water in the river from Fairview Dam to KR3 to accommo-

date boating and maintain cold-water fish habitat for anglers, prompting the study.

Sixteen cameras are already in place at 15 different locations from the Johnsondale Bridge about 17 miles south to KR3 just east of Kernville. The cameras are programmed to snap

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COMMUNITY

Clark steps down from KRV chamber chair

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Whatever Clark feels about becoming Man of the Year, he is happy to be replaced, as president of the Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce.

Tipping his hat to the new president of the KRV chamber, Clark explained that Karrie Bunting would officially be sworn in at the chamber's upcoming Installation Dinner, at Paradise Cove Lodge January 13. Clark said, "Miss Karrie Bunting is going to be the new chamber president for the next calendar year and she was elected by the members."

Clark is fairly happy to be replaced. "I've had this seat for a little over five years," he said. "I have not been able to dedicate the time, the last twelve months, that's needed. So I'm really happy that we have someone coming in that can put forth a little bit more effort than I can now."

Clark explained that he did not take his decision to step down lightly. He said, "The business that I am in, with the world of insurance, has been changing so drastically over the last two years; I haven't been able to focus as much time as needed within the chamber to ensure that we're doing things the way I want to see them

done."

Clark said he had pondered how the chamber has been benefiting the community and representing the community. And while he could have ran again, he believes a fresh set of eyes, ears, and thoughts is needed to run the team every couple of years

Clark enthusiastically praised Bunting's capabilities. "It's fantastic to have someone with her knowledge and skill set sitting in that seat. I think she's going to do an amazing job."

Clark is also hoping that, as new Chair, Bunting would get some clinics and classes going

to help businesses. However, now that Clark has yielded his seat, he definitely does not plan to go off into the sunset. He said, "I will remain as chairman of the Isabella Lake Fishing Derby. So I will keep that hat on. It takes a lot of time. I truly spend realistically nine to 10 months out of the year working on Derby stuff."

Clark took over the chamber just over five years ago, when he was vice president in 2019 and the sitting chair resigned. He ran the chamber through COVID and during the rebuilding process. Before his vice presidency he was secretary of the chamber. "It needed to get done and I was able to do it," he said. "I'm just hoping



COURTESY OF FRED CLARK

the chamber is able to coordinate a number of workshops for our local businesses because there's always laws changing."

Clark believes workshops are important to business owners because things are always changing in Sacramento. "Miss Bunting has a number of people that she works with in the industry that's able to do that. And I'm really looking forward to what she's able to put together for all of us," Clark said.

KRV chamber has new chamber Chair

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Karrie Bunting, estate planning and probate attorney, will be officially sworn into the Chair of the Kern River Valley Chamber Commerce, Monday January 13. All of the 2025 officers of the KRV chamber board will also be in sworn in at the Man and Woman of the Year Awards, which is the chamber's annual Installation Dinner. This year's banquet will be held at Paradise Cove Lodge in Lake Isabella.

Replacing Fred Clark, Bunting has plans for the chamber, and a lot to live up to with Clark being so popular he was selected Man of the Year. "I have some big shoes to fill of course. And I'm so thankful that I have the board that I do because they'll be very helpful

to me. There's a good range of talents on the board and different interests so they can help with all the committees."

There's a good foundation already set in the chamber thanks to Clark's leadership according to Bunting. And because of Bunting's previously serving as chamber vice-chair she is definitely experienced and qualified. Bunting's focus is benefiting the members of the KRV Chamber of Commerce, which in turn benefits the community. She hopes to bring a focus to serving business owners and organizations. She has the idea in mind, as a goal, to eventually provide a venue for the chamber to meet in. "This chamber used to own a building," she said. At this point it is not feasible for the chamber to meet at

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COURTESY OF KARRIE BUNTING



SPENCER SHEPARD

January is one of my favorite months for fishing, as it offers the perfect conditions to catch large, trophy-sized trout. During this time of year, the water temperatures drop, creating an ideal environment for these fish to thrive. Trout are particularly comfortable in cold water, with their optimal temperature range hovering between forty to sixty degrees Fahrenheit.

As the winter chill sets in, the fish become more active, making them easier to locate and catch. The tranquil beauty of winter landscapes adds to the experience, and I love the crisp air as I cast my line. Whether I'm fishing in a se-

KERN VALLEY SUN OUTDOOR COLUMNIST

Winter Fishing Tactics

rene lake or a flowing river, January presents a unique opportunity to reel in some impressive catches while enjoying the peacefulness of nature during the colder months.

To effectively target large trout, anglers must embrace the differences in trout behavior between winter and summer. In summer, we are greeted with exciting topwater action as insect activity slows. Yet, during the colder months, trout reveal their resilience, feeding on aquatic insects, worms, and other small underwater treasures.

In the beautiful Kern River Valley, we are blessed with the dam, opening the door to fishing the tailwaters. These waters, released from dams, offer a consistent temperature, creating conditions reminiscent of the summer fishing experience.

Midge hatches are common in January, typically occurring in tailwaters during the afternoon when

the sun warms the water. Midges are small flies that hatch in winter when the air temperature rises to around forty degrees Fahrenheit. These insects provide a crucial food source for trout during the winter months.

When fishing with midges, use small dry flies just below the surface and adopt a dead drift presentation. The colors of midges can vary depending on the oxygen content in the water, so experimenting with different color patterns can improve your chances of successfully catching fish.

Midges feed on decaying organic matter, such as plant or algae material. Locating the midges' food source can help you find where the trout are. In winter, I have found that fishing between 10 AM and 4 PM is the ideal timeframe for catching trout. During the warmer part of the day, insect activity increases, which in turn leads to more active trout.

In winter, everything

slows down. Fish conserve energy, and hatching insects wait for warmer days. Trout stay low, waiting for food to come to them. During this season, trout won't respond to flashy, aggressive techniques like stripping streamers or fast-casting wet flies.

The best tactic is to go slow and find deep, calm water adjacent to faster currents. Eddies and riverbanks are excellent spots for locating trout. Food will drift by, allowing trout to expend minimal effort, making pocket water ideal for fishing. Another important tip is to downsize your fly or bait. It may seem logical that bigger bait catches bigger fish, and in some cases, this is true. However, if your bait is larger than the insects and other food sources in the ecosystem, the trout are unlikely to bite. Opt for something that matches the size of the local bugs.

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SUNRISE 7:02	SUNSET 5:03	SUNRISE 7:01	SUNSET 5:04	SUNRISE 7:01	SUNSET 5:05	SUNRISE 7:01	SUNSET 5:06
SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
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SUNRISE 7:00	SUNSET 5:07	SUNRISE 7:00	SUNSET 5:08	SUNRISE 6:59	SUNSET 5:09	SUNRISE 6:59	SUNSET 5:10

KERN VALLEY WATER WATCH

Kern River Basin Data as of Thursday, January 12, 2025

Lake & River Information	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Lake Elevation	2,557.84	2,557.91	2,570.71
Lake Storage	155,011	155,406	238,610
Inflow Into Lake	303	356	1,379
Outflow From Lake	413	414	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.

CAMERA

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photos every 5 minutes from dawn to dusk. They are expected to produce 730,000 photos through next November, according to Edison's study plan.

The utility will use the Google Gemini Application Programming Interface (API) to create a custom artificial intelligence model to identify specific features in photographs, such as watercraft, to count and categorize river uses, according to the plan.

Though recreation advocates were largely responsible for prompting the study, they aren't happy with what they view as Edison's focus on rafting, as opposed to all forms of recreation, including day uses, hiking, fishing and kayaking, according to comments filed on the study by Kern River Boaters.

They base that concern on Edison's placement of cameras at whitewater boating put-in and take-out locations, and its description of the study as collecting data on "... commercial and non-commercial boating activities on the North Fork Kern River."

The study plan does state the cameras will be able to distinguish between large and small rafts as well as kayakers and other craft, such as paddle boards. But it also states the study "... is not a census of all recreational users on the river. In particular, there are additional dispersed recreation use areas (camp and day use sites) that provide river access that are not included in the study."

Kern River Boaters has asked that FERC require Edison to modify the study to include those camping and day use areas, as well as other river access points, trailheads and conduct onsite surveys.

They also argue that without corresponding flow records, the photo compilations will not give an accurate picture of the power plant's impacts on recreation on the upper Kern. If flows are too low, for example, because the plant is taking more water, boating and other activities will naturally be down as well.

Comments provided by the Forest Service and National Park Service also indicate those agencies are concerned Edison is skimming on its camera study.

Both agencies have asked that all river uses be included in the study.

FERC is expected to announce Feb. 10, 2025 whether it will require Edison to modify or add to studies.

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OBITUARY

John Wilson

Good Neighbor John Wilson, 45-year resident of Wofford Heights passed away after a car accident on November 30, 2024. He was 68.

John was the son of Jack and Nellie Wilson. He was proud of his parents who met and married while skating in the Roller Derby. He was especially proud of his dad who later became a stuntman and was dubbed the "Human Torch". He adored his mom and they had many adventures together after his dad passed away.

John could do just about anything. That was clear from the time he was a little boy. He was building and rebuilding Baja bugs and Chevy vans by the time he was 18. He also did well in Horticulture while in school. He loved to garden when he was a boy even though he was allergic to grass.

He was also a daredevil. He wasn't afraid of anything. Whether racing bikes with his friends downhill without brakes or jumping things on his motorcycle like Evil Kinevil. As a tree trimmer, he once scaled a tree over 50 feet high.

Never content to sit around, John had two jobs in high school. He was always doing or building something. He was ambitious and hard-working and wanted to make his parents and sisters proud.

He worked for Union Oil in Westwood for a time

during the early 1980s. But he was restless and curious and always looking for something to investigate, take a part, or find.

He found all that he could ever want and more when he moved to Wofford Heights in 1987. His property was a treasure trove of his own making. He was a collector his whole life, something he learned from his dad.

He owned and operated John's Yard and Lot for over 20 years. He was indispensable to residents of Wofford Heights and beyond. If anyone needed anything you could always count on Good Neighbor John.

Most of all, he was proud of his story telling. He liked nothing better than to regale people with his unbelievable stories. Many featured him almost dying. His family thought he had nine lives, and he used up every one of them.

He loved his family and was proud of them all. He was a happy guy who lived life on his own terms, and he wasn't afraid to tell you what he really thought. There was nothing he wouldn't do for anybody. His sisters always had a man they could count on in their brother.

He will be remembered as a thoughtful, kind, funny, sweet, talkative, a little cantankerous, and a lot mischievous brother, uncle, son, and friend.

There are not enough good adjectives to sum him up. His



loss is huge for many and he will be dearly missed. John would be touched by the outpouring of love following his accident.

His beloved dog Mac was adopted by a good friend, Mike Freeman. He will rest in peace knowing that.

He is survived by his Uncle Douglas Montague, sisters Lori Guay, Carrie Wilson; his brother in law, Dan Guay; his nephew and niece Bobby Castorina and Danielle Marquardt, their spouses Adrienn Castorina and Brian Marquardt; his nieces Ashley Evans and Summers Evans; Ashley's fiancé, Tate; his grandnieces Jackson, Hannah, and his grand-dogs, Tiffany, Jenny, Coco, Phoebe and Mary.

A memorial will be held on January 25, 2025 at his home at 12 noon. Please RSVP to Johnsyardandlot@gmail.com.

In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Kern Valley Rescue and or plant a tree for John at A Living Tribute.com.

Whiskey Flat mayor campaigns bucking up

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Both teams running for Whiskey Flat mayor 2025 held fundraisers for their charitable causes, Saturday January 11.

The Chuckwagon Ochoa's mayor candidate team is raising money for a new "cowboy chuck wagon" (van) to deliver meals for the Salvation Army to the community "of cowboys."

They held a fundraiser at the Kern River Valley Art Association's gallery reception, in the evening, following the Angels Roost Gang's BBQ at 178 Bar & Grill, that afternoon, which included a mechanical bull ride competition.

The Mayoral team Angels Roost Gang is raising money to upgrade Kernville's Rodeo Grounds. The band was playing sets and held an Urban Cowboy Bullride Competition.

Scotty's Castles brought up the mechanical bull especially for the Urban Cowboy Bull Ride Competition. Mayoral candidate Peacemaker Pete (Pete Tebow) was in good enough spirits to join in on the mechanical bull ride competition.

He told the Kern Valley Sun, "We're raising funds for the Rodeo Grounds. We want to upgrade the Rodeo Grounds." Peacemaker Pete said that Scotty's Castles came out with only last minute notice. "We called him last minute, asked him to come out. He did it just for us, for the community. And he did it for free. Scotty's awesome. Call him if you need something, if you're having a party."

Mayor candidate Kern River Kid (Bronson Slaugh-



CATHERINE STACHOWIAK Mayor candidate Peacemaker Pete (Pete Tebow).

ter) said regarding the funds raised, "It's all going towards the Revive the Rodeo. We believe that Kernville can be more profitable. We'd like to bring back the rodeos. When the rodeos are alive and well the whole town will profit from it."

Stay tuned for more of the Angels Roost Gang's mayor campaign with their upcoming Revive the Rodeo concert fundraising series at <https://www.facebook.com/AngelsRoost/>

Later the same night, the public bought opportunities for one of two Nelda's Diner gift certificates or a Bloody Mary mix gift basket. Kelley McCoy spoke on behalf of the mayor candidate team Chuckwagon Ochoa's (Yolanda and Destiny Ochoa.) She told the Kern Valley Sun, "Yeehaw Yolanda and Desperado Destinee are running for Whiskey Flat Mayor, raising money for the Salvation Army, so we could feed the people of the Kern River Valley." McCoy said the team's goal wasn't about winning the mayor campaign, as much as it was about feeding the people of

the Kern River Valley, who are in need. The team is raising money to purchase a van for food deliveries.

Yeehaw Yolanda said, "I want to say thank you to all of you for being here. I really appreciate your support and this is for a good cause. I'm running for Whiskey Flat mayor and this is for our local Salvation Army. We are feeding at least 1,200 people a month. So I'm asking for your support. We have several events coming up."

Friday Jan 17, 5pm-7pm at Cheryl's Diner, the mayor campaign team Chuckwagon Ochoa's will be holding a Fish Fry and Carrot Cake Dessert fundraiser at Cheryl's Diner's Anniversary from 5pm to 7pm. The following morning the Chuckwagon Ochoa's will be having a Pancake Breakfast fundraiser at the Elks Lodge from 9am to noon in Wofford Heights. Keep up with their campaign events at https://www.facebook.com/people/The-Chuckwagon-Ochoa-61571030417191/?_rdr

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Hospital follows up after ER closure

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

During the Kern Valley Hospital board meeting, Thursday January 9, the previous Emergency Room closure became a topic of concern.

Board director for Kern Valley Healthcare District, John Blythe asked if the hospital was going to be penalized for closing the ER the night of December 28.

Chief Executive Officer Tim McGlew told Blythe that he notified EMS and the State entity California Department of Public Health and had worked with EMS. McGlew stated that the hospital handled the event correctly. These issues happen especially with rural hospitals

Chief Nursing Officer

Mark Gordon said the state was satisfied with how the hospital dealt with the issue on the night they closed the ER.

McGlew said, "It's the first time in 45 years that I had to close a department like that. We don't take that responsibility lightly."

Board director Ross Elliott said that the policy and personnel committee talked about the event, in depth, and is confident this issue would never happen again.

Gordon said he devised a float pool, with a three-hour window, for staff to fill in on a shift, if there is ever a sick-call coming in before any shift. This was a solution he found to prevent the ER from ever having to close again.

Board chair Katheryn Elconin said she received a complaint email from the

spouse of someone who came into the hospital, when the ER was closed, and the doctor wanted to transfer the patient by ambulance. It turned out the patient had an emergency surgery after he was transferred to another facility.

The issue of Kern Valley Hospital closing its ER happened when, during the holidays, some staff was out of town, while others called in sick, so that not enough RNs would be available to work, although a doctor and technician were still available, and an RN was on call for emergencies after their shift concluded. McGlew and Elconin assured the press that, during the closure, transfer services through ambulance and copter were still available.

Hospital attains health care agreement with VA

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

The hospital has been working with the Veterans Administration to provide health care to Kern Valley veterans and their families so that local veterans would not have to jump through a lot of hoops of bureaucracy to get medical attention.

Jose Lopez, the Director for Kern County Veterans Services Department met,

Thursday January 9, with Kern Valley Hospital Chief Executive Officer, Tim McGlew, at the VFW Honor Flight Breakfast to finish fine tuning the last details of the arrangements.

Gary Zuber, outgoing Man of the Year 2024, who is also founder of the Honor Flight Breakfasts in Kern Valley, said he worked on this process for years, with the VA and Kern Valley Hospital to help veterans to

attain services in the valley through the VA rather than having to travel distances to attain VA coverage. He knew how difficult it was for veterans to travel long distances for medical assistance.

McGlew told the Kern Valley Sun, "January first we became eligible for caring for the veterans at Kern Valley Hospital. We're really happy about it. We had signed the Tri West Agreement back on December 5th. And so it allowed them to take care of both the dependent family members as well as the veterans. And so we can do both now and so we're very happy about that."

According to McGlew the model changed, from a previous plan for the VA bringing its team up to the valley and using local facilities, to the VA using the staff already located at the clinic of Kern Valley Hospital. And this Tri West Agreement allows this to happen. McGlew said, "This has been three years in the making of trying to get services up here."

Later Thursday McGlew told the Kern Valley Healthcare District's board of directors that the agreement is a model that's not even in Ridgecrest yet, though other

FRC serves hundreds in community

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Family Resource Center (FRC) staff visited a meeting of the Kern Valley Exchange Club (KVEC) Thursday January 9, at Paradise Cove Lodge. The KVEC donates to this and other causes within the community.

Stacy Goins wanted to provide an overview of the FRC programs for the KVEC. She said, "One of the programs that we just finished is our Angel Tree Program for Christmas. Our program was started 15 years ago."

Goins said that the Angel Tree Program was originally started for high school students that were not receiving gifts at Christmas. However, over the years the program has developed to serve kids ages 9-18. The only requirement is that the child is a resident of the Kern River Valley.

Goins explained that the scope of FRC is more than just Kernville, Wofford Heights, and Lake Isabella and South Lake areas. It also services all the way through Glennville, Walker Basin and Havilah areas. "We cover over 695 square miles. So it's a really big territory for us to cover," she said. Parents

have to come sign up for the Angel Tree program at the FRC office. Some parents don't have transportation to the center. Therefore the FRC helps parents sign up if they need help.

This year the FRC's Angel Tree program worked along side local Toys for Tots Coordinator Yvonne Pickerell, signing up and delivering the toys. That program serves children age 0-18. Goins said, "With Toys for Tots we had 379 children that we delivered gifts to. And most children were able to receive two gifts. And then with our Angel program we had 179 kids that were adopted. These kinds of programs are essential to our community. Otherwise we have kids that are not getting anything for Christmas"

This year the FRC had \$4870 in cash donations to help provide even more gifts for the kids.

When families come into the office they write down what the kids wish for and the child's clothing and bedding sizes. Goins said, "Over 60% asked for clothes and bedding. They didn't ask for toys. They just wanted to be warm."

Families were very grateful for the gifts they

received.

Other programs the FRC provides are parenting and anger management classes and lice kits.

At the parenting course families fill out family needs list. One example, the FRC provided a washer and dryer for a family in need. For another family they provided new tires for their vehicle. These things are provided through grant monies.

According to Goins the FRC's Anger Management classes are new and are for court mandated and also has Domestic Violence.

The FRC also has a Parenting Partners course for parents recognizing leadership in their students and helping parents to help students have better academic achievements

The FRC's Collaborative is a monthly that meets, once a month, with different speakers from organizations to assist the public and let people know the services provided here in the valley.

The FRC case manages about 100 families, within the community. They are always accepting new families into their program as well. The FRC often gives food boxes and hygiene kits to families in need.

KCSO responds to Lake Isabella for overturned boat rescue

PRESS RELEASE

On December 30, 2024, at approximately 2:15 pm, Kern County Sheriff's Office deputies assigned to the Kern River Valley substation along with the Kern County Sheriff's Office Park Rangers were dispatched to Lake Isabella for an overturned vessel with the occupants in distress in the water. Deputies along with Park Rangers arrived in the Camp 9 area and located an adult male and adult female in distress and in the water near a small, capsized vessel. Deputies and Park Rangers were able to successfully assist the male and

the female out of the water where they received medical treatment. The vessel was later towed to shore and recovered from the water.

The Kern County Sheriff's Office would like to take this opportunity to remind the public of some safety tips regarding water safety. Make sure your vessel is equipped with proper life vests.

If you fall into a body of water, roll onto your back and lift up your feet to float. Additionally, there are a few dangers associated with wearing waders.

If your waders fill with water, the weight can make it difficult to move and increase the risk of drowning.

Here are some tips to stay safe while wearing waders:

- Wear a wading belt around your waist.
- Wear a personal flotation device (PFD) for extra buoyancy and support.
- Practice the buddy system so someone can help in an emergency.
- Avoid wearing waders in deep water areas.

For more safety tips Visit California state parks, Boating and waterways safety page https://dbw.parks.ca.gov/?page_id=28711 <https://youtu.be/nQsILh-7Jkxw?si=JMOMMT9xKTI-9Zyyw>

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(PUB SUN 01/15/2025)

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TO BE SOLD AT 10:00 AM ON 1/28/2025

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO. 2024-B7180

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as
DBA #1: AEGIS SAFETY COM-

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Director of the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department, who has been designated the Hearing Officer, will, on **Thursday, February 6, 2025, at 10:00 a.m.**, in the Conference Room, Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department, 2700 "M" Street, Suite 100, Bakersfield, CA, consider the following:

1. Modification of previously approved Precise Development Plan No. 15, Map 42-30 (Notice of Decision No. 29-23) to expand the permitted boundary to the abutting parcel for a 2,400-square-foot mini warehouse (Section 19.32.020.c.s) across two (2) parcels totaling 19,602 square feet in a C-2 PD (General Commercial - Precise Development Combining) District, southeast corner of South Lake Drive and Frontage Road, approximately 130 feet southeast of Highway 178 in the Lake Isabella area; Environmental Review: Categorical Exempt 15303; Robert Miller by Engel & Company Engineers, applicant; Staff Planner Logan Clairday, Planner II, (661) 862-8653 or by email at clairdaylo@kerncounty.com

The application(s), environmental document(s), and complete legal description(s) for this request are on file in the office of the Planning and Natural Resources Department and are available for public review.

Anyone wishing to give testimony on this request will be heard. If you challenge the action taken on this request in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning and Natural Resources Department at, or prior to, the public hearing. Written comments received by January 21, 2025, in support or opposition of this request will be incorporated into the staff report presented at the hearing. Additional information may be obtained by calling the Staff planner assigned to the case at above-listed telephone number.
LORELEI H. OVIATT, AICP, Director
Planning and Natural Resources Department
2700 "M" Street, Suite 100
Bakersfield, CA 93301

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PANY, 3892 GREEN HILL ST., BAKERSFIELD, CA 93306, Kern County. Mailing Address: 3892 GREEN HILL ST., BAKERSFIELD, CA 93306

This business is conducted by: **INDIVIDUAL: KRIS MARTIN CAMPBELL; 3892 GREEN HILL ST., BAKERSFIELD, CA 93306**

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: (12/04/2029). 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: **KRIS MARTIN CAMPBELL**
This statement filed on: **12/04/2024**
AIMEE X. ESPINOZA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: **M. CEDENO**, Deputy Clerk

(Pub Sun 12/25/2024, 01/01, 01/08, 01/15/2025)

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 Pro-

bate 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 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.

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 mail-

ing 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 OF PETITIONER:
CIARA S. MARTINEZ CLIFFORD & BROWN
1430 TRUXTUN AVENUE, SUITE 900,
BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301
(661) 322-6023

(Pub Sun 01/08, 01/15, 01/22/2025)

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 Address: 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

(Pub Sun 01/08, 01/15, 01/22, 01/29/2025)

SUMMARY OF ENACTED ORDINANCE G-9321 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SERVICE CHARGE (LAND USE FEE) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: On the 7th day of January 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, in the Kern County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern adopted an Ordinance establishing the schedule of the Solid Waste Management Program Service Charge (Land Use Fee) for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for all residential property in the County of Kern. This Ordinance establishes a schedule of service charges for residential property which will be collected

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along with the County's property taxes and will become a lien on the property, if unpaid. The Ordinance establishes the maximum annual rate for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 to be set at \$185.52 per year per unit for residential properties of one to four units and \$148.42 per year per unit for residential properties of five or more units. Additionally, the Kern County Board of Supervisors (Board) may approve future rate adjustments in the Land Use Fee based on the prior 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 substantially changed or is no longer published, the Board will select a substantially similar index.

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 (CEQA) Guidelines.

A copy of the Ordinance and the report prepared by the Public Works Department are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, and are available for inspection by the public during normal business hours. 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. The effective date of the Ordinance adopted is: February 7, 2025

AYES: Peters, Parlier, Flores, Couch, Perez
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
Dated: January 7, 2025
KATHLEEN KRAUSE
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
By: /s/Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk

(PUB SUN 01/15/2025)

SUMMARY OF ENACTED ORDINANCE G-9327 RESIDENTIAL NON-TAX ROLL BILLED ZONE 3 FRANCHISE AREA 5 SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: On the 7th day of January 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, in the Kern County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern adopted an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for residential property located in the Residential Non-Tax Rolled Billed Zone 3 Franchise Area 5. This Ordinance establishes a schedule of service charges for residential property which will be direct billed by the hauler. The Ordinance establishes the maximum monthly rates for solid waste collection for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 in the Residential Non-Tax Roll Billed Zone 3 Franchise Area 5.

The solid waste collection rate for one cart service will be set at \$33.20 per month per residential unit for residential properties. The collection rate is set at \$12.75 per month per residential unit for organic collection service and \$11.61 per month per residential unit for recycling service, in locations where those services are available.

The maximum monthly rate includes the Solid Waste Administration Fee of \$1.00 per month which is charged per residential unit based on provisions in County Ordinance and contracts with the individual haulers.

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 (CEQA) Guidelines. A copy of the Ordinance and the report prepared by the Public Works Department are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, and are available for inspection by the public during normal business hours. 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. The effective date of the Ordinance adopted is: February 7, 2025

AYES: Peters, Parlier, Flores, Couch, Perez
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
Dated: January 7, 2025
KATHLEEN KRAUSE
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
By: /s/Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk

(PUB SUN 01/15/2025)

TS No: 126270-CA APN: 263-273-08-00 NOTICE OF DEFAULT AND FORECLOSURE SALE WHEREAS, on 2/16/2009, a certain Mortgage Deed of Trust was executed by SARAH JANE ARANT, AN UNMARRIED WOMAN as trustee in favor of WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A. as beneficiary, and was recorded on 8/5/2009, as Instrument No. 0209114023, in the Office of the Recorder of Kern County, California; and WHEREAS, the Mortgage Deed of Trust was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family house; and WHEREAS, the beneficial interest in the Mortgage Deed of Trust is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an assignment dated 8/30/2017, recorded on 8/31/2017, as instrument number 217117410, in the office of Kern County, California;

and WHEREAS, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Mortgage Deed of Trust in that the payment due upon the death of the borrower(s) was not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and WHEREAS, the entire amount delinquent as of 12/19/2024 is \$226,283.91; and WHEREAS, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Mortgage Deed of Trust to be immediately due and payable; NOW THEREFORE, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of me as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded 1/26/2018, as Instrument No. 218009722, notice is hereby given that on 2/5/2025 at 10:00 AM local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described premises ("Property") will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder: Legal Description: LOT 72 OF TRACT NO. 2871, IN THE COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED JULY 17, 1964 IN BOOK 14, PAGES 54, 55 AND 56 OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY. Commonly known as: 2928 EDNA ST, LAKE ISABELLA, CA 93240 The sale will be held at: AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL, 1501 TRUXTUN AVENUE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301 Per the Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, the estimated opening bid will be \$218,472.00. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his pro rata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, the winning bidders with the exception of the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling ten percent (10%) of the Secretary's estimated bid amount in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made payable to the undersigned Foreclosure Commissioner. Ten percent of the estimated bid amount for this sale is \$21,847.20. A deposit need not accompany each oral bid. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$21,847.20 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the highest bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate

and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery date of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15 day increments for a fee of: \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashiers check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due. If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within an extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the Foreclosure Commissioner after consultation with the HUD representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The Commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD representative, offer the property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure Commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant. The scheduled foreclosure sale shall be cancelled or adjourned if it is established, by documented written application of the mortgagor to the Foreclosure Commissioner not less than 3 days before the date of sale, or otherwise, that the default or defaults upon which the foreclosure is based did not exist at the time of service of this notice of default and foreclosure sale, or all amounts due under the mortgage agreement are tendered to the Foreclosure Commissioner, in the form of a certified or cashier's check payable to the Secretary of HUD, before public auction of the property is completed. The amount that must be paid if the Mortgage Deed of Trust is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is based on the nature of the breach, this loan is not subject to reinstatement. A total payoff is required to cancel the foreclosure sale or the breach must be otherwise cured. A description of the default is as follows: FAILURE TO PAY THE PRINCIPAL BALANCE AND ANY OUTSTANDING FEES, COSTS, AND INTEREST WHICH BECAME ALL DUE AND PAYABLE BASED UPON THE DEATH OF

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SUMMARY OF ENACTED ORDINANCE G-9317 COMMERCIAL ZONE 3 FRANCHISE AREAS 5 AND 10 SOLID WASTE COLLECTION CHARGES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN: On the 7th day of January 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of Supervisors, in the Kern County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern adopted an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Solid Waste Collection Charges for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for commercial property located in Garbage Zone 3 Franchise Areas 5 and 10 of Unincorporated Kern County. This Ordinance establishes a schedule of all solid waste service charges for commercial properties by container size. Maximum rates are presented in Table A. The maximum rates include the Solid Waste Administration Fee of \$1.00 per month which is charged per commercial unit based on provisions in County Ordinance and contracts with the individual haulers. 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 (CEQA) Guidelines. A copy of the Ordinance and the report prepared by the Public Works Department are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, and are available for inspection by the public during normal business hours. 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. The effective date of the Ordinance adopted is: February 7, 2025

TABLE A Commercial - Zone 3 Franchise Areas 5 and 10

Table with 5 columns: Service, Size, First Container, Each Additional Container, Each Additional Service Pick-up. Rows include Commercial Bin Service (Trash, Recycling), Commercial Cart Service, and Commercial Organic Service.

Table with 6 columns: Service, Per Dump, Rental Rate, Delivery Charge, Per Hour Charge, Roll-Off Compactor Service Fee. Row includes Commercial Roll-Off Services.

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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 Northeastery 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 Northeastery 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. Together With That Portion Of The Alley 10 Feet In Width Adjacent To Lot 32 On The Northeast, 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 Northeastery 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. 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 VALLEY SUN LEGAL NOTICES CONTINUED

ALL MORTGAGORS. Tender of payment by certified or cashier's check or application for cancellation of the foreclosure sale shall be submitted to the address of the Foreclosure Commissioner provided below. Date: December 19, 2024 CLEAR RECON CORP Foreclosure Commissioner By: Hamsa Uchi Title: Foreclosure Supervisor 3333 Camino Del Rio South, Suite 225 San Diego, California 92108 Phone: (858) 750-7777 Fax No: (858) 412-2705

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF KERN SUMMARY OF ENACTED ORDINANCE

On January 7, 2025, the Kern County Board of Supervisors enacted Franchise Ordinance F-709. Franchise Ordinance F-709 granted Erskine Creek Water Company ("Grantee") a 20-year non-exclusive franchise ("Franchise"), replacing Ordinance F-479, to construct, install, maintain, inspect, operate, repair, renew and remove a publicly regulated utility pipeline together with the appurtenances and equipment necessary or convenient for operation thereof. The nominal internal diameter of the pipeline, rounded to the closest inch, shall not exceed twelve (12) inches. The principal purpose of the franchise is the transport of domestic water in and under any and all public highways, pub-

lic roads or rights of way now or hereafter dedicated to public use for roadway purposes and expressly accepted and/or declared public highways by the County (including, but not limited to, the Kern County right of way for Lake Isabella Boulevard, Erskine Creek Road, Alta Sierra Avenue and Edith Avenue), which are within the County of Kern, and are within Section 31, Township 26 South, Range 33 East, M.D.B.M., Sections 1 and 12, Township 27 South, Range 32 East, M.D.B.M., and Sections 5 and 6, Township 27 South, Range 33 East, M.D.B.M., but not included within the limits of an incorporated city.

Throughout the term of the franchise the Grantee and its successors or assigns shall pay to the

County an annual franchise fee amounting to two percent (2%) of Grantee's gross annual receipts arising from its use, operation, or possession of the right of way privilege; provided, however, that such payment shall in no event be less than one percent (1%) of the gross annual receipts derived from the production or sale of utility services within the limits of the County for which the ordinance is awarded. Grantee shall file with the designated agent of the Board of Supervisors, within three (3) months after the expiration of the calendar year or fractional calendar year following the date of the granting of the franchise and within three (3) months after the expiration of each calendar year thereafter, a verified statement showing in detail the gross

annual receipts arising from the use, operation or possession of the franchise during the preceding calendar or fractional calendar year. Grantee shall pay to the County, within 15 days after the time for filing the statement described hereinabove, in lawful money of the United States, the annual fee due. Any neglect, omission, or refusal by Grantee to file the verified statement, or to pay the franchise fee at the time or in the manner provided, shall make the Grantee subject to penalties as detailed in **Sections 11, 13, and 14 of Ordinance F-3 (Fourth Revision)**, and/or constitutes grounds for declaration of forfeiture of the franchise and of all rights thereafter.

The application of Erskine Creek

Water Company, the franchise ordinance and related documents are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Kern County Administrative Center, where they may be examined during normal business hours.

Effective date of the Ordinance is February 7, 2025
AYES: Peters, Parlier, Flores, Couch, Perez
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
Dated: January 7, 2025
KATHLEEN KRAUSE
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
/s/Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk

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EVENTS CALENDAR

MONTHLY EVERY 2ND TUESDAY
Lake Isabella and Bodfish property owner association
Time: 5:00 P.M.
Where: Kern Valley Senior Center, 6409 Lake Isabella Blvd. in Lake Isabella

MONTHLY LAST SATURDAY
KERN RIVER VALLEY ASTRONOMY CLUB STAR PARTY
Time: Dusk
Where: Kern Valley Airport

EVERY WEDNESDAY
KERN VALLEY SENIOR DANCE Music, dancing and fellowship.
Time: 6:00 - 8:00 P.M.
Where: Kern Valley Senior Center, 6409 Lake Isabella Blvd.

Thursday, January 16
Open Workshop Lab (Members Only)
Time: 7:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Where: KRVAAs Alchemy Industrial Art Center 30 Woodland Dr. Wofford Heights, CA 93285 krvaa.org

Spoken Word Poetry Circle: Remembering John Peterson
Time: 5:00 p.m.
Where: KRVAAs The Station: Espresso & Books 6701 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285 krvaa.org

Hand Drum Rhythm Practice for Beginners
Time: 6:15 to 7:00 p.m.
Where: KRVAAs Art & Community Center 6749 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285 krvaa.org

Open Drum Circle
Time: 7:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Where: KRVAAs Art & Community Center 6749 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285 krvaa.org

Friday, January 17
Open Workshop Lab (Members Only)
Time: 7:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Where: KRVAAs Alchemy Industrial Art Center 30 Woodland Dr. Wofford Heights, CA 93285 krvaa.org

The Chuckwagon Ochoa's Events
Time: 5-7 p.m.
Where: Cheryl's Diner Fish Fry & Karaoke

Saturday, January 18
Cajon Open Workshop Lab (Members Only)
Time: 7:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Where: KRVAAs Alchemy Industrial Art Center 30 Woodland Dr. Wofford Heights, CA 93285 krvaa.org

Beginning CNC Class: Milling & Carving With Huan
Time: 10:00 to 2:00 p.m.
Where: KRVAAs Alchemy Industrial Art Center 30 Woodland Dr. Wofford Heights, CA 93285 krvaa.org

Arrowhead Knapping Class
Time: 12:00 to 3:00 p.m.
Where: KRVAAs Art & Community Center 6749 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93240 krvaa.org

Open Mic Music Night!
Time: 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
Where: KRVAAs Art & Community Center 6749 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93240 krvaa.org

Sunday, January 19
Cajon Open Workshop Lab (Members Only)
Time: 7:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Where: KRVAAs Alchemy Industrial Art Center 30 Woodland Dr. Wofford Heights, CA 93285 krvaa.org

Music Jam (Open to Members Only)
Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm
Where: KRVAAs Art & Community Center 6749 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285 krvaa.org

Beginner Oil Painting Class with Daisy Torres
Time: 1:00 to 4:30 p.m.
Where: KRVAAs Art & Community Center 6749 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93240 krvaa.org

Monday, January 20
Cajon Open Workshop Lab (Members Only)
Time: 7:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Where: KRVAAs Alchemy Industrial Art Center 30 Woodland Dr. Wofford Heights, CA 93285 krvaa.org

Drawing 101 Class with Alita Walk-ins Welcome
Time: 12:00 to 3:30 p.m.
Where: KRVAAs Art & Community Center 6749 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285 krvaa.org

Open Art Lab for Members & Youth
Time: 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.
Where: KRVAAs Art & Community Center 6749 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285 krvaa.org

Tuesday, January 21
Music Jam (Open to Members Only)
Time: 10:00am - 12:00pm
Where: KRVAAs Art & Community Center 6749 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285 krvaa.org

Wednesday, January 22
Open Workshop Lab (Members Only)
Time: 7:00 to 11:00 a.m.
Where: KRVAAs Alchemy Industrial Art Center 30 Woodland Dr. Wofford Heights, CA 93285 krvaa.org

Stained Glass Class (Walk-in for info)
Time: 10:00 to 1:00 p.m.
Where: KRVAAs Art & Community Center 6749 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285 krvaa.org

Creative Crafters (Come work on your crafts with us!)
Time: 10:00am - 2:00pm
Where: KRVAAs Art & Community Center 6749 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285 krvaa.org

Improv Acting Class with Stanzi Stokes
Time: 3:00 to 4:30 p.m.
Where: KRVAAs Gallery & Giftshop 6749 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285

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 KRIV: 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.

SUMMARY OF ENACTED ORDINANCE G-9319 SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM SERVICE CHARGE (GATE FEE AND BIN FEE) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025-2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

On the 7th day of January 2025, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, in the Kern County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern adopted an Ordinance establishing the schedule of Solid Waste Management Program Service Charges (Gate Fee and Bin Fee) for Fiscal Year 2025-2026 for all non-residential property in the County of Kern. The Ordinance establishes the maximum rate for the Gate Fee, for non-residential waste, to be set at \$67.25 per ton. A transfer fee of \$11.60 per ton will be added to the Gate Fee for non-residential waste delivered to any Transfer Station. For non-residential customers subscribing to bin service from a Franchise Garbage Hauler, the Bin Fee will be set at \$3.48 per cubic yard. A transfer fee of \$0.60 per cubic yard will be added if the waste is delivered to a Transfer Station. Table A is a detailed list of the increases in 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 prior 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.

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 (CEQA) Guidelines.

A copy of the Ordinance and the report prepared by the Public Works Department are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, and are available for inspection by the public during normal business hours. 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.

The effective date of the Ordinance adopted is: February 7, 2025
AYES: Peters, Parlier, Flores, Couch, Perez
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
Dated: January 7, 2025
KATHLEEN KRAUSE
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
By: /s/Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk

TABLE A FISCAL YEAR 2025 - 2026 GATE FEE AND BIN FEE RATES

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

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with our staff. It's the only way we can accomplish anything. So just understand that's what's going to happen." McGlew noted that the hospital was already working on changes as a result of the statements the hospital received from employees.

He said he appreciated the comments from Kelly and staff. McGlew said some of the things, which were helpful, would be addressed and would result in changes and fixes.

Then he stated that other things within the 12-page letter from staff were factually inaccurate, that may have been based on misunderstandings, and he gave some examples of those misunderstandings. One example was the claim within the employee complaints letter that the hospital didn't pay for a specific training for nurses and he said the hospital pays for that training, although it's not even required for the hospital to pay for it. And he said

the misunderstandings might have been based on lack of information.

Then McGlew said the hospital responded to these issues and concerns in an update to the employees, for educational purposes, and in conversations to address employee concerns.

McGlew said his going into each department regularly to ascertain concerns from staff was a more efficient way for him to find concerns from employees than a regular meeting would be.

Both directors John Blythe and Gene Parks Sr said they thought the way the board meeting room was set up was uninviting and McGlew agreed and said the hospital was planning to address the issue so the public and staff would feel comfortable attending the board meetings.

McGlew said, "The letter claimed to frame the responses from an unbiased and respectful manner. I have to disagree. A number of these were done from the perspective of an attack on the managers and so forth.

I've gotten considerable feedback from the staff highly upset with the letter and how things were framed." He said he'd work with staff and has always had an open door policy.

Parks asked McGlew why he hadn't already talked to staff before hand and if he planned to continue. McGlew said he planned to continue working with managers and he already had been doing so.

Board director Ross Elliott said the hospital is giving opportunities for managers to express their concerns and reminding managers to come to these meetings.

Board chair Kathryn Elconin said, "Employees here, you're still part of our community. We are here to represent you." she told the employees present during the meeting that if they're not comfortable going to their manager or to the CEO they could come to a board member and speak with them directly.

Registered Nurse Danielle Welzig appeared to be on the brink of tears as she said, "I don't think it was disrespect-

ful." She said employees felt frustrated and some of them felt shutdown or unheard. She said the ER shut down was devastating as was hearing the backlash about it. "Some of the things we are asking are not huge changes," said Welzig.

Elconin thanked employees who did attend and assured them the correspondence was heard and is appreciated. She said, "Everybody on the board wants to meet the needs, wants to see the hospital grow. We depend on you. The community depends on you."

Nutrition Services Manager, Registered Dietician Nutritionist, Dr. Tiffany Frieson came to represent the voice of her department. She said, "My staff saw this document on Sunday, in the cafe, and they were just appalled by it because, as most of you all know, there were many pages about my department."

She indicated food is personal, and said her kitchen is amazing and felt the document was hurtful and felt attacked by the document employees and Kelly provid-

ed the executives and board. She said her dietary department is inspected by the state and passes its required inspections. She summed up that her department staff often feels blamed and accused based on assumptions. She hopes going forward people would address any questions and concerns directly.

Brown-Lewis expressed that employees did not feel the process of complaints through proper channels are being properly addressed

McGlew said it was a new day and he has an open door policy.

Elliott referred to the document as a "sneak attack" and said he hoped staff would handle things differently going forward. He hoped staff would identify the claims in the document that were inaccurate.

McGlew said these issues were not unusual for hospitals and felt at the end of the day they all love each other and they're a family. He thanked his administrative staff for spending about seven hours drafting the response to the letter from Kelly and staff.

Elliott said there were claims of misogyny and they need to be reported immediately through the proper channel and dealt with.

Board director Fred Clark thanked the staff for addressing issues and said he hoped the staff would be able to keep up on issues by attending public meetings of the board so staff knows whenever the board addresses such complaints.

Clark said during trustee comments period that he hoped staff would continue to bring up concerns to the hospital officials. He thinks it's critical that staff continue to voice their opinion and hoped they'd keep up the momentum.

Blythe said he feels as an elected public official the board is obligated to face the public and hopes more employees would come to the meetings going forward. He said employees need to feel like they're heard. This place cannot operate without addressing their concerns.

CHAMBER

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the new Visitors Center as previously hoped.

"We are solely funded through our membership dues and through our events." She said the chamber has some money saved. And as a rule of thumb the chamber doesn't normally like to rely on grants from other organizations because of the strings attached to such funding.

Bunting did not exactly choose to run for Chair of the chamber, however she told the Kern Valley Sun that she's happy to help the community. "There's a phrase that teenagers like to use. It's called voluntold. You don't volunteer, and you're not told, but you're voluntold," She said, "It's just an issue of being me. Every time I join something I usually end up being in charge of it within a couple of years."

Clark promised to continue to Chair the Isabella Fishing Derby, which Bunting is grateful for. However bunting also thinks Clark will participate in other committees and be instrumental in moving the chamber forward.

Bunting said, "Fred has been amazing. He has been doing this for the last 5 and a half years. And He deserves a little bit of a break. He's done a fabulous job moving this chamber in a good direction. But it's great for him to have the opportunity to have a little bit of a rest.

"The chamber also has two new board members, who volunteered to run. Bunting said, "I think it's great to have some fresh ideas. I love a board that has some rotation as far as members go." Bunting believes that rotation, on a board, forces members to look at things with fresh ideas and eyes and to consider doing things better, which also avoids complacency.

VA

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hospitals have been launching similar agreements, to help veterans so that they don't have to go to the VA elsewhere to attain permission before seeking services locally.

McGlew told his board he was grateful to Vince Fong and Samantha Mitchell, Constituent Services Representative from Fong's staff, for Fong's support in the process. McGlew told the board that there are about 900 veterans in the valley. The hospital and VA would be marketing this agreement once marketing details were finalized.

McGlew told the Kern Valley Sun, "We have a transport service; with a

grant from Kern Health Systems we bought three vehicles, as well as the staff to run those. And that has allowed us to take patients from their homes to the hospital, to their clinic, to doctor's appointments, even down to Bakersfield for specialist visits. And this is all part of putting this together. There's no cost for it."

McGlew said he spoke with the administrator Gregg Davis at the hospital's clinic and heard that the veterans have already been coming in and scheduling appointments locally.

McGlew and Lopez were coordinating the details to get the word out to all the veterans.

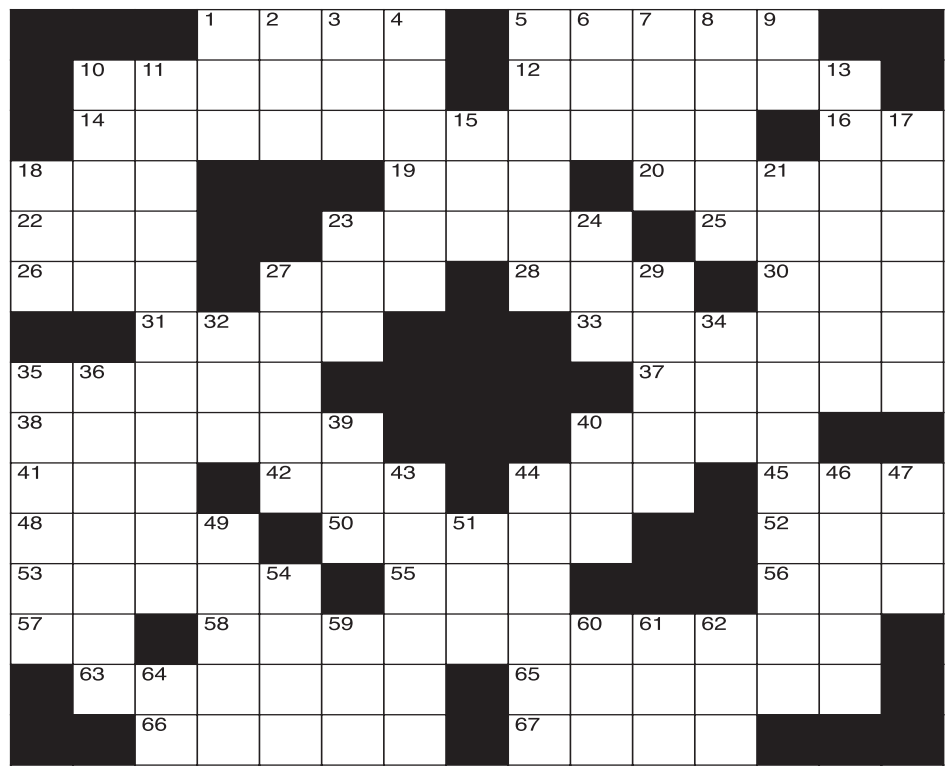
Lopez said, "We're very excited that Tim McGlew hasn't relented on this and

that they're expanding this care to the region. Like he said we're going to meet to discuss the details. We want to be able to inform all of our residents in Kern County about what the process is going to be. Once we have all that straightened out, we'll be informing the whole community how to navigate the process."

McGlew and Lopez both announced to veterans during Honor Flight Breakfast that they would be able to use both inpatient and outpatient services. The plan allows locals to get veterans services more easily. And the two officials were attempting to ensure that VA recipients would be able to get care from doctors locally.

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PUZZLES & GAMES



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1. Hand (Spanish)
5. Siskel and __, critics
10. Seaman
12. Chemical weapon
14. One who eliminates
16. They precede C
18. Baseball stat
19. Americans' "uncle"
20. Cassia tree
22. Surround
23. Crisp and Pebbles are two
25. A sudden very loud sound
26. Affirmative
27. Disadvantage
28. Corpuscle count (abbr.)
30. OJ trial judge
31. New York art district
33. Become more bleak
35. Upstate NY city
37. Clarified butters
38. One who witnesses
40. Condemn
41. __ juris
42. Natural
44. Prohibit
45. Swiss river
48. Greek war god
50. 5 iron
52. New Zealand mountain parrot
53. Scandinavian surname
55. Follows sigma
56. Doctor of Education
57. Spanish be
58. One that feeds on bugs
63. Tooth issue
65. Get into
66. Lumps of clay
67. Overly studious student

CLUES DOWN

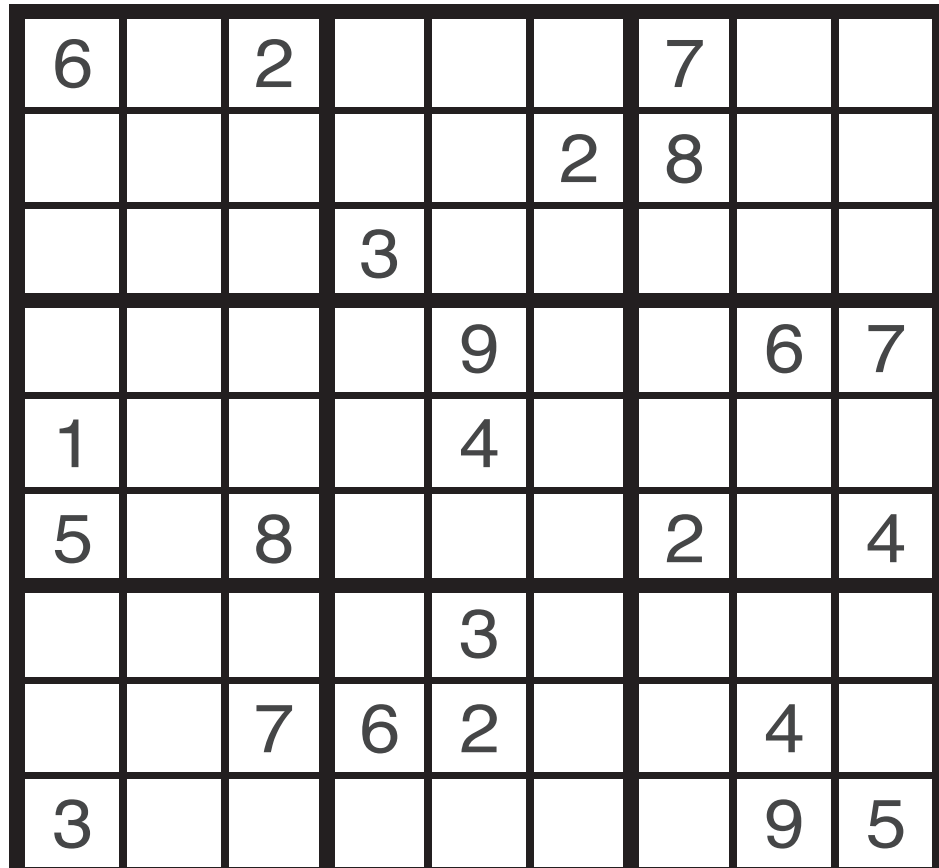
1. Variety of Chinese
2. Boxing's GOAT
3. Japanese classical theater
4. Prayer
5. Inspire with love
6. Ballplayers' accessory
7. Retailer payment system
8. More raw
9. Atomic #81
10. Fencing sword
11. Hostilities
13. Sea dweller
15. Resinlike substance secreted by certain insects
17. Businessmen
18. Rest here please (abbr.)
21. Loud devices
23. Make a soft murmuring sound
24. One point west of due south
27. Trout
29. Type of grass
32. South American plant
34. Letter of the Greek alphabet
35. Not secure
36. Traveler
39. Sweet potato
40. Period after sunrise and before sunset
43. Some are choppy
44. Asian country
46. Genus of mosquitoes
47. Cool!
49. Shrill, wailing sound
51. A baglike structure in a plant or animal
54. Within
59. Unhappy
60. Decorate a cake with frosting
61. Videocassette recorder
62. Largest English dictionary (abbr.)
64. It cools a home

DOG TRAINING WORD SEARCH

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 D A N X I E T Y P O S I T I V E F V Z R
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| ADAPTATION | CLICKER | FOCUS |
| AGGRESSION | COLLAR | INHIBITION |
| ALPHA | CONDITIONING | LEAD |
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| AROUSAL | DISTRESS | POSITIVE |
| BARKING | DOMINANCE | REINFORCEMENT |
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Varsity Lady Broncs get comeback win over Desert Bunting scores eventual game-winner with 12 seconds left

RAY CONNER

For the first time this season the HDL matchup was a struggle for the Kern Valley varsity girls' team. They trailed late in the game, but were able to gather together and gain the comeback victory to remain unbeaten in league play.

On their home court the Lady Broncs took on Desert. This was the first time the Kern Valley squad played in the new year. Playing their usual game of defense, the Lady Broncs began the game on a 10-2 run. The defensive pressure resulting in easy buckets for Kern Valley. They would end the first quarter holding the 19-10 advantage. The Lady Scorpions battled back as they limited Kern Valley to just six points. Desert was able to close the gap as they dropped in 15 points to close out the first half. The scoreboard read 25-20 for the Lady Broncs as they went to the break.

The third quarter was more of the same as Desert continued to pour in points. They would outscore the Lady Broncs 16-12 to make the game a one-point affair as they went to the fourth. The Lady Scorpions would continue to gain the momentum as they took a 44-39 halfway through the fourth. Kern Valley would gather together and changed the game to their favor. A 6-2 run by the Lady Broncs gave them a chance. They shrank the deficit to 46-45. A steal by Jessie Bunting and a converted lay up gave Kern Valley their first lead in a very long time. With the score sitting at 48-46 for the Lady Broncs it was Desert's turn to respond.

The Lady Scorpions were able to knot the game at 48-48 with time winding down.

Bunting was at it again as she was able to gain control of an offensive rebound. Wasting little, time she put the ball back and it dropped through the net to give Kern Valley the 50-48 lead with just 12 seconds left in the game. Desert would try the last chance heave, but it would fall short allowing the Lady Broncs to collect the victory.

Bunting led the way for Kern Valley with a double-double. She was the leading scorer with 25 points. She grabbed a team-high 14 rebounds to complete the double-double. Jayda Bushling also recorded a double-double. She added 14 points and pulled down eight rebounds. She handed out seven assists and was credited with 12 steals to complete her double-double. Elli Jeans got in on the scoring as she dropped in seven points. She had nine boards and two steals. Leenah Troller and Naomi Tapia contributed two points apiece in the contest. Troller had seven rebounds, was credited with eight steals and dished out three assists. Tapia grabbed three boards, and had one assist. Emmalyn Bechtel pulled down six rebounds, one assist, and was credited with one steal. Scarlet Russell grabbed four boards and also had one steal and one assist.

Head coach Bill Gallis commenting on the comeback win said, "Wow, what an incredible game tonight. The girls weren't at their best tonight, you could tell the layoff hurt. They played with passion and grit down the stretch. We made some big plays in the fourth quarter, and the girls' will and desire pushed us over the finish line. The win solidifies Kern Valley's spot atop the High Desert League standings as they continue their pursuit of a league championship."

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The second game of the HDL week was a lot less stressful as Kern Valley traveled to Frazier Mountain. The game was over before it began as the Lady Broncs crushed Frazier Mountain 75-8.

The offense was hot out of the gate as they would score 27 points as the first quarter drained away. The Kern Valley defense clamped down on the Lady Falcons as they limited them to just two points in the first quarter. With a 25-point cushion, the second quarter was a mirror image of the way the game started. When the buzzer sounded to end the first half the score was 48-4. Coming out of the break, the Lady Broncs dominance trend continued. A running clock was employed for the second half. The Kern Valley points kept adding up despite the running clock. They outscored Frazier Mountain 27-4 in the second half to create the final score of 75-8.

Three Kern Valley players scored in double figures. They would also hit six three-pointers in the game. The Lady Broncs were 7-of-15 from the free-throw line. They would also hand out 19 assists as a team. Kern Valley scoring: Bushling 15 (2-three pointers), Troller 10 (three-pointer), Tapia 10, Jeans 7, (three-pointer), McKayla Bachman 7, Ashley Plante 6 (three-pointer), Bechtel 6, Jade Montes 5 (three-pointer), Bunting 5, Russell 4. Assists: Bushling 7, Tapia 4, Bechtel 2, Jeans 2, Montes 1, Troller 1, Plante 1, Bunting 1. Rebounds: Bushling 9, Bachman 8, Jeans 5, Bechtel 5, Russell 4, Plante 3, Bunting 3, Montes 3, Tapia 2, Troller 1.

Gallis said, "The team played well tonight. It was great to see everyone get



SUBMITTED PHOTO
The Lady Broncs Ava Elliott No. 20 of the varsity team looks for a shot in the contest versus Desert.

involved, definitely a good way to end the week. We need to continue to work on our conditioning after the long layoff, but hopefully, this is the start of a strong finish to the season."

Kern Valley played Rosamond on Tuesday in another key HDL match up. They will go to Cal City on Friday to take on the Lady Ravens.

Broncs varsity squad crushes Frazier Mountain

RAY CONNER

The Kern Valley varsity basketball team got back into the action and dominated their HDL opponent. They made the trip to Frazier Mountain to control the game from the opening tip off. The final score saw the Broncs take the game 69-13.

The game from the beginning was in the hands of the Kern Valley team. The game opened with the defense shutting out the Falcons in the first quarter. The offense was able to score 16 points to end the initial quarter with the scoreboard reading 16-0 for the visiting Broncs. By the time the horn sounded to signify the break, the Kern Valley team increased the margin to 37-6. The rest of the way was going through the motions for the Broncs. Kern Valley added 32 second half points, while the Falcons would score just seven points to create the final score.

It was a team effort in the scoring department as 11 players were able to put up points in the game. The Broncs were led by Joey Galvan with 16 points. Jacob Redenius followed with 12 points, including hitting twice from long distance. Aiden Madden

added eight points, while Carson Parks scored seven. He would drop one in from behind the three-point arc. All six of Daniel Hinkey's points came from dropping in two buckets from the three-point line. Zane Carver also had six points in the win. Gilbert Bernal got in on the scoring as he added five points. He would also hit once from downtown. Bryce Smoot and Brandon Cox would each score three points. They would both sink a three-pointer. Jeffrey Clark scored two points, while Maddox Beaury sank a lone free throw for his lone point.

The Broncs would be an unselfish squad as they handed out 18 assists as a team. Four Broncs shared the team lead with three assists apiece. Madden, Smoot, Carver, and Parks each handed out three. The Galvan brothers, Shiloh and Joey, each dished out a pair of assists. Redenius and Clark recorded one assist apiece.

Leading the way on defense was Carver. He was the chairman-of-the-boards by grabbing 11 rebounds. Parks followed by pulling down six boards. Redenius, Beaury, and Clark each were credited with four rebounds, while Madden, J. Galvan, Hinkey, and Bernal had three boards apiece. S. Galvan and Smoot each had two rebounds to wrap up the board work.

The Broncs defense continued to hold the Falcons down as they recorded 13 steals as a team. They were led by Madden who was credited with four steals. Carver, Bernal, and Parks collected a pair of steals in the game. Recording one steal apiece were Redenius, Clark, and Cox.

Earlier in the week, Kern Valley was at home when they squared off with Desert. The HDL matchup went the Scorpions way as they took control in the first half. The Broncs were held to 13 points combined in the first two quarters. Desert's offense was on point as they dropped in 34 points for the first half. Trailing by 21 points the two teams went to the break. The Broncs tried to comeback in the second half. They would outscore Desert 31-23. It was not enough as they could not overcome the early deficit. The final score read 57-44 for the visiting squad.

Madden was the top scorer for Kern Valley with 10 points. Clark and Carver followed with eight points apiece. S. Galvan added six points, while J. Galvan scored five points. He would include dropping in once from behind the three-point line. Hinkey and Parks scored three points apiece, while Beaury made a lone free throw for his one point. Madden and Parks shared the team

lead in assists with three. Carver and J. Galvan each had one assist in the game.

J. Galvan was the top rebounder for the Broncs with six. Three from Kern Valley pulled down three boards apiece. Madden, Smoot, and Bernal grabbed three boards. Clark, Carver, S. Galvan, and Hinkey recorded two rebounds apiece. Closing out the board work was Beaury with one rebound. Clark was the only Kern Valley player to get credit with block. Madden, Parks, and Smoot shared the team lead in steals with two each. Carver and Bernal had one steal apiece.

During the holiday break, the Broncs went on the road to take on Templeton Eagles. They would come home with a 55-28 loss. Broncs scoring: Madden 9, Carver 6, J. Galvan 5, S. Galvan 4, Smoot 3, Beaury 1. Assists: Smoot 2, Hinkey 1, Parks 1. Rebounds: J. Galvan 6, Carver 5, Madden 4, Clark 3, Hinkey 2, Smoot 1, Bernal 1, Parks 1. Steals: J. Galvan 5, S. Galvan 3, Smoot 2, Parks 2, Madden 1, Carver 1, Hinkey 1. Blocks: J. Galvan 1, Carver 1.

The Broncs are now 5-9 overall on the season and have an HDL mark of 3-2. They went on the road to face Rosamond on Tuesday. They will be on the road to take on Cal City on Friday.

Kern Valley JV girls crowned champion at Trona Tournament

RAY CONNER

The Lady Broncs JV girls' basketball team trying to stay active, competed in the Trona Tournament during the holiday break. They would claim three wins and be crowned the champions. The tournament would end in an interesting way. But in the end the Team from Kern Valley had earned the rightful place of being the champions in the tournament.

It started off with a matchup with the host team Trona. It was a battle as the final score was 41-34. The difference came in the fourth quarter as the Lady Broncs wore down Trona with pressure defense that allowed them to break free in the points department. Leading the way for Kern Valley was Taylor Kristy with 15 points. She was followed by Hazel Kiosef and Sam Ruiz with eight points apiece. Amber McAhren added four points for the Lady Broncs. Finishing with two points apiece were Brooke Gibson, Kaylee Ellis, and Peyton Mental. McAhren led the team in assists with three. Kiosef, Mental, and Ruiz each had one assist.

Turning to the defense, McAhren was the top rebounder for Kern Valley. She pulled down 15 rebounds. Kiosef grabbed seven boards, while Ruiz had five rebounds. Bobbie Pruitt had four boards to help out in rebounding. Gibson, Ellis, and Alissa Webster each had three rebounds. Kristy was credited with a pair of rebounds to wrap up the board work. Ellis and Kiosef shared the team lead in swatting away shot attempts by Trona. They each had three blocks in the



SUBMITTED PHOTO
The JV Lady Broncs pose with the trophy after winning the Trona Tournament over the holiday break.

contest. McAhren recorded one block for Kern Valley.

McAhren completed her double-double in the matchup with Trona by getting credit for 12 steals. Ruiz ended with nine steals, while Kiosef had seven. Zoe Perfect had five steals, while Kristy had four. Pruitt collected a pair of steals, while Gibson, Mental, and Webster each had one steal for the Lady Broncs.

Game two saw a familiar square off with Bishop. These two teams are considered rivals and always play the game like it means something. This contest was no different as they battled right to the end. Bishop jumped

out to the early lead as they scored 14 points. The Lady Broncs managed to keep it close by dropping in nine points. The second quarter made the difference as Kern Valley turned up the defensive heat. They allowed their opponent just four points. The Lady Broncs poured in 14 points to take the 23-18 lead into intermission.

Coming out of the break it was back to the two teams matching baskets. Kern Valley increased their margin as they outscored Bishop 12-10 to make the score 35-28 as the third quarter ended. The seven-point lead would hold up as Bishop could only hold the

12-9 advantage in the final quarter. When the final buzzer sounded, the Lady Broncs had come away with the victory. The final score was 44-40 pushing Kern Valley further along.

This was when things got interesting. The Lady Broncs would face off with Lone Pine in game three. Lone Pine had only five total players that showed up. At the end of the first quarter, Lone Pine lost two players to injury and they played the game with three, Kern Valley, showing great sportsmanship split the team into groups of three players. The Lady Broncs rotated them against Lone Pine so the game could continue. The game was officially called a Kern Valley win at halftime. By claiming three games, the Lady Broncs were declared the champions. Kiosef was named the tournament MVP, while Kristy, Ruiz, and McAhren were selected to the All-Tournament Team.

This past week, with Desert and Frazier Mountain unable to field JV teams, Kern Valley was able to scrape together a game against Golden Valley. They would travel to Bakersfield to get the chance for the Lady Broncs to get some court time. They would come away with the 20-6 victory.

Kern Valley scoring: Kristy 9, McAhren 4, Ruiz 4, Kiosef 2, Gibson 1. Assists: Ruiz 2. Rebounding: McAhren 6, Gibson 5, Perfect 5, Webster 4, Ellis 3, Kiosef 3, Pruitt 3, Kristy 1, Ruiz 1. Blocks: Ellis 3, Kiosef 1, Perfect 1. Steals: Kristy 5, McAhren 4, Perfect 2, Ruiz 2, Gibson 1, Mental 1, Pruitt 1.

With these four wins the Lady Broncs have played a total of 10 games. They currently have a record of 9-1.



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Tapia takes first at Farmersville wrestling tournament

Ministero crowned champion at Battle of the Barn

RAY CONNER

The Lady Broncs wrestling squad competed at the Farmersville Tournament in December. Naomi Tapia, only a freshman wrestled her way to a first place finish to lead the Kern Valley team.

There were 22 schools that competed in the tournament. The Lady Broncs would see four others grab top-six places for the tournament. Three wrestlers would take third, while one came away with a sixth-place finish. Juniors, Summer Santos, LP Ministero, and Delilah McComas all took home third place. Rebekah Harwell grabbed a sixth place for

Kern Valley. As a team the Lady Broncs would come in sixth out of the 22 schools. On Jan. 2 to start the new year off, Kern Valley participated in the Battle at the Barn in Caruthers. This tournament saw 17 schools send wrestlers to battle on the mat. The Lady Broncs had one winner, one take second, one take third, and one wrestler finish fourth. With these finishes, Kern Valley came away with a fourth place as a team. Leading the way was Ministero who was crowned as a champion for the Lady Broncs. Senior, Megan Abbott made the finals, but came up short to finish in second. Coming in third was Santos and taking fourth was freshman, Kiera Hayes.



The Lady Broncs wrestlers that competed at the Farmersville Tournament just before the holiday break..

Broncs win tri dual with Bishop and Desert

RAY CONNER

The Kern Valley boys wrestling team traveled to Desert for an HDL tri dual. They were able to deliver wins over both opponents. Bishop and the host school grappled their way against each other. The Broncs were fortunate as they were given many forfeit wins

to help their cause. Winners on the mat for Kern Valley were Ivan Mondragon, Michael Porter, and Max Baughman. This past Friday the team worked their way down the canyon to Centennial High School to compete in the Kern County Invitational. While no Broncs wrestler was able to medal, this young team continues to gain valuable mat time. The top finisher for

Kern Valley was Blake Baughman. He would settle in the top 12 by going 2-2 on the day. Mondragon was in a 32-man bracket and was able to go 2-2 to finish in the top 16. Other Kern Valley wrestlers to earn wins in the tournament were Charles Schmeiser and Thomas Pacheco. Head coach Wes Woody said, "We are really young, but these kids are starting

to put it together. We have a couple more tournaments and duals to get ready for the post season, including a home dual on Jan. 22 starting at 5 p.m. with boys' action then a girls' dual to finish the night." The Broncs will be back on the mats on Saturday as they will compete in the Highland Tournament at Highland High School in Bakersfield.



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Lady Broncs soccer squad has a sweep week in the HDL

RAY CONNER

The Kern Valley girls' soccer team took came back strong from their holiday break as they collected a pair of league matches this past week. They faced off with Desert and then took on Frazier Mountain. Coming into this match the Lady Broncs were sitting at 0-1-1 on the year in HDL action. The match versus the Lady Scorpions of Desert was the closest of the two victories.

The final score saw Kern Valley pick up the 4-1 win. Four different Kern Valley players were able to recorded goals in the match. Aspen Hacker, Alexandra Armes, Kenadie Young, and Faith Kirby put the ball in the back of the net for the Lady Broncs. Picking up one assist apiece for Kern Valley were Payton Forbes and Armes. This was the first league win of the season. Two days later the Lady Broncs had the home field advantage as Frazier Mountain came to town. In the end Kern Valley dominated this match as they scored often and

came away with the 11-0 victory to sweep their week of HDL play. The 11 goals in the match were scored by three different Lady Broncs. Leading the team in scoring was Armes. She kicked five goals past the Lady Falcons goalkeeper. She would also record a pair of assists to total 13 points in the match. A. Hacker added four goals in the blowout win. Young rounded out the scoring for Kern Valley by pushing two goals into the back of the net. Forbes contributed to the victory by recording three assists.

With the pair of wins, the Lady Broncs moved their overall record to 3-4-1. They pushed their HDL record to 2-1-1. The currently sit tied for second place in league. They are tied with the Rosamond Lady Roadrunners who they faced off with at home on Tuesday. These teams both trail Bishop who is undefeated in the HDL at 4-0. Kern Valley will go on the road to play Mojave on Thursday.

Lady Colts eighth grade basketball team falls in overtime

RAY CONNER

The eighth grade Lady Colts began their season with a contest versus Jacobsen. The game would go into overtime that saw Wallace come up short in the end. The Lady Colts went on the road to face off with Jacobsen who is a Tehachapi Middle School. They battled the whole game and kept the larger Jacobsen school in their sights. Wallace had trouble at the free-throw line that prevented them from sealing the deal in regulation. As a team the Lady Colts shot just 27 percent from the charity stripe. They would attempt 18 free throws, but only five made it through the basket. After playing four quarters the game was knotted at 17-17 as they headed to overtime. The extra period was not kind the Lady Colts as they were held to zero points in the extra

frame. Jacobsen was able to add four points to their total in the two-minute overtime period. The final score saw Jacobsen win 21-17. Katie Smoot and Baylee Henry shared the team lead in scoring with five points apiece. Teagan Liske followed with four points, while Brenna Elliott wrapped up the Lady Colts scoring with three points. Henry dished out three assists to lead the Wallace team. Smoot was credited with a pair of assists, while Bailey Walker handed out one assist. On the boards, Liske led the team by grabbing four rebounds. Annabelle Maxwell would pull down three boards, while Smoot, Elliott, Walker, and Bridget Smith recorded two rebounds apiece. Henry swatted away three of Jacobsen's shot attempts in the game. Walker was credited with a pair of blocks, while Smoot and Elliott each had one block in the contest. Seven of eight players from the Lady Colts were credited with at

least one steal in the overtime game. The leading thief was Walker with five steals. Elliott had three, while Smoot and Henry recorded two steals apiece. Liske, Maxwell, and Kiera Kiosef each had one steal fore Wallace. The Lady Colts head coach, Andy Elliott said, "We have a solid team that plays good defense and protects the ball, but we need more consistency scoring. We need 50 percent at the free-throw-line minimum. Overall, good start against a historically tough opponent." The following day, the team from Wallace bounced back to take a dominating win over Greenfield. The offense poured in 32 points. Six players got in on the scoring parade for the Lady Colts. The defense did its part as they shut down Greenfield. Wallace limited their opponent to just eight points in the game.

Leading the way in scoring for the Lady Colts was Smoot with 10 points. She was followed by Henry who dropped in eight points. Adding six points was Elliott, while Maxwell contributed four points. Addison Ross and Kiosef rounded out the scoring for Wallace with two points apiece. Handing out the only two assists in the game was Elliott. Wallace controlled the boards as they pulled down 34 rebounds as a team. Smith was the top rebounder for the Lady Colts as she pulled down eight. Maxwell grabbed six boards, while Kiosef had five boards. Walker and Melissa Martinez were each credited with four rebounds. Elliott, Smoot, and Ross grabbed a pair of rebounds each, while Henry recorded one board. Wallace is now 1-1 on the year and will take the court next on Thursday. They will go on the road to Bakersfield to take on Sunset.

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- SOLUTIONS ACROSS**
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 - 14. ANNIHILATOR
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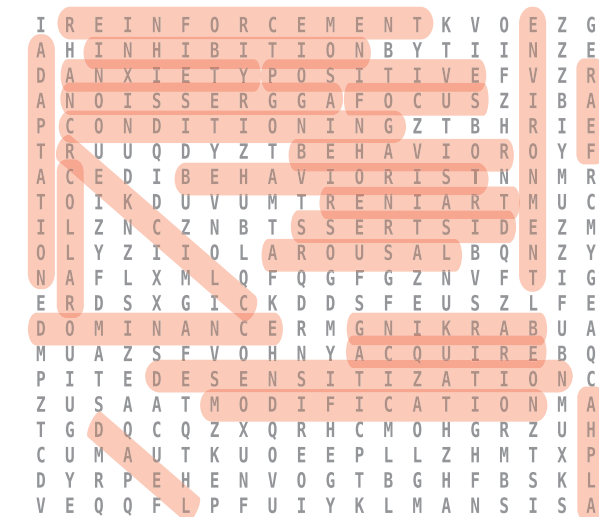
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- 33. WORSEN
- 35. UTICA
- 37. GHEES
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- 40. DOOM
- 41. SUI
- 42. RAW
- 44. BAN
- 45. AAR
- 48. ARES

- 50. MASHY
- 52. KEA
- 53. FISKE
- 55. TAU
- 56. EDD
- 57. ES
- 58. INSECTIVORE
- 63. TARTAR
- 65. ACCESS
- 66. CLODS
- 67. NERD

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- 1. MIN
 - 2. ALI
 - 3. NOH
 - 4. ORISON
 - 5. ENAMOR
 - 6. BAT
 - 7. EPOS
 - 8. RARER
 - 9. TL
 - 10. SABER
 - 11. ANIMOSITIES
 - 13. MANATEE
 - 15. LAC

- 17. BARONS
- 18. RHP
- 21. NOISEMAKERS
- 23. COO
- 24. SBW
- 27. CHARR
- 29. COGON
- 32. OCA
- 34. RHO
- 35. UNSAFE
- 36. TOURIST
- 39. YAM
- 40. DAY
- 43. WATERS

- 44. BHUTAN
- 46. AEDS
- 47. RAD
- 49. SKIRL
- 51. SAC
- 54. ENTO
- 59. SAD
- 60. ICE
- 61. VCR
- 62. OED
- 64. AC



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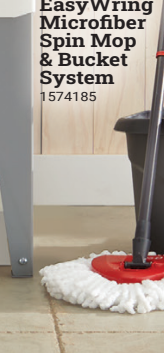
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