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Varsity Lady Broncs climb back into first

The Kern Valley varsity girls' basketball squad took control of their league destiny with a victory over Bishop. Both teams came into the matchup 6-1 in the HDL. The winner would sit atop the standings alone.

Broncs sweep tri-dual match on Senior Night

The Kern Valley boys wrestling team was at home in their last team competition when they wrestled Bishop and Desert on Senior Night. They would win both matches.

Pickleball fun(d)-raiser gains traction

Trying to get some traction, the Kern River Pickleball Club held a fund-raiser this past Saturday. The monies generated will go to resurfacing the courts where the group currently plays.

Hunter Clark receives Unsung Hero Award

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

This year a well known, behind the scenes guy, Hunter Clark was the very first recipient of the Unsung Hero Award, for his many good deeds in the community.

The brand new award was part of the Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce's annual awards, and installation reception, January 13, when Hunter's father, Fred Clark won the Man of the Year Award.

Hunter Clark said, "Thank you," upon receiving the award, after the crowd gave him the longest standing ovation in history, at Paradise Cove Lodge.

Hunter's mother Lana Clark told the Kern Valley Sun that it was a surprise he got the award, and even she did not

know about the award, until shortly before the dinner. "He was just surprised and excited. I am so proud of our community. This is such an amazing community that we live in," she said.

Chamber vice president Kelley McCoy explained the reason, for this new award, which she presented Hunter that evening. "We'll be giving that award away every year. It's voted on by the chamber board, just recognizing the people behind the scenes, because not everyone makes grandiose appearances or grand gestures. Sometimes it's the people behind the scenes, constantly helping with little things, that really is the glue holding the community together," McCoy said. "I would like to personally say thank you to all the unsung heroes of our community."



PHOTOS COURTESY OF LANA CLARK
Hunter Clark

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Cal Water assures customers of fire readiness

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Regarding public concern about water availability during fires, water utility company, Cal Water recently made a statement on the company's site assuring customers regarding its water availability to customers in the event of a fire.

Cal Water serves Arden, Bodfish, Camp Erwin Owen, Countrywood, Kern River Valley, Kernville, Lake Isabella, Lakeland, Mountain Shadows, Onyx, Ponderosa Pine, Riverkern, Sierra Trailer Lodge, South Lake, Split Mountain, Squirrel Mountain and Wofford Heights as well as many other areas of California.

The statement from Cal Water was

put out prior to the recent Bakersfield fire. The statement reads, "In the wake of this tragedy and news about water availability during the firefight, we have received numerous inquiries on the state of the water system in the communities we serve. Cal Water does not provide water service to the communities within the boundaries of the current fires; however, we wanted to provide information on our efforts to prepare for a significant emergency like this that could affect the water supply."

The statement also said, "While no urban water system is designed to have unlimited supply or fully extinguish such widespread and prolonged fires, we proactively coordinate with the cities in which we serve to help mitigate

potential supply impacts. We have a comprehensive emergency preparedness program in place, and we work closely with our local fire departments to help manage the water demand on the system and help boost pressure during fire emergencies."

Administrative Law Judge Alberto Rosas, during a public hearing, with the California Public Utilities Commission, on proposed Cal Water rate increases said that, in light of the tragic fires in California he felt it was important to acknowledge that Cal Water was not a water provider service to the communities within the boundaries affected by the Los Angeles fires. Nor was Cal Water customer service

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Boy Scout Troop 711 Scoutmaster Brian Powers and his son Star Scout Deegan Powers

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

Boy Scout visits exchange

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Boy Scout Troop 711 visited the Kern Valley Exchange Club the afternoon of Thursday January 23, at Paradise Cove Lodge.

Star level Boy Scout Deegan Powers and Scoutmaster Brian Powers came to talk about what is new with the troop, and how it has grown, in recent months.

Deegan thanked the club for lunch. He said, "I've been with the troop three years. And it's made a lot of progress. When I first started it was a group of four boys." The troop was so small back then that when the boys went to summer camp other troops had to come help them complete activities.

The troop recently had its oldest

scout age out, and make it to Eagle Scout, Deegan explained. "Now we're at ten people. We're working on our ranks. And we've had multiple Eagle Scouts, since that, two exactly, and that's a big accomplishment," he said. There are two more boys headed toward attaining their Eagle Scout ranks in the next few years.

Summer camp is something the boys look forward to according to Deegan. The troop has been to Catalina and Chawanakee. This year they're going to the local camp Whitsett, where the boys have done service projects. Deegan said it is an enormous camp. "When we went the last time we were replacing signs for them," he said

The troop is currently working on refurbishing an enclosed trailer to use for their camping gear. The troop is in need of some new supplies. "The

troop is a great resource for boys looking to, in the future, becoming great citizens of America," Deegan said.

The troop meets Monday nights, 6pm at the Kern River Valley Senior Center. Boy Scouts can be ages 11 to 18. Cub Scouts meet at 630 at the same building.

Scoutmaster Brian Powers, is Deegan's father. Brian is of the seventh generation from the Bob Powers family. He said, "I'm just super honored and proud to see not only the development and the growth that's happened with my son but the other boys in the troop. It's an honor to be part of it," he said.

One of the things the scoutmaster tells the boys is that a lot of the things they're learning earning their merit

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In light of this momentous occasion Borthick, and two of her grown children, Susie Seeger and Sandi Johnstone sat down for a trip down Memory Lane. The three women shared thoughts surrounding Lanny Borthick, Cheryl's husband, the visionary builder of Cheryl's Diner who passed away not long ago.

The diner, which is so popular with tourists that it was featured in a European magazine, is in a prime location, because of tourism and different recreational opportunities in the Kern Valley.

Cheryl's memory, while not perfect, is clear about all the details during the planning, which began this unexpected responsibility Lanny appointed her to.

She had worked at Mount Mesa, with her mother, previously. She and Lanny lived in Lake Isabella at the time, and she started working at Nelda's Diner, the restaurant her mother opened.

Her husband Lanny was a well-known builder in these parts. Cheryl said, "He had built us a brand new house down there on Flower Street. Lanny was a builder. So he built the Log building, in Kernville, for the Forest Service."

Interest in the log building Lanny built led to a woman that owned some property, near Circle Park, to request to contract with Lanny to build her a log house. The home the woman already owned, in Kernville, was built in the 1950s. Lanny told the woman he



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would only build her a log house if she sold him her current home on Sirretta Street. So Lanny wanted to buy the woman's house, built in 1950, when Cheryl and Lanny already had a newly built house in Lake Isabella.

Lanny came home and told Cheryl, "I've been talking to the realtor, over here, Gerry Click. He has a piece of property he wants to sell us, and us build a diner, and you run it."

Cheryl reacted by telling Lanny that she didn't want to run a diner because she was only working 4 days a week. Cheryl said, "So I got talked into that, and we moved over here in 1983, to the house on Sirretta Street, and he started building this building, it was a flat lot, in August of 1984. And we opened in January of 1985. So I had to quit my four-day a week job at Nelda's Diner."

It was a Sunday just before Cheryl's Diner opened. The couple was finished readying for their opening, the following day, Monday.

Cheryl said to Lanny, "Doesn't

this look gorgeous? It'll never look like this again." She was hoping it would thereafter look like a busy diner. Rather than having the opening on Monday, Cheryl's mother told her to open the diner that Sunday, fearing that waiting until the following day would cause a loss of interest from passers by. It snowed that Sunday. The cars were coming through Kernville. "They would see the sign, and they would brake. It was actually dangerous," said Cheryl.

Just as Lanny Borthick always placed an emphasis on custom intricate details, in the homes he built; Lanny built the restaurant custom special. He made the kitchen to be the easiest kitchen to work in for any cook, according to his daughters. Lanny also made the counter at the diner to have extra wide space for servers. This was no ordinary counter top, for it was pressed through the front window opening of the diner, by local firefight-

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Bingo Bonanza was held on Saturday, January 25th. At 5 pm at the Senior Center located in Lake Isabella. Lots of winners and lots of raffles. The community had a lot of fun and it was a full house. This event was presented by The Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce.

KERN VALLEY SUN OUTDOOR COLUMNIST

The Beauty of a Good Hiking Trail

sounds of nature. Each step unveils a different scene—towering trees, babbling brooks, and panoramic vistas that stretch for miles. A good hiking trail not only provides a physical challenge but also invites you to soak in the serenity and wonder of the great outdoors, making the experience truly rejuvenating.

"An early morning walk is a blessing for the whole day" — Henry David Thoreau

Beginning my day with a hike in nature creates a sense of positivity and sets a hopeful tone for the hours ahead. The experience of walking through lush forests, feeling the fresh air, and listening to the soothing sounds of birds and rustling leaves invigorates my spirit.

Engaging in daily hikes not only elevates my mood but also provides a variety of health benefits. Research shows that spending time outdoors can lower blood pressure, which contributes to overall heart health.

Additionally, hiking is an effective way to manage weight, as it combines physical exercise with the enjoyment of the great outdoors. Moreover, the time spent in nature enhances my mental clarity, allowing me to think more clearly and creatively throughout the day. Embracing this daily ritual has become an essential part

of my routine, contributing to both my physical and mental well-being.

Numerous studies have shown that engaging in daily walking for a duration of 20 to 30 minutes or more can lead to a variety of health benefits. Regular walking can improve cardiovascular health by enhancing circulation and reducing the risk of heart disease. Additionally, it helps maintain a healthy weight, boosts mental well-being by reducing stress and anxiety, and improves overall muscle strength and endurance. Incorporating this simple yet effective exercise into your daily routine can significantly enhance your physical and mental health over time.

The Kern River Valley is home to an impressive array of hiking trails that cater to a wide range of outdoor enthusiasts, from those seeking a relaxing stroll to those in search of a more vigorous adventure.

For a leisurely hike, consider the Keyesville Mammoth Mine Trail, which takes you through captivating landscapes while offering glimpses of the area's mining history. Alternatively, the Whiskey Flat Trail in Kernville provides a scenic route along the river, perfect for family outings and casual walkers.

For fishing enthusiasts, the



Hobo Fishing Trail connects Sandy Flat to Hobo Campground, allowing for both exploration and the opportunity to cast a line in the tranquil waters of the Kern River. Whether you're looking for a peaceful day in nature or a challenging trek, the trails of Kern River Valley have something to offer everyone.

Friends, as we embark on our outdoor adventures, let's commit to being responsible stewards of nature. Always remember to leave no trace of our presence—pack out what we pack in, respect wildlife, and stick to designated paths to protect the delicate ecosystems around us. By recreating thoughtfully in the forests, we not only enjoy the beauty of nature but also ensure it remains preserved for future generations to explore and cherish. Together, let's make a difference!



SPENCER SHEPARD

What makes a good hiking trail? Is it a trail that's a popular destination that leads to an epic breathtaking view? Is a good trail where you never see anyone else? Or is it a trail you find yourself wandering into catharsis and clearing life's stress away?

A winding trail offers a transformative experience that fosters a peaceful mindset. By immersing yourself in nature, you can escape the stresses of everyday life and reconnect with your inner self.

Each step along the path reveals beauty and tranquility, making it an invaluable journey for your well-being. Embrace the serenity that a meandering trail provides and discover the profound calm it can bring to your life.

The beauty of a hiking trail lies in its breathtaking views, diverse landscapes, and the sense of tranquility it offers. As you walk along the path, you are surrounded by lush greenery, vibrant wildflowers, and the soothing

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58°	29°	61°	33°	64°	38°	68°	42°
SUNRISE 6:55	SUNSET 5:18	SUNRISE 6:54	SUNSET 5:19	SUNRISE 6:53	SUNSET 5:20	SUNRISE 6:52	SUNSET 5:21

SUNDAY		MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY	
HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW	HIGH	LOW
74°	45°	76°	47°	68°	40°	59°	38°
SUNRISE 6:51	SUNSET 5:22	SUNRISE 6:51	SUNSET 5:23	SUNRISE 6:50	SUNSET 5:24	SUNRISE 6:49	SUNSET 5:25

KERN VALLEY WATER WATCH

Kern River Basin Data as of Thursday, January 26, 2025

Lake & River Information	This Week	Last Week	Last Year
Lake Elevation	2,557.97	2,557.83	2,570.71
Lake Storage	155,745	154,954	238,610
Inflow Into Lake	297	300	1,379
Outflow From Lake	291	293	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.

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KUSD Board of Trustees.

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The board approved the Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) for the

district and the Kernville Union Teachers Association/CTA/NEA regarding an extended school year 2025, summer school 2025, Kindergarten and Jumpstart 2025.

They also approved the revised salary schedule for the preschool site supervisor.

The board voted to increase days for pre school site personnel, Kathy Liske for year round Pre School. The trustees voted to

approve a reassignment for Kathy Liske from 205 days to 225 days.

The trustees approved a MOU regarding the pre-school Head Teacher, which is a new position. The district will be promoting, from in house, or possibly hiring from outside the district. And the board approved the job description.

The board approved the salary schedule for the pre school Head teacher.

The district approved \$9450.74 for lobby furniture to go in the Family Resource Center building, which is a new district building in Lake Isabella. The trustees also approved cubicles the district wants to purchase for the same building in the amount of \$18,804.76. The company they are purchasing from included shipping in the cost, and assembling the furniture and cubicles, within two weeks. The same company would hardwire the electrical and IT. The company is still the cheapest although it included shipping and assembly. Lissa Robinson showed the board of trustees samples of the color options for this order.

The board then went into a closed session regarding a student expulsion.

OBITUARY

Brett Hollingsworth

Brett Hollingsworth passed away on Jan. 17, 2025. At the age of 17. He grew up here in Lake Isabella, and attended grammar school, jr. high, and high school. Brett developed Type 1 Diabetes six & a half years ago and has been fighting his health problems. Brett spent the last year in and out of the

hospital. Brett was always involved in baseball, and dirt bikes and made friends of all who got to know him. Brett will be sorely missed by many. Notification of memorial services will be posted, a go fund me has been set up by his brother James Hollingsworth on Facebook.



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Director of Community Impact, Fatima Tulfo, in January announced to the press that Kern Community Foundation awarded thousands in grant money, to United Way of Central Eastern California (UWCEC) for continued support toward Borel Fire survivors.

The \$10,000 enabled UWCEC to provide assistance through transitional housing, rent, food and gift cards, transportation assistance, and gasoline, assuring to those impacted access to essential resources during challenging times. Partners in community-based organizations assist with identifying individuals, providing evidence, that they have been directly impacted.

This particular grant has been made possible through a Disaster Relief, Recovery, and Resilience Fund at the League of California Community Foundations, through Kern Community Foundation.

The efforts of Kern Community Foundation, and its partners, have contributed \$79,650 in direct relief and recovery, for the Borel Fire.

Tulfo said that the Kern Community Foundation encourages the public to contribute to the Borel Fire Relief Fund. The Foundation works with nonprofits and other stakeholders, securing proper distribution of the funds, which will be used for long-term relief: resettlement, rebuilding, and infrastructure within the affected area. Nonprofits may request funding from the Borel Fire Relief Fund.

For information on the Borel Fire Relief Fund, contact Kern Community Foundation at 661.325.5346 or info@kernfoundation.org. Please feel free to donate at kernfoundation.org/borel.

Tulfo also expressed that the Kern Community Foundation's mission is "Growing Community. Growing Philanthropy." And that for over two decades the Foundation has served as a charitable resource for local donors and corporations and generated capital providing to help make Kern County a better place. Since 1999, the organization has been home to almost 200 charitable funds. They have awarded close to \$30 million in grants and scholarships. For more information about Kern Community Foundation visit kernfoundation.org.

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The Public Hearing, A2407003 was with regard to an application from the California Water Service Company, also known as Cal Water requesting authorization, firstly, for

increased rates by \$140,558,101 or 17.1% in test year 2026. It also included, secondly authorization to increase rates again in January 2027 \$74,162,564 or 7.7%. Thirdly, it requested authorization to increase rates in January 2028 by \$83,574,190 or 8.1% in accordance with the Rate Case Plan.

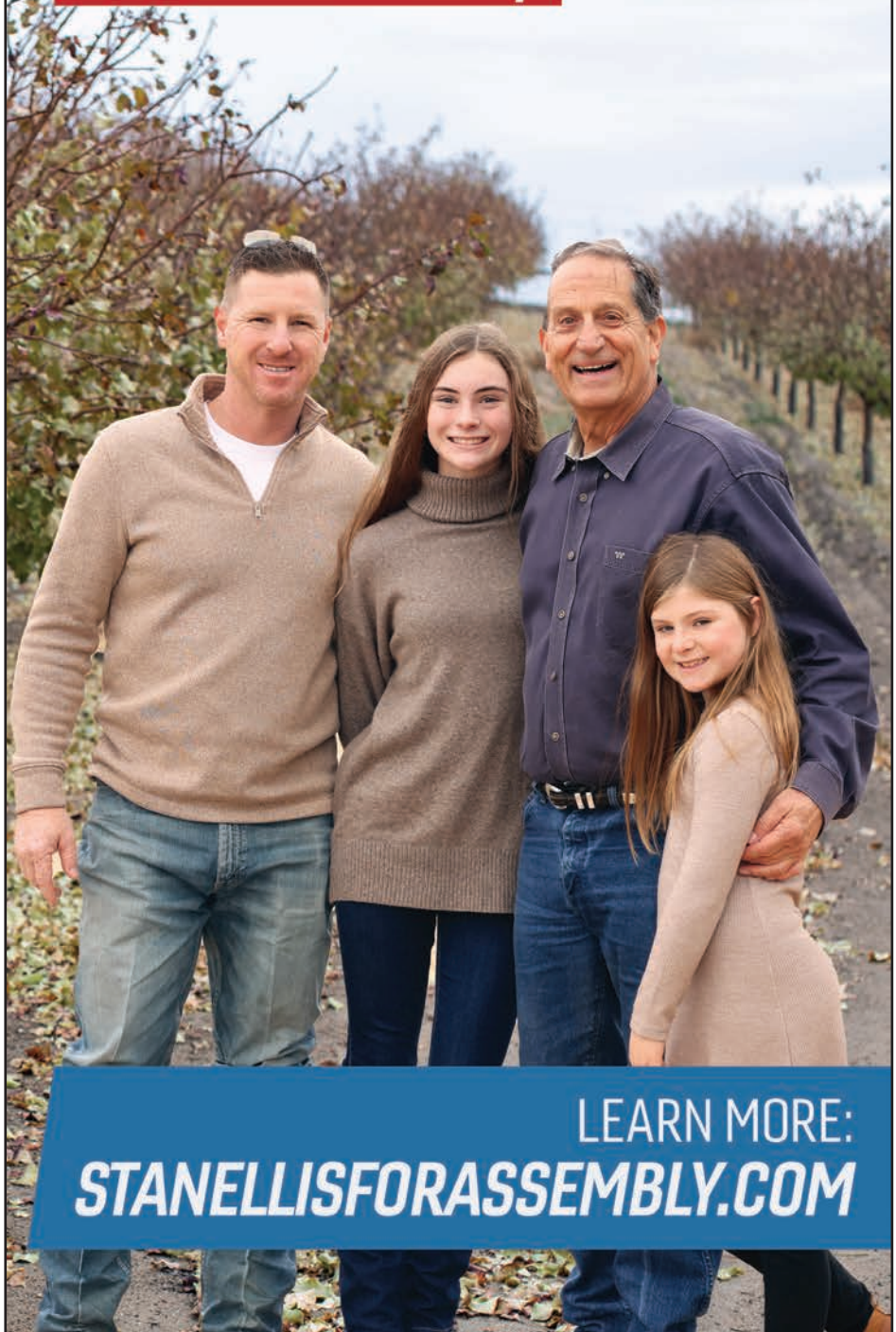
The application of Cal Water also included adopting "other related rulings and relief necessary to implement the California Public Utilities Commission's ratemaking policies."

According to Cal Water's statement the company is seeking to address rising operational and capital costs, to upgrade and modernize the water system, through proactive infrastructure improvements. These improvements, according to Cal Water, "Are designed to keep water reliable, prevent small problems from getting bigger and more expensive to fix, increase sustainability, and provide high-quality service—both

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Left to right, Sandi Johnstone, Cheryl Borthick owner, and Susie Seeger.

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The family, which just was just honored with a Certificate of Recognition from Congressman Vince

Fong, for the business Cheryl's Diner is happy to show off their newly upholstered booths, which match the wallpaper in their restrooms.

Susie said when Cheryl's family was thinking about reupholstering their booth fabric, Susie saw the fabric, and some samples that went with their theme.

After they did the entire restaurant, they got an email from the designer,

who resides in Australia. The email stated, "I cannot believe that my American Diner fabric is actually going into an American diner."

Cheryl said the wallpaper was pretty tricky to match up properly. A church member helped them hang their wallpaper, for a very good deal, and managed to match up the pattern very well.

CAL WATER

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impacted by those particular fires. Those fires had no bearing on the public hearing proceeding, which was to consider Cal Water's request to raise customer rates.

Rosas said that Cal Water has provided the public with information on Cal Water's efforts to prepare for emergencies such as a fire occurrence.

<https://www.calwater.com/alerts/2025-0115-information-on-cal-waters-emergency-preparedness-amp-la-fire-relief-efforts/>

Cal Water lists measures the company has taken to prepare for and harden its system against wildfires.

Some examples of the efforts, Cal Water included in these assurances, are as follows: installation of generators at key facilities for keeping infrastructure operating properly if power is lost or shut off; positioning backup, portable generators where needed at other facilities; inspecting hydrants annually and maintaining them regularly to confirm

function; upgrading of hydrants; creating defensible space surrounding the company facilities through vegetation mitigation; equipping employees with fire packs, portable extinguisher pumps that help stop small spot fires that may reach its facilities; providing yearly community EOC training, based on the National Incident Management System and Incident Command System, with local cities and first responders to increase coordination and preparedness; assembling of regional Operations Rapid Response Teams for quick mobilization and support; procuring lay-flat hoses to move water from one location to another; additional Emergency Response Trailer Units for deploying important equipment efficiently in emergencies.

Cal Water also stated to its customers on the company's website, "We hope that an event like this never strikes our area, but please know that we have been—and will continue to—taking numerous measures to support water system reliability in emergencies. We intend to continue working directly with our

cities and first responders both before and during such events. Our residents' safety is our top priority."

The company also contributed \$100,000 to communities and residents devastated by the recent tragic fires for supporting relief efforts. \$25,000 of the money went for the California Fire Foundation, to support firefighters, victims of fire, and families of fallen firefighters, \$25,000 went to World Central Kitchen, a provider of meals for humanitarian, climate, and community crises. \$25,000 was for the American Red Cross, to assist people affected by this disaster. The last \$25,000 was to be divided evenly between the Pasadena Humane Society and Los Angeles SPCA, to assist with animal care and services needed in the wake of the fires.

Besides these donations, Cal Water plans an increase for employee match, to these organizations, as part of the company's employee contribution-matching program. All of these contributions are from Cal Water's Philanthropic Giving Program and have no affect on customer rates.

Former Speaker Kevin McCarthy Endorses Stan Ellis for State Assembly

PRESS RELEASE

Kern County, CA — Former Speaker of the House Kevin McCarthy has officially endorsed Stan Ellis in the special election for California Assembly District 32, praising Ellis's dedication to the Central Valley and his track record as a business leader and community advocate.

"Stan Ellis, a longstanding Central Valley business leader, has demonstrated an unwavering dedication to making our community a better place to live, work,

and raise a family. His commitment to supporting small businesses and farmers will make him an invaluable advocate in the State Assembly. We need a fighter like Stan in Sacramento to deliver real results for the Central Valley," said Kevin McCarthy.

In response to the endorsement, Stan Ellis expressed his gratitude and reinforced his commitment to championing the needs of the Central Valley:

"I am deeply honored to receive the endorsement of Speaker McCarthy, who has been a steadfast leader for

our region during his years of service. Kevin McCarthy has led the fight for the Central Valley on critical issues like water infrastructure, energy independence, and national security. I am grateful for his trust in my campaign and look forward to continuing the fight to protect our farms, secure our borders, and support the hardworking families of the Central Valley," said Stan Ellis.

For more information on Stan Ellis and his campaign visit StanEllisForAssembly.com.

BOY SCOUTS

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badges to, "Be Prepared," which is the Boy Scout motto, he had to learn the hard way.

Powers said he worked in the Forest Service for six years and currently works for the fire department. He said he learned to be prepared in those work situations. He instructs the boys giving them a preparedness list. The troop was struggling to gain traction before and is now attaining merit badges and a big step for their troop was attaining its trailer they're refurbishing.

The troop has purchased a number of new tents that

are not leaky and is working on attaining other tools they need.

The projects the boys are working on for Eagle Scout rank are service projects. Usually these are projects, which include fundraising and can include other Boy Scouts of his troop or other family members or adults or all of these. Sometimes the troop's plans include projects to help the schools, churches, or the community.

The troop has its own committee, which determines the boys' activity calendar, including their trips and projects.

Not long from now a couple scouts would bridge over from Webelos, Cub Scouts, to

Boy Scouts

The troop recently had some fundraisers, one of which was their very first Christmas Tree Lot Sale, and a separate Christmas Wreath Sale. They had about 230 trees and they struggled to get the last 30 sold. Someone from the community came and donated for several of the last trees they sold to give to some families that could not afford a Christmas tree. An idea the troop had was considering donating five or ten trees, per fundraiser, to families that cannot afford a Christmas tree.


President of the club, Fred Roach gave the troop a donation, from the Kern Valley Exchange Club.

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HUNTER CLARK

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Apparently Hunter has been in the news quite a bit over the years. In fact the young man appeared in the Kern Valley Sun when he was a 19-month-old baby. His mother Lana Clark said, "Hunter was with his great-grandfather. My grandfather was a veteran and he was receiving an electric scooter from the Veteran's Association."

In recent weeks Hunter started volunteering to help with the Honor Flight Breakfasts at the VFW. Lana said, "I thought, what a full circle that is. He started in the newspaper, in an article about veterans, and then his newest volunteering is for the veterans. It's amazing, makes me want to cry." Lana is very sentimental about her son's accomplishments and very proud of him.

Hunter was part of the original team placing Flags on the

Boulevard since 2017. Hunter also promoted the need for volunteers to join that team, honoring our nation and veterans, in 2021.

Hunter's father, Fred Clark, serves on the board with SOS Dog Rescue. Hunter wanted to do something in the community too. He loves dogs and decided to volunteer to read to the dogs.

Robbie Miller and Jen Haratani, of SOS Dog Rescue said Hunter reads to the dogs often. According to Haratani, Hunter sometimes comes weekly, depending on the schedules of Hunter and SOS. According to her recollection Hunter started volunteering at SOS Dog Rescue about two or three years ago.

Miller said, "When Hunter comes and reads to the dogs, it's good for the dogs, and it helps us here at the rescue. It shows to the public how our dogs behave. And Hunter's energy is always just so pure and innocent, so the dogs usually respond pretty good. And it helps us highlight our dogs. And some of the dogs he was reading to have been adopted. And he just brings good energy when he's here because he lives in the moment. And we all learn from him." Miller also said that SOS is always grateful for Hunter coming and would always welcome Hunter's assistance.

Hunter has also donated artwork he created to SOS Dog Rescue, which the rescue auctioned to raise money for SOS Dog Rescue.

Hunter Clark has also volunteered at the Skilled Nursing Facility at Kern Valley Hospital.

Susie Seeger was the Day Activities Director at that time. Seeger said, "He was probably there volunteering with us for at least year, I would say 2019 through 2020, and into 2021. And he's a pure doll. And the residents loved him."

Hunter continued to volunteer at the Skilled Nursing Facility at least twice a month, and also created cards, with a group he belonged to, for the residents at holidays and brought gifts as well. "The residents loved it. It was just an amazing opportunity for him and the residents," said Seeger.

During COVID Hunter continued making and bringing the cards to hand off for the residents at the Skilled Nursing Facility, though he could not visit inside, during social distancing. He would also come outside, by the fence, to visit them when

the residents were outside. Seeger said that Hunter came in his Halloween costume, when she was in hers, and he proceeded to hand off cards to the residents.

Hunter also volunteered setting up or tearing down and cleaning up after the Great Christmas Cookie Contest and KRV Chamber of Commerce Bingo Bonanza events.

The young man has also volunteered to feed the fish, with his mother Lana, twice weekly for years, before the fish are released into the lake for better fishing. This deed helps the Isabella Lake Fishing Derby, and in turn the local economy, of the Kern River Valley.

Hunter and his mother Lana founded the Happy Feet Dances, which were originally monthly dances for special needs families. The dances have continued since around 2016. "When we first started, I was cooking the meals and Hunter helped set up and tear down," Lana Clark said. The First Baptist Church currently hosts these dances for the community.

Hunter Clark also serves as an ambassador to the Junior Chamber of Commerce.

On a side note, Hunter loves bowling twice a week and was on a Youth Bowling League previously, when he had enough points to go to tournament. He works out for fitness at OnPoint Gym and does yoga classes. Hunter cooks with his mom and shares his healthy eating recipes online with interested readers of his Facebook page called, "Where is Hunter?"

Hunter also likes participating in library events and especially art and painting classes. He enjoys travel and taking photos. His photography was previously featured in the Kern Valley Sun. Hunter also joined the Dream Team in Bakersfield where he and other special needs individuals were partnered up with racecar drivers. There Hunter became part of a pit crew for the night.

Hunter received the American Citizenship Award for his outstanding leadership, school spirit, respectful behavior toward others, and volunteer work, in his school and his community, when he graduated high school, from Valley Oaks Charter School in 2022.

Before moving to Kern Valley Hunter also participated dances in Hemet, CA. He is about to attend a Night to Shine Dance, which is a nation wide church dance.

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FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2024-B7475

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

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 trustor 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 TRUXTON 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 cashier's 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 any 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 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

(Pub SUN 01/15, 01/22, 01/29/2025)

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

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

A Petition for Probate has been filed by: JENNIFER HANLEY in the Superior Court of California, County of KERN

The Petition for Probate requests that: JENNIFER HANLEY be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

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

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

You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the es-

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

PETITIONER: JENNIFER HANLEY PO BOX 695 KERNVILLE, CA 93238 909-210-3970

(Pub SUN 01/22, 01/29, 02/05/2025)

NOTICE OF LIEN SALES

DAVE'S FLEET MAINTENANCE/TOWING LIEN SALE: 12-INFI LICENSE: 9BKCC980 / CA VIN: JN1DV6APOCM810259

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JR TOWING LLC LIEN SALE: 22-CHEV LICENSE: NONE / CA VIN: 1HTKHPVKXNH430148

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@ 2827 COTTONWOOD RD BAKERSFIELD, CA

(PUB SUN 01/29/2025)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT FILE NO. 2025-B0298

The following person(s) is (are) doing business as **DBA #1: RAPID AUTO REGISTRATION**, 6445 LAKE ISABELLA BOULEVARD, LAKE ISABELLA, CA 93240, Kern County, Mailing Address: 6445 LAKE ISABELLA BOULEVARD, LAKE ISABELLA, CA 93240

This business is conducted by: INDIVIDUAL: TAYLOR ANN

DIEFENDERFER; 6445 LAKE ISABELLA BOULEVARD, LAKE ISABELLA, CA 93240

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: (01/15/2030). 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: TAYLOR ANN DIEFENDERFER, 760-549-9753

This statement filed on: 01/15/2025

AIMEE X. ESPINOZA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M. HERANDEZ, Deputy Clerk

(Pub SUN 01/29, 02/05, 02/12, 02/19/2025)

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. **CA-20-883170-BF** Order No.: **CA20175626** YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 1/7/1992. 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 PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The 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 the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. **BENEFICIARY MAY ELECT TO BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE.** Trustor(s): **PAUL FARR, A MARRIED MAN, HIS SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY** Recorded: 1/10/1992 as Instrument No. XXX in Book 6617 Page 2354 and modified as per Modification Agreement recorded 12/1/2004 as Instrument No. 0204294652 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of KERN County, California; Date of Sale: 2/19/2025 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: **On the front steps of the City Hall South building at 1501 Truxton Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93301** Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: **\$27,138.42** The purported property address is: **1320 WASHINGTON AVENUE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93308** Assessor's Parcel No.: **111-210-05-00-5** **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 call **916-939-0772** for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-20-883170-BF**. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the internet website. 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 **619-645-7711**, or visit this internet website <http://www.qualityloan.com>, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: **CA-20-883170-BF** 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. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT:** Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. **NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE POST-SALE OVER BIDDERS:** For post-sale information in accordance with Section 2924m(e) of the California Civil Code, use file number CA-20-883170-BF and call (866) 645-7711 or login to: <http://www.qualityloan.com>. The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first publication of this Notice of Sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, including if the Trustee is unable to convey title, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the monies paid to the Trustee. This shall be the Purchaser's sole and exclusive remedy. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Trustor, the Trustee, the Beneficiary, the Beneficiary's Agent, or the Beneficiary's Attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. Date: **QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 916-939-0772 Or Login to: http://www.qualityloan.com Post-Sale Information (CCC 2924m(e)): (866) 645-7711 Reinstatement or Payoff Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION** TS No.: **CA-20-883170-BF** IDSPub #0226170 1/22/2025 1/29/2025 2/5/2025

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COMMUNITY SUPPORT GROUPS

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

AI-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@fbcl.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.

CHERYL'S DINER

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ers, who helped. To this day, although the original counter top has been replaced, the current counter top has Lanny's name written on it. According to Sandi he wrote it, one day, to signify that he built the diner. Later Susie, out of reverence to her dad, had the same signature tattooed on her arm. Diner staff has been careful to preserve the written signature on the counter top, in remembrance of Lanny.

Lanny sure knew how to pull strings, being a shrewd negotiator, personable, and friendly but also extremely persuasive in his dealings.

Previously there had been a moratorium on water, so no building permits were allowed to be issued in the town of Kernville for five years. So in order to get the permit, with the county, to build Cheryl's Diner, Lanny talked the county into lifting the permit on another building, and transferring it for Cheryl's Diner instead. Cheryl said, as though she was still in disbelief, "During the Moratorium! There were people that were very mad at him."

Sandi agreed with her mother, Cheryl, saying that there was a neighborhood group that was angry that Lanny Borthick was building during the moratorium. However according to Cheryl, by the time they opened the diner, the moratorium was already lifted.

"He had a way of speaking to people that included their ideas and thoughts.

Yet he had a way to smooth that over," Sandi said.

"The sound of the dishes clattering, the food being picked up and set before the customer, we grew up with that. We had so much fun. We didn't have to go out in the world. The world came to us."

Cheryl agreed saying that there was a couple that came from Denmark to Kernville for their honeymoon. And so they came to Cheryl's Diner. "They returned as a family later to show their children where they went on their honeymoon."

Susie said the Cheryl's Diner always makes sure they have good customer service. Sandi said the staff always serves milk cold and their coffee hot, and their eggs cooked just right. Susie said, "We actually learned that from Grandma. All the years that we worked at Nelda's Diner. I was 12 when she opened."

Sandi and Susie both said they always think of their Dad when it comes to Cheryl's Diner. Lanny liked to help others who had troubles whether it was lonely shut-ins with Alzheimer's or others that needed help with transportation or an emergency.

Cheryl, who serves on the board of the Kernville Chamber of Commerce, as Lanny previously did, said, "When we moved here to Kernville nothing stayed open in the winter. So when I came, it was something new to stay open until 9 o'clock at night. And there were a lot of years that I stayed open, during the summer, until 10pm. And it was busy."

She explained that with the drop in

population Cheryl's Diner has changed things up a bit. "Right now I'm closing in the afternoon, at 2pm, because it's cold. So I'm open for breakfast and lunch. On the weekends I'm open until 8 o'clock, on Friday and Saturday. And then Sunday we close early."

Every year it happens that Susie's daughter and son in law, for five Fridays in August, during River Rhythms, serves G-Que brisket and pulled pork sandwiches at Cheryl's Diner. Expect to see those treats pop up at other times as well.

The diner showcases music and Karaoke weekends. Cheryl said, "I just want to keep cooking good food."

The business prefers to assist with Whiskey Flat mayor campaigns.

Whiskey usually features a Valentines Day special and a dessert. This year with Whiskey Flat Days, on the same weekend, they plan to have something special for Valentines Day.

How did the restaurant survive COVID? During the pandemic the restaurant survived by taking the screen off their window near the parking lot and taking orders at the window. Cheryl made deliveries during that period. And the diner didn't need a dishwasher back then, because every order was takeout. Sandi said that lot of customers were shut in. So the diner often sent a note or piece of pie to cheer them up.

When officials said restaurants could open back up Sandi's family attained tables they put together, and set up a little cafe at the side of the diner, near the parking lot.

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 Dress warm will see you under the stars. Information call Rich 760-376-6290.

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.

Wednesday, January 29

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 & Com-

munity Center 6749 Wofford Blvd Wofford Heights, CA 93285 krvaa.org

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

Thursday, January 30

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

Friday, January 31

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

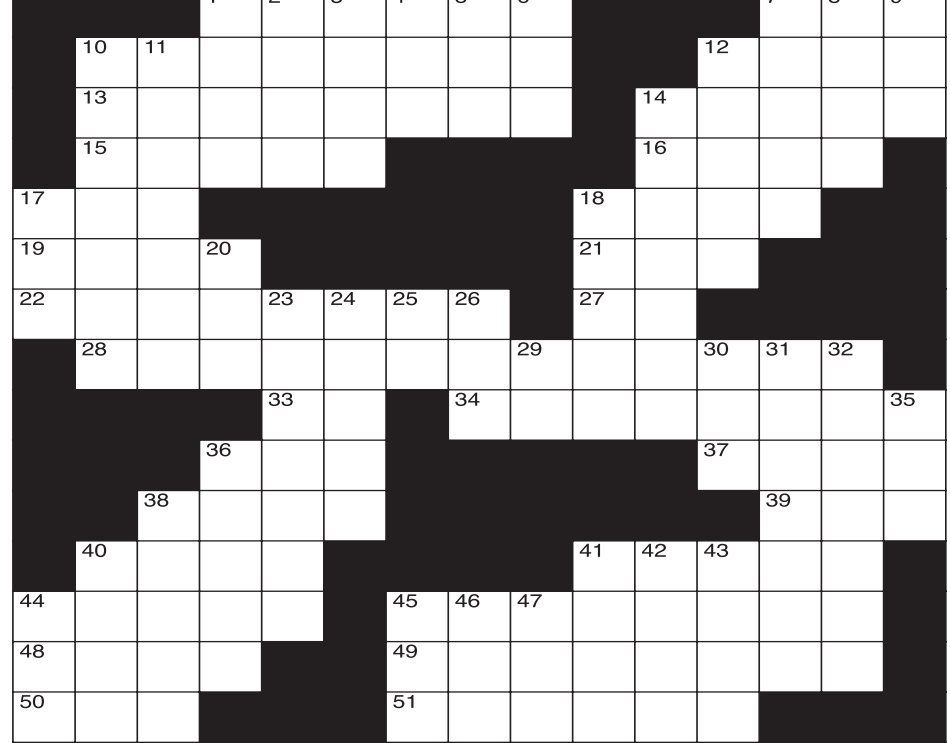
The Chuckwagon Ochoa's Events
Time: 5:00pm to 7:00pm
Where: The Eagles Spaghetti Dinner -Mountain Mesa

Food Distribution

The Ark Soup Kitchen 5301 Lake Isabella Bl. Free meals Mon- Fri, noon-2:00pm

Senior Food boxes:
 1st Friday of every month 10:00 Senior Center, 6507 Lake Isabella Blvd

PUZZLES & GAMES



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- Where entertainers perform
 - Miller beer variety
 - Ageless
 - River in SE Europe
 - Able to be repaired
 - Type of wrap
 - Atomic #54
 - Type of tent
 - U.S. Treasury position
 - Opposed to
 - Protective covering
 - Bridge building degree
 - Clouing of the lens
 - Priestess of Hera loved by Zeus
 - Unacceptable
 - Mr. T's "The A-Team" character
 - American national park
 - One point south of due east
 - Assist in a crime
 - Greek mythological personification of Earth
 - A major division of geological time
 - German courtesy title
 - English family dating back to Norman times
 - Discounts
 - South American nation
 - Former Milwaukee Buck Michael
 - Hostile
 - Passports and drivers licenses are two
 - Discourages from doing
- CLUES DOWN**
- Supreme god of ancient Egyptians
 - Nevada city
 - Energy, style and enthusiasm
 - Bird's beak
 - Language
 - Midway between south and southeast
 - Punjab village
 - Small biting flies
 - Sportscaster Patrick
 - A way to get around
 - Repeat
 - A way to cook with fat
 - Temporary loss of consciousness
 - Reciprocal of a sine
 - Fir tree genus
 - "Transformers" director Michael
 - Criminals who steal
 - Genus of leaf-footed bug
 - Music product
 - "Talk to you"
 - Santa says it three times
 - Doctors' group
 - African nation
 - Ageless
 - When you hope to get somewhere
 - Worn
 - Deprives of vigor
 - Used to have (Scottish)
 - Where you live
 - Muslim ruler title
 - Basics
 - Type of drug (abbr.)
 - Spanish soldier
 - It precedes two
 - Illuminated

SLOW COOKING WORD SEARCH

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Escrow stall may be resolved

CATHERINE STACHOWIAK

The Kern Valley Sun covered a story, in the January 22 issue, regarding the escrow stall of a property sale involving sellers Daures and Lisa Stephens. This is a follow up of the story and a possible resolution to the outlandishly over inflated \$22,000 fees the county previously mistakenly charged the couple for a former cleanup on the property that occurred before their purchase.

The difficulties began long after the Stephens' bought a property in a county auction. The well-known business owners, and long time valley residents, had no idea what they were in for; when they thought they were getting a good deal.

The Stephens' purchased the property, back in April 2024, when the Kern County Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office hosted an auction for Kern County properties that were in default. The purchase later led to unexpected fees, in the thousands, on what they bought. But the couple didn't know

about the fees until they decided to sell the property to a buyer and were already in escrow.

The property they bought at auction was in tax default. But before purchasing the property, the couple did due diligence researching it, for any leans or back fees.

The property the couple purchased had been vacant for several years, during which there were a few code compliance issues that ended up creating some cases. Those cases showed that they were closed and were turned into a Declaration of Substandard Property, so they showed no fees due on the property. The couple purchased the property, cleaned it up and proceeded to sell it.

During the couple's escrow process with the buyer, the Declaration of Substandard Properties came up because escrow wanted them cleared with Kern County Code Compliance to get them expunged. "We paid the processing fee. It was challenging itself to reach out and contact Code Compliance," Lisa said, because this all was happening around the holidays.

The department finally told the couple that the county would not expunge or release these Declarations, because of abatement fees totaling 22,000. The fees were generated during a cleanup of the property, which Kern County determined to do before the property went into the auction Daures and Lisa bought it from. The county refused to release the Declaration of Substandard properties unless the couple paid. This was a cleanup the county did based on the former owner of the property. Prior to an auction, this was supposed to be put into the initial price, or the fees are supposed to go away. The couple was never notified before the purchase that they would owe any money.

The Stephens' had to extend their escrow, to mid February, to resolve the issue. Yet they were not making any headway. Or so they thought.

Before press the Code Compliance Office of Kern County informed the Kern Valley Sun that the Code Compliance Office was waiting for the Finance Department to clear something on their end, before Code Compliance could give an update.

Daures explained that the division he and Lisa paid, on the auction, gave the couple the impression that if they filled out a

form, requesting money from the sale, that division would pay the cleaning fee owed before the couple bought this property. All Public Works had to do was fill out the form and it would be paid. The funds would be transferred. Lisa provided the county the form and the couple did not hear any follow up on the issue.

However after the January 22 issue of the Kern Valley Sun, featuring their story, on January 24, Lisa Stephens messaged the Kern Valley Sun saying, "We received the following information via email. Victory!"

Apparently the County Code Compliance wrote them an email stating:

Hello,
After further review, we will be providing an Advisory Form to our Finance Department to waive all accumulated fees. Once I receive a zero balance, we will then proceed with the expungement process.

Best Regards

The Kern Valley Sun intends to continue following this story until Daures and Lisa Stephens can say that their escrow is moving forward after expungement.

RATE HIKE

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now and in the future."

Judge Alberto Rosas was Administrative Law Judge assigned to preside over the proceedings. Court reporters were present to record the proceeding.

Commissioner Matthew Baker was the PUC commissioner assigned to the proceeding.

The CPUC takes a look at the details of the request of rate increases. Rosas read the details of the increase and invited the public to participate if they wanted to comment. Some attending were watching on video while others called in via telephone. The public was invited during the hearing to

comment for two minutes per customer.

Rosas said that the purpose of the hearing was for the commission to hear directly from the public their opinions on this rate increase.

The Assigned Commissioner Matthew Baker announced that the increase would impact 500,000 plus active connections in California. He also said, "I take all rate increases very very seriously. The burden is on the utility to prove their case that these are just and reasonable rates." The commission assured residents that it would consider public comments with great interest.

Patrick Alexander, general rate case manager, with California Water Service underscored that the company was committed to the public's interests and wanted to provide safe, reliable and affordable water

service and adequate water pressure when it is needed for fire fighters to protect the communities the company serves.

He also said the company offers a customer assistance program for qualifying low-income customers at <https://www.calwater.com/assistance/>

During the two public hearing meetings there was a total of at least 36 speakers, including 24 speakers at the 1pm meeting, and 12 speakers from the public during the 6pm meeting.

Callers participating in this meeting claiming the rates were reasonable, and those speaking advocating for Cal Water included: California Public Advocates advocating for low income utility customers who claimed Cal Water makes considerable efforts to keep their rates down; a CEO from Livermore chamber of commerce; a resident customer from Redwood Valley area district; California Water Efficiency Partnership in Sacramento; CEO for Torrance Chamber of Commerce representing 829 businesses; Environmental Justice Coalition in Stockton; Business Federation of the Central Valley; the NAACP branch territories; Greater Stockton chamber of Commerce CEO; General manager from the West Basin Water District; Building Industry Association of the Greater Valley a building industry association for home builders; Suffolk Enterprises a non profit affordable housing organization saying their concern was for low income households to have clean water; the president of the State Hispanic Chamber, which represents 950,000 business owners and supports the increase; the CEO Palce Verdes Peninsula Chamber of Commerce called in support of Cal Water speaking on behalf of upgrading infrastructure delivering clean water to the community.

Utility users who thought the rates were

already too high, and protested the rates as being raised far too high called from various areas of the state. Several people called from San Carlos and Livermore. The Mayor of San Carlos, speaking as an individual, and not in official capacity, said the rates were unfairly causing residents with more household family members unfair burden with these increases.

Other areas, which callers vocally protested from, included: Commerce; Westlake Village; Global Real Estate Consultants a community association representing thousands in San Mateo County; Marysville which included the Public Works Director for the City of Marysville who gave an official statement from the City government of Marysville saying that the city was never consulted. And the City Council of Marysville was concerned about the lack of communication and opposes the increase; Portola Valley; Los Altos and Salinas, California.

One party, from Redondo Beach, requested other additional efforts related to making the water safe. Another party from Portola Valley just wanted to know how prepared the company was to deal with fire fighters fighting California fires.

During the second part of the hearing Tulare County Supervisor Amy Shuklian, who said she is a former City Council member of Visalia, and currently represents Visalia commented. She said, "We have had a good partner in Visalia with Cal Water." She also said the company helps low-income utility users, and works to preserve the environment and is planning for the needs of the growing community.

Additional statements may be submitted at <https://www.cpuc.ca.gov/proceedings-and-rulemaking/cpuc-public-participation-hearings>



CUT OUT & DISPLAY

Household Hazardous Waste Collection Event

KERN VALLEY

Saturday, February 1, 2025
Friday, April 11, 2025
Saturday, May 31, 2025

6092 Wulstein Avenue
9 AM - 1 PM

Accepted Materials

Batteries | Motor Oil | Paints | Light Bulbs | Sharps | Pool Chemicals | Automotive Products | Cleaning Products & More!

Rules to follow

- Label All Containers
- No Leaking Containers
- Do Not Mix Wastes
- Transport no more than 15 gallons or 125 lbs of waste per trip

This is a **FREE** event

Business Waste NOT Accepted
Collection event may be cancelled due to weather conditions



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- Drive up to the collection area, put your vehicle in park and turn off the engine
- Remain seated in your vehicle
- Attendant(s) will remove the household hazardous waste from your trunk or back seat
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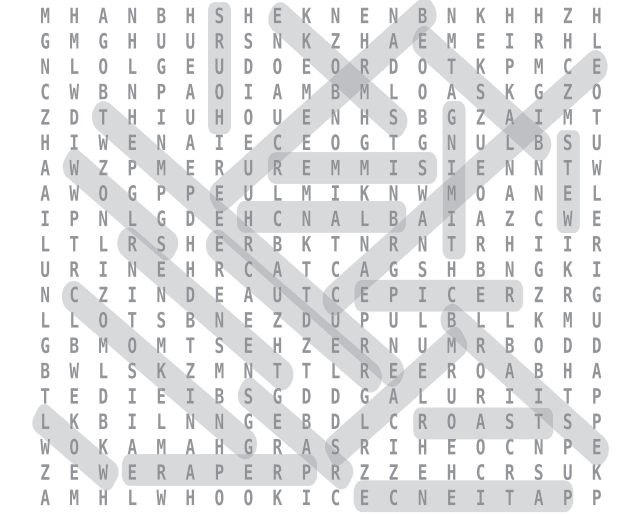
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Varsity Lady Broncs climb back into first

Kern Valley gets past Bishop 70-55

RAY CONNER

The Kern Valley varsity girls' basketball squad took control of their league destiny with a victory over Bishop. Both teams came into the matchup 6-1 in the HDL. The winner would sit atop the standings alone.

The first half advantage held up for the Lady Broncs as the battle for first unfolded. Kern Valley put defensive pressure on their opponent and limited them to just six points in the opening quarter. The offense on the other hand found the bottom of the basket and took the lead 14-6 at the end of one. The second quarter had a familiar feel as it was almost a mirror image of the first. Kern Valley continued to play strong defense as they clamped down on the Lady Broncs. This time they allowed just seven points to Bishop. The Lady Broncs scored 15 points to close out the first half. The halftime score favored Kern Valley 29-13.

Coming out of the break, the game flipped from a defensive battle to a wide-open scoring barrage. Both teams heated up as they combined for 83 points and nearly matched each other point for point. Both teams poured in 19 points in the third quarter. This kept the Lady Broncs holding the decisive advantage. The score at the end of three was 48-32 as they went to the final quarter.

The fourth was another offen-

sive slugfest as the two teams dropped in bucket after bucket. The offenses were flying back and forth and finding the bottom of the net. When the final horn sounded Bishop put up 23 points. Despite the outpouring of points for Bishop it would prove not enough as they could not erase the first half deficit. The Lady Broncs finished with 22 points in the fourth as they had maintained the first half cushion throughout the second half.

Leading the way for the Lady Broncs was Jessie Bunting with 21 points. She would capture another double-double for the season as she pulled down a team-high 14 rebounds. She would also collect four blocks, four steals, and dish out a pair of assists on the night. Jayda Bushling followed with 16 points, while Ava Elliott contributed 12 points. Elli Jeans scored 11 points, including launching one from behind the three-point line. Leenah Troller finished with nine points, six of those came from making two from three-point land. Ashley Plante closed out the Kern Valley scoring by hitting once from the free throw line for her lone point in the contest. Bushling handed out a team-high seven assists. Jeans followed with three assists, while Troller and Elliott each recorded two assists. Plante capped the unselfish play as she handed out one assist.

Elliott just missed recording a double-double as she grabbed nine rebounds. Troller and Bushling each had five boards, while Jeans



Submitted Photo
Elli Jeans of the Lady Broncs varsity squad looks for a teammate as she is surrounded by two Bishop players.

finished with four rebounds. Plante was credited with a pair of rebounds, while Emmalyn Bechtel had one rebound that ended the board work for the Lady Broncs. Elliott shared the team lead in steals with four. Troller collected three steals, while Plante and Jeans had one steal apiece. Jeans also swatted away two Bishop shot attempts in the contest.

Head coach Bill Gallis commenting on the game said, "We knew what was at stake tonight and played extremely hard. I got a little nervous in the first half when we had some key players get into foul trouble, but the girls coming off the bench did a great job keeping up our defensive pressure. This was a big win, but we have

a long way to go. It's time to put this one behind us and get ready for Mammoth on Friday."

Three days later, Kern Valley entertained Mammoth. This turned out to be a lop-sided affair as the Lady Broncs smothered their opponent 79-17. The defense for the Lady Broncs never allowed their opponent more than 10 points in any quarter.

The offense came early and often and was the theme of the night. Kern Valley dropped in bucket after bucket as the first quarter ended with Kern Valley up 26-2. It continued throughout the rest of the game as the halftime score was 44-11. It was 64-17 at the end of three and finished with a 15-0 quarter to give Kern Valley

the easy win.

Kern Valley scoring: Elliott 12, Naomi Tapia 11, Plante 10 (3-three-pointer), Bunting 8, Troller 8, Bechtel 7, Jade Montes 6 (2-three-pointers), Bushling 6, Jeans 4, Taylor Kristy 4, Scarlett Russell 3. Assists: Bushling 7, Montes 3, Troller 2, Russell 2, Jeans 2. Rebounds: Russell 9, Elliott 7, Tapia 7, Bunting 5, Bushling 5, Jeans 3, Montes 3, Plante 2, Troller 2, Bechtel 2, Kristy 2. Steals: Tapia 5, Elliott 4, Bunting 4, Bechtel 3, Plante 2, Kristy 2.

Gallis said, "We had great ball movement all night, and the girls were just looking for that extra pass. I'm extremely happy with our play and proud of how we approached this week. It's always a great week when you can beat the two teams from the north. Now we're focused on keeping our momentum going as we head out to the desert next week."

The current standings in the HDL are split between the haves and the have nots. Kern Valley is leading the pack at 8-1. They are followed by three teams that are currently 7-2. Bishop, Desert, and Rosamond are all one game behind at 7-2. From there it drops down to Boron at 3-5, Cal City at 2-6, Mammoth at 1-8, and Frazier Mountain holds up the rest of the league at 0-9.

The Lady Broncs went on the road and played Boron on Tuesday. They will go back out on Friday as they travel to another key match up with Desert.

Broncs varsity squad takes Mammoth win 49-39

RAY CONNER

The Kern Valley varsity basketball team was back in action this past week in HDL matchups. They hosted Bishop and Mammoth where they would split these games. They beat Mammoth, but lost to Bishop in a close battle.

The win over Mammoth saw the Broncs take control at the start then hold on to claim the victory. The Broncs broke from the gate quickly as they stifled Mammoth at the beginning of the game. Kern Valley scored 10 points in the first quarter. The defense clamped down on their opponent allowing just one made free throw. To put the score at 10-1 as the horn sounded.

In the second, both teams were able to find the basket and combined to score 26 points. The Broncs dropped in 15 points, while Bishop added 11 to their score. When the first half came to a close, Kern Valley was holding a 25-12 cushion as they went to the locker room.

Coming out of the break it was an identical scoring quarter as the second, Kern Valley poured in another 15 points. Bishop matched their previous total by scoring 11 points. The third quarter ended with the Broncs comfortably ahead 40-23. It was them the Huskies tried to make a comeback. With most of the Kern Valley starters watching the action, Mammoth



Submitted Photo
Kern Valley's Aiden Madden drives past his Bishop opponent in the recent home game.

closed the gap and made the game just that, a game. Mammoth scored 16 points to get their total to 39, while the Broncs added nine points to collect the 10-point victory.

Leading the way for the Broncs was Aiden Madden with 19 points. This included draining a three-point shot. He was followed closely by Joey Galvan with 17 points. Nien of his points came from hitting three times from behind the three-point arc. Bryce Smoot scored four points, while Carson Parks added three points to the Kern Valley total. Jacob Redenius, Zane Carver, and Daniel Hinkey each scored two points in the contest.

Nine Broncs delivered at least one assist in the game. They were led by Madden who dished out five assists. Parks recorded three assists, while Zane Carver handed out a pair of assists. Redenius, Maddox Beaury, Jeffrey Clark, Smoot, Hinkey, and Gilber Bernal each had one assist for the Broncs.

Turning to the defensive side of the ball, Carver pulled down a team-high 10 rebounds. He was followed by Smoot who grabbed five boards. Bernal finished with four rebounds, while Madden and Hinkey were credited with three rebounds apiece. Redenius and J. Galvan each had two boards, while Beaury and Parks each finished with one rebound. Clark and J.

Galvan each recorded a block versus Mammoth. Smoot led the Kern Valley squad in steals with five. J. Galvan and Carver recorded four steals, while Parks had three. Madden and Redenius collected one steal apiece for the Broncs.

When Bishop came to town, the Broncs knew they would have to play at their best. They played very well, but in the end the squad from Bishop left with a two-point win over the Broncs. The final score was 38-36.

The Broncs of Bishop jumped out to an early lead as they scored 18 points to begin the game. Kern Valley managed just seven points and trailed by 11 heading into the second quarter. The scoring was much closer in this quarter. The Broncs scored 11 points, while Bishop would add 12 points to their total. When the buzzer sounded to end the first half, the teams went to the break with the scoreboard reading visitors 30, the home town Broncs were sitting at 18.

Coming out of the locker room, the Broncs defense took control and allowed their opponent to three points in the third. The Kern Valley offense was able to get closer as they scored eight points. With the score a 33-26 the two teams headed to the final quarter of action. The Kern Valley defense continued to limit their opponent in the scoring department. This quarter they allowed just five points. The Broncs offense

continued to inch closer, but in the end, they would come up just a tad short. They scored 10 points to create the final score.

Two of the Broncs were able to score in double figures. They would score 25 of the teams 36 points. Madden was the top Kern Valley scorer with 14 points. He would connect once from behind the three-point arc. Shiloh Galvan hit twice from long distance as he finished with 11 points. Clark and Carver would each score four points, while Bernal closed out the scoring for the Broncs by draining a three-point shot. S. Galvan and Smoot shared the team lead in assists with two apiece. Madden, Carver, Hinkey, and Parks had one assist apiece in the game.

Carver pulled down a team-high nine rebounds. Smoot grabbed four boards, while J. Galvan finished with three rebounds. Madden, Hinkey, and Bernal would each have a pair of rebounds for the Broncs. S. Galvan and Clark would wrap up the board work with one rebound apiece. Madden and Carver each recorded a block in the game. The Galvan brothers shared the team lead in steals with three apiece. Madden finished with a pair of steals, while Carver had one.

The Broncs currently have an overall record of 6-12 and a league mark of 4-5. They went to Boron on Tuesday and will be on the road to Desert on Friday.

Kern Valley JV Girls saddle Lady Broncs with a loss

RAY CONNER

The Lady Broncs JV basketball squad was at home when Bishop came to town. They would send the visiting team home with a defeat.

Kern Valley Took control at the beginning and never looked back as they dominated the HDL game with the Lady Broncs. The final score was 40-26, but the outcome was never in doubt. The Lady Broncs defense set the tone as they allowed their opponent just seven first quarter points. The offense for Kern Valley was able to drop in 13 points to take the early 13-7 lead after the opening quarter.

It was more of the same as the second quarter got underway. The Lady Broncs defense continued to pressure the opposing players and limit the scoring coming from Bishop. They allowed the Lady Broncs just six points to end the first half. Kern Valley kept putting the ball through the hoop and increased their halftime cushion to 27-13.

As the second half started, the offenses for both teams struggled to find the bottom of the basket. Both teams were held under 10 points as the quarter came to an end. The Lady Broncs did not score Bishop 9-7 to make the lead going into the final quarter 16 points. The scoreboard read 36-20 as they teams went into the fourth. Another low scoring quarter from both teams, but it was the Kern Valley squad that firmly had the outcome in their hands. Bishop scored six points and the Lady Broncs added four to their total. To make it a 40-26 final.

Leading the way for the Lady Broncs was Taylor Kristy with a team-high 17 points. She would hit once from three-point land. Bobbie Pruitt followed with six points. Two Lady Broncs added five points apiece. Millie Bustamonte had five which included draining a three-pointer. Zoe Perfect also score five points, while Kaylee Embree scored four points. Sam Ruiz had two points, while Hazel Kiosef made a lone free throw for her one point

to cap the Lady Broncs scoring. Six players were able to get a hand in dishing out at least one assist in the game. The team was led in assists by Ruiz with six. Kiosef handed out a pair of assists, while Brooke Gibson, Kristy, Bustamonte, and Alissa Webster each had one assist for Kern Valley.

On the boards, Kristy topped the rebounding chart with five. Embree and Kiosef followed as they each had four rebounds. Gibson, Perfect, Bustamonte, and Pruitt would pull down a pair of rebounds, while Webster ended the board work with one rebound. Embree and Kiosef were each credited with smacking away five Bishop shot attempts to lead the defensive play. Perfect swatted away four shots, while Kristy recorded one block. Gibson was the leading thief doe Kern Valley as she was credited with four steals. Kristy, Embree, and Ruiz each had three steals, while Kiosef and Perfect had two steals apiece. Bustamonte and Pruitt each had one steal to wrap up the defense for the Lady Broncs.

Broncs JV stay undefeated on the season

RAY CONNER

squad 73-35.

The Kern Valley JV boys' basketball squad continues to beat any opponent they face. So far this season they have yet to taste defeat as they are 9-0 overall and 7-0 in the HDL.

Their latest victims were league matchups with Bishop and Mammoth. They also picked up a win over Boron in a round-robin HDL tournament. They played both league matchups with the Broncs and Huskies on their home court. They were in Rosamond for the round robin game. They would take care of Bishop by the lop-sided score of 70-19. No score was reported in the win versus Mammoth. The Broncs clobbered the Boron

players from Kern Valley contributed to the scoring. They were led by a pair of Broncs. Tye Humphers and Elijah Anderson each dropped in 16 points. Humphers would hit once from long distance. Jaadyn Cleveland added 12 points, while Ryder Pappas and Drake Posney scored six points apiece. Jackson Price and Xander Lofty hit the bottom of the net once from three-point land. Four players had two points apiece. Noah Ross, Zane Pappas, Ethan Mauer, and Israel Padilla scored two points to wrap up the scoring for Kern Valley. Ross led the team in assists by handing put nine. Lofty finished with

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Broncs sweep tri-dual match on Senior Night

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The Kern Valley boys wrestling team was at home in their last team competition when they wrestled Bishop and Desert on Senior Night. They would win both matches.

The Broncs defeated Bishop 53-18 winning nine matches by forfeit. In actual mat time, Kern Valley only saw one wrestler collect a win Ivan Mundragon dominated his opponent and won his match 18-3. Two other Broncs fell by pin. Both Joel Donoho and Jacob Abraugh were pinned in the first period.

In their second match, the Broncs faced of with Desert. The final score favored Kern Valley 54-

12. There were six actual matches in this contest with the Scorpions. The Broncs saw four wrestlers win by pin. Donoho and Abraugh with a matter of revenge was able to pin their opponent in the first period. For Donoho it was his first win and pin as a Broncs wrestler. Cyrus Rutherford and Michael Porter both grabbed the pin in the second period. Rutherford was also a first time ever winner and picked up his first pin for Kern Valley.

Kern Valley won five matches by forfeit. Brett Willingham dropped his match by pin and Mundragon retired in his match due to injury for all of the Scorpions scoring. In exhibition matches Kern Valley's Thomas Pacheco and Blake Baughman both picked up

wins by pin.

Head coach Wes Woody said, "It was a great day for the Broncs as we were able to win both duals and have multiple kids pick up their first career wins. As a coach these are the moments we coach for. To see them work hard every day and to see it pay off at home with a victory is special for us."

In tournament matches from last week, Baughman earned a medal at the Highland Invitational. He would pick up a pair of wins by pin in collecting the medal. Carlos Monzo became a first-time winner and pinner for the Broncs as he did both at the same tournament.

On Saturday, the Broncs will make the trip to Visalia to take part in the Golden West Tournament.



SUBMITTED PHOTO
The Broncs Cyrus Rutherford gets his hand raised after picking up a pin versus Desert.



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Kern Valley can't get past Bishop or Mammoth

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The Kern Valley soccer teams played a pair of league matches this week. Unfortunately, Both the girls' and boys' squads would fall in both contests. The Lady Broncs dropped the decision to Bishop 5-1

and lost a hard-fought battle with Mammoth 1-0. The boys would fall 15-1 to Bishop and they lost to Mammoth 9-0.

In the girls' matchup with Bishop, their opponent grabbed the early lead as they scored three times in the first half. They added a pair of goals in the second half of the

match. Kern Valley got its lone goal in the second half. Alexandra Armes would find the back of the net for the Lady Broncs goal. Turning to the Mammoth match, the Lady Huskies scored one goal in the first half and made it stand up the rest of the way. Neither team could score in the second

half so the final was 1-0.

The Broncs were dominated by Bishop as they were limited to one goal. On the other side, Bishop squad poured in 15 goals. They scored seven in the first half and then eight in the second. Kern Valley scored its goal in the first half. It was only the second goal

they have scored all season. In the Mammoth match it was a total blow out as score nine times.

The Kern Valley teams took on Mojave on Tuesday and they will face off with Desert on Thursday. Both of these matches will be on Kern Valley's home pitch.



SUBMITTED PHOTO BY DIANE MOSS
From middle to right: Miguel Padilla (3rd place), Ray Conner (2nd place) in the lower rated players in the recent KRV Pickleball Club tournament.



SUBMITTED PHOTO BY DIANE MOSS
From left to right: Rick Barrett (2nd place), Mary Feinstein (3rd place), Brent Mixon (1st place) in the higher rated players in the recent KRV Pickleball Club tournament.

Pickleball fun(d)-raiser gains traction

RAY CONNER

Trying to get some traction, the Kern River Pickleball Club held a fund-raiser this past Saturday. The monies generated will go to resurfacing the courts where the group currently plays.

The tournament format saw two levels of competition. The lower rated players from 2.0-2.75 opened the tournament with eight players

competing in a round-robin type tournament. The higher rated pickleball players that have a rating of 3.0 and higher would get the later start and have 12 players take part. Round-robin means you play with different players each round. In the earlier case there were seven games for the eight players. The later round robin matchup would be random as there were the 12 players.

When all was said and done the lower division handed out

medals to the top three players. After seven games Anonymous would be declared the winner with a 6-1 record in games played. Ray Conner and Miguel Padilla ended the day with identical 5-2 records. By virtue of two more points scored in the games, Conner was given the runner up medal with Padilla taking third place for the tournament.

Playing a similar format, it was the higher rated players to take their turn. With more players

taking part, these higher rated players would be chosen randomly and paired to make teams. They would then play the round robin part of the tournament. After all the games played it was time to reward those players that would collect medals. The top three players winning medals were Brent Mixon who claimed the top spot. He was followed by Rick Barrett who came in second place. Collecting the third-place medal was Mary Feinstein.

The Kern River Valley Pickleball Club would like to take this opportunity to thank all that participated in this fund-raising tournament. The monies collected will go a long way in reaching the goal to resurface the courts. As the game of pickleball becomes more popular here in the valley, it will only grow more roots.

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four assists, while Padilla was credited with three. One assist each was attained by Ewan Shea, R. Pappas, and Humphers.

Posney was the chairman-of-the-boards as he grabbed a team high 14 rebounds. Anderson pulled down seven boards, while Ross had six rebounds. Cleveland finished with four boards, while Price had two. Shea wrapped up the board work as he was credited with one rebound. Shea and Anderson each recorded one block in the game. Humphers led the Broncs with six steals. Ross had three steals, while R. Pappas and Anderson each had two steals. Finishing with one steal apiece were Maurer and Lofty.

The final score in the game versus Boron was 73-35. No other information was made available for this contest. Kern Valley continued league action on Tuesday as they went on the road and took on Boron. They will travel to Edwards Air Force Base on Friday to square off with Desert.



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Tye Humphers of the JV Broncs finger rolls a layup in the recent home game versus Bishop.



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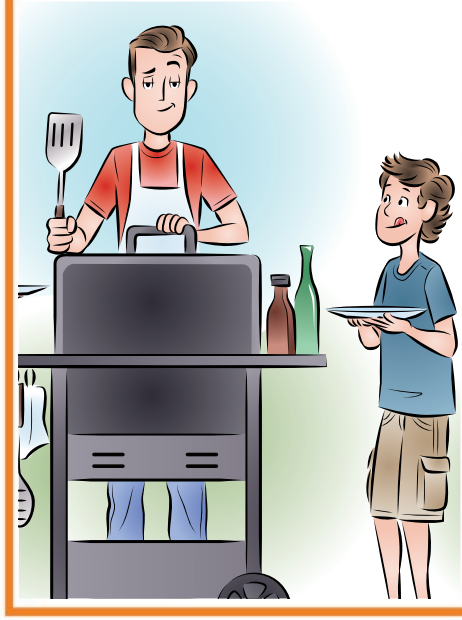
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