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**Kern River Valley Revitalization** (What is **KRVR**?) webpage: [www.KRVR.org](http://www.KRVR.org)

**KRVR's MISSION:** *Facilitating the social, natural & financial health of the Kern River Valley for this & future generations.*

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## This week's events, meetings, workshops & deadlines: Saturday, January 14 to Sunday, January 22, 2012

### Friday, January 13:

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#### WINE TASTING & MUSIC

**Big Blue Bear** \$10 per person. 4 featured wines, Hors d'œuvres, with live entertainment! This week: "**Acoustic River**" (Valerie Cassity, Scott Costa & Erik Nichols). Do some wine tasting, or just get a coffee or beer. They also have Dryers Ice Cream for the kids (and young at heart). Big Blue Bear, 101 Piute Drive, Kernville **MAP** <http://goo.gl/r4u9q>. (760) 376-2442.

### Saturday, January 14:

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#### LAKESHORE FARMERS MARKET

**Kern Valley Growers Association.** Time to get back to eating fresh local healthy fruit & veggies. Don't forget our amazing crafters & artists, too! The Lakeshore Farmers Market features locally grown produce from Certified growers as well as organic produce & fruit from **Fay Organic**: Red Beets, Broccoli, Rainbow Carrots with greens, White Cauliflower, Celery, Cilantro, Lacinato Kale, Red Leaf & Romaine lettuce, Green, Red & Yellow Onions, baby Red Potatoes, Spinach & Tomatoes from **Cal-Organic Farms**. Blood Oranges, Mango Oranges, Navel Oranges, Satsuma Oranges & Red Grapefruit, & Satsuma Oranges from **Deer Creek Heights Ranch**. Green, Red & Black raisins from **Sunview Vineyards**. Fuji Apples from Washington. Shade grown, fair traded coffee from **Café Mam** might be late this week. **Abundant Harvest Organics** pick up time 9:30am to Noon. Lakeshore Lodge, 7466 Wofford Heights Blvd (toward the lake, across from St. Jude's), Wofford Heights **MAP** <http://bit.ly/gT84t4>. We take EBT/SNAP/CalFresh cards. Thanks. INFO: **David Dills** (760) 812-7833 [OnyxCollector@aol.com](mailto:OnyxCollector@aol.com). Each week we try to offer music, bake sales & demonstrations. See our **Calendar of Events** <http://goo.gl/fXgyP>. Local musicians are welcome to apply to come play during the Market for tips & to sell CD's. Local service groups & non-profit organizations big & small are encouraged to hold fund raising **BAKE SALES**. **Kern County Guidelines for Safe Bake Sales** <http://bit.ly/dJDvIR>. **Farmers Market Video:** <http://kernvilletv.shutterfly.com/492>

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**Saturday, January 14: 9am to 4pm**

## **COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM TRAINING**

**KRV Community Emergency Response Team (KRVCERT.org) Tom Klein & Dean Ott** will be teaching CERT training classes which are **FREE** unless participants wish to purchase the handbook. The CERT training begins Saturday the 14th & continues for the next 2 Saturdays (Jan. 21 & 28). Anyone wanting or needing to re-certify for CERT (once every 3 years) come to the last Saturday in January class for the hands on & test. Lake Isabella First Baptist Church, 3701 Suhre Street (at Kernville Road), **MAP** <http://g.co/maps/shw4e>. **SIGN UP CONTACTS: Tom Klein** - CERT Coordinator (760) 379-2797 (661) 333-0265 [krvcert@yahoo.com](mailto:krvcert@yahoo.com) **Dean Ott**, Assistant Coordinator

**Sunday, January 15:**

**Sunday, January 15: 9am to Noon**

## **KRV VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS BREAKFAST**

**Kern River Valley Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 7665** [www.kernrivervalley.org/vfw](http://www.kernrivervalley.org/vfw) VFW Hall, 2811 Nugget Ave. (behind McDonald's), Lake Isabella **MAP** <http://goo.gl/VlxAob>. (760) 379-3877 [www.kernrivervalley.org/vfw](http://www.kernrivervalley.org/vfw) [vfw@kernrivervalley.org](mailto:vfw@kernrivervalley.org)

**Monday, January 16: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**

**Monday, January 16: NOON**

## **MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. COMMUNITY CELEBRATION**

**Kernville United Methodist Church Social Hall**, located at the corner of Big Blue Road & Sirretta St. **MAP** <http://g.co/maps/uww5c>. Speakers, music, & children's activities will help us celebrate the life & mission of this great American - **Martin Luther King, Jr.** Thoughts & reflections from attendees who have been touched by the message of non-violence, inclusion & justice will be welcomed. Call (760) 376-2751 to confirm location.

**Monday, January 16: 5:30 to 9pm**

## **KRV CHAMBER INSTALLATION & AWARD DINNER**

The **Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce** will install its new officers & honor **Richard Rowe & Smitty Glass** as the **Man & Woman of the Year for 2012**. Both Richard & Smitty are being honored for their many community activities for the past several years. The Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce will honor both at a special dinner celebration on Monday, January 16th at the **Paradise Cove Restaurant** 10700 Highway 178, Lake Isabella **MAP** <http://g.co/maps/7sjza>. The public is invited to attend. There will be a social hour starting at 5:30 pm with dinner being served at 7pm. **DINNER COST** will be \$25 per person (choice: Chicken, Prime Rib or Shrimp). **DINNER IS SOLD OUT with a long waiting list**, (see **INVITATION** <http://goo.gl/5C11D>) please contact the Kern River Valley Chamber office at (760) 379-5236 [office@kernrivervalley.com](mailto:office@kernrivervalley.com) Kern Valley Sun 12-21-2011: **'Service before self' for Rowe, Glass** <http://goo.gl/AQ7Of> Kern River Courier 12-23-2011: **Dedicated Volunteers Honored** <http://goo.gl/Cr84E> **VIDEO** by Jim Warner <http://goo.gl/aLX1U>

**Every Monday at 6:30 to 8pm**

## **KRV BOY SCOUT TROOP 690 MEETING**

**Boy Scouts of America Southern Sierra Council** Boy Scout Troop 690 is 1 of 2 Boy Scout Troops in the Valley. They meet every Monday night at the First Baptist Church, 3701 Suhre Street, Lake Isabella MAP <http://goo.gl/6F9lou>. Troop 690 has been in the Valley for over 50 years; many of the adult men in the valley made their way through Boys Scout to the Rank of Eagle Scout. Come check us out for free & we will let you know all the particulars. INFO: Scout Master **Ed Pounds** (760) 812-7082 [graniteprocessinginc@gmail.com](mailto:graniteprocessinginc@gmail.com)

## **Tuesday, January 17:**

**Tuesday, January 17: 3pm**

## **COMMUNITY GARDEN MEETING**

[KRV Garden Group](#) & **Salvation Army Lake Isabella Service Unit** host a meeting concerning forming one or more community gardens in the Kern Valley now that the County has streamlined the zoning code to encourage Community Gardens **Kern County COMMUNITY GARDEN - STANDARDS** (Dec 2011) [2 page 140kb PDF file <http://goo.gl/mes0VJ>]. Anyone interested in working on this project are welcome to attend. Salvation Army Lake Isabella Service Unit, Community Christian Services Center, 6105 Lake Isabella Blvd. (next to Shady Lane), Lake Isabella **MAP** <http://g.co/maps/jvsug>. INFO: **Shirley Real** (760) 379-1129 or **Steve Anderson** (760) 376-3781 [SCA\\_93292@yahoo.com](mailto:SCA_93292@yahoo.com)

**January 17, & 24**

## **FREE SQUARE DANCE LESSONS**

**Dam Dancers of the Kern Valley** Yes, you can dance! Free square dance lessons at the Kern Valley Senior Center, 6405 Lake Isabella Boulevard, Lake Isabella MAP <http://g.co/maps/jjmv8on> on the 10th, 17th & 24th of January. Classes are sponsored by the **Dam Dancers of the Kern Valley**. No experience is necessary & it's casual attire. Join them for fun, music & fellowship. Great exercise & fun for the whole family. For information, call **Darlene** at (760) 379-4181, or **Micky** at (760) 223-3996.

**Tuesday, January 17: 6 to 8pm, Ridgecrest**

**Wednesday, January 18: 6 to 8pm, Tehachapi**

## **KERNCOG REGIONAL BIKE PLAN WORKSHOPS**

**Kern Council of Governments** ([www.kerncog.org](http://www.kerncog.org)) is working on improving bicycling throughout the County. The project will guide the development of bicycle & pedestrian facilities & programs in the area over the many years (the last plan was adopted in October 2001 **Kern Regional Bicycle Plan** <http://goo.gl/lfs4M>). You are invited to join us for a public workshop to discuss issues relating to bicycling, help identify locations where bicycle facilities are most needed & brainstorm solutions for our County. **WORKSHOPS FLYER** <http://goo.gl/B0xuZ>. **WORKSHOPS** were held in Bakersfield on 1-11-2012 & Kernville 1-12-2012. **REMAINING LOCATIONS:** January 17, 2012 6 to 8pm Ridgecrest City Council Chambers, 100 California Ave, Ridgecrest **MAP** <http://g.co/maps/pyayu>. January 18, Fairfield Inn, 422 W Tehachapi Blvd, Tehachapi **MAP** <http://g.co/maps/egarg>. If you have questions or can't make the workshops & would like to learn about more ways to participate please contact **Pete Smith** KernCOG Project Manager (661) 861-2191 [psmith@kerncog.org](mailto:psmith@kerncog.org). Please visit the **PROJECT WEBSITE** at [www.kerncountybikeplan.com](http://www.kerncountybikeplan.com) to learn more about the project & complete an online **SURVEY** <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Kernbikeplan> to provide us with your input on bicycling in Kern County.

## Wednesday, January 18:

Wednesday, January 18: 10am to 2pm

### **NUUI CUNNI CRAFT DAY**

The Wednesday Craft Class brings together many wishing to learn Native American Crafts & share their talents, time & friendships. **Nuui Cunni Native American Cultural Center** 2600 Highway 155 (in front of the French Gulch Group Campground) between Lake Isabella & Wofford Heights. FEE: \$5 per person. INFO: (760) 549-0800 email nuuicunni@earthlink.net. Sierra Nevada Geotourism MapGuide Page: **Nuui Cunni Native American Cultural Center** <http://goo.gl/7GKaA>

Wednesday, January 18: Noon

### **SENIORS LUNCH & MEALS ON WHEELS BINGO**

Profits from Bingo goes to the **Kern River Valley Senior Citizens Inc (KRVSC Inc.)** to help with the delivery of Meals on Wheels. There are 4 delivery routes that deliver meals 5 times a week to homebound people. There is no charge for the delivery of meals. The (KRVSC Inc) helps out by employing 2 drivers & covers the expenses such as insurance & maintenance for 3 vehicles. The KRVSC Inc,'s delivery funds come from private donations. More information can be obtained from our office. Phone (760) 379-1428 between 9-12am weekdays. INFO **Gregg De Santis** (760) 417-0313 [gdesantis@mchsi.com](mailto:gdesantis@mchsi.com). **Kern County Department of Aging & Adult Services** (Nutrition) provides a nutritious meal 5 days per week. **JANUARY MENU** <http://goo.gl/Hllr2>. These meals are served at both the Kern Valley Senior Center, 6405 Lake Isabella Boulevard, Lake Isabella MAP <http://g.co/maps/jjmv8> & South Fork School's congregate location & to the homebound clients. A donation of \$2 is requested for those that are age 60 & over. Individuals under 60 may enjoy the same nutritious meal for \$5. Lunch is served at Noon. Advance reservations are required by calling (760) 379-5831.

## Thursday, January 19:

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### **EXCHANGE CLUB MEETING**

**Exchange Club of Kern Valley** every Thursday at noon at the Paradise Cove Restaurant, 10700 Highway 178, Lake Isabella MAP <http://g.co/maps/7sjza>. INFO: **Faith Morrison** (760) 417-2068 [morrisonfaith@gmail.com](mailto:morrisonfaith@gmail.com)

Thursday, January 19: 6pm

### **KRV ROTARY CLUB MEETING**

**Rotary Club of Kern River Valley** meets almost every Thursday for a dinner meeting at **Ewing's on the Kern**, 125 Buena Vista Drive, Kernville MAP <http://goo.gl/FKs7I>. CONTACT: **Erie Johnson**, president [erjohnso@cerrocoso.edu](mailto:erjohnso@cerrocoso.edu) (503) 298-8307

## Friday, January 20:

Friday & Saturday, January 20 & 21: 6am to 4:30pm (2pm Saturday)

### **2012 TROUT FISHING DERBY**

**Kern County Parks & Recreation Department** Regular Daily Entrance Fee Plus Daily Lake Evans Fishing Wristband Required (15 & Below, \$1.00, 16 & Above, \$6.00) Wristbands Must Be On Wrist. Prizes Include: 1st Prize (Heaviest Trout) Many Other Prizes To Be Awarded. Youth Category (15 & Under); 1st Prize (Heaviest Trout) Many Other Prizes To Be Awarded. Prizes Awarded At Buena Vista Concessions Stand. **Buena Vista Aquatic Recreation Area** <http://www.co.kern.ca.us/parks/buena-vista.asp> LOCATION: Lake Evans, <http://www.co.kern.ca.us/parks/pdf/location.pdf> INFO: **John Cove** (661) 868-7000 [covej@co.kern.ca.us](mailto:covej@co.kern.ca.us).

## Saturday, January 21:

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## Sunday, January 22:

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### KRV VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS BREAKFAST

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, January 24: 5:30 to 7:30pm

### KRV CHAMBER JANUARY MIXER

**Kern River Valley Chamber of Commerce** Mixer Flyer <http://goo.gl/AggvJ>. Putting Unity in Community *Mixin' it Up!* January Mixer at **The Furniture Store & Mattress Center** [lakeisabellafurniture.com](http://lakeisabellafurniture.com), **HOSTS: David & Robin Pontius**, 6415 Lake Isabella Blvd. (between the Senior Center & Lake Isabella Post Office), Lake Isabella **MAP** <http://g.co/maps/6vp9w>. **Great Food, Good Friends, Great Time!** Come sit, mix & mingle, recline awhile at The Furniture Store Mixer! See you there! **RSVP:** (760) 379-5236.

**Wednesday, January 25: 8am to 5pm**

## **DRIVER SAFETY PROGRAM (AARP 55 Alive)**

The Next AARP Driver Safety Program will be held January 25th, Wednesday (an all-day class) from 8 am to 5 pm at the Kern County Library in Lake Isabella (7054 Lake Isabella Blvd. - in the government complex). Participants must attend the entire day. The course does not involve driving, but does emphasize safe driving procedures for older drivers. In California, a certificate of course completion usually entitles the participant to a reduction in their auto insurance for three years following the date of the class. All materials & workbooks have been updated & include the latest driving information. Fees are \$12 for AARP members & \$14 for non-members. **Class size is limited & time is short, so call today.** . To learn more, or to enroll, call instructor **Gene Verbeet** (760) 417-0579 [verbeet@verizon.net](mailto:verbeet@verizon.net)

**Wednesday, January 25: 5:30pm**

## **KERN VALLEY GAYS & STRAIGHTS AGAINST BULLYING MEETING**

**Kern Valley Gays & Straights Against Bullying** Kernville Union School District Superintendent **Robin Shive** share information on the "**Safe Student Ambassador Program**" at Wallace Middle School. Anyone interested in working to reduce bullying in the Kern River Valley are invited to attend. Office of Dr. Elisa Nevius, Clinical Psychologist, 2211 Alta Sierra Ave., Lake Isabella **MAP** <http://g.co/maps/dtgrp>. INFO: **AI** (760) 376-1546 or (760) 812-7559 [asteuart@hughes.net](mailto:asteuart@hughes.net).

**Wednesday, February 1: 9 to 11:30am**

## **KRVR MONTHLY COMMUNITY MEETING**

**Kern River Valley Revitalization KRVR.org** The KRVR Community Meeting takes place the 1st Wednesday of every month in the Kernville Community Room (next to the Kernville Chamber office), off Sierra Way just W of Kernville Road, Kernville **MAP** <http://goo.gl/FAeoW>. **The public is welcome to attend.** INFO: **Joe Ciriello**, KRVR President (760) 379-2794 [krv-rev@earthlink.net](mailto:krv-rev@earthlink.net)

**MINUTES 1-4-2012 KRVR Community Meeting** <http://goo.gl/q4gvk>

Kern Valley Sun 1-11-2012: **KRVR holds community meeting** <http://goo.gl/byvkY>

**Wednesday, February 1: 11:45am to 1:15pm**

## **MEET THE FOREST SUPERVISOR LUNCHEON**

Following the KRVR Community Meeting there will be a luncheon with **Kevin Elliott** the new Forest Supervisor for the Sequoia National Forest. Jim Wyly is catering the luncheon which will cost \$8. INVITATION: <http://goo.gl/XvoKw>. INFO: **Chuck White** (760) 379-0764 [revchuckwhite@mchsi.com](mailto:revchuckwhite@mchsi.com).

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

### **SUPERVISOR MCQUISTON TO HOST PUBLIC HEALTH FORUM**

First District Supervisor Jon McQuiston invites you attend a Public Health Forum to be held in the Kern Valley Senior Center, 6405 Lake Isabella Boulevard, Lake Isabella **MAP** <http://g.co/maps/jjmv8>, Monday, January 23, 2012. There will be 2 identical sessions held to accommodate the schedules of all residents in the Kern River Valley. The first session will begin at 3:00 PM & the second session will begin at 6 PM. The purpose of the Forum is to gather input from our citizens regarding healthcare needs. Supervisor McQuiston along with the Public Health Department, Kern County Mental Health System of Care & local healthcare providers in the Kern River Valley will be on hand to answer questions & address concerns. "We are looking for gaps in service that could be filled by Kern County Public Health nurses & our local contract providers. The dissemination of information is essential to providing good service to the public. We want to put people in touch with those that can help. I look forward to seeing you all there." said Supervisor McQuiston. Please contact **Judy Hyatt** with any questions. (661) 868-3650.

## Volunteers sought to help on Audubon Kern River Preserve

Join **Audubon Kern River Preserve** staff & volunteers on Saturday, January 21 from 8am to Noon for a weekend work party. Last year's storm cut a new river channel & before it dries up we plan to use nature to help rebuild a forest. We will be planting cottonwoods & willows & understory vegetation in deposited sediments along the newly created river channel. This will help to jump-start the natural tree recruitment & provide future habitat for rare birds & other riparian wildlife. After the work is done, enjoy a no-host picnic at the preserve headquarters. There are multiple trails around the preserve that are easy hikes. The weather is predicted to be glorious. The birds will be singing & if your group is quiet you might see one of our many deer resting in the woods. Once a month from Fall through Spring, volunteers from around the community gather to help on a project at the Audubon Kern River Preserve. Bring gloves, wear long sleeves & pants, boots to get wet & safety glasses if you have them. The preserve will supply the tools. Meet at 7:55 a.m. at the headquarters of the Kern River Preserve: 18747 Highway 178, Weldon, CA. Contact the Kern River Preserve land steward, Sean Rowe email: [srowe@audubon.org](mailto:srowe@audubon.org) or call 760-378-2531 to RSVP. The next scheduled volunteer project will be another fun outdoor event - February 18, 2012. About **Audubon Kern River Preserve** <http://kern.audubon.org/>

## Forest Service Receives Application for Special Use Permit

The Kern River Ranger District of the Sequoia National Forest sent scoping letters out this week requesting public comment on the proposal to issue a temporary recreation event special use permit (SUP) to the Kernville Chamber of Commerce. The SUP would cover, the **Kernville Chamber of Commerce**, holding the **Whiskey Flat Carnival** on Forest Service property located in Kernville again like last year. The proposed dates for the Carnival operation are Friday (evening) February 17, 2012 through Monday (noon), February 20, 2012. The scoping letter contains a description of the event operations, proposed actions, required regulations & background information. This package is available to all interested parties & can be obtained at the Lake Isabella Ranger Station, 4875 Ponderosa Drive, Lake Isabella, (760) 379-5646 or the Kernville Ranger Station, 105 Whitney Road, Kernville, (760) 376-3781. Both offices are open Monday through Friday, 8am to 4:30pm. Kern River District Ranger Rick Larson commented that he was pleased the Forest Service has an opportunity to work with the Kernville Chamber of Commerce on this event. Larson stated, *"It is important to the Forest Service to enter into cooperative work with local agencies, civic organizations & the community to assist in enhancing tourism."* Along with County Law Enforcement presence, Forest Service Law Enforcement Officers will be on patrol during the weekend to help ensure visitors & locals alike, enjoy the event safely. Please send your comments in writing to: Artie Colson, Interdisciplinary Team Leader, Kern River Ranger District, P.O. Box 3810, Lake Isabella, CA 93240; or by email to: [acolson@fs.fed.us](mailto:acolson@fs.fed.us), no later than January 24, 2012.

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual **Camp Owens BBQ & Basketball Game** is set for Jan. 21 & the **Kern County Detentions Officer Association** [[www.KCDOA.info](http://www.KCDOA.info)], is looking for volunteers. Volunteers can meet at the KCDOA office in Bakersfield that morning & carpool to **Camp Irwin Owen** [<http://goo.gl/NEG0w>]. Or, they can go directly to the camp at 14401 Sierra Way, just N of Kernville MAP <http://g.co/maps/py59p>. The event will run 10am to 3:30pm. INFO: Detentions Sgt. **Todd Dearmore** (661) 391-7303 [dearmore@kernsheriff.com](mailto:dearmore@kernsheriff.com).

## GED TUTOR VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Looking for a few more volunteer tutors for the GED Test preparation class that meets on Wednesdays, 1-3pm, in Room 6 at Cerro Coso College. prefer persons with at least a bachelor's degree are preferred (but that's "negotiable.") INFO: : **AI** (760) 376-1546 or (760) 812-7559 [asteuart@hughes.net](mailto:asteuart@hughes.net).

## BIKE PLAN SURVEY ENDS JANUARY 31

In preparation for the **Kern Bicycle Plan** <http://www.kerncountybikeplan.com> for the unincorporated parts of the County, the **Kern County Council of Governments** [[KernCOG.org](http://KernCOG.org)] has prepared an online survey to help us better understand bicycling issues & opportunities in Kern County. Please take 5 minutes to complete this survey, your input is very important & it will help make bicycling in Kern County more accessible & safer. <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/Kernbikeplan>

## LOCAL LIBRARY ACTIVITIES FOR JANUARY

Happy New Year Library Friends! **Loop Together – Crochet & Knit time for all ages** will be held on Jan. 17 at 4pm at the Isabella Branch. This is a great group & a wonderful opportunity to make new friends! The Kernville branch is happy to announce **Snow Many Good Books** storytime on Jan. 20 at 10:30am

**Have you a desire to learn computers?** Contact the Isabella branch for information on their new basic computer classes offered on Thursdays & Saturdays by appointment. They are also offering guitar lessons; contact the branch for more information (760) 549-2083. Keep up with all the programs, events & news concerning our local libraries by calling KRV Branch at 760-549-2083 or logging onto the libraries Facebook page [www.facebook.com/KRVLibraries](http://www.facebook.com/KRVLibraries) or our website [www.kerncountylibrary.org](http://www.kerncountylibrary.org).

### **2012 Optimal Hospice Volunteer In-service Schedule** <http://goo.gl/qAHIC>

Make 2012 the year to give back to your community! Optimal Hospice Care is proud to serve the hospice care needs of Kern Valley residents who are affected by terminal illness. Optimal volunteers offer patients & families the gift of time & compassion – which allows the caregivers the opportunity to attend to errands & personal needs. If you have a little time to make a true difference in these lives, please call to reserve your seat at one of the upcoming New Volunteer Orientations being held in the Kern Valley area on **Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 10am**. Optimal Hospice Office, 6504 Lake Isabella Blvd. Ste. E, Lake Isabella Call the volunteer department at (888) 597-6115 or click on <http://www.optimalcares.com> for more information.

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## **Whiskey Flat Mayor Campaign**

**There are 2 candidates running for Whiskey Flat Days Mayor this year:  
Flower Filly Sue (Sue Rumsower) & Calamity Jule (Julie Brueggeman)**

Money they raise supports the KRV Sherriff's Activity League, Every Teen Counts, the Rotary Club of the Kern River Valley as well as the Kernville Chamber of Commerce.

Here we'll try to post as much as we can find out about the events & shenanigans of the 2 candidates each week. Look to the **Kern Valley Sun & Kern River Courier** for more information.

Kern Valley Sun 1-11-2011: **WFD Kickin' it up good time** <http://goo.gl/ucus5>

### **Flower Filly Sue (Sue Rumsower)**

**Jan. 11 Dart Tourney, Sportsman Bar, Kernville 6pm**

**Jan. 13 Fish Fry, Chatterbox, Wofford Heights at 5pm**

**Jan. 14 Horseracing, Kernville Saloon, Kernville at 4pm**

**Jan. 15 Shady Lane, Lake Isabella, Noon-5pm**

**Jan. 16 Shuffleboard, Kernville Saloon, Kernville 6pm**

**Jan. 17 Guest bartender, Sportsman, Kernville at 5pm**

**Jan. 20 Poker Tourney, Ewing's, Kernville at 5pm**

**Jan. 21 Pie Throwing, Sportsman, Kernville at 6pm**

### **Calamity Jule (Julie Brueggeman)**

Keep up with Calamity Jule on FACEBOOK : <https://www.facebook.com/pages/Calamitys-Jule/353020491391577> .

**Jan. 15 Cheryl's Diner, Kernville, 8am**

**Jan. 18 Pizza Factory, Lake Isabella, 5pm**

**Feb. 4 ETC!, Wofford Heights, 10am -2pm**

Bumblebee from the Transformer movie will be there for pictures. Everyone come & check it out!

**Feb. 5 Superbowl bar hopping**

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## Newly posted to [www.KRVR.org](http://www.KRVR.org):

NOTE: We are in the process of upgrading our website [www.KRVR.org](http://www.KRVR.org) & moving it to a new server. Please bear with us if you go to the website & it isn't working or is goofy. Later, it will be much improved.

**MINUTES 1-4-2012 KRVR Community Meeting** <http://goo.gl/q4gvk>  
Kern River Courier 1-6-2012: <http://goo.gl/sGWVZ>

**Living Green earns KRVR an award of merit** <http://goo.gl/sGWVZ>

On March 1, 2012, the **Kern Council of Governments** ([KernCOG.org](http://KernCOG.org)) will award **KRVR** a **Regional Award of Merit** for Community Involvement for KRVR's annual **Living Green KRV Festival** held every March.

Posted to our **The Economy** Forum Category

**Top 9 Rural Small Business Trends for 2012** <http://goo.gl/OKWgo>

Rural small business trends are always different from general small business trends. This year, the difference is in the economic outlook. With the consensus of economic predictions for 2012 showing slower national growth & the odds of a renewed U.S. recession at 1 in 3, the national economy doesn't look good. Contrast that with the local economies in rural areas. The **Rural Mainstreet Index** is at its highest level since 2007 & rural small business looks promising.

Posted to our **General Issues** Forum Category

LA Times 12-31-2011: <http://goo.gl/oN47m>

**New year brings new laws in California**

Of 760 bills signed by California Gov. Jerry Brown in 2011, most take effect Jan. 1. Here are some highlights.

Posted to our **Lake Isabella Dam Safety** Forum Category

December 31, 2011 <http://goo.gl/c8Cyz>

**Isabella Lake Dam Safety Modification Study Situation Report**  
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Sacramento District.

Work resumed on January 3 & includes rock core drilling of the proposed Borel tunnel alignments & the emergency spillway; & materials sampling (for borrow) at the South Lake area. Work continues on the Public Draft EIS. The team reviewed & updated chapters 1 & 2 & continues to develop other sections of the DEIS in preparation for a Draft EIS by February 29.

**MILESTONES/GENERAL SCHEDULE:**

**Draft Environmental Impact Statement** (EIS) to Public Review – **February 29, 2012**

Draft DSMR to ATR (w/ Risk Management Alternatives Formulation Briefing) – February 14, 2012

Final Approved Dam Safety Modification Report (will include Final EIS) – September 30, 2012

Planning, Engineering & Design – October 2012 - Sept 2015

**Begin Project Construction** – **October 2014**

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