



# Kern City Klarion December 2020

# Happy Holidays

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec. 8 -- Reg Board mtg, 9:00a  
using COVID restrictions
- Dec. 12 -- Parade @ 1:30p
- Dec. 25 -- Christmas Drive-thru lunch, RSVP!
- Jan. 1 -- KC's "Rose" Parade  
We're closed on Dec.25 & Jan. 1

*Tickets needed!*

## Drive-thru Christmas Day Lunch

The Social Club will hold a drive-through Christmas Day Luncheon on Friday, Dec. 25, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. for \$10 per person. Residents wanting the to-go meal must purchase a ticket from the office no later than noon on Wednesday, Dec. 23. The office is open Monday through Friday between 9:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.

The menu will consist of: Turkey breast, corn-



bread dressing, mashed potatoes, gravy, peas and carrots, cranberry sauce, roll and dessert, provided all items are available at the grocery stores.

"I can't emphasize enough that people purchase their tickets by noon on Dec. 23 so we have enough food to hand out,"

said Albert Garza who, with his wife Mindy, will oversee the event.

Because of the county's COVID-19 numbers, he added that "it's better to be safe so we will continue to use practices including frequent hand washing, sanitizing and safe distancing between work stations inside the Town Hall. Volunteers will also be wearing facemasks and gloves during the food

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### President's message

## New directors:

## Holloway, Kirby, McMillin Members can comment on proposed canopy rule

The elections are over (the Kern City ones anyway!) and there are three new directors who will take their seats at the January board meeting.

"I'd like to welcome Brian Holloway, Roger Kirby and Donna Hansen McMillin, who received the highest number of votes in this year's election," said Steve Parks, board president. "I'm sure they'll do a good job for our community."

The election results are listed on page 5.

"I'd like to thank member Mike Plowman who served as our Inspector of Elections," Parks said. "He has done a great job overseeing the election process."

Leaving the board this year are Steve Parks, Kyle Ray, and Jolene Simons. Besides the newly elected directors, the 2021 board will include: Buster Beebe, Joe Newton, Carol Ann Toms and Donna Tyner.

Also last month, directors voted at the regular board meeting to approve the 2021 budget. "With everything going on in the world, we did not want to add to people's problems so we have kept spending low and we did not raise the annual assessment for next year," Parks noted.

"It will be \$425 again and if people cannot pay the whole amount before Jan. 16th when it will be

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## Join the Parade Dec. 12!

Bring your bicycle, golf cart or scooter and celebrate Thanksgiving or Christmas or ? as we ride through Kern City.

Meet in the south parking lot at 1:30 p.m. See page 11.



## Purple tier again

At press time, the governor had just announced that, due to rising COVID-19 cases, the purple tier was in effect again and he would be issuing new guidelines. We will post those when we have them.

One rule was that people should wear a mask when outside their homes.

# New help reporting scams, fraud

The U.S. Department of Justice has established a new phone line to help seniors report scams. It's called the National Elder Fraud Hotline and its toll-free phone number is 1-833-FRAUD-11. That's 1-833-372-8311, and it is open from 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

The person answering the phone will help seniors by providing the correct way and place to report different kinds of scams. Some people have reported that it is difficult

to report fraud to the Federal Trade Commission and the new hotline operator will help walk people through how to do that.

The types of fraud the hotline deals with include fake romances on the internet, financial scams, calls saying "It's your grandson, and I'm in trouble and need money," etc.

People can also access the website associated with the hotline. That web address is: [www.stopelderfraud.ovc.ojp.gov](http://www.stopelderfraud.ovc.ojp.gov)

Don't forget to keep your home, car, garage and shed locked up. There are always thieves walking, riding bikes or driving vehicles around looking for opportunities to steal. When they spot something, they can grab it in under a minute or come back later. A resident on Cypress Point notified us that someone stole two cushions off her patio.

Take precautions and be safe!



## *Do you live alone?*

Last month, a resident fell and laid on the floor for hours. When someone realized he needed help, emergency services were called.

The problem? No one could get in his home! No one had a key and the emergency crew couldn't find a way in. Finally, they had to break down a door.

The moral of the story: If you live alone, please provide a key or contact information to one or two neighbors and let others know how to contact them.

If you trust someone who doesn't live by you, make sure neighbors know how to reach them. You can share that information with the office, too, but remember it is only open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

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# MERRY CHRISTMAS



## Lorene's December Coupon

**Receive 20% Off the total of your bill. Cannot be accompanied with other offer. May use for breakfast, lunch or dinner. Please present to server before ordering.**

Coupon good for 2 people from 12-1-20 to 12-31-20

Only original coupon copies accepted.

# Manager's Report



## More Kern City veterans

Last month we ran a list of Kern City veterans and asked if any other resident veterans weren't listed to inform our office. We are listing those veterans here, and we ask again: If you didn't see your name last month or don't see it in this issue, please let us know. We have a little Thank You we want to send to you.

We thank and honor the following Kern City veterans:

Robert Atkinson, US Army  
 Mike Burns, US Army  
 Judy Bagby Davidson,  
 US Air Force  
 Frank Fisher, US Air Force  
 Scott Ford, US Navy  
 Ed Hamlett, US Army Airborne  
 Jim Harris, US Army  
 Jack Hood, US Navy  
 Harold Ludwick, US Navy

Linda Loebach,  
 US Army Reserves  
 Joseph Marcano, US Navy  
 Michael Mayfield, US Army  
 John Mitchell, US Army  
 Leon Oster, US Army  
 Drew Patrick, US Marine Corps  
 Kyle Ray, US Army  
 Darrell Simons, US Army  
 Jamie Swidecki, US Army

## Condolences

The Board of Directors and staff of the Kern City Civic Association offer their thoughts and prayers to the family and loved ones of the resident here who passed away recently:

*Martha Carroll*

A couple of months ago I wrote about some funny requests the office has received over time. One member asked if those were really true, and I can assure you they were.

There was one other request that I thought might make you laugh. A woman in her late 50s came into the office one day and asked if we could help her. We said we would love to and asked what she needed. She asked for a list of all the single men in Kern City. When I said we protect people's privacy and don't track people in that way anyway, she asked if I knew any single men who attended a certain church nearby. Again, I said we protect people's privacy and we don't even ask people what their spiritual affiliations are. She went away a little irritated, but fortunately (for the men here anyway), she moved away shortly thereafter.

I always laugh when I think of what Jennifer said when she was hired to work in the office here. The agency that sent her to interview just told her it was a place for elderly people and might be a little slow. Later she told me that she had been worried that things might be boring. I really laughed. I said I could guarantee that she would never have even one boring day here. And she'll tell you today that not only has she never had a boring day, like all employees here she has fallen in love with many of the residents.

Wishing you all a happy holiday season!

*Jill Foley*

*Dear Kern City Residents,*

*We wish you all a glorious holiday season  
 and a much better New Year!*

*DIRECTORS AND STAFF*



# Are you prepared for an emergency?

If Bakersfield experiences a prolonged power outage, a large earthquake, a huge dust storm (remember that one?), etc., it's smart to be prepared. Below is a suggested list of items for a survival kit courtesy of PG&E. At a minimum, you should have the basic supplies listed below.

## SURVIVAL KIT

- Water: one gallon per person, per day (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)
- Food: non-perishable, easy-to-prepare items (3-day supply for evacuation, 2-week supply for home)
- Flashlight
- Battery-powered or hand-crank radio (NOAA Weather Radio, if possible)
- Extra batteries
- Medications (7-day supply) and medical items
- Multi-purpose tool
- Sanitation and personal hygiene items
- Copies of personal documents (medication list and pertinent medical information, proof of address, deed/lease to home, passports, birth certificates, insurance policies)
- Cell phone with chargers (Similar item available in the Red Cross Store)
- Family and emergency contact information
- Extra cash

- Emergency blanket -- special fire retardant blankets can be ordered online

• Map(s) of the area

**Consider the needs of all family members and add supplies to your kit:**

- Medical supplies (hearing aids with extra batteries, glasses, contact lenses, syringes, etc)
- Pet supplies (collar, leash, ID, food, carrier, bowl)
- Two-way radios
- Extra set of car keys and house keys
- Manual can opener

**Additional supplies to keep at home or in your survival kit based**

**on the types of disasters common to your area:**

- Whistle
- N95 or surgical masks
- Matches
- Rain gear
- Towels
- Work gloves
- Tools/supplies for securing your home
- Extra clothing, hat and sturdy shoes
- Plastic sheeting
- Duct tape
- Scissors
- Household liquid bleach
- Entertainment items
- Blankets or sleeping bags



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## Kern City Klarion

### KERN CITY OFFICE HOURS:

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### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Buster Beebe, Joe Newton, Steve Parks, Kyle Ray,  
Jolene Simons, Donna Tyner and Carol Ann Toms

### OFFICERS

President: Steve Parks  
Vice President: Joe Newton  
Secretary-Treasurer: Donna Tyner

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## President's message

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late, we want them to know that we will work with them to make payment plans.”

Also at last month's board meeting, directors approved the Architectural Committee's request to send a proposed canopy rule to members for their comments.

The Architectural Committee met recently to consider updating its rules, and its members proposed a new rule to disallow canopy car covers. The proposed rule is printed below and will be mailed to members who may comment if they wish.

“We were approached about adding canopy car covers,” said Director Kyle Ray, committee leader. “When we looked into it, we found that many neighborhoods that allow them have lower property values than ours, and there are a great variety of canopies, many of which do not add anything aesthetically.”

The proposed rule reads as follows:

1) Kern City does not allow temporary or permanent shade structures in the front or side yards and anywhere else where they

can be seen from the street or golf course. Any such structure must be approved ahead of time.

2) Residents may use a temporary canopy/structure for a maximum of 72 hours up to 3 times per year. The structure must be anchored to the ground to prevent becoming airborne.

3) Canopies/shade structures may not be used for mechanic work on driveways or yards. Also, such mechanical work may not be performed on driveways, in the street or on any yard that can be seen from the street or golf course.

4) Canopy/shade structures do not include gazebos/pergolas. However, gazebos/pergolas do require a KCCA Architectural Alteration approval.

5) Temporary structures may not be electrified.

The Architectural Committee includes: Directors Ray, Buster Beebe, and Carol Ann Toms and member Brian Holloway.

If members do have comments about the proposed canopy rule, they should be put in writing and mailed or dropped off to: KCCA Office, 1003 Pebble Beach Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93309. They can also be emailed to: kerncity1003@gmail.com.

## ELECTION RESULTS

### DIRECTORS

The seven members below ran for the three open positions on the Kern City Board of Directors for the 2021-2022 term.

| <i>Directors</i>          | <i># Vote</i> | <i>Elected/Not Elected</i> |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------------------------|
| David Alderette.....      | 72            | ..... N                    |
| Brian Holloway.....       | 280           | ..... E                    |
| Roger Kirby.....          | 259           | ..... E                    |
| Donna Hansen McMillin.... | 242           | ..... E                    |
| Flame Mercola.....        | 41            | ..... N                    |
| Rhonda Messersmith.....   | 94            | ..... N                    |
| Norma Stephenson.....     | 141           | ..... N                    |

### TOTALS

Total Ballots Received: 399

Rejected Ballots: 2

Total Counted: 397

Inspector of Elections: Mike Plowman, member

## Lunch

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preparation.

“We ask that people drive on the street next to the Town Hall sidewalk on Pebble Beach heading south toward Sundale to receive their packaged meals to take home,” Garza said. “Also, please try to bring the exact change when purchasing your tickets in order to eliminate and minimize making change.

“We also ask residents to please remain in their vehicles during the luncheon pickup to minimize contact.”

The event will also include random “drive-thru prizes.” All door prizes have been donated by members and friends of the Social Club.

For information on how to volunteer for this or other events, contact Al at 342-6055 or Mindy at 805-3642.

## Opportunities

### Reminder: \$50 for citrus trees!

The Asian Citrus Psyllid insect that carries the Citrus Greening Disease is back in force and is killing citrus trees throughout the county.

According to the Kern County Pest Control District, the disease is spreading quickly again so the district is trying to reduce the insect population by removing citrus trees to cut down their food supply.

The county is offering to remove citrus trees for property owners who agree and they will also give the property owners \$50 for each tree removed.

For more information or to arrange to have trees removed, call Blanca Lara at 912-6086.

# KERN CITY BOARD MINUTES

**DRAFT KCCA'S REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES** p.m.  
**November 10, 2020, 5:30 p.m. in**  
**Town Hall using COVID-19 restrictions**

Respectfully submitted,

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Donna Tyner, Secretary-Treasurer

Meeting attendance: 55 (includes 6 directors, manager and 48 members)

**D R A F T KERN CITY CIVIC ASSOCIATION**  
**ANNUAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Nov. 10, 2020, immediately following regular board meeting that began at 5:30 p.m. In Town Hall using COVID-19 restrictions**

I. CALL TO ORDER: President Steve Parks called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. Other directors present: Buster Beebe, Joe Newton, Kyle Ray, Jolene Simons, and Donna Tyner and Manager Jill Foley. Absent: Carol Ann Toms. Director Parks welcomed attendees and member Fred Hufnagel led the flag salute.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS: President Parks said the regular board meeting would be kept short so that the Annual Meeting which follows can begin. He explained that the votes to elect new directors cannot be counted until the Annual Meeting starts. He said directors and members will have an opportunity to speak during that meeting.

III. MINUTES: Director Tyner asked if there were any corrections to the Oct. 13, 2020 minutes. There were none so the minutes were accepted as presented.

IV. TREASURER'S REPORT: Director Tyner reported that as of Oct. 31, 2020, the Checking Account had \$110,277.98 and the Reserve Account had a balance of \$447,950.68. The CD Account had a balance of \$103,865.98. The total of our bank accounts is \$662,094.64. She announced that the CD at Mechanics Bank will come due Dec. 17th so she'll check into rates for renewing it and the board can vote on that next month.

V. MANAGER'S REPORT: Jill Foley reported that the Annual Policy Statement and the 2021 assessment invoice will be mailed to members this month. The \$425 assessment is due Jan. 1 and late on Jan. 16, 2021. We'll be glad to make payment plans but please make those arrangements with the office before Jan. 16, 2021.

VI. OLD BUSINESS: 2021 Budget -- Donna Tyner reported that the draft 2021 budget had been published in the Klarion and mailed to all members. The assessment does not increase for next year and no comments have been received from members. She moved to accept the budget. Vote: Passed, unanimous.

VII. NEW BUSINESS: None

VIII. SOCIAL CLUB: None

IX. AUDIENCE: Held until next meeting.

X. ADJOURNMENT: Director Parks adjourned the meeting at 5:33

I. CALL TO ORDER: Steve Parks, President, opened the meeting at 5:35 p.m. and welcomed members. Other directors present: Buster Beebe, Joe Newton, Kyle Ray, Jolene Simons, and Donna Tyner and Manager Jill Foley. Absent: Carol Ann Toms.

II. DIRECTION TO COUNT VOTES: President Parks directed member Mike Plowman, the Inspector of Elections, and his team to begin counting the votes for the election of directors.

III. RECESS: President Parks announced a 15-minute dinner break.

IV. HONOR VETERANS: Buster Beebe thanked all veterans for their service and asked those in attendance to share about their time in the military. A Thank You card with a \$10 gift certificate was presented to each veteran and will be mailed to the veterans who could not attend.

V. REPORT OF THE ACTIVITIES/FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE ASSOCIATION: President Parks reported that the association's finances and state are in good condition. His remarks follow.

VI: DIRECTORS' FORUM: None

VII: AUDIENCE: There were no Social Club announcements. Members discussed the following: They thanked the board for its work this year, urged residents to volunteer and to turn in their hours to help the county, and asked to be kept informed regarding the Sundale Country Club's future plans.

VIII: ELECTION RESULTS: Mike Plowman, the Inspector of Elections, reported the following: The new 2021-2022 directors and

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# KERN CITY BOARD MINUTES

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the number of votes they received were: Brian Holloway, 280, Roger Kirby, 259, and Donna Hansen McMillin, 242. Other candidates and the votes they received were: David Alderette, 72, Flame Mercola, 41, Rhonda Messersmith, 94, and Norma Stephenson, 141. There were 399 ballots received, and the number eligible to be counted was 397. The vote counting team included: Jeanette Stone, Bonnie Newton, Mike and Tammy Plowman, and Deborah and Paul Strand. President Parks thanked all who ran for director and congratulated the winners.

IX: ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Donna Tyner, Secretary-Treasurer

Meeting attendance: 55 (includes 6 directors, manager and 48 members)

## President Parks' remarks on KCCA's financial condition and state of the community

This has certainly been an interesting year. We never expected our country to be hit by a plague. Due to the virus we earned less this year than expected. That's because we had to shut things down and therefore didn't receive any money from Town Hall rentals or from

the Eagle Mountain bus parking in our lot.

**Financials:** Because of the Coronavirus we were careful not to spend much, and for that reason we are in good shape. We have enough money in our Checking Account to finish out the year and put some remaining monies into our Reserve Account next year. And barring any unforeseen large expenses, we expect to meet the required funding requirement for our Reserve Account next year which will be \$500,178.

**Repairs:** Any place this age needs ongoing repairs every year, and that is certainly the case here. This year, we repaired:

- The roof over the drive-through and walkway outside the Town Hall
- Various lights throughout the common area
- A backflow leak -- that's where the water from our common area joins the city's pipes
- We replaced rotted wood in various places throughout the common area, and we'll continue to look for those areas
- We repainted the shed and areas where there was rotted wood and the Town Hall restrooms.
- We just had two pool filters repaired, also.

**Upgrades:**

- We added a camera at the RV Park.
- We replaced an AC unit -- the new air conditioners are more energy efficient and cool and heat for less.
- We replaced two corroded water lines. I'm sure we'll have to replace more pipes in the future.
- Also, I'm very happy we were able to get the City of Bakersfield to add a street light to make the area safer on Pebble Beach. That didn't cost us anything.

We are also considering updating the waterfall area. Like our pool, that is a sort of landmark for Kern City.

We will be trimming and replacing some plantings in the waterfall area and in some other areas, too.



# Library News



I hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving and were able to share it with at least a few family and friends. That's certainly something to be thankful for. And we at the Library are thankful for all of you. Your generosity in sharing your books, magazines, puzzles, cards, etc. is what keeps us going. We couldn't do it without you. We still need donations of newer books (published within the last 10 years or less) to help keep us current.

As of this writing there are still cookbooks and cooking magazines to be had for FREE! Our supply of cards has been replenished and the Christmas cards and 2021 calendars are available. We will also have gift bags for purchase for 10 cents. What a deal!

Guys, in case you're not aware we also have magazines to interest you. Check out the racks on the wall by the back door. There is something for everyone on the main magazine rack, also. The puzzlers are back at it as well. There is a 2000 piece one in the works so stop in and put in a few pieces if you can.

Karen Robards is the author of my first feature. It's a novel entitled *The Ultimatum*. Growing up, Bianca St. Ives knew she was different from all her friends. Instead of playing dolls or hopscotch she studied martial arts with sensei masters and dismantled explosives with special ops retirees. Her father prepared her well to carry on the family

business. Now a striking beauty with fierce skills, the prodigy has surprised the master.

*The Chef*, a 2019 release by James Patterson is my next feature. In the carnival days leading up to Mardi Gras, Detective Caleb Rooney comes under investigation for a murder he is accused of committing in the line of duty-as a Major Crimes Investigator for the New Orleans Police Dept. Has his sideline at the Killer Chef food truck given him a taste for murder?

## *Happy Reading!* *Donna Tyner*

### DECEMBER ADDITIONS & DONATIONS

#### DVDs

|                            |                               |
|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| The Chisholm Series        | Various (3 discs)             |
| Tristan and Isolde         | James Franco/<br>Sophia Myles |
| The Wire (complete series) | Various (5 discs)             |

#### AUDIO - BOOKS ON CD

|                |                        |
|----------------|------------------------|
| Cussler, Clive | The Thief (8 CDs)      |
| Dashner, James | The Fever Code (8 CDs) |

#### BOOKS

M = Mystery LP = Large Print \*\* = Christian/Religious  
Novels NF = Non-Fiction

N = Novel ML = Military OP = Oversize Paperback

|    |                      |                                     |
|----|----------------------|-------------------------------------|
| N  | Albom, Mitch         | The Magic Strings of Frankie Presto |
| N  | Currie, Ron          | The One Eyed Man                    |
| N  | Larson, Kirby        | Duke                                |
| N  | Robards, Karen       | The Ultimatum                       |
| M  | Cornwell, Patricia   | The Bone Bed                        |
| M  | Nesbo, Jo            | The Thirst                          |
| M  | Patterson, James     | The Chef                            |
| M  | Robb, J.D.           | Brotherhood In Death                |
| NF | Brody, David         | The Faith of Donald J. Trump        |
|    | Lamb, Scott          | One Week in June - U.S.             |
|    | Open                 |                                     |
| NF | Glenconner, Anne     | Lady In Waiting                     |
| LP | Clark, Carol Higgins | Laced                               |
| LP | Ferrell, Miralee     | Love Finds You In Last Chance, CA   |
| ** | Karon, Jan           | Light From Heaven                   |
| ** | Kraybill, Donald B.  | Amish Grace                         |
| ** | Macarthur, John      | The Gospel According to Paul        |

## Completed Puzzle



## Christmas, holiday cards available in Library

Residents wishing to purchase greeting cards can find them in the Library. The cards cover just about every occasion, and the cost is 10 cents per card and 25 cents for each calendar.



The Library is open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and requires a mask and social distancing. A volunteer will be in the Library if people need assistance.

# CHRISTMAS FOR SENIORS

**Be a Santa to needy seniors**  
**by bringing any of the items below to the Kern City office**  
**Monday through Friday (except holidays) between 9a - 2p.**

Toilet paper, paper towels, soaps, lotions, shaving crème, shampoos, tooth paste, tooth brushes, cleaning supplies, small bottles of bleach, Comet, spray disinfectant, etc.

Canned or boxed food: Easy meals, soups and crackers, chili and cornbread, macaroni and cheese, peanut butter and jelly, non-perishable vegetables, fruits, and canned meats.

ZipLock baggies filled with greeting cards, socks, books, calendars, a pillowcase.

Crossword puzzles, adult color books with colored pencils, and word-finds

Fabric: all cotton or cotton/polyester blend to make pillowcases.

**This year 1,200 seniors and Veterans from all over  
Kern County will be served.**



# Around Kern City



**THAT IS HER COSTUME! -- Donna Ball did it her way.**



**KING AND QUEEN OF HEARTS -- Meet Royals Caroline and Dick Thiel.**



**DR. TOMS -- Carol Ann Toms was an MD.**



**COLOR COORDINATED -- Rhonda Messersmith (left) and Norma Stephenson had one of the prettiest carts.**

**We had fun on Halloween!**



**THE GREAT PUMPKIN -- Kelley Lee (left) and Valerie Hampton rode in a cart Charlie Brown would have been proud of.**

# Around Kern City



**SEEKING DR. SEUSS --** Sharon Parks has so many fun costumes!



**LINED UP --** Where are the parade participants? At Mindy and Al Garza's, of course. That's where the food and drinks are!



**AND THE WINNER IS --** Don Stahl's buddy.



**AHOY --** Looking for your ship, Scott Ford?

## Join the parade on Dec. 12!

Let's have a fun time on Dec. 12 at 1:30 p.m. with a Kern City bike/scooter/golf cart ride. We will meet in the south parking lot of the Kern City Civic Association on Pebble Beach.

This holiday ride will celebrate Thanksgiving and Christmas so if you feel like decorating you can pick the holiday you want to represent. Or just come and join in a fun time.

We will have a visit from the Thanksgiving turkey hopefully and a visit from jolly old St. Nick! If you would like a holiday picture taken with our guests we will have a photographer standing by to catch your smiles. Copies will be available for \$5 each or they can be sent to you electronically to make your own copies.

Thank you to all residents who have joined the bike rides in the past and to those who have continued to encourage me to keep on pedaling!! I look forward to seeing you and all other interested participants on Dec. 12.

Also, Pasadena has cancelled its ROSE PARADE so welcome in the New Year on 1/1/2021 with the Kern City "Rose" Parade at 1:30 p.m.! Any and all floats are welcome!!

Any questions, please feel free to contact me at 320-260-7230. See you on 12/12!!  
Carol Ann Toms, resident volunteer



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# Holiday gifts for four-legged family members

Holiday shoppers who are busy making lists and checking them twice should make sure they don't overlook the family pet. Christmas has gone to the cats and dogs, as a greater number of people include their companion animals when selecting gifts each year.

A study by OnePoll conducted by Rover.com, the nation's largest network of dog sitters and walkers, found that 95 percent of pet owners have bought holiday gifts for their pets. Gifts can range from everyday needs, like food and treats, to more lavish extravagances like spa treatments.

Pet owners who plan to get their pets gifts this year may want to consider some of the emerging pet trends as they browse wares and services.

The Balance, a business, career and industry information site, says pet industry trends point toward these segments seeing growth.

## Natural pet products

Just as people are interested in protecting the health of the planet and their own personal health, so, too, are they extending this concern to companion animals. Natural pet products, which can include natural flea and tick remedies, holistic foods, organic items, and all-natural grooming products, can make great gifts.

## Specialty pet services

The American Pet Products Association says the demand for high-end pet grooming and other services is substantial. In addition, personalized training, behavioral consulting, portrait photography, dog sitting, and upscale spa treatments like pet Reiki and massage are booming.

## Mobile pet grooming

Mobile pet grooming has become the norm in many areas. Mobile pet grooming can reduce

the potential stress on animals, and tends to be very convenient for customers, particularly seniors and others who have mobility issues. Beyond these growing trends, pet owners have a bevy of other ideas from which to choose. Here are just a few different suggestions:

- tests to detect pets' DNA and trace breed and ancestry,
- interactive puzzles to keep pets engaged and banish boredom,
- stylish storage baskets for pet toys,
- hidden cat litter or dog crate items that camouflage commonly used pet items,
- heated pet bed for cozy nights and mornings, and
- signature vests, coats and sweaters to look good and remain comfortable.

Pet gifts are popular this time of year, ensuring all members of the family have a treat to open.



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In human reasoning, it has been a horrible, crazy year. The list of different events and happenings this past year are too numerous to list. But, in spiritual reasoning, it has been a great year.

This is the month we celebrate Christmas. Bill Gaither wrote and sang a song entitled "Because He Lives." The verse says

"God sent His Son  
They called Him Jesus  
He came to love  
Heal and forgive"

December is about Christmas and Christmas is about the birth of Jesus. This year may have been different but it is December, it is Christmas. It is about Jesus. Whatever is or has been going on in your life, Jesus came to

bring love, joy and peace. We will look back on this year and say a couple of things:

1. I don't want to ever do that again and
2. We survived. We made it through!

Remember, God is in control and He knows exactly what He is doing. We may not always get what we wished and hoped for, but we got what we needed. As was said last month, we have so much to be thankful for. This Christmas is going to be different. The restaurants may be closed. We may not have a large family Christmas together. But, we have each other and we have God's love to see us through.

The future is bright. The tomorrows are wonderful. Everything will be just fine. Barbara and I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and tell you all that we love you!

*Pastors Al and Barbara Rountree*

**P.S. We have been receiving food that we want to give it away. We never know what we will get or when the source will stop. The following is a list of some of the items we are getting:**

Canned meat  
Canned vegetables  
Canned fruit  
Dry beans and rice  
Soup  
Raisins  
Cereal  
Milk  
Eggs  
Frozen fruit  
Frozen meat  
Etc.

A few comments: It is first-come, first-served and is free. It must be picked up at our house.

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## YARD SALES

CHRISTMAS BAZAAR -- Dec. 5th from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.-- Outside if weather permits (no rain). Great gifts for all your Holiday Shopping for co-workers, Gardeners, Church volunteers etc. PURSES, JEWELRY, HAND-MADE BLANKETS, APRONS, WREATHS AND LOTS MORE. We will have hot beverages and snacks. 108 OAKMONT CT

YARD SALE: Fri & Sat, Dec. 4 & 5: If it rains, the sale will be Dec. 11 & 12. 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m., 1005 Cherry Hills.

DRIVEWAY SALE: Friday, Dec. 4, 7:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m., 805 La Puente, Collectibles from Mom, Grandmom and deceased daughter, very reasonable: Lovely English porcelain cups and matching saucers, variety of colors with stands; Bells, including Liberty Bell in brass; music boxes, 2 or 3 Delft's blue figurines; fancy thimbles; spoon collection from USA, Canada, Europe, Mexico, etc. plus a wooden spoon stand (holds about 70); plus lovely Christmas items & tablecloths; small walnut end table; plastic file cabinet; misc.

We are moving out of state and can't take everything so please come help me out. If someone wants a whole collection, I will reduce the price greatly. June at 885-8417.

FREE

FREE: White Crib/Toddler bed combo with or without the mattress and girl and boy bedding. Take all or just what is needed. Please call 397-7672 and leave a message if no answer and we will call you back.

## FOR LEASE

FOR RENT: House for lease, 6305 Ellis St., large open concept, 2 bedroom, 2 bath, 1 car garage, washer and

dryer hookup indoors (does not include washer, dryer). Call 444-0299. PLEASE DO NOT CONTACT OCCUPANTS.

## WANTED

WANTED: Room to rent -- Male Kern City resident, age 61, looking for a room to rent in Kern City. Non-smoker and non-drinker. Currently lives in Kern City with elderly mother but she is moving with a relative. For more information, please contact Isabel my sister at 246-7842.

WANTED: Electric treadmill in excellent condition and reasonable price. Call Juanita at 319-270-1228.

WANTED: Old PHONOGRAPH RECORDS, any size. Call Bonnie, 398-3004. Will pick up.

WANTED: Schwinn Airdyne stationary bike. Excellent condition and reasonable price. Call Juanita at 319-270-1228.

WANTED: Cold season is here. The shelters are in need of blankets to keep the animals warm. For pickup, call Judy Harris at 831-7613 or text 331-2229.

WANTED: All sporting goods, including old and new golf clubs, all fishing items old and new, old knives, and antiques. I live in Kern City. 397-0234.

## FOR SALE

FOR SALE: Misc Christmas gifts -- Games: All new. Bakersfieldopoly (Bakersfield's version of Monopoly) \$15; Sharper Image: Space Challenge Maze Globe, \$10; Hungry Bear target shooting game, \$10; Hover Target Game, \$10; Breakaway rim Pro-style hoop, \$10; Motion-activated candy dispenser, \$15. For information, call Judy @ 831-7613 or text 331-2229.

FOR SALE: Oak coffee table like new was \$300, now \$150; 2 oak round side tables, like new, was \$250 for the pair new, now \$125 (all 3 match if you want the full set). I can text email you a pix of all. Email is trek66@gmail.com or text 661-747-4647.

FOR SALE: 2 new throw blankets, one with Christmas design, very pretty, \$10 each. Would make nice Christmas gifts. 833-1078, recorder will answer.

FOR SALE: Mausoleum for two at Greenlawn at Panorama and River Blvd, \$5,500. 832-3807.

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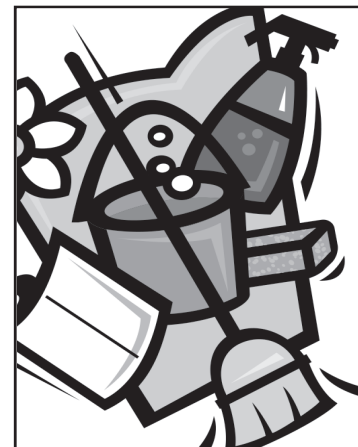
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FOR SALE: Hillcrest Memorial Park Lake View Lawn, Lots 2320 and spaces 1 & 2 beautiful area by the Lake, last plots in that area. Sell together, \$10,000 for both. 832-8861.

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AVON -- Needing a last minute Christmas gift? Avon has a lot of new "goodies" for last minute buying. Call Judy Harris at 831-7613 or text 331-2229. Have a blessed holiday season.

CAT SITTER: Anyone in need of someone special to baby-sit their precious kitty? I live in Kern City, and I LOVE cats! Please call me. I used to work for Dr. Stern at Southwest Veterinary Hospital on Brundage many years ago. I've had over 20 kitties in my lifetime. I can give references. Call Debbie at 342-5033.

PERSONAL ASS'T: Kern City resident can help with grocery shopping, meal planning and food preparation. Reasonable rates, references. Call Nancy at 662-610-7743.

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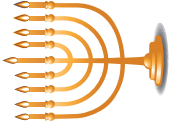



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|-----|-----|--|--|--|---|-------|
| 6   | 7   | 8 Blue recycle cart<br>PU<br>       | 9  | 10 Hanukkah<br>begins<br>                 | 11  | 12    |
| 13  | 14  | 15   | 16   | 17   | 18 Hanukkah<br>ends<br>   | 19    |
| 20  | 21  | 22 Blue recycle<br>cart<br>PU<br> | 23 12 noon<br>DEADLINE to buy<br>tickets for<br>Christmas drive-<br>thru lunch | 24 Closed at noon  | 25 Christmas<br>Christmas Day<br>Drive-thru Lunch,<br>Must have ticket!<br>PU tkt by noon<br>12/23<br> | 26    |
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