

THE MESSENGER AT FOUR SEASONS

NOVEMBER 2025



Lodge Hours of Operation:

Monday-Thursday: 8am-7:30pm

Friday: 8am-10pm

Saturday: 8am-6pm

Sunday: 12pm - 6pm

Outdoor Amenities & Gym:

Monday-Sunday:

5am-10pm

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Secretary

Jan Lemucchi
Director

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Social Committee Survey – We Want Your Input!

Last month, the Social Committee conducted a survey to find out what types of events residents would like to see in the upcoming year. Only 16 residents responded, so we're running the survey again through November 30th — and we've made it easier to participate!

You can take the survey online at www.fsbhoa.com under the Committee's drop-down menu → Social Committee, or pick up a hard copy at the Lodge.

If you already completed the survey, there's no need to do it again — your feedback has been recorded and will be included.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings,

At Wednesday's Board of Director's Meeting on 10/29/2025, we announced that the Board interviewed four very qualified and capable candidates to fill the vacant position created after Bill Ferguson's resignation. The Board voted to appoint Jan Lemucchi to the position of Director-at-large effective immediately. Congratulations Jan, and a big thank you to the other candidates for their desire to serve.

Our community was given the green light from Cal Water to move forward with the conversion of non-functional turf to a drought-resistant type of landscape. This was wonderful news, as the cost of the project is \$105,000.00 and Cal Water will reimburse our community the full amount!

I want to thank everyone on the Ad Hoc Landscape Committee for all their time and hard work putting this plan together. They are Steve West, Florn Core, Jan Lemucchi, Patty Young and Diane Mitchell.
Liaisons: Skip Welchans and Bill Ferguson.

I also want to thank Michael Callagy for the time and effort he put in on this project earlier in the year, giving the Ad Hoc Committee a head start. Way to go, Mike!

I know many of us will be traveling during the Thanksgiving Holiday. Enjoy this wonderful time with family and friends. Be safe during your journeys and pray for a safe return to our wonderful community. God Bless and Happy Thanksgiving.

Lorenzo Alvarez

*BE THANKFUL.
BE
Grateful
&
BE BLESSED.*

BOARD MEETING UPDATE

The Board of Director's General Session meeting was held on Wednesday, October 29, 2025. The following are items that were discussed or actions taken.

Resident Suggestions/Homeowner Correspondence/ Open Forum:

An owner suggested that the Board consider replacing the South Entrance Fountain with a pondless water feature at the South Vehicle Entrance.

An owner has submitted a request asking the Board to review and consider simplifying the current Architectural Review regulations regarding exterior motion-sensor video cameras, specifically those that are front-facing.

An owner spoke during Open Forum to express concern regarding the workload and expenses incurred by members of the Social Committee. The owner stated that committee members are responsible for planning, setting up, and cleaning up after community events, yet are also required to pay to attend those same events. In addition, committee members often use their personal vehicles and gas to purchase supplies and, in some cases, pay out of pocket when sampling food or services to evaluate potential vendors.

The owner requested that the Board consider an alternative arrangement, as they felt it was not equitable for committee members to both volunteer their time and incur these costs.

The Board acknowledged the concern and directed the Social Committee to discuss the matter further and bring a recommendation to the Board for consideration.

Executive Session Summary:

It was reported that an Executive Session was held on October 29, 2025, and a Special Executive Session was held on October 9, 2025. The following actions were disclosed to the Membership:

Violations & Hearings: The Board reviewed 24 Rule Violations and 6 Architectural (ARC) Violations and conducted 4 Hearings.

Contracts Approved:

BrightView Tree Service – Approved for the treatment of diseased trees and preventative maintenance of 63 trees in the amount of \$10,000.

Labarre Oksnee Insurance – Renewal of Earthquake Insurance in the amount of \$17,453.

Prendiville Insurance – Renewal of Fidelity Bond Insurance in the amount of \$1,320.

Treasure's Report:

The Board approved the September 30, 2025, financial statements, along

Board Meeting Update - cont.

with two authorizations to file liens for delinquent assessments. (You can view the Treasurer's Report on the website.) The Board also approved the rollover of three CDs (\$100,000, \$250,000, and \$240,000) maturing in November, with the guideline that the new terms may not exceed one year and should be selected based on the best available rates. Additionally, if the rates are lower than 3.75%, the CDs are to be reinvested for a period of only three months.

Unfinished and New Business:

Committee Reports were received from the ARC, Landscape Committee, Social Committee, Rules and Regulations Committee, Facilities Committee, and IT/Website Committee.

ARC:

This month, the ARC Committee reviewed two new architectural applications, and no Notices of Completion,

The Board of Directors accepted the resignation of Karen Wolfe and appointed Erich Kwek to the ARC.

Landscape Committee:

Steve England reviewed the BrightView Landscape Maintenance Agreement and noted a few areas needing improvement. The committee has observed that, while many weeds appear treated, patches exceeding 4 inches remain and should be removed manually as required by the contract. They also felt that lawn inspections for pests, disease, and bare spots need to be handled more proactively to prevent problems before they spread.

Additionally, the recent gypsum treatment looked uneven, with some residue on sidewalks and streets, and the core aeration appeared inconsistent across lawns. Overall, while the community looks good at first glance, the committee will continue working with BrightView to ensure consistent, high-quality maintenance throughout the neighborhood.

Social Committee:

Sherry Davis shared that 124 tickets were sold for Autumn Nights and 64 tickets for the Hippie Disco Halloween Party! The Halloween event was a big hit — everyone had a great time, and the costumes were totally groovy. It was the perfect mix of disco and hippie.

Next up is Paint Night on November 4th, followed by the Holiday Gift Exchange on December 6th. The year will wrap up with Casino Night on December 27th. It's shaping up to be a fun and festive finish to the year!

Rules and Regulations:

Skip Welchans provided an update on the work the Rules & Regulations Committee has been doing.

Board Meeting Update - cont.

The Board approved three proposed updates to be sent to owners for review and a 28-day comment period, in accordance with Civil Code 4360.

1. Enforcement, Hearing, and Fine Policy – A new policy that will bring the Association into compliance with AB-130 and replaces the current section 7.01 of the Rules and Regulations Community Handbook.

2. Meeting Code of Conduct – Updates are proposed to two sections related to penalties for noncompliance, reflecting changes tied to the new Enforcement, Hearing, and Fine Policy.

3. Community Handbook – Revisions are proposed to reflect the transition from key fobs to RFID cards, and added guidelines for estate and moving sales to ensure Association rules are followed by both owners and any assisting vendors.

A notice with the proposed updates will be emailed to all owners soon. Copies are also available for viewing at the Lodge on the Association Bulletin Board.

Facilities:

The Facilities Committee recommended that the Board approve a replacement fountain for the South Entrance. However, the decision has been tabled for now while Board President Lorenzo Alvarez works with the police regarding the vandalism incident.

The Board authorized the proposal to replace the bird spikes on the street lights that are missing, which will be attached with metal zip ties, and all street lights will be cleaned. The total cost is \$4,473.

The Board approved the purchase of a new stove for the Café from J&E Restaurant in the amount of \$3,138.17. The reason for the replacement is due to the current ovens not keeping a consistent heat. The cost of repairs to attempt to fix it were surpassing the cost of a new stove. In addition, the Board authorized removal of the old stove for no more than \$250, unless Management, with the assistance of Brenda Twist, sell the old stove.

The Board approved the proposal from Solid Integrity in the amount of \$2,635 to perform the necessary cement repair and leveling work to eliminate the trip hazard near steps to the Bocce Ball court.

IT/Website Committee:

At the request of the Facilities Committee, Dave Keeney presented an alternative solution to address the loss of programming in the Lodge lighting control panel. The proposal is to complete an in-house retrofit, replacing only the outdated electronic controllers with modern, industrial-grade programmable logic controllers (PLCs) while reusing the existing enclosures and relays.

The estimated cost for both buildings is \$1,321 plus tax and shipping—a significant savings compared to the \$45,000 cost for two new systems. The Board approved the project contingent upon insurance carrier review and approval, ensuring no added risk to the Association.

Board Meeting Update - cont.

Dave also shared that 653 new badges have been issued as of the meeting.

The Board appointed Jan Lemucchi to the vacant Board of Directors position for the remaining term, expiring in June 2026.

The Board Officer positions were re-organized as follows: Lorenzo Alvarez, President; Rodger Barnes, Vice President; Michael Callagy, Treasurer; Skip Welchans, Secretary; and Jan Lemucchi, Director.

The Board approved Lorenzo Alvarez, Rodger Barnes and Michael Callagy and bank account signers.

The Board approved the 2025 Reserve Study update and funding plan for Fiscal Year 2026 with a monthly funding to reserves of \$37,218.33 plus interest.

The Board approved an increase in assessments from \$416 to \$445 per month, effective January 1, 2026. The increase was necessary to address rising costs in utilities, insurance, and landscape maintenance, as well as to strengthen the Association's operating contingency and reserve funding. These adjustments help ensure the community's facilities are properly maintained, essential services continue without interruption, and the Association remains financially stable for the long term.

The Board approved the 2026 Board Meeting Dates, which are typically held on the last Wednesday of the month. The dates are: January 28, 2026; February 25, 2026; March 25, 2026; April 29, 2026; May 27, 2026; June 10, 2026 – Annual Election/ Meeting; June 24, 2026; July 29, 2026; August 26, 2026; September 30, 2026; October 28, 2026; and December 02, 2026.

The Board approved New Lodge Hours that will be in place from November 1st to April 1st unless changed by the Board in the future. The winter hours are:

Monday through Thursday: 8:00 A.M. to 7:30 P.M.

Friday: 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 P.M.

Saturday: 8:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.

Sunday: 12:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.

All Lodge outside Amenities and the Gym will continue to be accessible Monday - Sunday 5 A.M. - 10:00 P.M.

The Board reviewed the Lodge Holiday Hours that were adopted at the June 25, 2025 meeting, no changes were made.

The Board approved the installation of a new solar light for the mailbox on Vale Royale between Dover and Lisbon, as requested by the Facilities Committee last year. The total cost is \$2,497.63, including installation.

This is the final mailbox identified by the Committee as lacking sufficient illumination from nearby streetlights.

The next Board of Directors General Session Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 3, 2025, at 6:00 PM.

Closing the Ledger: A Treasurer's Farewell

Bill Ferguson

THIS IS MY 23RD "WORDS" and my last. Over the years, my average word count has been 536, what a wordy guy. But I've always believed that words explained to our members better than charts or tabulated financial reports.

The word was put out at the last general meeting that I was (I'm paraphrasing) "stepping away for personal reasons." That may be misleading to some, the fact is I'm retiring from the board because I was involved in an automobile accident, at home and in my driveway.

On Sunday, the 28th, I was going to inspect the under carriage of my Ford. Got out a ramp and angled it such that a right turn would line up. Got in, started it up and cranked the wheel to match. I opened the door and leaned out to observe how it was doing, added a little gas to climb the ramp and when I hit the flat part of the ramp, apparently didn't release the gas soon enough because it dropped off the end, about 8", and when it hit the ground, so did I, very hard.

Since it was in reverse it started moving and took me with it hanging out the door. I was dragged out onto my driveway where my body twisted until my left leg was under the left front tire and 'yep - broken. The fibula and my ankle.

From my prone position I watched my car cross the street, hop the curb and impact a block wall. I was lucky that there were not any cars passing, and super lucky that I had not rolled the wrong way, I may have been more seriously injured.

Went to our GP and got a bunch of x-rays. The results were five broken bones, the fibula, ankle, rib, collar bone and shoulder. These, along with five patches of road rash and multiple large bruises according to Pat, since I can't see most of them. And boy, do I ache all over. I have a big boot on my left leg and am still using a walker, but after thirteen days, it's getting better. Still no pain pills, since I hate them, so when I move, I hurt a lot. Along with that I seem to be tired all the time, I guess it is the healing process.

So far, they are not recommending surgery but I'm going for more x-rays next week, so we will see. I'm looking at weeks of rehabilitation and, if surgery is needed, possibly months.

It's not right ending this letter without any dollar signs so I'll add this note: Our car is currently in the shop and it will be good as new for about \$1,400.

Once again, thank you for reading my "words". Come spring, I intend to apply to both the Financial and Facilities committees so you may be hearing from me again. - Bill

Financial Report - September 30, 2025

	<u>Current Month</u>	<u>Prior Month</u>
<u>ASSETS</u>		
Operating Cash & Investment Funds	\$ 19,550.66	\$ 69,588.44
Reserve Cash & Investment Funds	\$ 1,741,071.33	\$ 1,756,891.54
Total Accounts Receivable (AR)	\$ 57,589.67	\$ 65,090.78
CPA Allowance for doubtful Accounts	\$ (32,360.00)	\$ (32,360.00)
Other Receivables	\$ 609.53	\$ -
Unfunded Reserves	\$ -	\$ -
Total Fixed Assets - Lighting Conversion	\$ 57,853.34	\$ 57,853.34
TOTAL ASSETS	\$ 1,844,314.53	\$ 1,917,064.10
 <u>LIABILITIES</u>		
Pre Paid Dues	\$ 59,955.61	\$ 65,267.96
Owner refunds	\$ 762.99	\$ 762.99
Move Out Refundable	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
Accrued Expense	\$ 5,507.09	\$ 61,860.17
Unfunded Reserves	\$ -	\$ -
TOTAL LIABILITIES	\$ 67,225.69	\$ 128,891.12
 Reserve Equity	 \$ 1,741,071.33	 \$ 1,756,891.54
Other Equity	\$ 36,017.51	\$ 31,281.44
<u>TOTAL LIABILITIES/EQUITY</u>	\$ 1,844,314.53	\$ 1,917,064.10
 <u>TOTAL OPERATING INCOME</u>		
	\$209,284.17	\$1,830,470.21
 <u>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</u>		
	\$204,548.10	\$1,780,323.01
 ACTUAL NET INCOME (LOSS)	 \$4,736.07	 \$50,147.20
 <u>RESERVE FUNDING LEVEL</u>		
Account Balance	\$ 1,741,071.33	\$ 1,756,891.54
Reserve Study @ 100%	\$ 3,771,698.00	\$ 3,771,698.00
Current Percent Funded	46.2%	46.6%
 <u>ADDED SIGNIFICANCE</u>		
Allowance for Doubtful Accounts	\$ (32,360.00)	per 2024 Audit
Delinquencies - As of 9-30-25	\$ 57,589.67	
Three accounts at attorney	\$ 36,637.17	
One account with lien	\$ 5,900.79	
Two accounts in payment plan	\$ 2,504.12	
Two accounts in pre-lien review	\$ 923.52	
Three Accts with pre-lien notice sent	\$ 4,686.83	
One Acct in lien release review	\$ 1,137.15	
Eight accounts sent courtesy notices	\$ 2,640.37	
Nineteen accounts being monitored	\$ 3,159.72	

Who can live in a 55+ Community

Many homeowners have asked who may live in our community under the 55+ housing designation. This status is protected by federal and state law, and understanding the basics helps ensure we remain qualified as “housing for older persons.”

Qualifying Resident

Each home must have at least one resident age 55 or older. This person establishes eligibility for the household.

Qualified Permanent Resident (QPR)

Under California Civil Code §51.3, someone may qualify as a QPR if they:

1. Lived with the senior before one of the following:

- the senior’s death,
- a hospitalization or prolonged absence, or
- a dissolution of marriage, and

2. Are either:

- 45 years of age or older, or
- the senior’s spouse or cohabitant, or
- someone providing the senior with primary physical or financial support.

⚠ Simply being 45 years old is not enough to qualify — both requirements must be satisfied.

Disabled Child or Grandchild Exception

In addition to QPRs, California law makes a special allowance:

• A disabled child or grandchild of the Qualifying Resident (or QPR) may live in the home if their disability requires them to reside there.

Permitted Health Care Resident

A person living in the home solely to provide health or personal care to the Qualifying Resident or QPR. Their right to live there ends when care is no longer provided.

Why This Matters

These rules, based on the Housing for Older Persons Act (HOPA) and California Civil Code §51.3, protect our 55+ status and the lifestyle our residents value.

If you have questions about who qualifies, please contact Management.

Community Reminders: Safety & Courtesy First

As an Association, we’d like to take this opportunity to remind all residents of a few important community rules and safety guidelines. These reminders help ensure our neighborhood remains safe, pleasant, and well-maintained for everyone’s enjoyment. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation and attention to the following items.

Community Reminders: Safety & Courtesy First-cont.

Traffic Safety – Stop Means Stop

It has been brought to the Association's attention that some individuals have failed to stop at posted stop signs within the community. This is a serious safety concern and will result in an immediate call to hearing.

Rules & Regulations – Section 5.01: General Conduct

“Action by any person within the Community, including, but not limited to, all Common Areas, which may be dangerous or create a health or safety concern, a hostile environment, turmoil, disruption, or disturbance among Members/Residents and/or Guests is not permitted.”

Pet Safety & Leash Requirements

For everyone's safety, please remember that dogs must be properly restrained when in Common Areas.

Owners of dogs known to bite or act aggressively should use a muzzle during walks to prevent injury to others.

Any dog off leash in Common Areas is considered a safety violation and will result in an immediate call to hearing.

Rules & Regulations – Section 6.13: Pets / Containment

- *When outside a residence or fenced yard, pets must be on a leash held by someone capable of controlling the animal.*

Trash Container Storage

Please ensure that all trash containers are placed and stored properly to help maintain our community's clean appearance.

Rules & Regulations – Section 6.12: Trash Collection

- *All rubbish and trash storage facilities must be screened and concealed so they are not visible from any portion of the Association property.*
- *Trash containers may be placed for collection after 4:00 p.m. the evening before pickup and must be removed by the evening of the collection day.*

Your cooperation helps keep our community clean, attractive, and enjoyable for everyone.

Guest Use of Bicycles & Wheeled Devices

Please remember that guests using bicycles, tricycles, skateboards, rollerblades, or similar devices must be accompanied by a Member or Resident at all times while on Association property.

Rules & Regulations – Section 2.06: Guest Policy (General)

(e) Any guest using any wheeled toys such as bicycles, tricycles, skateboards, skates, or rollerblades within the Association property must be accompanied by a Member/Resident at all times. Pedestrians have the right of way.

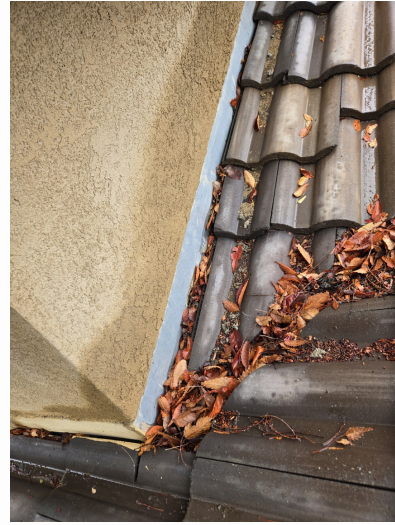
Thank you for your continued cooperation in keeping Four Seasons at Bakersfield safe, welcoming, and beautiful for all residents and their guests.

Resident Awareness, Potential Damage caused by leaves

By Chris Tisler, Resident

Many homeowners should be aware that a buildup of leaves in the gutters and roof valleys can lead to water damage.

Resident Chris Tisler wants to raise awareness about the damage that he has seen caused by the neglected gutter and roof valley cleaning. The objective is to inform homeowners of the importance of cleaning the gutters and roof valleys. This includes dormers; remove any obstructions along the path to the gutters.



The pictures show the areas that can easily be obstructed, preventing water from reaching the gutter. The water, when obstructed, can and will back up under the roof tiles, causing hidden water damage. This water damage will eventually be evident. Repairs can be expensive if not caught.

For your safety, please do not climb on top of your roof. You should contact a professional to assess any issues and have them remedied.

Thankful for Our Wonderful Volunteers

As we move through the year, I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to all the homeowners who volunteer their time and talents to make our community such a special place. Whether you are serving on the Board, participating on a committee, facilitating a club, or simply helping by sharing feedback and ideas, your contributions make a real difference.

A special thank you to homeowners like Kitty DeArmond and Chris Tisler for providing great articles, Cassie Witherspoon for sharing delicious recipes, and those who contribute beautiful artwork for our Messenger cover pages — you all help bring our publication and community to life.

And a heartfelt shoutout to Brenda Twist, who went above and beyond by selling the old ballroom chairs and returning \$1,000 to the Association's reserves. Thank you, Brenda, for your initiative and effort!

To everyone who gives their time, ideas, and creativity — thank you for helping make our community great.



Resident Brenda Twist

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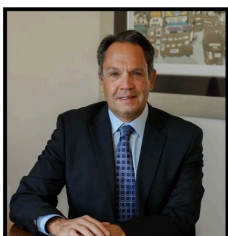
Tuesday, November 18th, 6:00 p.m.

**Four Seasons - The Lodge Ballroom
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Presented by **Christopher E. Botti, Esq.**,
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**Tuesday
November 11th**

Time.
5:30-7:30pm

Where.
Arts & Crafts Room

Cost.
\$40 per person

Social Committee

Sherry Davis, Chairperson

What happened in October???

 The Social Committee worked overtime and presented the community with, not one, but two popular events.

On October 11th Autumn Nights, with our favorite musician, Isaiah Morfin, enchanted 122 residents and guests on the patio. We are so happy to welcome first time residents to our amazing NIGHTS event. The winner of 2 admissions to the Tuscany Nights event in April 2026 is Babette Baier. Congratulations, and we look forward to seeing you soon.

Then, there was Halloween. This year the committee chose a themed event, "Hippie-Disco, Halloween". There was a heavy mix of Hippie, but Disco did not disappoint. The focal point of the night was the music. Many thanks to residents Bill Peloquin and Cynthia Randell for preparing the playlist and providing the most excellent show. The dance floor was full until the last number, and as the room emptied, there were many tired and happy faces.

Coming Up...If you're signed up for Paint Night, we look forward to seeing you on Tuesday. The Holiday Gift Exchange is scheduled for December 6th and Casino Nights on December 27th. Details to follow.

Thank you for your continued support and I hope to see you soon.



Social Committee Members:
Left to right
Brenda Haskell, Pam King,
Sue Hollingsworth, Sherry Davis,
Ginny Krebs

Social Committee Cont.
Sherry Davis, Chairperson



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BEST MALE COSTUME
JEFF METZGAR



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BEST TABLE DECORATION WINNER
KERRIE AND GENE LEW



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BEST FEMALE COSTUME
CYNTHIA FORMANO

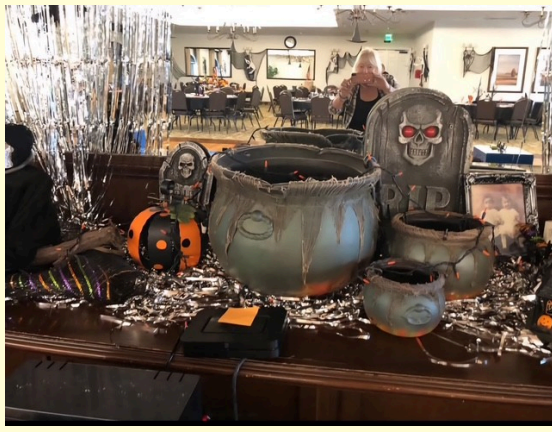


↑ **SOCIAL COMMITTEE** ↑
TOP LEFT TO RIGHT; PAM KING,
BRENDA HASKELL, GINNY KREBS
BOTTOM LEFT TO RIGHT; SHERRY
DAVIS, SUE HOLLINGSWORTH



HAPPY HALLOWEEN





“Joyful,” The Local Utopian Experiment, Part 1

By Kitty DeArmond, Resident

According to the Library of Congress Research Guides, “America saw a rise in utopianism in the 19th century as some sought to live in communities with certain ideals.

Although the word ‘utopia’ is often associated with science fiction, utopian communities were a common fixture in nineteenth century America. Incorporating unique religious and social ideals, these communities grew rapidly during the nineteenth century before declining in the early twentieth century.”

Historian Robert V. Hine, in his 1966 book, California’s Utopian Colonies states, “California has contributed to the Utopian heritage more than any other American state. . . [however], because society has labeled them the ‘lunatic fringe,’ little effort has been made to preserve the records of any of the colonies. . . Consequently, the sources for most colonies tend to be scanty.”

Some of the better-known utopian communities were:

-Massachusetts Brook Farm, “an experiment in communal living and one of the first sites in the state to be listed on the National Register of Historic Places.”

-New York’s Oneida Community, “a communal religious organization dedicated to living as one family and to sharing all property, work, and love.”

-Iowa’s Amana Colonies, “seven villages which maintained an almost completely self-sufficient economy for eighty years.”

-Perhaps most famous were the Shakers “whose simplicity in dress, speech and manner were encouraged, as was living in rural colonies away from the corrupting influences of the cities.”

Not as well-known, and existing for only about four years, was Joyful, Kern County’s utopian experiment. Hine explained, it was led by Isaac B. Rumford who dreamed of a “heaven-like land where Christianity ruled and men truly loved their neighbors as themselves. He and his wife Sara were active reformers for temperance and women’s rights. . . and sought a return to fundamental Christianity based on a simpler community life.”

Mr. Hine relates, “Perhaps one of the reasons that the actual colony itself materialized only on small scale was its simplicity which required a revolution in eating habits. This the Rumford's called the ‘Edenic Diet’. Meat was forbidden, along with any provisions touched by fire. They believed cooking destroyed the vitality of the food. . . was a waste of labor and of time and made a slave of the one who cooks and shortens life.”

Again from Hine: “A typical Edenic dinner began with half a pound of ‘grainia’ (oat groats and wheat, ground fine), eaten either dry or moistened

“Joyful,” The Local Utopian Experiment, Part 1 Cont.

By Kitty DeArmond, Resident

with water or fruit juice, and continued with grated apple, mashed almonds, and pounded raisins. Dessert might be flour and water, flavored with vanilla and strawberries, frozen as ice cream. The Rumfords took plenty of time, an hour or more, to enjoy such a dinner, indulged in a social period following the meal, and retired at eleven in the evening to a sound sleep.”

Richard C. Bailey in his 1962 publication, *Explorations in Kern*, described Joyful as “. . .a patch of ground slightly higher than the surrounding area. . . A drier or more desolate spot could scarcely be imagined. . .The colony failed, probably because of the stringent rules set up by the founder, rules with would have tried the patient of a saint.” Their Association of Brotherly Co-operators disbanded in late 1884.



Who Are You Thankful For

Last month in the messenger we sent out a notice that we wanted to highlight the many things we are grateful for in our community. We asked for submissions if you knew a volunteer or neighbor who goes above and beyond. Here are the responses received.

“When it comes to lending a helping hand, few do it with as much patience and dedication as Dave Keeney and Rick Johnson. Whether a neighbor is struggling with a computer issue or the Association needs technical expertise, Dave and Rick are always there—ready to assist with a smile and without a single complaint.

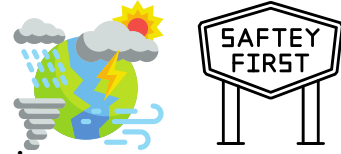
Their willingness to share their time and skills not only makes life easier for their fellow residents but also saves the Association countless dollars through their volunteer service. Their quiet generosity and dependable support truly embody the spirit of community that makes Four Seasons such a special place to live. Thank you, Dave and Rick, for all you do!” Submitted by Margaret DeArmond.

“A shout out to the awesome couple who voluntarily help many of us with home repairs and/or installations, which could easily not otherwise be affordable for many. I won’t mention their name, I’d just like to name them, ‘Four Seasons Silent Helpers’. They are a beautiful couple and out of respect I don’t want to mention their name. They are nothing short of Angels.

Submitted by Yvonne Alexander-Hernandez

Safety First

Jan Lemucchi(Club Leader)



The National Weather Service predicts that La Nina conditions are present and favored to persist through December 2025-February 2026, with a transition to ENSO-neutral likely in January-March 2026 (55% chance).

Heavy rainfall and strong winds can cause damage to your home and community.

We prepare our homes every season for fires, earthquakes and outages, but thousands of homes are also damaged each year by heavy rainfall and strong winds.

Start with your roof:

- Stop leaks and look for ways to seal your home.
- Consider having your roof inspected before winter weather could cause damage.
- Caulk windows and doors and ensure that they have weather-stripping installed.
- Clean gutters and rid them of leaves and other types of debris that can cause water to overflow.

Look around your home for potential hazards or problems:

- Cut or trim low-hanging tree limbs that pose the danger of falling during rain and windstorms.
- Inspect your property to spot areas that can lead to a drainage problem.
- Secure outside furniture, garbage cans and any other property that can move during strong winds.
- Should a power line go down because of rain or heavy wind, do not touch it and keep as far away from it as possible. Once you are in a safe location, dial 911 and then call PG&E at 1-800-743-5000 to report the downed line.
- Heavy rains can cause mudslides nearby, which happen when water saturates the ground and creates a channel-like river of mud and debris. Know your area's risk for mudslides and, should one occur, stay away from that location as more slides can follow. Be prepared should there be an emergency like a flood!
- Stock an emergency kit with non-perishable items like food, water, flashlights, batteries and important medicine.
- Practice an evacuation plan and immediately evacuate if told to do so.
- Prepare for power outages by charging cell phones and laptops. Should an outage occur, use flashlights instead of candles.
- Consider buying sandbags to create a barrier to guard your home to prepare for a flood or storm.

Safety First Cont.

If anyone has a suggestion for upcoming presentations for Safety First @ Four Seasons, please contact Jan Lemucchi at janlemucchi@yahoo.com or 661.754.2957.

Recipe by Resident Cassie Witherspoon

7 VEGGIE PUMPKIN STEW

1 large pumpkin	3-1/2 cups beef broth
1 to 1-1/2 pounds beef, 1/2 inch cubes	1 teaspoon cumin
2 cups frozen green beans	1 teaspoon allspice
2 cups frozen kernel corn	1 teaspoon dry mustard
2 cups frozen carrots, coin sliced	1/3 cup brown sugar
2 cups fresh zucchini, coin sliced	1 teaspoon salt
2 cups raw potatoes, 1/2 inch cubes	1 teaspoon pepper
1 large tomato, chopped	1/4 cup Worcestershire sauce
1 onion, chopped	1/3 cup red wine
5 garlic cloves, minced	10.5 ounce can French onion soup
1 tablespoon fresh thyme, chopped	7 teaspoons corn oil, divided
1 tablespoon fresh rosemary, chopped	5 teaspoon flour

1. Heat 3 teaspoons of oil in skillet until hot. Add beef and sear. Remove beef from skillet and place in large pot. Retain skillet with beef drippings for later use.
2. Add green beans, corn, carrots, tomatoes, onion, garlic, cumin, allspice, dry mustard, brown sugar, thyme, rosemary, salt, pepper, Worcestershire sauce, red wine and beef broth to the pot. Mix and stir all ingredients together and bring to a boil. Reduce heat and simmer for 30 minutes.
3. Add zucchini and potatoes to pot and continue to simmer 30 more minutes.
4. Add flour and 4 teaspoons of corn oil to skillet on medium heat. Blend together and constantly stir until roux is dark brown. Slowly pour in French onion soup. Mix well.
5. Add soup mixture to pot of stew and mix in well. Simmer stew 30 to 45 minutes more or until vegetables are tender.
6. Cut off top of large pumpkin and use for a lid. Scoop out seeds and membranes from inside of pumpkin and discard. Then scrape out approximately 2 cups of pumpkin meat from the pumpkin and add it to the pot of stew continuing to simmer.
7. Sprinkle inside of pumpkin with a little salt and replace pumpkin lid. Place pumpkin on sheet pan and bake for 20 minutes at 350 degrees. Remove pumpkin from oven and set aside.
8. Pour stew into pumpkin when ready to serve.



Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

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Committee Meetings & Clubs:

Times are Subject to Change,
Check with The Lodge for the
most current information

Lodge Hours:

Monday - Thursday:

8am-7:30pm




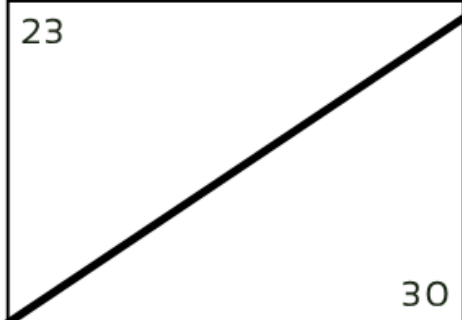

Friday: 8am-10pm

Saturday: 8am-6pm

Sunday: 12pm - 6pm



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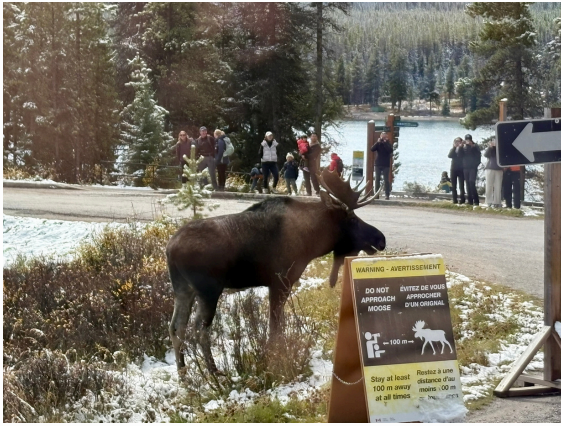
Residents Don and Karen Wolfe celebrated their 25th Anniversary with a Golden Dome - Rocky Mountaineer Train ride across Canada (Vancouver ↔ Banff/Jasper)



"Wizard of Oz" at the Sphere
In Las Vegas, NV.



Columbia Icefield
Skywalk



A wild Elk at Maligne Lake, Jasper National Park, Alberta, Canada



Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise, Alberta, Canada



Fairmont Banff Springs, Alberta, Canada



Canadian Rocky Mountaineer Train



Inglis Falls Owen Sound, Ontario, Canada)



Karen and Don with the Canadian Flag at the Columbia Glacier



Residents Frank and Alina Canales
Celebrating Alina's 69th birthday in Oahu and the Big Island Hawaii,
October 16th -25th.



Holiday Gift Exchange

- Food • Drinks • Presents

Saturday December 6th, 2025
 2pm - 4pm

Doors will open at 1:30pm

“Warm & Cozy” themed gift (minimum \$20 value)
 – think blankets, mugs, candles, scarves, or
 anything that brings comfort and cheer!

Let’s celebrate together!

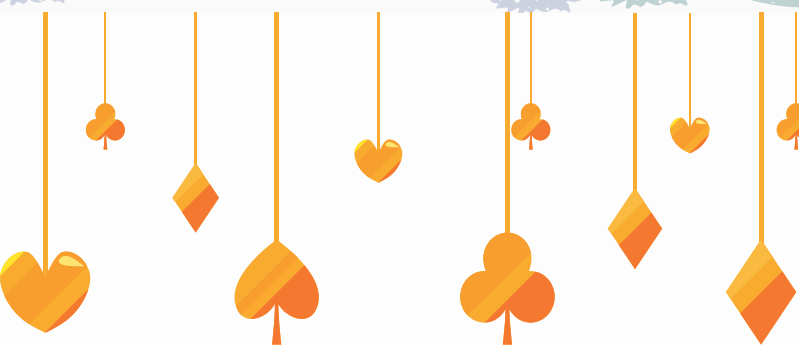
Light Finger appetizers and desserts
 Tea and water will be provided
 BYO adult beverages

Admission is just \$8,

Plus a wrapped gift (minimum \$20 value) to participate in the
 exchange.) No Gag Gifts Please. Sign Up at the Lodge Front Desk.

Sign up deadline: December 3, 2025.

Refund deadline: November 22, 2025



CASINO NIGHT

Saturday, December 27, 2025

Four Seasons Lodge

10500 Toscana Dr, Bakersfield, Ca 93306

Appetizers, DJ, Dancing, Raffle Prizes and More!

5-9 PM

Doors open at 4:45 PM

Admission - \$50 PP

You are welcome to bring your own adult
 beverages and appetizers.

Sign Up Deadline: FRI., DECEMBER 20TH
 REFUND DEADLINE: FRI., NOVEMBER 28TH



WHERE IS THE MESSENGER?

Karen and Don Wolfie
at
The Butchant Gardens



Skip and Bonnie Welchans
on the
Hudson River



Sharon and Mike Gutierrez
Betty and Mike Marquez
at Avila Beach



Teddy Bear Scavenger Hunt

Can you find all ten Teddy Bear pictures? They are hidden around the community for you to discover. The game will start on the evening of Friday, November 21st and end on Monday, December 1st. There is a number on the back of each picture. Please write the number of the picture next to the picture on your form. All forms need to be turned into the box in the lodge by noon on December 1st for a chance to win a prize. The winners will be drawn at 1:00 p.m.

Name: _____ Phone Number: _____

Please check one: resident

grandchild or youth guest



Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club

Margaret DeArmond and Donna Holtzclaw (Club Leaders)

Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club Presents our 4th Annual FOUR SEASONS HOLIDAY HOME TOUR:

Saturday, December 13, 2025 at 1:00 pm.

Visit decorated Four Seasons homes, Enjoy Refreshments, & socialize in the Lodge Ballroom for only \$20.00.

Tickets can be purchased in advance from club members.

****Please see the flyer about this event in the advertisement section of this Messenger.****

Our next club meeting is Tuesday, November 11, at 1:00 pm in the Lodge Craft Room. All community members are always welcome to attend.

Neighbor 2 Neighbor Club Leaders:

Margaret DeArmond, 661-304-0093, mdearmond@mac.com

Donna Holtzclaw, 661-303-6649, donnaholtzclaw@yahoo.com

Chair Yoga Club

Melanie Yates (Club Leader)

We are so thankful for the opportunity to meet with friends for Chair Yoga! It is a great way to improve flexibility, strength, balance and range of movement. Come and give it a try!

Chair Yoga meets Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings at 9:00 am in the Lodge ballroom. We use video instruction which is easy to follow. No special equipment needed.

For those who work during the week, or would like an extra day, Chair Yoga also meets most Saturday mornings. Check the calendar in the Messenger.

On Mondays only, a more vigorous chair exercise routine is offered. Also video instruction; and adaptable to your ability.

Any questions? Text or call Melanie Yates: 661.703.0740.

Hearts Go On

Debbie Cline (Club Leader)

Hi Everyone!

The "Hearts Go On" grief group is continuing to grow. We now have about 15 to 20 members at any given time. Anyone going through a difficult time coping with a loss is welcome. Your loss can be anyone that you are grieving, a spouse, a parent, a child, a sibling, or a best friend or anyone important to you. Anyone interested, please reach out for more information. Contact Debby Cline at (661) 487-9122. Everyone is Welcome.

Mah Jongg Club

Charlene Kwek (Club Leaders)

On October 21, the Four Seasons Mah Jongg Club celebrated one year since we began playing this exciting tile game! There are eight members who started the group: Betty Marquez, Christine Cotten, Jo Veale, Melanie Yates, Patty Young, Rebecca Barnes, Sonia Fieber and Charlene Kwek. Since then, our group has grown to over 30 members!

The Mah Jongg Club plays on Tuesdays and Wednesdays in the Lodge Game Room from 1:00 to 4:00. In addition, we play informally on Sundays from 1:00 to 4:00 in the Lodge Game Room. If you are interested in learning to play Mah Jongg, please come join us. We always welcome new players.

Charlene Kwek
(661) 809-2316



Ladies Luncheon

Annette Harder (Club Leader)

Luna Bistro & Cafe is a delightful spot in downtown Bakersfield that promises a cozy atmosphere for lunch or dinner. Guests are welcomed by friendly staff who ensure a great experience. The menu features an enticing selection inspired by a variation of flavors.

This charming bistro cafe was a big hit with the 16 ladies that attended. Are the plants real? The attentive service from Dee added to the fantastic experience.

On Thursday, November 20th at 11:30am we will meet at Frugatti's, 8109 Brimhall Rd, 93313. Sign-up sheet is at the front desk or you can call to request that your name be added. Meet at the flagpole at 11:00am if you need or can give a ride.

Annette Harder//Club Leader



Pickleball Club

Fred Walkover (Club Leader)

The Blazing Paddles Pickleball Club is gearing up for Fall and Winter play. Days for Regular Play will change to 8am Tuesday, Thursday and Saturdays on November, 1 2025. Learn How to Play Pickleball Mondays & Wednesdays at 8am. Many of our members participated in a special Round Robin at Solera in October. And yes we did enjoy playing on a lovely rainy day in September. Friday November 23rd at 12pm we will have a special Friendsgiving Play and Potluck on the Patio afterwards. Lunch should be around 2-2:30. Our Play day with Solera has been pushed back to January, no set date yet. We are still collecting children socks. Last day to donate is November 30. See you all out on the courts!



Bring your own Art Club

Darlene Foss (Club Leader)



Darlene; watercolor



Debby; acrylic



Lulu; adult painting

🐾 Aunt Yvonne's Fur Babies 🐾

By Yvonne Alexander - Hernandez, Resident

This little idea came straight from my morning walks. During those early hours, I often cross paths with many of our wonderful dog owners and their adorable companions. Stopping to meet, greet, and love on these furry friends has truly been a blessing—especially since I recently had to say goodbye to my own sweet girl, Kandi, who passed away peacefully in my arms. That was one of the hardest moments of my life, but meeting all of your “fur babies” has brought so much joy and healing to my heart. Over time, I’ve come to feel like “Aunt Yvonne” to many of these four-legged friends. Each one has their own unique personality—and let’s be honest, so do their parents (or should I say, “owners”). Sharing their pictures and stories with you each month through our newsletter is my way of celebrating the love, laughter, and companionship that our pets bring to the Four Seasons community.

For November, I’m excited to introduce Jazzy, affectionately known as Jumpin’ Jack Flash—because she simply can’t stay still for a single minute! Jazzy earned the honor of being our very first feature because she was the only one who stayed still long enough for her mom, Reba, to dress her up in her Halloween jacket for a quick photo. Every morning, at Jazzy’s insistence, Reba takes her on long walks around the community—miles, in fact! — just so this energetic pup can finally settle down and nap (and give Mom a little rest too).



Reba & Jazzy



Reba & Jazzy



Yvonne Alexander

Coming up in future issues, you’ll meet: Oreo and her parents; Niles and his dad; Vern and Yogi with their proud parents; Mookie and Gabby enjoying time with their mom and Aunt Helen; and the biggest “baby” of all, Scooby—a gentle Great Dane standing over three to four feet tall, along with her mom. I’ve already met many more furry residents, so don’t be surprised if your own pet makes an appearance soon!

Until next time—keep walking, wagging, and watching for me and my camera.

With love and a wag, Aunt Yvonne

Bakersfield Community Events

Mon, Nov 3 — Cults & Classics: True Grit (Fox Theater)
Screening at the Historic Bakersfield Fox Theater, 7:00 p.m. www.bakersfieldlive.com

Fri, Nov 7 — First Friday ArtWalk (Downtown Bakersfield) - Monthly arts/market night.
www.kernarts.org

Fri, Nov 7 — “Native American Life” (Kern County Museum), 9–11 a.m., 3801 Chester Ave.
www.ticketbud.com

Thu, Nov 6 — Golden Girls: The Laughs Continue (Fox Theater) 7:00 p.m. www.bakersfieldlive.com

Tue, Nov 11 — Bakersfield Veterans’ Day Parade (Downtown), 10:00 a.m.

Thu, Nov 13 — Wine & Words with author Jill Fordyce (Kern County Museum), 5:30–8:30 p.m.

Wed, Nov 19 — World Ballet Company: Cinderella (Fox Theater), 7:00 p.m.
www.bakersfieldlive.com

Mon, Nov 24 — Cults & Classics: The Crow (Fox Theater) 7:00 p.m.
www.bakersfieldlive.com

Sat, Nov 29 — CALM Holiday Lights Opening Night (California Living Museum)
Runs Nov 29, 2025–Jan 3, 2026; evenings (Sun–Thu 5:30–9 p.m.; Fri–Sat 5:30–10 p.m.).
www.calmholidaylights.org

Sat, Nov 29 — Bakersfield Condors “Teddy Bear Toss” home game (Dignity Health Arena) 6:00 p.m.
www.bakersfieldcondors.com

Farmers Markets

F Street Farmers Market - Saturdays 7:45 a.m. - 12 p.m. - 2819 F St. (Behind in Your Wildest Dreams, World Records and Village Grill)

Riverlakes Farmers Market - Saturdays 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. - 8601 Hageman Rd. 93312

Haggin Oaks Farmers Market - Sundays 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. - 8800 Ming Ave. 93311

Rio Bravo Farmers market - last Sunday of every month - 9am - 1pm - 15200 Casa Club Dr. 93306

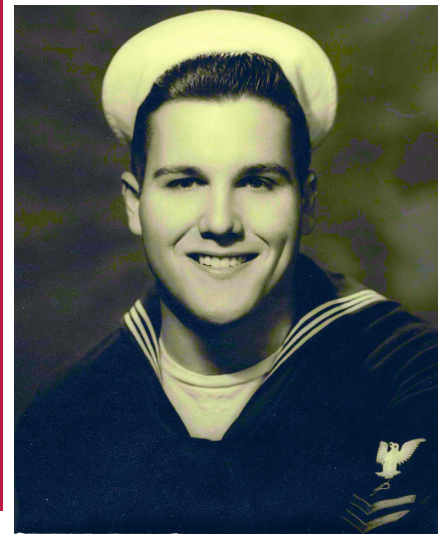
Nature Center, Kern River Parkway, Weekend Schedule (Peacock House)

- 11/1 Saturday: Explore the Historic 1939 W.P.A. Adobe Nature Center & visit the peacocks, 11/2 Sunday, 2 p.m.: Geology, Rocks, & Minerals with David Schaad, retired science teacher & Kern County Mineral Society speaker. Geared to adults (Craft/coloring in the children’s room.)
- 11/8 Saturday: Explore the Historic 1939 W.P.A. Adobe Nature Center & visit the peacocks, 11/9 Sunday, 10-11 a.m.: Breathe with the Trees with Robin Carpenter, Heart Rhythm Meditation teacher. Experience how your breath can connect you more deeply with nature
11/9 Sunday, 2 p.m.: Birding 101 with guest presenter Karen Evans of Audubon Society. Enjoy a brief introduction inside, then take a guided bird walk through “Warbler Alley” of Hart Park!
- 11/15 Saturday: Explore the Historic 1939 W.P.A. Adobe Nature Center & visit the peacocks., 11/16 Sunday, 1 to 4 p.m.: Peacock Party!!! – Celebrate 100 years of Peacocks at Hart Park for National Peacock Day, with prizes, peacock photo backdrop, peacock crafts, and more!
- 11/22 Saturday: Explore the Historic 1939 W.P.A. Adobe Nature Center & visit the peacocks, 11/23 Sunday, 2 p.m.: Electric Vehicles – What You Need to Know (the Real Story!) with guest presenter Paul Gipe, Wind Energy & Electric Vehicle expert

* If you are aware of any other events that you would like featured in next month’s messenger,
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Johan Tillman
US Army

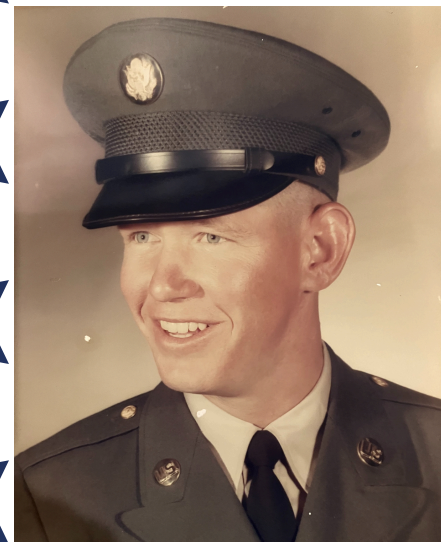


Bill Ferguson
US Navy

In honor of
Veterans' Day,
we proudly
recognize and
thank the brave
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who served our
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courage,
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Leanna Cutler
US Navy



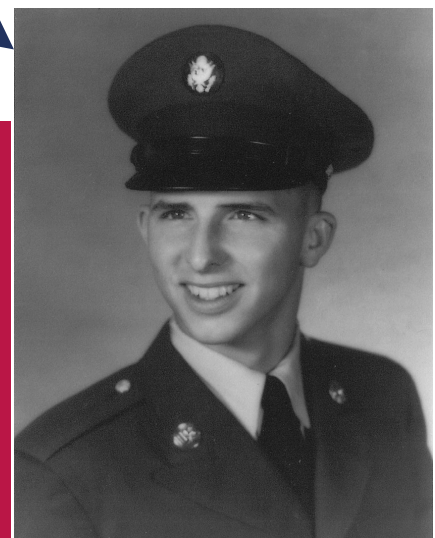
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US Army



Steven West
US Air Force



In honor of
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Chuck Gurnsey
US Navy



Wayne Morris
US Army



Tom Klien
US Marines

Veterans' Club

Steve West (Club Leader)

Happy Veterans' Day! For veterans, Veterans' Day is more than just a holiday; it's a day of recognition and affirmation. Military service often involves experiences that are difficult to fully comprehend for those who haven't served. By setting aside a National Day of Appreciation, we provide veterans with a moment of collective gratitude, acknowledging the unique challenges they have faced—from long deployments to the physical and emotional toll of service.

Moreover, Veterans' Day serves as a reminder that the contributions of veterans don't end when they leave active duty. Many veterans continue to serve in their communities, bringing leadership, resilience, and commitment to a variety of fields. Veterans are teachers, healthcare providers, business owners, first responders, and community leaders. Honoring their service on Veterans' Day helps highlight this continued dedication to our nation, reinforcing that their value extends far beyond their military careers.

We've changed venues for our monthly veteran luncheon gatherings! We're still meeting on the second Wednesday of each month; however, our new location is JoJo's Restaurant, 5600 Auburn Street, Bakersfield, CA 93306. Festivities start at 11:30 am. Our guest speaker for November is Deb Johnson, Army veteran, and currently working as a veteran homeless advocate with Community Action Partnership of Kern (CAPK). Deb will be updating us on the Covey Cottages, which just recently opened up and it will house homeless veterans, October Stand Down at Stramler Park, and California Veterans Assistance Foundation (CVAF) merger with CAPK. If you plan on attending November 12th gathering, please RSVP by Sunday November 9th by either calling/texting or emailing Penny Martinez at 661-302-3471 or figment5802@gmail.com.

Veterans' Club 4th Annual Dinner





NOVEMBER FUN FACTS

By Audrey Dunn , PMP Resident Services Associate

Horoscope

Scorpio 10/22 to 11/21 & Sagittarius 11/22 to 12/21

Flowers

Chrysanthemum (chrys)- Symbolizes joy, loyalty, friendship, well-wishing, and honesty

Peony - Symbolizes good fortune, prosperity, honor, and romance

Gemstones

Citrine and Topaz - The beautiful Citrine stone is a very yellow, orange, and brown color, while Topaz comes in a variety of colors such as pink, blue green, red, orange, yellow and purple

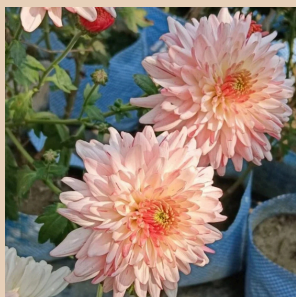
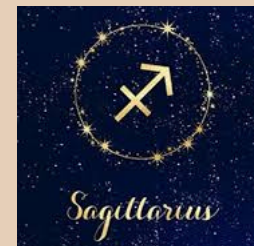


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Chrysanthemum
(chrys)

Random 'National Days' in November

Nov 1 - National Cinnamon Day

Nov 2 - Daylight Savings Day

Nov 5 - National Donut Day

Nov 6 - National Nacho Day

Nov 10- National Vanilla Cupcake Day

Nov 10- National Forget-Me-Not Day

Nov 14- National Family PJ Day

Nov 15- National Clean Out Your Fridge Day

Nov 16- National Button Day

Nov 26 - National Cake Day

Nov 27 - Thanksgiving

Nov 29- National Personal Space Day



Photo: Peony



Photo: Citrine



Photo: Topaz

November Dates in History

November 11, 1918 - The Armistice ending World War I was signed at 11 a.m., marking the official end of fighting on the Western Front.

November 4, 1922 - Howard Carter and his team discovered the sealed entrance to Tutankhamun's tomb in the Valley of the Kings.

November 2, 1930 - Haile Selassie was crowned Emperor of Ethiopia in a lavish ceremony in Addis Ababa.

November 3, 1957 - The Soviet Union launched Sputnik II, carrying Laika, the first living creature to orbit Earth.

November 4, 1979 - The Iranian Hostage Crisis began when militants seized the U.S. Embassy in Tehran.

November 9, 1989 - The Berlin Wall fell, opening the border between East and West Berlin.

November 1, 1993 - The Maastricht Treaty officially came into effect, establishing the European Union

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Join us at Lutheran Church of Prayer Sundays at 9 am



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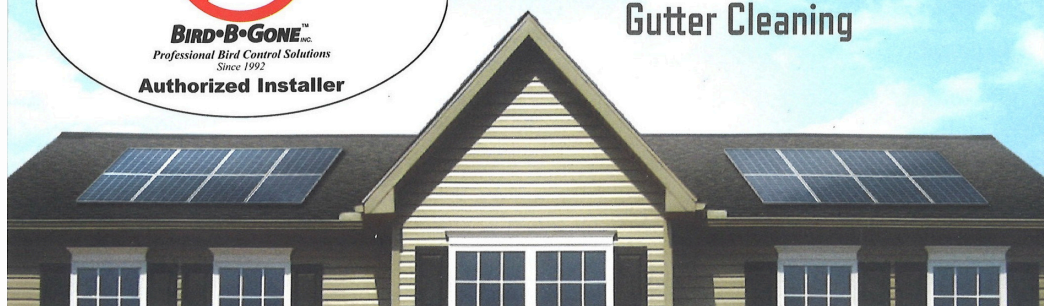
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Bird Mesh and Bird Netting
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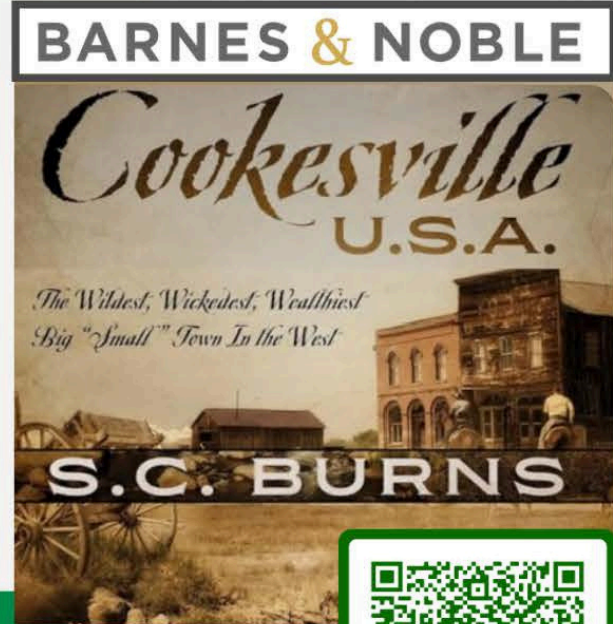




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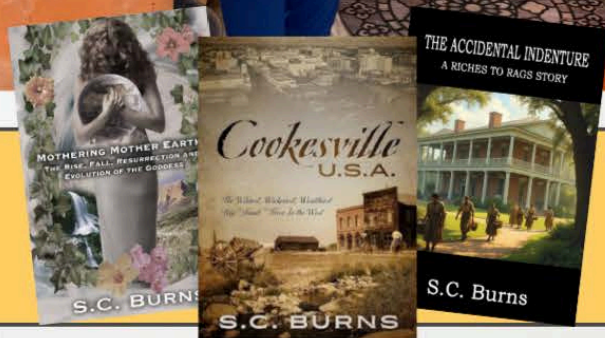
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