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Employee Spotlight: Rocco Spinelli

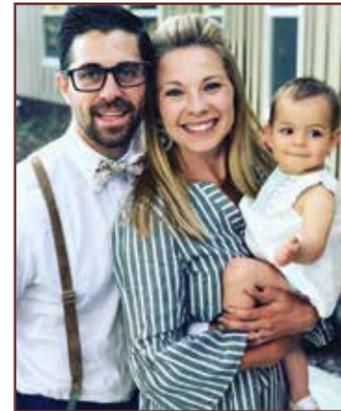
The BVSA is filled with valuable employees, but every now and then an employee goes above and beyond, deserving special recognition. This month, I would like to highlight BVSA Ranger, Rocco Spinelli.

On Jan. 31, the Bear Valley Police Department was informed that there was a solo hiker who had not returned from the Pinedale Trail. Knowing that Rocco has extensive knowledge of our trails, as well as expertise in tracking (particularly at night), his assistance was requested. Due to snow in

the area, the trail was not passable by vehicle. Rocco and a Kern County Sheriff's officer hiked down the trail, about three miles, in search of the hiker. From noises in the area, and later from trail cam footage, there had been a mountain lion with her cubs, as well as a bear in the vicinity.

Rocco's tracking skills noted that the hiker was becoming fatigued. A KCSO Search & Rescue helicopter was able to spot the hiker and sent Rocco and the sheriff's officer in the right direction. Thanks to Rocco's knowledge of our trails, they eventually made their way through the snow and found the hiker in a catatonic state. The sheriff's officer was able to provide the hiker with some warm clothes and they guided him back up the trail.

We take pride in knowing that one of our BVSA Rang-



by Wesley Shryock
MBA, CMCA
BVSA General Manager

ers was so integral in saving the life of this hiker and we commend Rocco for his service to our community. We are thankful for the joint efforts and collaboration of the BVSA Rangers, the Bear Valley Springs Police Department, and the Kern County Sheriff's Office, for all they do for Bear Valley Springs. 🐾

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Equestrian life in Bear Valley Springs

Submitted by
**BVSA Board
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The Equestrian Center sits at the center of all things equestrian in BVS, comprising 42+ acres. The Equestrian Center offers boarding facilities with round

pens and wash racks. A variety of specialized and multi-purpose arenas serve every equestrian discipline: a dressage arena, a jumping arena, a covered arena, an open arena with announcer's booth and viewing stands, cattle sorting arena and a trail trials area with training obstacles. Guests and equestrian show attendees can make use of the Equestrian Center campground. A clubhouse/lounge is also available for meetings and events. Recently, the main bathroom was remodeled and the horsemen's building/shed was completely updated using reserve funds. Our talented maintenance crew continued the great work and style they had created in the Four Island Lake and Cub Lake bathrooms.

From the Equestrian Center, one can meet up with fellow horse riders and ride out on over 50 miles of maintained trails, open to equestrians and hikers only. Maps of the trails are available at the Equestrian

Center, Whiting Center, and the BVSA Office. Please note that any guest riders must fill out a liability form, pay a day use fee at the Equestrian Center prior to riding the trails and must be accompanied by a member with a valid amenity card or have a guest amenity pass. **Mountain bike and motor bike usage of the trails is specifically prohibited**, making the Bear Valley Springs trail network one of the few remaining areas in California where horse riders do not need to worry about two-wheeled surprises coming around the next bend in the trail. There are, however, areas that horses are prohibited, including the golf course, the amenity lakes and their surrounding parks, the RC Field, the Nature Path, and the Dog Park. Courtesy among horse riders and hikers is essential to keep our trails safe and fun for all. Because they are large animals with finely-tuned instincts, horses can become frightened enough to override their train-

ing and may become a danger to their rider, themselves and anyone else involved or nearby. This makes equestrians a 'vulnerable user,' requiring understanding and consideration. Trail etiquette rules specify that other users yield to horses when they are encountered on the trail and drivers must yield to them on the roads. This is for everyone's safety.

The equestrian community has a number of clubs catering to different disciplines and you are welcome even if you are not a current horse owner! They include the BVS Horsemen's Association, the Bear Valley Buckaroos, the BVS Carriage Driving Society, the BVS Dressage Club, the Greenhorns, and the BVS Pony Club. Information for these clubs can be found within the *Bear Tracks* or at our website at bvsa.org.

For more information on all that the Equestrian Center has to offer, you can call the EC Office at 661-821-3960.

Happy Trails! 🐾

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Spring cleaning and projects

Submitted by
BVS Environmental Control Committee

The first day of spring is March 19. Many of us will begin "spring cleaning" and make plans for outdoor projects this time of year. Below are a few reminders for residents as you consider projects:

- As you are cleaning the interior of your home, please remember that no garbage, trash, junk, debris, interior furnishings or household appliances may be kept or stored where it is visible from neighboring lots or streets, roads, or common areas. All garbage/trash needs to be in appropriate covered containers and is not to be viewed from neighboring lots, or the streets, roads or common areas. A contributing factor to the recent increase in bear and wildlife activity is

due to residents storing trash outside. ECC Rules, Sec. 112 & 114

- If you are utilizing tarps to cover wood piles, barbecues, yard furniture, etc., please remember that the tarps must be black, brown, tan, or dark green in color. No white, blue, shiny, reflective silver or other brightly colored tarps may be used. ECC Rules, Sec. 109

- Be aware of mistletoe overtaking your oak trees! Mistletoe can rob trees of their nutrients through absorbing water and minerals. While you do need approval from the ECC to trim major branches or remove an oak tree, **you do NOT need a permit if you are solely removing mistletoe.** If you are using a contractor, please make sure that you check that they are licensed and bonded with worker's compensation insurance, so that you are not

responsible for any injury that could happen on your property. Any other type of trees, with the exception of oak trees, may be trimmed or removed without ECC approval. Please plan to remove any dead trees on your property that could pose a fire hazard. ECC Rules, Sec. 106

- With spring's arrival, mustard and other weeds multiply like, well, weeds! Each lot must be maintained in good condition and repair, and in such a manner as not to create a fire hazard, all at the owner's expense. Maintenance includes weed and dead shrub removal as needed to improve appearance as much as possible. Although Kern County has particular weed abatement deadlines, the ECC Rules are to be complied with throughout the year. In 2020, 44 violation letters were sent out requesting removal of weeds or dead trees. Should those same properties be in violation this year, the disciplinary process will continue, which could include fines and suspension of amenity privileges. Let's work together to keep the valley safe from fire hazards and keep the appearance and beauty for all of us to enjoy! ECC Rules, Sec. 102.E & 118

- In acknowledgment that one household's junk could be another person's treasure, you may desire to have a yard/garage sale this spring or summer! Please plan ahead as permit requests must be sub-

mitted a full week before your sale. Each lot may have two garage/yard sales per calendar year and may not have sales on two consecutive weekends or on BVSA recognized holidays. Each permit grants the resident up to three yard sale signs. The permit costs \$50, \$25 of which is refundable upon return of the signs in cleaned and satisfactory condition. **Please plan to pay with two \$25 checks or cash only.** ECC Rules, Sec. 103.B.

- Remember that property owners need to complete a submittal form for approval **before any construction or alterations to the exterior of your property** (ECC Rules, Sec. 504) including, but not limited to:

- Exterior painting
- Fencing
- Trim/removal of oak trees
- Roofing
- Excavation
- Installing decks, sheds, chicken coops or animal shelters, patio covers, solar panels, pergolas

Submittal forms can be picked up at the BVSA office and can also be found on our website, www.bvsa.org -> Environmental Control Committee -> Submittal Forms. Completed submittals received by Friday will be reviewed by the ECC the following Wednesday. Should you have any questions, feel free to contact the ECC Staff at 661-821-5537 X222 or X211 and we will be happy to assist you. 🐾



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Checking for spring leaks saves money

Submitted by
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Each Spring the Bear Valley CSD receives inquiries from residents who experience high water bills as a result of water leaks or line breakage due to frozen pipes. It is not unusual for the ground to be so saturated by winter rain and snowfall that leaks go unnoticed for months. As the weather warms each spring, it is a good habit to do a quick leak check to determine if any underground pipes have broken over the winter. It could save you money and provides peace of mind.

Step 1 – turn off all water-using appliances so that no water is being used. This includes showers, sinks, washing machines, and irrigation systems. If you have a sprinkler system, turn off the controller and manually shut off the two valves at the double check valve assembly to isolate

the irrigation system.

Step 2 – take the lid off the meter box and remove any dirt covering the meter, then locate the “leak indicator”. This is a red or silver and black round disc. If there is no leak indicator, check the position of the meter dial hand.

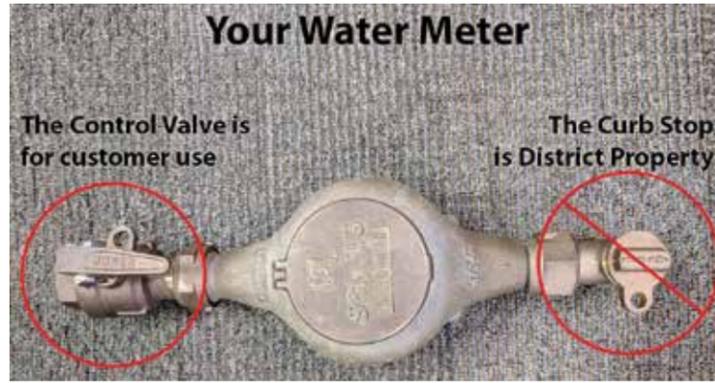
- If the leak indicator is spinning, you have a leak.

- If there is no leak indicator, but the actual meter dial hand is moving, you have a leak.

- If the dial hand is not moving, note the position of the hand. Wait 10 minutes and check the position of the hand again. If it has moved, you have a slow leak. If nothing is moving, all is well and there are no leaks on your property.

The next steps will help you isolate any leaks you may have:

Step 3 – Locate the main shut-off valve to the house and turn it off. This control valve is usually located near the meter on the



customer-side of the line. Do not use the street-side angle valve. This valve belongs to the District, is likely tight from infrequent use, and you will be liable for any breakage.

Step 4 – Turn a faucet on inside the house to confirm that the water is shut off. If it is not, your shutoff valve is not fully closed or is not working properly.

Step 5 – Check the meter dial again for movement. If the dial is moving, the leak is between the

meter and the shut-off valve. If the dial is not moving, the leak is after the shutoff valve. Contact a plumber to help find and correct the leak.

Toilets are one of the most common leaks. To check your toilet for a leak, flush the toilet. While the reservoir is still filling, add two or three drops of food coloring to the water in the reservoir and wait 30 minutes. If the water in the bowl has changed colors, your flapper valve needs to be replaced. 🐾

Who do I call?

Our staff at the BVCS D are always happy to answer your questions and provide service during our office hours, but many people are not sure who to call. Here is a quick list to help you find the help you need:

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Office hours: Monday – Friday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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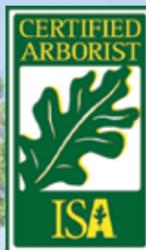
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The complex task of managing Four Island Lake

Submitted by

Fred Hicks

Lake Quality Advisory Committee member

The Lake Quality Advisory Committee (LQAC) has been discussing lake management since its establishment in 2019. During our committee discussions and collection of data we have learned that lake management requires the careful consideration of a number of factors. These factors include: 1) the overall watershed, 2) water quality, 3) fishery management, 4) plant life, and 5) recreational uses of Four Island Lake. The purpose of this article is to provide our community with a broad overview of each of the components in turn.

Watershed

The overall watershed contains all the water that remains within and flows through the



valley. Thus, Four Island Lake is only one part of Bear Valley's watershed. Water enters into Four Island Lake from Jack's Hole, the golf course irrigation system's runoff, the Jacaranda overflow, and various other water sources that flow in and through the valley. To better understand the watershed throughout the valley, the LQAC is working with the CSD to accurately understand our water pathways and gauge how much water the valley contains. The committee is using sonar and GPS mapping systems to measure the depths of lakes and ponds in the valley. Addition-



ally, committee members are speaking with local surveyors, using satellite mapping, and analyzing historic documents, to determine the lakes current surface areas (the flat area of the lake that you can see from shore) because these measurements help determine appropriate fish stocking levels and certain water treatment protocols.

Water Quality

Water quality will be looked at on a routine schedule at sites marked with buoys which have been GPS marked within Four Island lake. Water samples will be taken, and dissolved oxygen, nitrogen and phosphate, and



temperature will be monitored and reported to the community through a web dashboard to communicate the data to residents. The goal is to report lake water quality, along with healthy target ranges, identified by various state and federal agencies.

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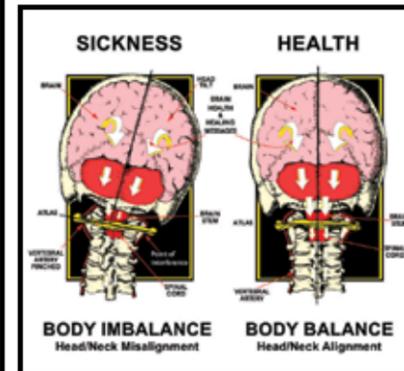


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Dogs and horses in Bear Valley Springs

Submitted by
Joe Horswell
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I would like to preface this article by first saying that the vast majority of dog owners in BVS are responsible, conscientious, and respectful of others. They support and adhere to Kern County leash laws, as well as our BVSA HOA rules, because they understand these rules and laws help to protect others, and also to protect themselves from undue liability. Barring the rare incident where a canine "Houdini" wriggles its way out of a secured yard, most BVS dog owners are also good about securing their pets in their yards.

Unfortunately, a small minority of dog owners don't properly secure their pets while they are away from home. Some dog owners simply don't

grasp the inherent dangers of failing to properly control their pets while out in public. And a handful of others don't care about the law, or the possible ramifications of endangering other people and their pets. The incidents detailed below are representative of this very small percentage of dog owners.

In recent years, there has been an increase in dog-related incidents in California. Bear Valley Springs is not immune to this problem. Most of these incidents involved off-leash dogs vs. humans or other dogs, while other incidents involved dogs that were on-leash, but not under full control by their handler. The typical outcome of dog vs. dog encounters often results in injury to one or both dogs. Sometimes a handler will intervene in an attempt to break things up, and will also sustain wounds by getting in

the middle of the mele.

There are also many dog encounters involving horses. In some cases the horses were turned out in pastures or corrals on private property, while other incidents involved horses being ridden or pulling carts on BVSA common grounds, or along public roadways. The very real threat of serious injury to horse, rider, dog, (and sometimes all three), exists in every single dog vs. horse encounter. One such incident that recently occurred in BVS resulted in serious injuries to the horse, and even more serious injuries to the rider, who required surgical intervention afterwards. The cost to the victims of such dog encounters can amount to tens of thousands of dollars in medical costs, lost wages, pain and suffering, and may even leave the rider and horse permanently disabled or disfigured.

Because we have a large equine population in BVS, it is almost inevitable that dog encounters involving horses will occur from time to time. Over the years, I have personally had many off-leash dog encounters while riding horses

on the BVS equestrian trails. In all of these encounters, the off-leash dog was accompanied by their owner. Fortunately for me, none of these incidents resulted in a vicious attack, or my horse spooking and dumping me. But in every case, the owner refused to put their dog on a leash after I called out asking them to control their dog. In each case, the dog owner made an excuse such as, "It's OK... my dog likes horses," or "My dog is really well-trained," as if that somehow made it okay or safe for me. These types of statements are likely what many an off-leash dog owner has said just before their uncontrolled dog attacked another dog, horse, human, or ran out into traffic for the first time. These folks tend to believe that their dog is gentle and well-trained... until it isn't.

Most of us think of our canine companions as being sweet and loving members of our family. We don't necessarily equate them with being capable of aggressive behavior; however, dogs are in fact predators and can act on this

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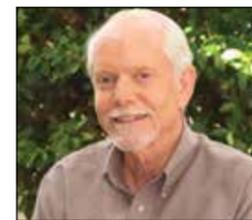
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	5:30 AM-8:45 PM	WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR
	5:30 AM-9:00 AM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF
T	9:15 AM-11:20 AM	SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES	ALL	SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR	
	11:25 AM-11:50 AM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF
	12:00 PM-2:00 PM	PICKLEBALL (GYMNASIUM)	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	JULIAN /DAVE
	4:30 PM - 8:00 PM	PICK-UP HOCKEY	AGE 5-17	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	COACHES
	5:30 AM-8:45 PM	WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR
U	5:30 AM-9:00 AM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF
	8:30 AM-11:00 AM	VETERANS MEETING (GREEN RM)	ADULT	SEE VETERANS 1ST THURSDAY OF MAR.	RICHARD OLDENBURG
	9:15 AM - 1:00 PM	SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES	ALL	SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR	
	11:25 AM-3:30 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF
	12:30 PM-2:30 PM	BV STEPPERS MEMBERS (GREEN RM)	ADULT	BV STEPPERS	LORA SCHROCK
F	4:30 PM - 9:00 PM	PICK-UP HOCKEY	18+	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	COACHES
	5:30 AM-8:45 PM	WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR
	5:30 AM-9:00 AM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF
	9:15 AM-11:30 AM	SEE SEPARATE FLYERS FOR WORK OUT CLASSES	ALL	SEE SEPARATE FLYER PER INSTRUCTOR	
	12:00 PM-2:00 PM	PICKLEBALL (GYMNASIUM)	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	JULIAN /DAVE
S	7:00 AM-8:45 PM	WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR
	9:00 AM- 11:00 AM	BV STEPPERS (GREEN RM)	ADULT	BV STEPPERS	LORA SCHROCK
	2:00 PM-6:00 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF
	6:00 PM-8:00 PM	ADULT PICK-UP BASKETBALL	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF
	12:00 PM-6:45 PM	WEIGHTROOM OPENS-FITNESS CENTER	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	NO INSTRUCTOR
S	12:00 PM-2:00 PM	FREE SKATING (HELMET REQUIRED) NO HOCKEY STICKS	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF/PARENTS
	2:00 PM-3:00 PM	MODEL AIRPLANES (GYMNASIUM)	TBA	2ND SUN OF MONTH	KEITH CHAMPLIN
	3:05 PM-7:00 PM	OPEN GYMNASIUM	ALL	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	STAFF
	3:00 PM-4:00 PM	RC CLUB MEETING (GREEN RM) 2ND SUN	ADULT	GUEST FEES APPLY SEE BELOW	DAN MASON

* All Times and Prices are subject to change*

GUEST FEES: Daily Whiting Center Fees: Ages 9 to 15- \$2, OVER 16YRS- \$5, with out Property Owner- \$10
Daily Weightroom Fees-With property owner \$10, with out property owner- \$15

March 2021

Julie \$45 for 10 Classes (PAY JULIE)
Teresa N/C— accepting donations

Margaret N/C -FREE Debbie N/C- FREE

ALL Classes dates, times and fees subject to change

WORKOUT CLASSES

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
1 MwM SIT & FIT 10:30AM-11:15AM	2 POWER PUMP 9:15AM-10:15AM MwM SIT & FIT 10:30AM-11:15AM LINE DANCING 11:30 AM-1:00 PM	3 POWER PUMP 9:15AM-10:15AM MwM SIT & FIT 10:30AM-11:15AM	4 POWER PUMP 9:15AM-10:15AM CARDIO DANCE 10:30AM -11:30AM LINE DANCING 11:30 AM-1:00 PM	5 CARDIO DANCE 10:30-11:30AM
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Audit Report for the Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 2020

Submitted by
Hamed Jones
Administrative Services
Director/Treasurer, CSD

The Bear Valley Community Services District's financial statements have been audited

by Fedak & Brown, LLP. The goal of the independent audit is to provide reasonable assurance that the financial statements of the Bear Valley Community Services District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 are free of material mis-

statement. The independent audit involved examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures; assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management; and evaluating the overall fi-

nancial statement presentation. The independent auditor concluded, based upon the audit, that there was a reasonable basis for rendering an unmodified opinion (Clean Audit) that the Bear Valley Community Services District's financial statements for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 are fairly presented in conformity with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles. An unmodified opinion is the highest level of opinion given by an independent auditor when it comes to auditing reporting standards.

The Management Report issued by Fedak & Brown, LLP for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 found that no material weaknesses were identified within the District's internal control structure. The management report also includes a summary of current year comments and recommendations, of which only the disclosure of audit adjustments and reclassifications are reported. These audit adjustments consist mainly of year-end accounting entries prepared by the District's auditor that are required to record annual adjustments to the District's pension liability.

Below is a brief overview of the financial highlights being reported in the audit report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.

Financial Highlights

- Fund balance for the General Fund increased by \$231,565.
- Fund balance for the Roads Fund decreased by \$490,675.
- Net Position for the Water Enterprise Fund increased by \$405,515.
- Net Position for the Wastewater Enterprise Fund decreased by \$270,099.
- Net Position for the Solid Waste Enterprise Fund decreased by \$273,942.

The District's audit report for fiscal year ended June 30, 2020 is available on the District's website at www.bvcsd.com.

Advisory Message from the Bear Valley Police Department

Submitted by
Tim Melanson
Chief of Police

After a five- or six-year hiatus, it appears that wild pigs have returned to the valley. The police department has received several reports of the tell-tale signs of the presence of these invasive and dangerous animals, includ-

ing uprooted topsoil and damage to plants and bushes. There was a recent report of damage observed on the golf course.

California's wild pigs are massive and ubiquitous. They can grow into 200-pound ripping machines. They tear up plant life and destroy hillsides. They pose a threat to humans and pets.

The Bear Valley Police Department has obtained a depredation permit from the California Department of Fish and Wildlife to trap and take unlimited wild pig in our area. Only those persons specifically named on the permit are authorized to take them. As you are aware, hunting is strictly forbidden in Bear Valley.

If you see a wild pig anywhere in Bear Valley, or damage you suspect is a result of their presence, you are asked to report the information to the police department. Any trapping or taking efforts will require the property owners' consent. We are here to help. Bear Valley Police Department, 661-821-3239. 🐾

EASTER BREAK EVENTS 2021

AT THE
WHITING CENTER
MARCH 29TH - APRIL 3RD

1:00 pm
to 3:00
pm



MONDAY: DODGEBALL Staff ran family Dodgeball-all ages welcome.

TUESDAY: FAMILY MOVIE TIME inside the gym. Bring a blanket to lay out and a lunch. Chairs available. Call for movie info.

WEDNESDAY: BUNNY BASKET Cute craft made from take out containers. Cutting & gluing to create your bunny. Filled w/ grass and candy. (\$2 EA)

THURSDAY: DODGEBALL Staff ran family Dodgeball-all ages welcome

FRIDAY: EGG DYING You bring the hard-boiled eggs and we provide the dyes and take care of the mess. What a deal!

*** CHILDREN UNDER 9YRS MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY A PARENT***

SATURDAY APRIL 4TH CANDY HUNT 10AM SHARP!

(Over by 10:10 -Don't be late!)

AGES FOR CANDY HUNT AREAS

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HOW MUCH IS TOO MUCH?

Sugar. Most people love a little or a lot of sugar; so, does sugar cause any health concerns? There are a variety of health concerns connected with sugar. We are not talking about natural sugars found in fruits and vegetables, but sugars that are added to boxed food, soda, juices, canned foods, yogurts, and the list goes on and on.

What might sugar do to your body? It can raise blood pressure, raise bad cholesterol, lower good cholesterol, rot your teeth, contribute to type 2 diabetes, weight gain, heart disease, fatty liver, poor sleep, mood swings, gout, kidney stones and aging. Those are a few concerns in an overconsumption of sugar. What many don't realize is that sugar is added under many different titles to most foods that are not real food.

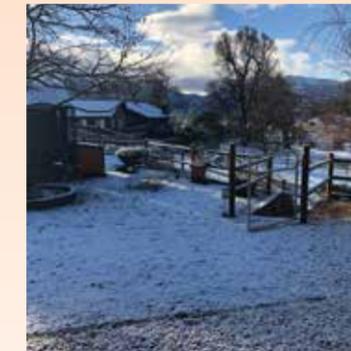
We try to use stevia as a substitute for sugar where possible. When we do have a treat, we like to have it at noon, if possible, so not to interrupt sleep patterns. The same goes for caffeine; it's better before 2 p.m., if at all. Whether we are young or old, we can benefit by not consuming large amounts of sugar, or better yet, none at all.

Many times parents think their chil-

dren need processed snacks, which are loaded with sugars. Even if they say organic, that does not mean they don't have sugar; it just means the sugar is organic sugar, which is still harmful. Children have a hard time with attention span when given even small amounts of sugar, so if your child can't sit still and focus on school work, look at their sugar intake. Sugar might be in cereals, crackers, drinks, yogurts, granola bars, boxed or packaged foods and of course, the obvious: cookies, candy, ice cream, cakes, pies, etc.

How might you stop your urge to give your child sugars? The best way is to not have them in the house and reserve a time for a sugary treat for special occasions or outings. Parents find this hard to do, but when you look at the harm associated with sugar, it should move you to start re-thinking what your children eat. This is even more of a concern when we learn how it effects your immune system and your ability to weather viruses, bacterial infections, cancers, etc.

Our meal of the month was: grass fed filet mignon with pepper cream sauce, spinach noodles, salad with pesto dressing, and garlic Asiago bread. For dessert we had boysenberry pie with vanilla bean ice cream while we listened to the



soundtrack from the movie Oklahoma.

The answer to the question of the month was: Glenn Miller.

Question of the month: He was the King of Rock and Roll, played the guitar and piano, was born in Mississippi, buried in Tennessee and died of a heart attack at the age of 42. Known for his film in 1957 Jailhouse Rock.

We are still on limited visitation, so please call for a visitation appointment and remember, we will be taking your temperature, asking a few questions, mask, wash hands and six feet distance. We do not have any openings right now, but feel free to call if you have any questions: Debby, 342-0258.





STEEL PLATE MATCH

- **Sunday March 14th**
- **(Date subject to change)**
- **Sign up at the Whiting Center**
- **Note: Sign up before hand**
- Match Starts at 9 AM at the BVS Gun Range on Deertrail Dr.
- Any type of firearm shooting .22 rimfire or a pistol caliber is welcome.

- **\$5 Per Gun**
- **\$10 Per Guest**

Sponsor must be present if you are a non-resident

*** Ensure that you have completed the proper Range paperwork which is available at the Whiting Center prior to coming up.***



Pony Club winter activities

Submitted by
Jena D'Cruz
BVS Pony Club

Like many equestrians, our Pony Club members can sometimes face a challenge getting plenty of time in the saddle during the winter. We have had some snow days and some super soggy days, but luckily also lots of gorgeous, sunny days in between. We recently held lessons on a bitter cold day that quickly became the foggiest day any of us had seen in a while. Our members, with help and guidance from their trainer, were able to safely get a ride in and their mounts exercised despite the less than ideal weather.

As long as it's safe to ride, that is exactly what we do. On the days we have to cancel mounted lessons, we often hold unmounted lessons instead. Unmounted lessons allow our members the opportunity to learn a wealth of equine knowledge. We have recently

covered topics such as winter horse management, confirmation of various popular horse breeds, measuring TPR (temperature, pulse, and respiration), and effective deworming strategies. We sometimes take a break from the more scholarly equestrian topics to do something just for fun. The most recent such unmounted lesson was making no-bake treats for our horses. It was so quick and easy and our horses loved them so much, that we thought we'd share the recipe.

Easy No-Bake Horse Treats

- 1 cup old-fashioned rolled oats
 - ¼ cup water
 - 1 tablespoon molasses
 - 6 peppermint candies
- Mix the oats and water until the oats are evenly moist. Add the molasses and stir well. Take a small handful and roll mixture into a ball. Flatten the ball slightly and then press one peppermint into the center. That's it! These can be shared with your horse friends* right

away or refrigerated for a few days.

*It's worth mentioning that it is never a good idea to feed someone else's horse anything unless you have permission from the owner. Some horses are on special diets because of food allergies or metabolic disorders. Other horses become biters when they are fed treats by hand. Always check first! 🐾



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News from the BVS Horsemen's Association

Submitted by
Susan Mustaffa
BVS Horsemen's Association

The Horsemen's Club is looking for new members. We are a group of equestrians who love to ride and enjoy the outdoors on our beloved animals. We put on all kinds of rides and special events throughout the year. We are ardent supporters of our beautiful valley trails and stay on top of issues regarding our trails, signs, safety issues, training and all things equestrian. We have rides all over the valley, event rides, rides to

our local wineries, and we will be hosting a Halloween Trail Challenge this year. We have rides out to California City, especially in the winter months, when at times our trails may be too wet to ride on. Which reminds me, some of our trails take a beating from the heavy rain, especially in the meadow and canyons, as those trails can get slippery and sloppy with downed trees, undermined trails and rockslides. The trails in the meadow are mostly composed of clay, and there also are natural springs that surface in the meadow, which can keep some areas really saturated.



Please be mindful of this after a rain. One equestrian who rode in the meadow when it was too wet had their horse stuck in the clay and lost a shoe.

We have a monthly meeting, the third Monday of the month, at the Equestrian Center lounge, 6:30 p.m., and most times we have guest speakers on a whole range of topics. Membership in our club is free the first year to new residents and thereafter, \$25 per year for your entire family. You do not need a horse to join our club, as many times we need volunteers as judges or helpers at our special events, or you can just join us for wine and/or lunch after a ride. We also email all our members a monthly newsletter with articles about everything horse related, as well as other topics. The Horsemen's Club also had our first Christmas

Caroling Ride last December and it turned out to be a great time had by all. Riding with us throughout the streets of Bear Valley Springs in their cart/pony was Santa and Mrs. Santa, along with the Grinch, and lots of spectators!

If you are new to Bear Valley Springs, we will happily show you our trails and all the do's and don'ts, where to ride, where not to ride and everything in between. We have many seasoned riders with calm, experienced horses for you to ride with if you're just beginning or trying to get back in the saddle. We have New Membership Application forms at the Equestrian Center in the main barn, just above our mailbox. We invite you to fill out the form, drop it in our mailbox and become a member!! Happy trail riding. 🐾

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an important component to consider when managing the lakes. To determine the needs of Bear Valley anglers, the LQAC is conducting an on-line survey. The more input we gather about your fishing priorities, the better we can manage the lakes. Complete the survey at https://www.allcounted.com/s?did=3oamx-07itmoah&lang=en_us or linked to the BVSA homepage under news. The results from this survey will inform the fishing management plan using the research recommendations from the University of California Davis. Fish stocking depends on the lake surface area, desired fish types and sustainable population numbers, to determine the appropriate levels of fish to stock with the goal of a sustainable ecosystem. Harvest limits will then be put in place and adjusted as needed to maintain a healthy fishery.

Plant Life

Plants are aesthetically beautiful, while providing one of the most vital and important roles in maintaining a healthy watershed. Plants filter the water and remove nutrients as the water slowly drains into the lake. Plants directly decrease nutrient burden because they consume nutrients to grow. Without this natural filtration, the lake becomes overburdened with nutrients and algae blooms, which is what happened in last summer's fish kill in Four Island Lake. Any extra nutrients in the water are used by algae, which then reduces oxygen in the water, essentially suffocating the fish. To develop a plan for planting, the LQAC consulted with the United States Department of Agriculture. Based on their recommendations, the committee decided to work with Brandon Haynes (International Golf Management - IGM) and homeowners on three recommended easement sites to begin trial planting plots this year. The committee will plant and monitor growth within these sites to understand which plants work

the best in our climate, environment, and aesthetic preferences. This data will then be used to develop future planting projects.

Recreation

Recreation is the feature of Four Island Lake that is hopefully used by all the residents of Bear Valley. Just looking at the lake is a form of recreation. Please take a few moments to enjoy the peaceful tranquility that Four Island Lake brings to our valley. Recreation encompasses aesthetic beauty, boating, family gatherings, fishing, pad-

dle boarding, bird watching, swimming and any other area where the public interacts with the lake.

The LQAC is looking at all of these areas and how we can improve the watershed to better serve the needs of Bear Valley residents. This is a collaborative effort, so we have included the names of the wonderful committee members, residents, and managers working together to lead various aspects of the work and to give a big shout out to Friends of Four Island Lake for keeping the lake so beautiful and the islands groomed.

The fish and island cleanup was a huge endeavor and the whole valley is reaping the rewards of your hard work. Please feel free to contact jfulks60@gmail.com with questions or comments.

Watershed: Fred Hicks, Janet Fulks, Wes Shryock

Water Quality: Janet Fulks, Scott Ostrem, Fiona Nelson

Fishery Management: Fred Hicks, Debbie Papac, John Glaze, Fiona Nelson

Plant Life: Rick Flores, Brandon Haynes (International Golf Maintenance - IGM)

Recreation: Kimberly Clow, Debbie Papac, Linda Flores 🐾



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Add \$0.50 each: Onion, Bell Pepper, Mushroom, Spinach, Tomato, Jalapeno, Pico de Gallo, Sour Cream
Add \$1.00 each: Bacon, Ham, Sausage
Add \$1.50 for extra egg
Add \$2.00 for avocado

COMBOS

Onezie \$5.50
One egg, one bacon or one sausage patty, toast and choice of potato or one pancake
Twozie \$10.00
Two eggs, two bacons or two sausage patties, toast and choice of potato or one pancake
Smoked Ham and Eggs \$10.00
Two eggs, smoked ham, toast and choice of potato or one pancake

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Biscuits and Sausage Gravy \$7.00
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Cubs and Seniors

Ham Scramble \$6.00
Served with fruit cup and 1 slice of toast
Silver Dollar Pancakes \$3.00
6 Buttermilk mini pancakes
Steel Cut Oatmeal \$5.00
Served with brown sugar, raisins & nuts, seasonal berries and chilled milk

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One pancake served with whipped butter & maple syrup
Add Wild Maine Blueberries \$0.50
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One piece of thick, custard dipped bread. Served with whipped butter and maple syrup

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Country Potatoes or Hash Browns \$2.50
Three Bacon Slices \$3.00
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ALL DAY MENU



HANDHELD

Includes French fries or coleslaw. Substitute fries for salad, fruit or sweet potato fries \$1; onion rings \$2. American, Swiss, Cheddar or Bleu cheese \$0.50. Add Bacon or Avocado \$2.00.

Angus Burger 4oz/8oz 7.00/ 10.00
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Turkey Burger \$8.00
Lean turkey patty, lettuce, tomato, pickle, onion, and chipotle mayo on a brioche bun
Gardenburger® Veggie Burger \$9.00
Oats, brown rice, mushrooms & cheese blended into a patty. Served with lettuce, tomato, pickle and onion on Brioche bun
Pulled Pork Sandwich \$9.00
Slow roasted pork dressed with zesty BBQ sauce and creamy coleslaw on a brioche bun
Sportsman's Club Sandwich \$10.00
Ham, turkey, bacon, Swiss cheese, mayonnaise, lettuce and tomatoes on toasted sourdough
Reuben Sandwich \$10.00
Corned beef with Swiss cheese, sauerkraut, and thousand island dressing on grilled rye bread
Philly Beef Dip \$12.00
Grilled Choice Angus beef with Swiss cheese, grilled onions & peppers on a toasted French roll, served with au jus
Nathan's All Beef Hot Dog \$6.00
Additional Items \$0.50 each: grilled peppers, grilled onions, diced red onion, sauerkraut or cheese
Grilled Chicken Wrap \$9.00
Avocado, grilled onions & peppers, lettuce, tomatoes, cheese blend with chipotle mayo wrapped in a warm flour tortilla
B.L.T Sandwich \$8.00
Smoked bacon, lettuce, tomato and mayonnaise served on your choice of toasted wheat, white or sourdough bread
Grilled Chicken Sandwich \$9.00
Herb & mustard marinated chicken breast, grilled onions, Swiss cheese, lettuce, tomato on a toasted brioche bun
Grilled Three Cheese Sandwich \$7.25
Cheddar, Swiss and American Cheese on grilled white, wheat or sourdough bread

SALADS

Dressing Choices: Balsamic Vinaigrette, Bleu Cheese, Caesar, Orange Champagne Vinaigrette, Ranch, Creamy Sesame, Thousand Island, Honey Mustard. Add: Grilled Chicken \$5.00, Bacon or Avocado \$2.00.

Chinese Chicken Salad \$9.00
Grilled Chicken, shredded cabbage, crispy chow mein noodles and cashews tossed with creamy sesame dressing
Classic Caesar Salad \$7.00
Romaine lettuce, garlic croutons and shaved parmesan with creamy garlic dressing
House Salad \$7.00
Mixed greens, cherry tomatoes, cucumber and croutons
Cobb Salad \$12.00
Mixed greens topped with grilled chicken, cherry tomatoes, bacon, crumbled bleu cheese, avocado and hard-boiled egg

FAVORITES

3 or 5 Piece Chicken Tenders 6.00/ 9.00
Served with your choice of side
Buffalo Wings 8.00/ 15.00
Served with carrots, celery and your choice of dipping sauce
Carnitas Tacos \$9.00
Three tacos with slow roasted pork, pico de gallo salsa and tortilla chips
Quesadilla \$5.00
Served with avocado, tortilla chips, salsa and sour cream
Add: Jalapenos, \$0.50, Grilled Chicken \$3.00, Philly steak \$6.00
Four Piece Fried Chicken \$13.00
Served with your choice of side

SIDES

French Fries \$4.00 **Extra Beef Patty** \$7.00
Sweet Potato Fries \$5.00 **Small House Salad** \$4.00
Onion Rings \$5.00 **Soup of the Day** \$4.00
Fresh Fruit Cup \$5.00 **Garlic Bread** \$1.00

DESSERTS

Chocolate Layer Cake \$7.25
Seasonal Housemade Cheesecake \$7.00
Lemon Meringue Pie \$5.00



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PROPOSED CHANGES TO ECC RULES

TEXT OF PROPOSED CHANGES TO ECC RULES

(Deletions are shown in strikethrough type and additions in **bold underlined** type)

ARTICLE 1

General Rules of Land Use for All Residential Lots

SECTION 100.

Land Use

The following provisions shall apply to the use of all residential lots subject to these Rules. [C&Rs, Para. 4 and 7a]

A. Residential Use.

No residential lot, condominium lot or condominium shall be used for other than residential purposes. Short-term rentals or leases (less than 6 months in length at any one time) negatively impact Association resources, resulting in undue costs and liability for the Association, and therefore are disallowed. This includes Air BNB's, VRBO, or any other vacation, weekend or short-term rentals. (Amended 07/10/18)

B. Improving Residential Lot.

Each residential lot must be improved with a completed primary residence prior to the construction or installation of any accessory or temporary structures or other improvements or any long-term or permanent parking or storage of vehicles, trailers, machinery or equipment on the lot (except that vehicles, trailers, machinery, equipment or temporary structures actually being used exclusively in the construction of the primary residence may be temporarily parked or used on the lot only during construction of the primary residence), unless otherwise authorized by written permit of the Environmental

Control Committee ("ECC"). In the event the ECC issues a written permit allowing any alternative uses, such uses shall be subject to all limitations and restrictions contained in the permit. [C&Rs, Para. 7.b(11)]

C. House Occupancy.

No structure shall be occupied until approved for occupancy by Kern County. After a residence is approved for occupancy by Kern County, the Property Owner shall apply for inspection by the ECC. Application shall be made at the BVSA office.

D. ECC Determination.

The ECC may disapprove any proposed improvement, alteration or modification of any improvement if the ECC finds that the proposed improvement, alteration or modification does not conform with the requirements of the Declaration of C&Rs ("C&Rs") or these ECC Rules or would be aesthetically incompatible with the physical site, the adjoining properties, or the environment of the development as a whole. In making this determination, the ECC may consider existing improvements on the Owner's property, and whether any existing violations of these ECC Rules or the C&Rs make the proposed improvement, alteration or modification aesthetically incompatible with the physical site, the adjoining properties, or the environment of the development as a whole.

1. The ECC may choose to limit the number of "spec" homes being built by any organization or individual at any one time. A "spec" home is defined as a lot purchased by an individual or company for the express purpose of building in order to sell for a profit. Companies, builders, or individuals in the business of building "spec" homes may be limited to the construction of a maximum of (4) four homes at any one time within Bear Valley Springs.

Upon completion of (1) one home, finalized by both Kern County and the ECC, the ECC may approve construction to commence on another home, not to exceed construction of (4) four homes at any one time.

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instinct, no matter how well-trained. Horses, on the other hand, are prey animals that often view unfamiliar dogs as a serious threat. In many cases, dogs and horses are capable of coexisting peacefully without having problems. Unfortunately, the behavior of both predator and prey animals can be unpredictable. When poorly controlled, aggressive, or off-leash dogs suddenly appear on the scene, they can cause a horse to spook, spin, and bolt.

A frightened horse won't know the difference between a gentle dog that is merely being playful or friendly, and an aggressive dog that may be on the verge of attacking. Horses have a natural instinct to run in the opposite direction from a detected threat, even if the intention of an approaching dog isn't to bite. The resulting sudden spinning motion can unseat even an experienced rider. A dog's instinctive prey drive will often make things worse by continuing to chase after a fleeing horse. The consequences of being thrown from

a bolting horse can be dire for the rider, and can range from non-serious scrapes, bruises, and sprains, to far more severe injuries.

Horses sometimes fight back and don't always flee from what they perceive to be a menacing dog. A mare will vigorously protect its foal from a dog attack, and donkeys are known to kill coyotes. Sometimes horses without offspring will stand their ground and defend against an attacking canine. The outcome of such encounters can be unpredictable, and can surprisingly go either way. Sometimes the horse will bite or grab the dog with its teeth, while at other times the horse will strike at the dog using its front hooves, or turn and kick the dog with its hind legs. The resulting damage from such powerful strikes can severely injure a dog. At other times the dog may severely maul the horse. Sometimes both horse and canine will sustain injuries. The truth is, it's anyone's guess how such an encounter will end.

There are many laws on the

books assigning liability to the owner if their dog attacks another dog, a human, or a horse. If you are found to be at fault, you could be held accountable in a criminal court of law. You may also be held financially responsible in a civil court for any associated medical costs, lost wages, pain and suffering, etc. These costs could end up being astronomical. Case in point: In 2019, the average dog bite settlement was \$44,760, with that dollar amount continuing to grow annually. Because of this, canine-related incidents continue to play a large role in the ever-rising cost of homeowner insurance.

Fortunately, dog owners can do much to prevent these types of incidents. Avoidance is the most obvious and best choice. It is possible to socialize dogs and horses by introducing them to one another in a carefully controlled environment; however, this seems to work best when both dog and horse are still at a young age. Even so, the process can have mixed results. Also, if a horse has had previous bad experiences with dogs, it may be impossible to acclimate the horse to being around dogs, without

the horse panicking.

If you encounter a horse while out walking your dog, there are some ways you can mitigate the aforementioned risks:

1) Your first and best defense will always be to stay alert, be aware of your surroundings, and avoid an unwanted equine encounter altogether by not frequenting areas commonly shared with horses. (I acknowledge that this is nearly impossible here in BVS.)

2) You can choose to take a wide berth, cross the street, or go in the opposite direction to avoid the encounter altogether.

3) Make sure your dog cannot escape your yard. While out walking, maintain optimum control of your dog by keeping it at the end of a short leash.

The very wise Ayn Rand once said, "We can ignore reality, but we cannot ignore the consequences of ignoring reality." The relatively small amount of effort required to properly secure and maintain control of our dogs far outweighs the potential costs of failing to do so. 🐾

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