

General Manager's Message

Submitted by **Don Ciota General Manager/COO**

After spending quality time working with the staff, speaking with members, the committees, the Board of Directors and touring almost every foot of the entire property, I thought it would be a good time to give you some insight into my observations over the past few months with some basic high-level plans as I begin to understand the challenges for all areas of the operation. In the future, I will be sending out more frequent updates as needed to keep everyone informed on policies, activities, operational improvements,



challenges and general information regarding our community/ amenities. This is to

ensure that everyone is being informed with accurate and detailed information. Please read through my update and the Bear Tracks Magazine to find out what's going on in the month of October.

"New Guy" Observations

Over the past few months since my arrival, I want to thank everyone for their feedback and warm welcome to Bear Valley Springs. As I get more acclimated to the various hours of operation, property amenities, activities and meeting schedules, I will be out and about as much as possible to get to know all of you better, solicit feedback on how we can continue to improve our operations and affect positive changes that will improve everyone's overall enjoyment with the amenities.

Property Clean Up

One thing that was very noticeable when I arrived was the unsightly debris, junk, old equipment and general clutter that has accumulated throughout the property. It's everywhere! Over the past month and for the next several weeks, all departments have been asked to start throwing out the clutter and begin the cleanup of the property. Once we get things cleaned up (curb

appeal), we will look more organized, be able to store things properly, know what we have and operate more efficiently. Hopefully, you will notice the visible improvements very soon. It will take some time and we have a lot of work to do in this area.

Service Standards

In the past few months, I have been working with our team establishing basic expectations, including appearance standards, for all areas of the Club (curb appeal). As I get my head above water, I will be working with our current staff members, and all new staff members, establishing service expectations to ensure that we are consistently working together as one team. This will eventually translate into

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FROM THE ARTIST

"Ageless"

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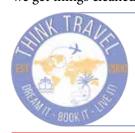
As we grow older, and we see our faces and bodies change, we still feel and have the same desires we did when we were younger. As horse lovers, we look at horses and long to feel that special bond. This painting is dedicated to all the women who love horses as they always have. We may not be able to do all the things we used to do, like jumping over fences, riding for long periods of time, barrel racing, etc., but we can still find ways to connect with our love of horses.

"Ageless" will be on display at the Mulligan room in BVS for the month of October

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-Caitlyn Nicotra

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A message from the BVSA Board

Submitted by **Butch Reyburn**

BVSA Board Vice-President

It's Sept. 7, and a lot has changed over the last few months. Today was the first liaison meeting since March and the association's new General Manager, Don Ciota, got his feet wet with a fairly lengthy agenda that included items from parks and recreation funds distribution, to water agreements. It also signified Don's first full month on the job. He has been very busy since his starting in BVS, attending various committee meetings, Board of Director meetings, implementing new procedures, touring and familiarizing himself with the various amenities, meeting with amenity managers and at one point, filling in as a server at the Men's Member Guest

Golf Tournament, which was a complete surprise to all in attendance. He has even been coming in on the weekends and familiarizing himself with weekend activities. If you get the opportunity, he would love to meet you.

Board member, Peggy Bergman Smith, resigned, sold her home here in Bear Valley and is living in the San Diego area near family now. She served this community in many ways over her almost 30 years as a resident and the Board of Directors wish her well in her new adventure.

As a result of Peggy's resignation, the Board appointed Fred Hicks to take her position. Many of you know Fred from his involvement with the Lake Quality Advisory Committee, which he also chairs. He has also been actively involved with youth and fishing tournaments

over the last several years. In August, he organized a fishing campout at Cub Lake, that had a total of 12 young people, accompanied by parents or grandparents. This was a follow-up to a "How to Fish" class that he presented at the Whiting Center several months ago. In speaking with one grandparent, who also attended the campout as a chaperone, I was informed that the young people were so enthralled with the event and fishing, that not one of them used their cell phones during the event. I WAS FLAB-BERGASTED! Of course, they all caught fish. Fantastic job,

During the absence of a General Manager from mid-March to August, Board Director/Project Manager Jim Panek, HR Lynn Mckettrick, Administrative Secretary Anita Bauer, and the rest of the office staff.

stepped up to the task to help make things run smoothly. Kudos to all of them.

It looks like fall is setting in and that takes us into October when the Whiting Center gears up for Trunk or Treat and the carnival. As of Sept. 1, the Whiting Center is accepting donations of candy and starting Oct. 26, they will accept baked goods. Both events will be on Oct. 28, starting at 5 p.m. and will end at 7 p.m. These are fun activities for all ages. For additional information, contact the Whiting Center at 821-6641, or view additional information posted in the Ebuzz.

There is a myriad of things to do in Bear Valley, from recreation, to joining and participating in recognized clubs. All you have to do is ask and someone will point you in the right direction. Get involved, IT'S FUN!



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Preparedness - Mountain winter readiness

Submitted by

Megan Clark
BVCSD Communications
Specialist

When we choose to live at higher altitudes, we must face the fact that winter can be unpredictable and occasionally brutal. Sometimes, despite all our technology and knowhow, it is impossible to clear the roads. During intense storms, days may pass before the streets are safe for travel. Our frequent high winds and heavy precipitation can knock out power and create icy conditions that prevent power restoration. Not only does this mean you won't be able to get out, it means emergency services may not be able to get to you. While this may sound frightening, making winter preparations part of your yearly routine will help you ride out the storm in comfort.

The most important preparation is for a worst-case scenario - a severe storm that knocks out power and renders roads impassable for a week or more. This scenario is not farfetched; the Tehachapi area has experienced storms that have closed the highways and kept people homebound for weeks. Here in BVS, the upper elevations typically receive far more snow than the lower elevations. Those residents on the mountain should prepare for a worstcase of 2-3 weeks homebound.

We've included a checklist below to help you prepare. When you're stocked up and ready for the worst, everything else becomes much easier to handle. You might even find yourself looking forward to those unexpected days off - warm, snug, and gazing at the magical view of a peaceful world wrapped just as snuggly in a blanket of snow. You will

find a printable version of the following checklist at http://bvcsd.info/winter-ready

Emergency Preparations

Food, Water & Personal Health

• Sign up for CodeRed and

ReadyKern

• Have a water supply, one gallon per day, per person (don't forget pets!). If the power goes out for an extended period, water supplies may too.

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The Bear Valley Springs Water System

Submitted by

Paul Paparella

BVSCSD Infrastructure Committee

Part 2: Where does our water come from and how does it get to our homes?

This is the second in a series of articles that are intended to inform and educate residents about our water system and the issues we face. In our first article, we presented a brief overview and history of the BVS water system. In this article, we will get into more detail about our sources of water and the complex system we use to deliver it to every home.

Potable water sources

Our water system was constructed concurrently with the original development of Bear Valley Springs in the 1970's. For about the first 20 years, all water supply was pumped from wells located within Bear Valley (the BV wells). There were approximately 30 BV wells, with capacities ranging from about 25 to 70 gallons per minute each. These wells draw from the Bear Valley Groundwater Basin, and our CSD is the sole user of this basin. The historical maximum annual production of water from the BV wells was about 911 acre-feet (approximately 300 million gallons). According to a groundwater management plan prepared for the CSD in 1998, the safe yield of the Bear Valley Groundwater Basin is 600 acre-feet (approximately 200 million gallons) per year.

There are two categories of BV wells: We have eight alluvial wells and the remainder are rock wells. The alluvial wells are generally located around the valley floor and are drilled into a shallow aquifer consisting of sands and gravels. They are all no more than 200 feet deep. The rock wells are located at higher elevations throughout BVS, drilled into bedrock. Most are over 400 feet and one is close to 1,000 feet deep. When originally constructed, all these wells produced high quality water that required no treatment other than chlorine for disinfection.

As BVS grew throughout the 1970s and 1980s, water demands went up and began to exceed the safe yield of the Bear Valley Groundwater Basin. Concurrently, capacities of some the original wells were declining, and in some cases water quality deteriorated. To ensure continued sufficiency of water supply, the CSD implemented a project in the 1990's to purchase land and drill several wells in Cummings Valley (the CV wells). Our CV wells all pump into a storage tank located near the Tehachapi Winery, and at the same location, we have a booster pumping station to pump from the tank, up the hill and into our original water system. While we own these wells, the water they pump is purchased from the Tehachapi-Cummings County Water District (TCCWD).

The TCCWD imports water from the State Water Project and manages groundwater in the Tehachapi region. The TCCWD is a contracted member of the Kern County Water



Typical BVS hydro-pneumatic tank and booster station.

Agency, and it is this agency that is directly contracted with the State Water Project. Some of the imported water is injected into the ground in Cummings Valley (the Cummings Valley Groundwater Basin), and that is the water which we purchase and pump from our Cummings Valley wells. As part of our agreement with TCCWD, we participate in water banking, which means we have more water stored in the ground than we expect to use under normal conditions. This provides a reserve in the event of droughts or other emergencies. Water banking is a critical function of the TCCWD because, during drought years, allocations from the State Water Project are often substantially reduced.

The State Water Project derives water from Northern California rivers and delivers

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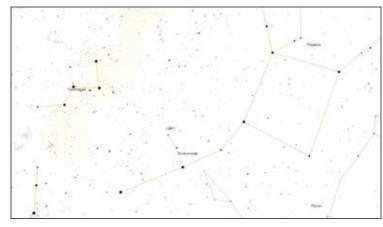
Submitted by

Bear Valley Springs Astronomy Club

It's been less than a century since we discovered that the universe is vaster - much vaster - than the galaxy we inhabit, The Milky Way. Before that, astronomers saw what were at the time called "spiral nebulae," but didn't know their distance or scale. Some thought the spiral nebulae might represent distant galaxies or "island univers-

es," but convincing evidence wasn't available until Oct. 5-6, 1923, when Edwin Hubble (namesake of the Hubble Space Telescope) was able to image individual stars within the Andromeda nebula using the recently completed 100" Hooker Telescope on Mt. Wilson, CA. This demonstrated conclusively that spiral nebulae are far outside the Milky Way and are galaxies in their own right.

The Andromeda Galaxy (a.k.a. Messier 31 or just M31)



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is the closest "grand design spiral" in our small galactic cluster known as "The Local Group," that includes the Milky Way, another grand design spiral called the Triangulum Galaxy, along with perhaps 30 smaller "dwarf" galaxies. Andromeda is comparable to, if somewhat larger, than the Milky Way and together represent the largest members of The Local Group. It's comprised of a trillion-ish stars, at a distance of 2.5 million light-years! Andromeda

and the Milky Way are gravitationally bound and falling toward each other at about 68 mi/s (110 kps) and are expected to merge in about 4.5 billion years. (That should be a spectacular event. Mark your calendars!)

The Andromeda Galaxy is an easy binocular object that you can see for yourself tonight. To find M31, first locate the "Great Square" of Pegasus almost straight overhead. Starting at the northeast corner of





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Fabulous Setting! Nestled among stunning oak trees, this 3BD/2.5B/2,590SF Bear Valley home is set on 3.13 usable acres & has enormous potential. Formal living room, family room, kitchen, breakfast nook, indoor laundry, 1/2 bath, formal dining & sunroom. Primary bedroom w/ deck access, multiple closets & ensuite bath w/ separate shower & tub. 2 car garage, RACE internet, on natural gas, views & tons of wildlife. This custom mountain retreat is priced well below market value & requires repairs to the decking, siding & possibly roof.

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The Andromeda Galaxy.

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the square, follow two stars eastward. You're now in the constellation of Andromeda. From there, turn north, point your binoculars to the second star up and the galaxy should appear as a glowing smudge within your field of view. Don't expect it to look like a Hubble image, but think about the fact that you are seeing another entire galaxy of stars!

Public Service Announcement from the BVS Astronomy Club

A partial solar eclipse will occur on the morning of Oct. 14. The Moon will track across and cover about 3/4 of the Sun's disk. NEVER look directly at the Sun without proper eye protection. The Moon will not cover the entire Sun so this warning applies here. The club will have a limited number of safe eclipse glasses that will be made available.

If you'd like more information about how to safely view this event, email the BVS Astronomy Club at info@bvsac.org.



Simulated binocular view or M31.

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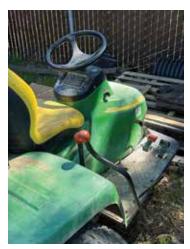


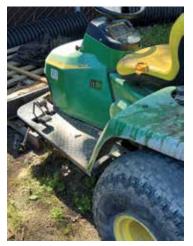
BVSA equipment auction 2023

Bear Valley Springs Association is holding another used equipment auction. The pictured items have no paperwork and are currently housed at the rear of the maintenance garage. The John Deere bunker rake and the tee mower are currently running. If interested, please make an appointment to view the items with Jim Panek at 661-821-5537, ext. 210.

All bids will be submitted sealed. Bidding will open on Oct. 1, 2023 at 9 a.m. and close at 5 p.m. on Oct. 20, 2023. Winning bidders will be notified on October 23, 2023 either by telephone or email notification after 2 p.m. Winning bidders to pay by money order, credit card or cashiers check. If using a credit card, a 3% surcharge will be added to the total to cover expenses.

Winning bidders are respon-







Item # 1 Unknown year John Deere bunker rake 1200 diesel engine (running). Minimum starting bid of \$500

sible to remove the purchased item no later than Oct. 31, 2023. If an item is not removed, a \$5 per day storage fee will be applied from Oct. 31 to Nov. 15,

2023. If the storage goes past the Nov. 15, 2023 deadline, and the item has not been paid for, the Association reserves the right to re-advertise and sell that item. If

the item has been paid for and the item has not been removed the storage fee increases to \$10 per day until the item is removed or leaned.



Item # 2 Unknown year, diesel powered tee mower (running). Minimum starting bid of \$500



Item # 4
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Item # 3
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- BVS VETERAN'S ASSOCIATION Commander Bill Kritlow @ 949-394-4525.
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- **CRAFTY LADIES** Meet at the Equestrian Center Lounge every Tuesday, 1-3 p.m. Bring your own project and get acquainted! Contact Pat Kritlow @ 949-394-4524
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- **DRESSAGE** Dressage, working equitation, cavaletti, other equine activities. We meet on the second Saturday evening of each month. Meeting and more info on our website: https://bvsdc.org/. Please contact Kathe Rich katherich@gmail.com.
- **ECLECTIC BOOK CLUB** Meets the first Monday of the month at noon at the Equestrian Center Lounge. Call Kay Klinker for more information at 821-1621.
- **GARDEN CLUB** The Garden Club is a resource for all Bear Valley residents who would like to make the most of their garden. Bring your questions, lessons learned and gardening enthusiasm to our meetings, which take place every third Friday (February-October) @ Equestrian Center lounge. Dues are \$10.00. Contact lvette Farrell at 661-544-0087.
- **GREENHORNS** Provides an environment for horse and rider to learn cattle-handling skills that are used in working cattle operations throughout the west. Contact President Denise Togami @ 805-231-8676, or Don McLaughlin @ 208-781-8746.
- HORSEMAN'S ASSOCIATION Promotes fellowship, equestrian activities and facilities. Supports acquisition and preservation of riding trails. Contact President Susan Mustaffa @ 661-538-0995 or smustaffa@outlook.com.
- **MAKE IT SEW** To promote the advancement of sewing and quilting skills. Robyn Woodhouse 821-0603 or Teri Lindsey 805-304-7351.
- **OAK TREE BRIDGE CLUB** Experience and enjoy the benefits the Bridge has to offer! Bob Nixon 661-823-9483.
- **OAK TREE MEN'S GOLF** For Information Call President, Mark Poindexter at (805) 320-9444. The Oak Tree Men's Golf Club holds their meetings on the Wednesday before a tourna-

ment or the second Wednesday of the month, if no tournament that month, at 8:00 am in the Mulligan Room.

- **OAK TREE WOMEN'S GOLF** Open play Monday at 10:00; 9-hole playday Wednesday at 10:00; 18-hole playday Friday at 9:30. Those interested in playing or joining, contact the Pro Shop at 821-5144 or Joy Webber at 661-300-1536 or email: joyw2121@icloud.com.
- **PICKLE BALL** Promote Pickle Ball Play. Contact Rhonda Arbolante, 661-428-7461, rhondaarbolante@gmail.com.
- **PONY CLUB** The Bear Valley Springs Pony Club works with young riders, both English and Western, to develop their horsemanship and horse management skills. Contact Jena D'Cruz (661) 817-2173 or Jennifer Bankston (661) 204-1274.
- **RC MODELERS** Anyone interested in RC Model Aviation or Cars are welcome to join us at the field and track (Jack's Hole). We meet regularly on Wednesday and Saturday mornings. Contact Mitch McDiffett 661-378-5596.
- **SPORTSMAN'S CLUB** The club coordinates a wide variety of social, sports and RV activities. Contact Will Handley at 661-414-6489.
- **SWING DANCE CLUB** Learn to swing dance Fridays in OTTC Banquet Room. R New dancers from 7:00 PM to 7:30, and intermediate dancers from 7:30 to 8:30 PM. Contact Brian at SwingDanceClub.BVS@gmail.com or 818-961-4622. Facebook BVS Swing Dance Club.
- TAILWAGGERS DOG CLUB Contact Tailwaggers President, Pam Miller, 661-203-5725.
- TENNIS CLUB Contact Julian Leon at weedyleon@gmail.com.
- **WILDLIFE COALITION** Join our Facebook page, become a dues-paying member of the Club or join our email list by contacting us at BVSWildlifeCoalition@gmail.com.

BVS SPECIAL INTERESTS AND ORGANIZATIONS

- **ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS** Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings are held at Bear Valley Community Church, Rm. B, Monday, 5:30pm (Literature) Tuesday, 5:30pm (Men's Stag), Tuesday 4:00 PM, (Women's group), Thursday, 5:30pm (Participation). For More Information, please call: 661-202-8553.
- **BVS LAKE QUALITY GROUP** Provides information on the quality of the Lakes in Bear Valley Springs. Please contact us at bylgac@gmail.com
- **CERT** Training BVS residents to be prepared and ready to serve in the event of a local disaster situation. Contact David Shaw at tehachapicert@gmail.com, 661-609-8365, https://www.facebook.com/tehachapiCERT/
- **CO-ED SOFTBALL** Come on out for a non-competitive pickup game of softball. It's perfect for anyone who can't run, throw, or catch but wants to get a little exercise and a lot of laughs. Ages 50+ Tues. and Thurs. 3:00 pm. All Ages Sundays at 3:00 pm. Contact Lisa Burt @ 821-0850 or the_burt_family@yahoo.com
- **CUB SCOUT TROOP 135** Grades 1st through 5th grade. Contact Cub Master Jon Read 909-268-3297.
- **EMERGENCY AMATEUR RADIO TEAM** This team is made up of licensed amateur radio operators in BVS who donate their services in times of an emergency. Weekly net check-in Sunday evenings at 7 p.m. 146.700Mhz(-) PL123.0. Contact John Dan Mason @ (661) 203-8398
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- **HISTORICAL SOCIETY** Provides an opportunity for good fellowship and encourages the residents of Bear Valley to become interested in the preservation of this community's historical past. Contact Judy Reynolds @ 821-7035.
- **LADIES BUNCO NIGHT** The dice start rolling at 3:00 PM and ends at 6:00 PM. We meet at the Whiting Center the second Sunday of every month. Contact the Whiting Center 821-6641
- P & J BRIDGE CLUB Contact Chris Schaeffer @ 661-771-2373
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a well-trained staff with good systems in place, well-maintained facilities, better service to our members and their enjoyment of the facilities. We are starting the process with the basics. Name tags, consistent uniforms, and will move on from there into evaluating/improving all current and future training programs.

Community Operations

After attending the BVCSD/ BVSA Liaison Meeting and weekly ECC meetings, I will start getting more involved with our community as needed with all operations regarding compliance, safety, common area/road/property maintenance. I look forward to a positive working partnership with the BVCSD General Manager, Wesley Shryock, to improve our community. The September Liaison Meeting was very productive and positive, and I believe we are all looking forward to working together on long-term solutions throughout our community. I have started getting a better understanding of BVSA, but I am still getting lost as I drive around. It's a big community and it will take time to memorize all of the streets so I can better navigate the property and understand the needs of our community.

One thing I would ask, is that everyone slow down and not be in such a hurry. Just an observation! While traveling through our community touring the streets, it appears that some vehicles are not adhering to stop signs or the speed limits. Please do so for everyone and everything's safety. We have wildlife crossings, jogging/walking, residents riding horses/bikes, children playing, bus stop traffic and residents walking dogs. I just want to make sure we all adhere to the posted speed limits and come to a full stop at stop signs going forward for everyone's safety. Please slow down!

Private Community and Country Club 101

In August, I joined BVSA with a sincere commitment to redefine our future, create long term stability and a sense of belonging. We, as a community

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and club, will always be faced with many operational issues that over time will be corrected, or at least addressed. As we begin to affect positive change, address operational issues, hours of operation, service standards and policies/procedures throughout the club and community to improve your enjoyment at BVSA, we need everyone's cooperation going forward.

Most communities that have good leadership, consistent policies and procedures in place, and a membership that is respectful and supportive of policies and procedures, tend to have long-term stability and success.

With this in mind, I have concerns with the manner in which members recently have been behaving and voicing their opinions to our staff. In the past few months, we have spent a tremendous amount of time addressing these issues rather than focusing on improving everyone's enjoyment of the facilities.

The fact is that all clubs/ communities have many policies and procedures and require their members/residents to adhere to those policies for everyone's enjoyment. Unfortunately, it is up to the staff to enforce these policies and speak with members who break the rules or act inappropriate based on the wishes of the Board of Directors, committees and membership in general. This sometimes leads to frustration, embarrassment, inappropriate discussions and a lack of respect towards the staff or other members.

Most members will find me very approachable and open-minded. Going forward, all staff and members are to be treated in a courteous and considerate manner at all times. No staff or member shall be reprimanded in any way by any other member. Any complaints regarding the club staff or other member's behavior must be made to the appropriate manager; however, depending upon the severi-

ty, those complaints should be reported to me immediately. Voicing a concern or opinions with others can be very beneficial to improving a situation, policy or the operation, when done properly and in a proper professional manner, but inappropriate behavior is not acceptable at any time by anyone.

Which brings me to the point! We all need to have respect for each other and just enjoy life at BVSA!

General Administration, Board of Directors, Committees and Governance

I have also been meeting with the Board of Directors, attending committee meetings and reviewing all our governance and our rules and regulations documents. This process has taken up most of my time, but has been a necessary process so I can understand all of the operations, governance and challenges from a member/resident perspective that need to be addressed, updated or improved in the future. In addition to understanding our operating systems, administration, A/P and A/R processes for accounting, member billing, cash flow and management of our financials/ expenses, there are a lot of processes that need to be evaluated and I will make every effort to evaluate these areas for improvement, while staying visible to our members as well.

In closing, all of us will work very hard to improve BVSA. I will keep everyone updated on our progress and if you have any questions or thoughts, please feel free to come by and see me. I can also be reached by e-mail at donc@bvsa.org or call me at the Administration Office at ext. 219. My door is always open. Again, thank you for the warm welcome and support! See you around the Club!

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Kern CattleWomen celebrate 75th Anniversary

Submitted by **Debbie Hay**Kern County CattleWomen

The Kern County Cattle-Women are celebrating our 75th anniversary this year. We will be celebrating this milestone anniversary during a weekend-long, family-friend-ly event in beautiful Bear Valley Springs, at the equestrian center. We are graciously being sponsored by the Bear Valley Greenhorn organization.

On October 4, 1948, a group of 43 ranch women met in Bakersfield and organized the first county group of Cow-Belles in California, which became an auxiliary of the Kern County Cattlemen's Association. The California Cow-Belles would not be formed until 1951, thus, making Kern the first and original group in

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California. While we would change our name to Cattle-Women in 1987, our goals have remained steadfast to the cattle industry. What began as an auxiliary to the Cattlemen's Association, has since grown into much more than that over the past 75 years.

You can currently find CattleWomen visiting class-rooms, both elementary and high school, to further educate students on the beef industry and our ranching heritage. We also support and participate in Farm Day in the city, California FFA Convention, Teachers Ag Seminar, Taft High School Culinary Field Day, World Ag Expo and the Kern County Fair, just to name a few.

Kern CattleWomen have been able to provide \$10-14,000 in scholarships annually for more than 15 years,



and lesser amounts prior to that, for more than 40 years, to students interested in the agricultural industry. These scholarships are awarded not just to students interested in the beef industry, but to students interested in other areas of agriculture, as well, because CattleWomen believe that there is more to agriculture than just raising beef.

There are currently 53 CattleWomen units in the state of California. Kern has a membership of approximately 130 members and is one of the most active units in the state. Many of the California State CattleWomen presidents have come out of Kern County. Kern presently has two ladies serving as state officers and one member serving as a state officer in the California Cattlemen's Association.

We, the Kern CattleWomen, are honored to be able to celebrate our BIG anniversary at such a beautiful facility as Bear Valley and we thank the Greenhorns for sponsoring us. For more information on the weekend's activities, please visit our Facebook page Kern County CattleWomen or our website www.kerncattlewomen.org.

If you have questions about attending, contact Debbie Hay at debbiehay@rocketmail.com or text 661-487-7754.

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- Late fee registration November 27th Dec. 3rd
- . \$15 additional fee for each participant
- FREE Hockey Learn to skate clinic Week of Nov 27th times TBD
- . FREE Goalie Clinic- Week of Nov 27th times TBD
- · Registration opens November 1st

Halloween Events:

- Halloween Carnival is Saturday, October 28th 5-8 pm Trunk or Treat, Games, Cake Walk, Bounce Houses.
- Costume Contest and Host Homes Register on Rec Desk, now through October 22, 2023
- Host Homes- Tues. Oct. 31st, 5-8pm Google Maps will be available on Oct. 30th
- . Halloween Movie "Casper" Tues. Oct. 24th 6-8 pm

Events:

- Houchin Blood Drive October 3rd, 12-6 pm (parking lot)
- Vets Bingo Saturday, October 7th, doors open at 1 pm, Games begin at 1:30 pm
- Tailwaggers read to dogs Wednesday, October 11th, 3-4 pm, game room
- Astronomy Star Party at Cub Lake Basketball Courts October 31st at 6 pm

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- · Limbo/Dodgeball October 11th
- · Four Corners/Dodgeball October 25th

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- . HIIT class with Caitlyn Mon. Wed, and Fri. 9:15-10:15
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BVS Aquatics Club swims into fall and winter

Exciting things are happening in our community! More than 100 people attended orientations and joined the Bear Valley Aquatics Club for off-season swimming. The vast majority of Bear Valley Aquatics members are meeting personal goals and just enjoying the refreshing feeling of a great day in the water. Many of the attendees were excited to have the pool for recovery from various injuries or surgeries and some described the great recovery they have already accomplished. Still other members are planning exciting events.

One member is competing in the Kona Ironman World Championships, consisting of a 2.4-mile ocean swim, a 112 mile bike ride, and a 26.2 mile run, all in one day. This elite competition has hosted other Bear Valley residents in the past that were world-ranked athletes. The altitude, clean air and access to biking, running and swimming, makes Bear Valley a Triathlete's dream. Several club members are competing in the Mission Bay Triathlon in October. Some swimmers have events with U.S. Masters Swimming and in various parts of the world, all winter long. However, the vast majority of Bear Valley Aquatics members are meeting personal goals and just enjoying the refreshing feeling of a great



day in the water.

The club hosted 18 orientations, but has had requests and started a waitlist for another later newcomer and previous member orientation. Joining the club costs \$30 for dues, or \$40 for a family, which covers the insurance for the season, and \$120 per person to off-set the off-season BVSA pool costs for heat and chemicals. Addi-

tional orientations will be provided quarterly. The club will also host its first annual meeting on Oct. 7 at the pool with coffee, juice and goodies. This, along with other activities, such as coaching, equipment use, and safety training, will be available for club members.

For more information, please contact byaquatics2023@gmail.com.

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Tailwaggers October guest speaker is Dr. Nicole Eller, veterinarian extraordinaire



Dr. Eller completed her veterinary degree at the University of Minnesota in 1999. After graduation, she worked in equine and small animal practice, and ran a solo equine practice for 13 years. Throughout this time, she maintained an active presence in animal welfare and rescue work in Minnesota, and in 2013, began working towards a Master's degree in Veterinary Forensics through the University of Florida.

Dr. Eller began working with the ASPCA's Field Investigations and Response (FIR) team in December of 2014. With the ASPCA, she managed the medical care and forensic examination of thousands of animals, as well as being qualified as an expert witness in numerous cases, and licensed in a dozen states.

After leaving the ASPCA in 2019, Dr. Eller was active in caring for wild horses at several sanctuaries across the country, as well as assisting with animal care and welfare on the Pine Ridge Reservation in South Dakota. Dr. Eller served a three-year term on the American Association of Equine Practitioners' Equine Welfare and Public Policy Advisory Board. She came to California

to work for Return to Freedom Wild Horse Conservancy in Lompoc and Lifesavers Wild Horse Rescue in Caliente.

Upon moving to the area, she quickly realized the problems with companion animal overpopulation, and decided she needed to do whatever she could to help the animals. She is the veterinarian for the City of Bakersfield Animal Care Center, contracts with Kern County Animal Services when they need assistance, does spay/neuter through non-profits Together Spay It Forward and Em and Mal's Animal Sanctuary, and continues to do some equine work through Twin Oaks Veterinary Services and the wild horse rescues.

Dr. Eller has lived in Twin Oaks/Caliente since March of 2022 with two Queensland Heelers, a Belgian Malinois, a McNabb shepherd, three tortoiseshell cats, a paint horse and four mustangs. Of course, all of them have been rescued in some way or another. They prefer to think they have rescued her!

You won't want to miss this speaker. Join us on Oct. 9, 6 p.m. at the Equestrian Center. Contact Pam Miller for more information at 661-203-5725 or pambvsprings@gmail.com.

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Dr. Nicole Eller will be the guest speaker at the Oct. 9 Tailwaggers meeting.





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Bear Valley Veterans Association happenings

Thank You BBQ, Oct. 14

The Bear Valley Springs Veterans Association and Auxiliary will be hosting our 7th Annual "Thank You BBQ" on Saturday, Oct. 14 at the Equestrian Center recreation area, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. We invite all Bear Valley Veterans and Active Duty personnel, our BINGO players, first responders, and anyone who has supported and assisted our unit in the past. This event is sponsored by the Bear Valley Board of Directors.

Veteran's Spouse Luncheon

The Bear Valley Springs Veterans Association is hosting the Second Annual Special Luncheon for Surviving Spouses of Veterans from Bear Valley Springs who have reported to their final duty station. This luncheon will be held at the Equestrian Center Community Room on Wednesday, Nov. 1, from 12 to 1:30 p.m. We know that support of our spouses during active duty service is extremely difficult, taking care of duties of both mom and dad, or just maintaining the home until our loved one returns from deployment or long days on the job.

It is our hope to serve these surviving spouses to a luncheon where we can serve them a good meal, and thank them for always supporting their loved one during their service to our country. If you are a surviving spouse of a Veteran from Bear Valley Springs who has reported to their final duty station, please RSVP to Maureen Kelly by Oct. 15 by emailing her at mlovschoc@yahoo.com or calling 714-308-6005. We hope you will join us. We look forward to serving you.

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- Put together a first-aid kit including treatments for colds and flu
- Replace the batteries in your flashlights and battery-powered lanterns, and have spares
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Text of Proposed Changes to BVSA Rules

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ARTICLE 17

ENFORCEMENT OF ASSOCIATION RULES, BYLAWS AND C&RS (Adopted 7/9/88)

SECTION 1700. INTRODUCTION

Members are responsible for their own conduct, acts and omissions as well as those of their families, guests, tenants, licensees or invitees and any reference in this Article to the conduct, acts and omissions of Members includes that of their families, guests, tenants, licensees or invitees. Courtesy, good conduct, and decorum must be observed at every BVSA Amenity, at all times. The Amenity Manager- or designated supervisor is the sole judge of what constitutes good conduct. (Amended 10/1/2021)

SECTION 1701. ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES WITHOUT HEARINGS AND NOTICE

If the persons in charge of the various common facilities of the Association determine that the conduct of Members, their families, tenants, guests or invitees constitutes:

- (1) An immediate and unreasonable infringement of, or threat to, the safety, **health**, or quiet enjoyment of other Members
- (2) A traffic or fire hazard,
- (3) A threat of material damage to, or destruction of, Association Common Areas or other property. (Amended 8/10/08)

Those persons in charge shall have the authority to immediately ban those offending individuals from the enjoyment of the particular common facility for a period not to exceed 72 hours. The person imposing the ban shall

make a reasonable effort to notify a Member of the ban if it is based on the conduct or activity of the Member's family Member's, guests, tenants, or invitees, but the failure to notify the Member will not invalidate the ban.

(Amended 2/15/97, 11/21/98, 5/19/01, 8/10/08; 9/10/10)

The person imposing the ban shall, as soon as feasible, file a written report with the General Manager, or if there is no General Manager, with the Board, that includes the details and reasons for imposing the ban, with citation of the specific provision of the Governing Document that was violated. (Added 5/19/01)

Within the 72-hour ban, the person imposing the ban may request an immediate investigation and ban extension with the General Manager and/or Board President. The General Manager or Board President, upon reviewing and investigating, may issue a ban extension up to but not exceeding the time needed to hold meeting and hearing with the Board based on the Boards meeting schedule.

<u>Purpose and Effect of Proposed Changes:</u> To allow management to mitigate inappropriate behavior at amenities immediately which will allow the members to continue to enjoy the amenities







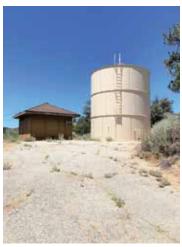
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it through hundreds of miles of canals, pipelines, and tunnels. The TCCWD owns and operates facilities to pump water from the California Aqueduct into the Tehachapi region. These include a 31-mile pipeline, with four pumping stations along the way, that starts at Grapevine, runs through Arvin, and comes up the Tehachapi Mountains into Stallion Springs and Cummings Valley.

In the early years of the CV wellfield operation, this water was relatively inexpensive, so as problems would develop with the BV wells, it was cost effective to ramp up use of CV water and take the problem BV wells off-line. By 2005, we were pumping about 60% of our water from CV wells and 40% from BV wells. However, the cost of purchasing water from TCCWD was rising substantially, as was the cost of electricity needed to run the CV well pumps and booster pumps. This led the CSD to embark on a project to rehabilitate and restore several of our BV wells, which will be discussed in a future article.

Potable water delivery

The original supply source in the BVS water system was rel-



Typical BVS gravity tank and booster station.

atively simple, with each well pumping water directly into the water distribution system. However, the distribution system required to deliver water to every home is complex. This complexity is driven by our hilly terrain and major elevation changes. To accommodate this terrain while keeping water pressures within acceptable limits, the system was built

Along with so many pressure zones came the need for 36 booster pumping stations and 17 pressure reducing stations to move water between zones. Even with the many different pressure zones, the range of ground elevations throughout some of these zones is substantial, meaning that we have many areas where pressures in the water mains are higher than needed to serve the homes. For this reason, it is the homeowner's responsibility to install pressure reducing valves to avoid plumbing leaks or failures from excessive pressure. But these high pressures put added stress on the CSD water mains, which is a factor in the number of leaks and breaks that occur in our system.

Because well pumps and vide additional water capacity

with 19 pressure zones.

booster pumps can occasionally fail, it is necessary for water distribution systems to have storage tanks. The tanks also help to balance variable demand with relatively constant rates of supply. Tanks also pro-

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SMALL STEPS TOWARD BEING PREPARED FOR AN EMERGENCY

Power



THE GOAL: Be able to safely meet your basic needs during an electrical outage.

We count on electricity for heat, food, and medical needs. Many gas appliances even need electricity to run. A power outage is an emergency that often follows another emergency-like a hurricane, tornado, or winter storm. That makes it even more important to be prepared in advance.

DESCRIPTION OF THE FOLLOWING THINGS TO DO THIS MONTH TO BECOME BETTER PREPARED:

Acquire and learn how to safely use a portable generator.

Using a properly connected generator of adequate size during a power outage will reduce or almost eliminate the impact a power outage has on your life. Before you buy a generator, talk to an electrician about the size and type you need. Think about what you want your generator to run. Generators can be used to keep food cool, provide lights and electricity for phones and television, power furnace blowers and pumps.

Always run generators outside. Never use a generator inside a house, in a basement, or garage. Never use a cord from a generator to backfeed a circuit in your house.

The best way to use a portable generator is to connect it to your home using a transfer switch installed by a licensed electrician. This will keep the power from overloading the wiring in your home. It will also keep the power from your generator from traveling back into the power lines, which can injure or kill people working on power lines, or can unexpectedly re-energize downed power lines near your home. You may also connect equipment directly to the outlets on the generator, but be sure that any extension cords are of the proper length and gauge to handle the power requirements.

for firefighting. Nearly every one of our pressure zones has at least one tank. In the larger zones, these are gravity tanks: the water in the tank is high enough to provide the required pressure without pumping. In some smaller zones, we use hydro-pneumatic tanks, meaning that the water inside the tank is pressurized with compressed air. We have a total of 43 gravity tanks and seven hydro-pneumatic tanks.

Our distribution system includes about 110 miles of water mains, most located in the streets, ranging from 2-inch to 16-inch diameter. Each home is supplied with a CSD-owned service line (usually 1-inch) that connects to the main and runs to a water meter box just beyond the edge of the road. From the meter box to the house, the service line is the responsibility of the homeowner. The water mains were constructed mostly of either PVC pipe or asbestos cement pipe, while the service lines are mostly polyethylene.

The customer water meters are an essential component of any public water system so that every home can be accurately billed based on the amount of water used. Also, these are a tool for management of the efficiency of the system; the total amount of water measured through customer meters is compared to the total amount of supply delivered into the system, which allows us to estimate how much water is lost through leakage. No water distribution system can ever be 100 percent leak free, but with accurate data, resources can be directed towards managing leakage to acceptable levels. Most of our customer meters are as old as the homes they supply, and all our water meters are manually read at the meter box.

Non-potable water

While the primary focus of the BVCSD water department is our potable water system, there is some involvement of the BVCSD in non-potable wa-Bear Tracks ter supplies. These will not be addressed in great detail, but are summarized herein.

- Lakefill water: The CSD owns and operates one well that is used to pump groundwater into our lakes. The Bear Valley Springs Association (BVSA) pays for this water.
- Recycled wastewater: The CSD wastewater treatment plant sends fully treated effluent to irrigate the BVSA golf

course. BVSA pays for this water.

• Groundwater rights in Cummings Valley: BVCSD has an allocation of native groundwater in the Cummings Valley Groundwater Basis underlying the land we own in Cummings Valley. This is legally distinguished from the imported State Water Project supply that is injected into the ground by TCCWD. Most of our native

groundwater allocation is designated for irrigation use, and we sell our allocation to the same farming company that leases most of our Cummings Valley land.

Now that we have explained where our water comes from, and how it gets to our homes, in Part 3 we will discuss why residents should be confident that their water is safe and reliable.

☐ Have flashlights ready in an easily accessible place and check batteries in flashlights and radios.

When the lights go out, the safest way to provide emergency lighting is with flashlights or battery-powered lanterns. Keep flashlights with fresh batteries in several places throughout your home and check them for proper operation regularly. Always keep a supply of extra batteries. Think about buying a rechargeable flashlight. Batteries might be hard to find in a disaster.

Power Outage Safety

- . Discard food if the temperature in your refrigerator exceeds 40 degrees for more than 2 hours.
- Stay away from downed power lines and anything they are in contact with such as fences or buildings.
- · Never drive over downed power lines; they may be energized.
- Never use charcoal or gas grills inside a structure. You may be overcome by carbon monoxide.
- If you must use candles, be sure to use them safely. Never leave candles burning unattended.
- ☐ Create a power outage plan decide what you can do before, during and after a power outage to minimize the effect on your household.

BEFORE THE POWER GOES OUT:

- Fill empty space in freezer with containers of water. Frozen water will displace air and keep food cold longer. Remember to leave space in containers for ice to expand.
- Have at least one phone with a handset cord in your home. Many cordless phones will not work in a power outage.
- If you have an automatic garage door opener, learn how to use the manual release and open your garage door manually.
- Try to keep your car's gas tank at least half full. Many gas stations will not be in operation during a power outage. Fill up your tank if a major storm is predicted.
- Make sure you have a car or lighter plug cord for your cell phone.

 If you use special healthcare equipment like oxygen generators or dialysis equipment, notify your power company.

AFTER THE POWER GOES OUT:

- Unplug major appliances and electronics.
 When the power comes back on, there may be power spikes that can damage large appliances or delicate electronics.
- Do not open refrigerators or freezers any more than necessary. An unopened refrigerator will keep food cold for approximately 4 hours, an unopened freezer will keep food frozen for approximately 24 hours.
- Use a battery-powered radio to stay informed.

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