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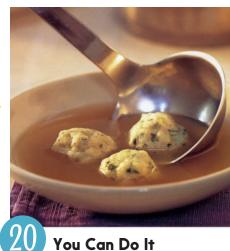








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dear reader



Vaun Thygerson, Contributing Writer

es, I am one of those moms. You know, the ones who stop everything in the middle of the action just to snap a picture. I have to document everything and take pictures of all my kids' milestones, embarrassing moments, and classically executed messes. This makes for many digital files, scrapbook albums, and Instagram posts, which I love. But, it can also cause

See you at

April 20th!

stress if your child, like my 13-year-old, doesn't like his picture taken. I have used all kinds of tactics to take good photos of him - bribery, cajoling, begging, and, of course, promising in my best mom voice, "Just one pic, one pic, and then you can be done."

My other two children, the oldest and the youngest, love to have their pictures taken anytime, anywhere. In fact, they like to go out on photo shoot adventures with me where we go outdoors just to find cool spots to capture the perfect moment. Last weekend, we went to the river here in Bakersfield, where there was actually water, and took some amazing shots. With the water flowing and the light perfectly framed during sunset, these pictures

turned out to be some of my favorites. It looked like we were somewhere exotic rather than under the overpass on the bike path off of Allen Road. The only problem with having so many fun photos is having places to display them. I may or may not have a picture frame addiction to go along with my desire to snap away.

Social media is a great place to show off my candid snaps. Trust me, I use them all. But, according to Tracie Grimes, the worldwide web can also provide some notso-fun and exciting posts. In her Humor at Home article, "It's the End of the World??" on page 18, she writes about all the doomsday prophets that predict "cata-

clysms of natural disasters," and she wishes they would stop it. Reminiscing about the days before the information age, she says life KCFM's Camp & was less worrisome when we didn't think Adventure Fair our world was doomed.

In Dr. Michael Kirk's article, "Making Peace with Your Teen" on page 19, he talks about how kids learn to react to situations directed by our behavior. He

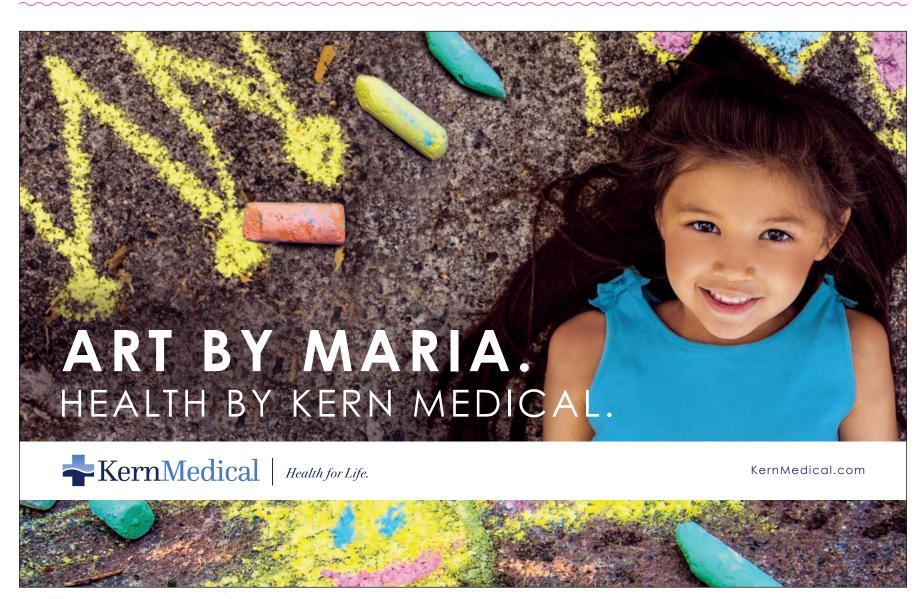
calls it quid pro quo where they talk nicely if we talk nicely. For example, he writes about an argument between a father and daughter that keeps escalating as each one behaves and communicates more poorly. He shows we need to behave in a way we want our kids to act, because they will mirror us.

Another article this month is "Pinewood Derby: More than just racing cars." Thanks to Alex Fritz of the Boy Scouts of America, Captain David Cunningham of the Army Cadets of Bakersfield, and Allen and Sidney Roberts for helping us learn that pinewood derbies are more than just racing a hunk of wood. Held at the Bakersfield California National Guard Armory, Cub Scouts from Kern, Inyo, and Mono counties raced each other at the 15th Annual Southern Sierra Council Pinewood Derby. To find out the overall winners, turn to the next page! (Page 5).

As April shows us our surroundings in full bloom, take time to not only smell the roses but also snap a photograph. Better yet, pose your children in front of the roses and then take the picture. I know I annoy my children with all the photos I take, but one day, hopefully soon, they will be grateful to have such a well-documented life.

Capture the good times! Happy Easter!





The Spectacular World of Science

The Buena Vista Museum of Natural History & Science presents its 7th annual "The Spectacular World of Science" on April 8 at the Double Tree Hotel from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Explore the world of science with live demonstrations, experiments, and interactive activities for all ages.

First place winners of the 6th through 12th grade Kern County Youth Science Fair will present their exhibits. Keynote speaker, Dr. Stuart Sumida, paleontologist and motion picture consultant, will present "From STEM to STEAM: The importance of science to the art of animation."

Advance tickets are \$7 children/\$10 adults or at the door \$9 children/\$12 adults. For more information, call 661-324-6350 or visit www.sharktoothhill.org.

Spring Break Art Workshops

This spring break, students can attend two different two-day art workshops presented by the Bakersfield Museum of Art on April 10 – 13: Kids Workshop, ages 6-11, 9:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.; and Jr. Workshop, ages 12-14, 1:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The theme of the workshop on April 10 & 11 is "Hunters & Gatherers" in which participants will journey to the beginning of time and experiment with handmade tools and mediums inspired by prehistoric artists. The "Ancient Rome" workshop held on April 12 & 13 will have students create vases, portraits, and architecture from ancient Rome.





Students representing several local high schools from Project BEST (Black Excellence in Scholarship & Teaching) and the Black Student Union (BSU) recently participated in a unique experience to learn firsthand how the justice system works. Careers in Courts Day brings together law enforcement and legal community partners to provide

information about the fields of criminal law, corrections, enforcement, probation, parole, and paralegal services.

"The goal of the day is to inspire the students to consider one of these career paths by sharing details of these fascinating fields," says Chris Dutton, Project BEST program administrator.

Sponsored by the Kern High School District, Kern County District Attorney's Office, and Kern County Superior Court, this event provided 140 students experiences in courtroom etiquette and observing actual court cases in progress. Other activities included a law enforcement panel, a mock trial scenario, and legal

panel discussions where representatives from various agencies shared their experiences while encouraging students to follow their dreams.

For more information, please contact Dutton at 661-832-3700.

31st Annual Bakersfield Jazz Festival

Three-time GRAMMY nominee Donny McCaslin and his quartet will kick off the 31st Annual Bakersfield Jazz Festival at the California State University Bakersfield (CSUB) campus for two nights on April 28 and 29 from 7 to 11 p.m. The event brings together the best of jazz, food, and drinks, and will help raise over \$20,000 in scholarship money for CSUB Students.

Other performances include Guitarist Kurt Rosenwinkel with his new album Caipi; trumpeter Christian Scott aTunde Adjuah with his Stretch Music Ensemble; Moonchild, a neo-soul quartet featuring the angelic vocals of Amber Navman; and, The Kandinsky Effect, a Paris-based trio.

For more information, please visit www.bakersfieldjazzfest.com or follow on Facebook, Instagram, or Twitter.

Boy Scouts of America Pinewood Derby: More Than Just Racing Cars

Back on Saturday, April 11, 2017 at the Bakersfield California National Guard Armory, over 70 young Boy Scouts came to race their wooden creations at the 15th Annual Southern Sierra Council Pinewood Derby. One such boy, Allen Roberts, a seven-year-old Tiger Cub Scout from Pack 33, came with his pinewood derby car he named "Bone Shaker". He won second place against other Tiger Cub Scouts from Kern, Inyo, and Mono counties.

As a first-grader at Castle Elementary School, this was Allen's first year

competing in the pinewood derby. He completed his winning car mostly by himself but did have one mishap where he accidentally glued his dad's fingers to the car's weight. His father, Sidney Roberts, took the experience as a benefit of Boy Scouts to teach Allen many skills. "He has learned a lot of patience and has become more of a team player," Roberts says. "He also knows that if he doesn't win this time, he can try again next time."

The pinewood derby has been a longstanding racing tradition for Cub Scouts in the Boy Scouts of America with participants ranging from kindergarten to sixth grade. With the help of parents, Cub Scouts design, build,



Congratulations, Allen Roberts!

and paint their own unique wooden cars with plastic wheels and metal axles to race on a computerized track that tracks time and speed. In this year's finals, top tier winners were Ethan Rose, first place; Landon Smith, second place; and Colby W., third place. Competition is not the only thing that the scouts learn at the Pinewood Derby because they also learn the importance of community.

"The Southern Sierra Council Pinewood Derby is a good chance for scouts from all packs from Kern, Inyo, and Mono counties to interact with each other and show off their hard work and derby cars," says Alex Fritz, district executive of the Boy Scouts of America Southern Sierra Council and staff advisor for the event.

This year's event was hosted by the Army Cadets of Bakersfield with a desert theme complete with lots of camouflage and a kid-sized obstacle course. In addition to the derby, community organizations such as the Bureau of Land Management, Panorama Vista Preserve, Kern County Family Magazine, and the Bakersfield Police Department were available to make connections with and provide resources for the scouts' families.

Captain David Cunningham, Commander of Army Cadets of Bakersfield, organized the Southern Sierra Council Pinewood Derby for the second year in a row. This year, he made it bigger and better by partnering with community organizations and having the Army Cadets of Bakersfield host the event. "I wanted the scouts and their families to learn more about what Bakersfield and Kern County have to offer," he says.

Over the years, Captain Cunningham has seen Cub Scouts express their personalities through their cars by creating a replica of Iwo Jima, a block of cheese, and a shark. As a scout himself, he made a foot complete with red toenail polish to compete in the pinewood derby. In this way, scouts express their personalities through their cars, just like Allen did with his "Bone Shaker."

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How to Decide When You Need the Emergency Room or Urgent Care for Your Kids

Special to Kern County Family Magazine

With the summer ahead, it's time to start dreaming of those summer vacations, staycations, and outdoor activities. By now, you're probably going through the checklist of fun things you have planned during these warmer months while the kids are out of school. While not as exciting to talk about, it's also a good idea to discuss what to do in the event of an emergency.

This is one of the most common questions surrounding the issue: If my child becomes sick or gets injured, should I take him or her to an Urgent Care clinic or the Emergency Room? While there is never a one-size-fits-all answer to this question, we spoke with Dr. Kian Azimian, an emergency medicine physician with Dignity Health Mercy and Memorial



Hospitals, for some advice on choosing the best methods of care for various situations.

The best place to start is by learning the basic differences between Emergency Departments and Urgent Care clinics. "One of the most important things to remember is the capabilities of each facility," explains Dr. Azimian. "Emergency Departments are linked closely inside hospitals and they tend to have more resources available for your sick child. Urgent Cares have capabilities of caring for some of the less acute illnesses." Furthermore, patients in the Emergency Department are seen not necessarily in the order that they arrive, but based on the urgency of their illness. If you and your child arrive at the ER with a mild illness and the department is very busy, the care for your child may be delayed until the sicker patients are seen initially. While this may seem frustrating and time-consuming, it is important to remember that the Emergency Department staff treats patients with a wide spectrum of ailments. When seconds count, those with life-threatening illnesses are treated first.

Now that the main differences between Emergency Departments and Urgent Care clinics have been established, it's time to determine which illnesses are best treated in which

facilities. As mentioned tor between moderate general examples

Be in the know— April 23rd is Safe Kids Day

Urgent Care

- Sprains and strains
- Mild colds
- Vomiting and diarrhea (but child is still able to eat)
- Rash-related illnesses (allergic rashes, etc.)
- Non-traumatic injuries to extremities

Emergency Department

earlier, there isn't always a clear-cut deciding fac-

and severe illnesses. Dr. Azimian offers these

when trying to make that determination:

- Broken bones/fractures
- Difficulty breathing
- Problems with airways
- Changes in mental status
- Severe symptoms uncharacteristic of child's normal illnesses

Though sprains and strains can generally be treated in Urgent Care clinics, Dr. Azimian cautions, "If you've noticed that your child has an injury that's physical, such as an obvious broken arm, it would make more sense to go to the Emergency Department where, under special medications, the doctors can reduce the fractures and apply splints."

If you're still unsure when deciding whether to take your sick or injured child to Urgent Care or the Emergency Department, Dr. Azimian offers this general rule of thumb: "If you notice that your child is not feeling quite right, but is not severely ill, Urgent Care might be the right choice for treatment. However, if your child seems much more ill than normal, I would bring him or her to the Emergency Department."

This spring Memorial Hospital will open the Robert A. Grimm Children's Pavilion for Emergency Services. This new addition is part of the Lauren Small Children's Center and will provide pediatric patients with separate, child-friendly access to the Emergency Department.

While emergency medical care likely isn't on your list of summer fun, it's important to know where to go if your child needs immediate treatment. This comes down to choosing the best facility for your child's needs based on each unique situation.

Light it Up Blue for World Autism Awareness Month By Vaun Thygerson

Autism-friendly events and educational activities will take place all month to support people living with autism during April, World Autism Awareness Month. The Autism Society Affiliate Chapter – Kern Autism Network (KAN), a non-profit organization of parents, grandparents, professionals, and other individuals that have an interest in autism, will host its 3rd Annual Racing for Autism Awareness on Saturday, April 29, at Bakersfield Speedway from 1 to 4 p.m.

This fundraising event gives children with autism a chance to see, touch, sit in, and sign their own race car. They can even put their handprints on the cars that will be racing that night. To register your child and for a complete list of upcoming activities, please visit www.kernautism.org.

Each April 2nd, Autism Speaks begins its signature campaign, Light it Up Blue (LIUB), to signify World Autism Awareness Day and April, World Autism Month. During the month, hundreds of thousands of homes and businesses around the world will "light blue" to help increase understanding and acceptance of autism spectrum disorder.

To find out how you or your company can participate in LIUB, please visit www.autismspeaks.org.

Yearly Eye Exams Can Reveal More Than Just Vision Trouble By Kern County Family Magazine

Did you know that more women suffer from visual impairments than men? One reason why women are affected by eye health issues more than men is because they tend to live longer. Women are also affected by hormonal factors, according to the National Eye Institute (NEI). According to the NEI, 3.6 million Americans age 40 and older who suffer from visual impairment, including blindness, 2.3 million are women. Some other risk factors for visual impairment in women are age, smoking, poor nutrition, obesity. Doctors from around the world say dozens of diseases - from certain cancers to arthritis to high blood pressure - can show symptoms in the eye. Under the watchful and knowing gaze of an eye-care professional, individuals can get early diagnosis and begin treatment promptly.

How can you make sure that you are taking care of your own eyes?

- Monitor your vision: Check it often, and check it one eye at a time. If you notice a change in your vision, please notify your eye doctor right away.
- **Do not smoke:** Smoking significantly increases the risk of complications with certain eye diseases, especially in women.
- Eat a well-balanced diet: Eat leafy green vegetables, oily fish, and fruits. Vitamin C, vitamin E, beta carotene, lutein, zeaxanthin, zinc and omega-3 fatty acids are helpful in slowing down the progression of many eye diseases. If you choose to take vitamin supplements, please make sure to consult your doctor.
- Exercise: This will aid in maintaining a healthy weight and good cardiovascular health. Obesity, high blood pressure and high cholesterol can lead to specific vision complications.
- **Control your diabetes:** If you have it-Uncontrolled diabetes can cause permanent damage to eye structures.
- Wear sunglasses with UV protection: This can slow down the progression rate of cataracts.
- Educate yourself: About the possibility of a family history of eye disease and about eye diseases associated with your general health issues.
- See your general medical doctor regularly:
 Routine physicals can lead to early diagnosis of potentially sight threatening diseases.

Going to the eye doctor can do more than ensure your vision is sharp. It's a life-saving decision for many people who have major health conditions diagnosed through the eyes.



feature story









New Children's Emergency Pavilion Offers Complete Care for Kids By Andrea Rose

aren Reeves is the mother of 10 children, ranging in age from 8 to 32. She's had her share of trips to the emergency room for evaluation of broken bones and sick kids. "I have a lot of experience with different emergency departments," Reeves, of Bakersfield, said with a chuckle.

But when you take a child to the ER, it's typically an unsettling experience. First, there are the worries of the situation – what's wrong with my child and how will they fix it? Then, it's the wait – often with a room full of adults whose problems you may not want before your child's eyes.

And then it's the emotions – yours and your child's, as you see big equipment or big needles and hear big medical terms. It's overwhelming.

Fortunately, that's all about to change for parents and children in and around Kern County.

The Robert A. Grimm Children's Pavilion for Emergency Care will be the latest addition to the Lauren Small Children's Center, a Dignity Health hospital. The new center will be the only dedicated pediatric emergency department between Los Angeles and Madera.

"We're very excited to be able to open this new benefit to the community," said Ken Keller, chief operating officer at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital. "It will be the only service of its kind between L.A. and Fresno."

A ONE-STOP TREATMENT SHOP

The 5,000-square-foot Robert A. Grimm Children's

Physicians and staff at the new Robert A. Grimm Children's Pavilion for Emergency Care are specially trained to make young patients comfortable during their care. Sick children will feel relaxed and ready to heal, thanks to an environment designed with them in mind.

Photos courtesy Dignity Health Bakersfield Facility Rendition courtesy Radian Design

Pavilion for Emergency Care joins the Lauren Small Children's Center at Memorial Hospital, which includes a pediatric intensive care unit, neonatal ICU, the Bolthouse Family Pediatric Acute Care Unit and the Grossman Burn Center.

The emergency department will offer care for infants through age 13. The center will be staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

"This is literally the last major service needed to offer a full spectrum of pediatric services at Memorial," Keller said. "From the emergency department into the hospital stay and afterwards, we can complete the full spectrum of touch points in caring for children."

Currently, the emergency department at Memorial treats more than 25,000 children each year – or about

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at the new Robert A.
Grimm Children's
Pavilion for Emergency
Care, the latest addition to
the Lauren Small
Children's Center, a
Dignity Health hospital.

(Bottom R) A Bakersfield police officer reads a Dr. Seuss story to a patient. The new Robert A. Grimm Children's Pavilion for Emergency Care provides opportunities for community members to brighten the day of children at the center.

(Bottom L) An elephant topiary in the Center's garden



65 children age 0-14 children per day, and hospital officials expect that number to increase by about another two dozen daily.

ROLLING OUT THE WELCOME MAT

The new Children's Pavilion is adjacent to Memorial's existing emergency department and will feature separate waiting and treatment areas for pediatric patients.

"One of the best things about this is it's going to protect the children from what they'd see in an adult ER," said Jenny Wilson, director of emergency services at Memorial.

But that's not the only thing parents and children will notice as soon as they step through the doors. From the bright color scheme with lots of blues and pinks to the kid-friendly banquet bench-style seating, everything was designed with the littlest patients in mind. "Everything at the pavilion is geared towards taking care of kids and making them feel like welcome guests," Wilson explained.

For non-urgent situations that may require a bit of a wait, the center makes that easier, too. The Children's Pavilion will also offer a convenience typically only offered at chain restaurants and Disneyland. "We'll have a "fast track" for non-urgent complaints," Wilson said. "Parents can go online and register their arrival time."

KID-FRIENDLY ENVIRONMENT

When it's time for treatment, planners of the Children's Pavilion thought of that, too.

"All the equipment is designed to alleviate children's fears," Wilson said, describing an "ouchless" blood draw procedure to other kid-focused distraction techniques.

Plus, they'll offer Nabi Jr. tablets for children who must wait on lab results or other procedures.

"Everything is designed with the child in mind," Wilson explained. "We want to make it a positive experience so kids aren't afraid and anxious."

And when it comes to understanding the unique medical needs of children, the staff can't be beat.

"Children are a whole lot different than just little adults," Keller said. "The Children's Pavilion will be staffed by professionals with additional, dedicated training for treating children."

The Pavilion will also staff a child life specialist to provide emotional support to children and their parents. "They explain procedures in a way children can understand them," Wilson said.

Reeves said the new center will offer her family, as well as other families, peace of mind when it's time to take their children for care.

"With 10 children, it's really important to me to have quality medical care. When they are familiar with children and the way children react to different situations and they are prepared for that, as a parent, it's comforting to know you're taking them to a highly-trained facility," she said. "It's a huge inconvenience to travel out of town to

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-Ken Keller, Memorial Chief Operating Officer

seek medical treatment for a child. The fact that we have specialized care right here where we live and don't have to travel out of town to receive that kind of care is just great."

Keller said offering families more options in their own backyard is what it's all about. "We do a very good job caring for kids today, but we are elevating the service level," he said. "It's a good thing."

The center is expected to open in May, subject to inspections, approvals and licensing granted by the California Department of Public Health.



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Summer Camp 101: Making the Most of Summer

By Gayla Grace

Summer camp offers fun and character-building experiences for kids of any age. Whether you're looking for a few hours of entertainment or weeks of skill-building for your child, you can find it at camp.

Age 0 - 5

Day camps offer the perfect opportunity for young kids to experience time away from Mom and explore new activities. Camp for preschool children focuses on free play, sharing with others, group games, (inside and outside) and simple arts and crafts. If you're sending your children to camp for the first time, make sure the schedule matches their personality and routine to prevent a stressful experience. Does there need to be naptime? Should your child be potty trained to attend? Would your child adjust more easily by starting with a half-day camp instead of full day? Are there appropriate breaks for snacks and changes in activity?

It's important to find out the counselor to camper ratio to ensure your child will be adequately cared for. You also want to determine if the counselors are trained to help with issues common to preschoolers including separation anxiety, potty training, and temper tantrums.

The best place to find camps for young children is through day cares, churches, nursery schools, and local elementary schools. Specialty camps also abound through gymnastic centers, music schools, and sporting centers. Consider your child's interests and find a camp that fits to give your preschool child a chance to make new friends and explore new experiences.

Age 6 - 11

Elementary-aged children thrive at camp, whether it's day camp or stay-away camp. It's the perfect solution to sibling squabbles and long summer days. If you do your research, you can find the right fit for your child.

Camps for this age range from sports camps to music camps to academic camps to church camps. Don't let the variety intimidate you as you research; start with

the interests of your child and ask friends and neighbors to give opinions on camps their kids have attended.

Kids gain independence as they make decisions and meet new friends outside of the comforts of home. They gain self-confidence in trying new activities. They learn to appreciate the beauty of nature as they unplug from technology. Camps at this stage offer activities not available at home such as: zip lining, archery, rock wall climbing, swimming, arts and crafts, and campfire sing-alongs with friends. Although kids may experience periods of homesickness, they learn to forge through their feelings with caring camp counselors and new friends

Specialty camps close to home also help kids explore new hobbies or create opportunities for parents and kids to enjoy camp together. A mother-daughter sewing camp or father-son golfing camp allows great bonding time while developing a skill enjoyed by both.

If your child has never experienced camp, start with a day camp or send a friend along for an away camp. It's important that their first camp experience be a good one. If you find it wasn't a perfect fit, try a different one next year. But don't give up on the beauty and benefits of camp for elementary-aged children.

Age 12 - 15

Tweens and teens have better focus than younger children and benefit from camps that more closely match their interests and personalities. Sports and music camps are great for this age and help kids advance athletic skills and enhance musical talent. Academic camps offer youth advanced-learning opportunities in subjects they might want to explore for long-term focus. And church camps offer character-building and self-awareness experiences not learned in school.

Camps provide a safe place for teens and tweens to

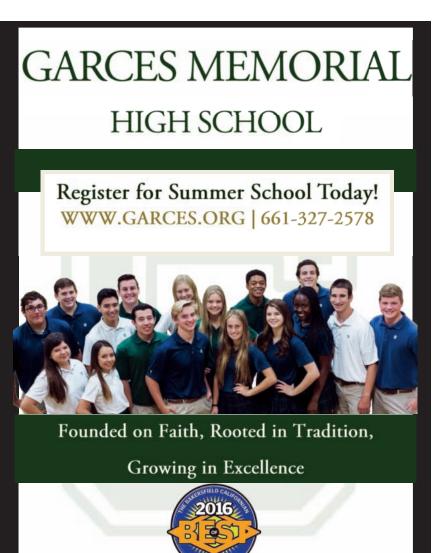
hang out while parents work during summer break. Not yet able to drive or find a summer job, kids this age too often allow technology to rule or walk into unsupervised trouble unless parents intentionally seek out creative options.

Junior high and high schools provide information for local camps as the school year draws to a close. It's also easy to scour the internet for camps that match your child's interests. Some camps provide certification such as lifeguard training or first aid certification that can enable your youth to successfully find a job upon completion. Encourage your youth to research camps with you to find one that fits.

When kids attend camp, they develop resilience and flexibility that benefits them later in life. Psychology Today parallels the experiences of summer camp and the adjustment of college in an article by Steve Baskin, "Creating Advantage in College." Baskin cites that kids work through similar adjustments at camp and college such as: "Being away from home and your traditional support system (family, friends, familiar places), and dealing with large amounts of uncertainty (what will classes require, how will I fit in socially, can I deal with this new roommate)." Baskin proposes that kids who find success working through these challenges at camp adjust easier when presented with the transition to college.

Summer camp offers unique experiences and character-building opportunities for every child. Whether your child is 2 or 15, camp is the perfect place to find adventure and make lifelong memories in the process. Don't delay-find a camp your child will enjoy today!

Gayla Grace is a freelance journalist and mom to five who sends her kids to camp every summer.















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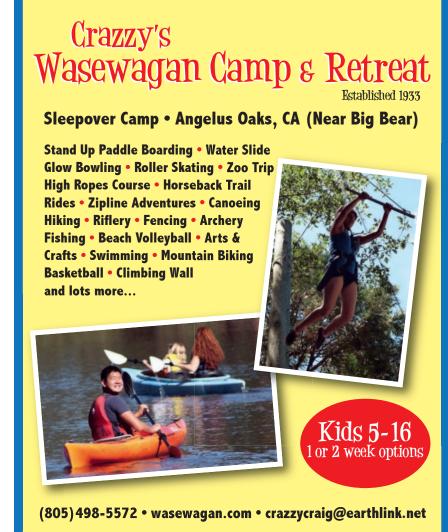
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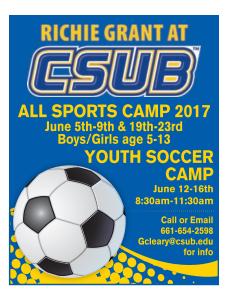
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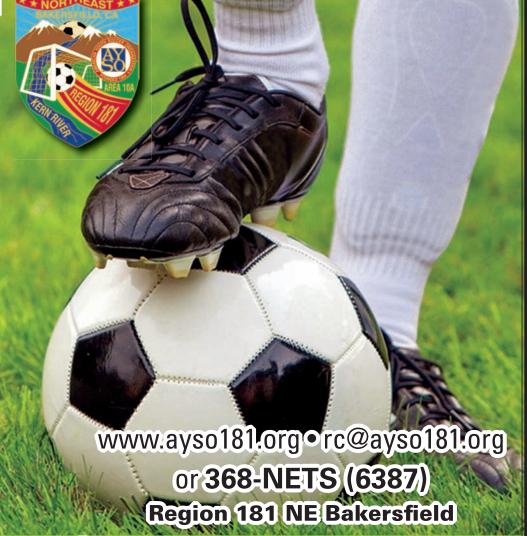
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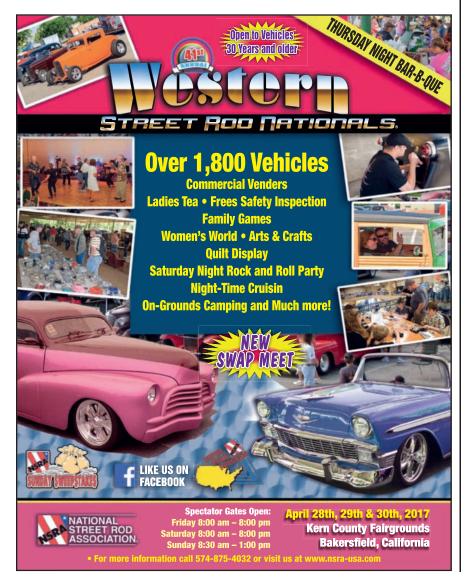


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It's the END of the WORLD??

want them to stop telling me the latest way the world is going to end. I'm serious. It's freaking me out.

It seems like every time I log on to the Internet, I see new prophets of doom. Just the other day I saw a blurb that reported Stephen Hawking's prediction that the human race only has about 1,000 years left on this earth. I tried to click away from that headline and saw something saying that at any

word "natural" being a relative term).

Life was so much easier back in the good ole days, the days before the World Wide Web and crawling texts.

News programs came on once a day (maybe twice, if you consider the Today Show or Good Morning America news programs) around 6ish. There were no sub-texts alerting us that someone in England started frothing at the mouth after eating meat from a cow that test-



moment a "Doomsday asteroid" is going to slam into the earth and end all life on our planet in 2036. But I think the one that bothered me the most was the one I read saying that "The end of the world will happen in the next SEVEN YEARS with a cataclysm of natural disasters."

What does that even mean, "a cataclysm of natural disasters"? Is that something serious, like the combination of end of the production of any kind of wine and one of my kids asking me, "Why are you sooooo sensitive?" (I can feel the funnel cloud forming even after just writing those words). Is it akin to what would have happened if I weren't successful when I put out a kitchen fire while keeping a three-year-old toddler from shoving my credit card into the fridge's ventilation grill as I pried an 18 month old's head from the stair banister? Now those are what I call cataclysms of natural disasters (with the

ed positive for mad cow disease or that an earthquake may or may not have triggered a tsunami that may or may not totally wipe out the California coast line. Now, we are constantly bombarded with all kinds of disasters that are just moments away, like Dateline or Discovery Channel specials on how the worst earthquake in the history of earthquakes will hit California sometime between now and 2 bazillion years from now.

It's exhausting living in this age of information. I never heard anything about Doomsday asteroids or cataclysms of natural disasters; I just knew I would have to "duck and cover" when the Russians finally decided to fire their nuclear weapons. Scientists predicted that through the use of a Doomsday Clock, which began ticking in 1947. I guess I was doomed to be a nervous wreck even before the day I was born.

Making **PEACE** With Your Teen

Delilah is arguing with her father in the car on the way to school. It seems father does not approve of his daughter's clothing choice for the day. Daughter slams the door on the way out, declares "I hate you," and heads toward school. Father decides to continue the game and parks the car. He walks to the school campus and chastises his daughter in front of her peers. He dictates to her "...the immediate loss of all privileges, and you are grounded." Father turns away and departs, and daughter is left fuming, hurt, and humiliated.

Later, father and daughter are not talking, and both attempt to ignore the other. The daughter responds with curt replies (such as, "Whatever" or "I don't care") to any remark from her father.

Father again gets caught up in the mess and remarks, "You can't talk to me that way. Stop it."

Again the daughter says, "Whatever," and walks away, still fuming. Father follows her into her room and demands her iPhone. "If you can't be civil with me, you cannot have your phone. Give it to me." says father.

"You can't have it. It's mine. You gave it to me," refuses Delilah. A yelling match ensues only to be halted by mother who pulls father away.

Father is adamant about punishment for his daughter. "She is so

disrespectful," he reports to mother.

Mother acknowledges his frustration, but remarks, "You probably won't get anywhere fighting with her like that. It just makes it worse. She'll begin

to think you don't love her at all, and that would be a disaster."

Father then recounts the whole day's events with daughter and looks at mother for obvious support in his parenting style. Mother replies, "If she is wearing something we feel is improper, she may hear about it from her peers or an administrator at school. That may

have more impact on her than a parent fighting with her and criticizing her."

Father listens and states, "Okay, but she was rude to me in the car this morning!" Mother acknowledges this as well, but points out to father that he is the role model, and his children will copy what they see and hear him do.

"Perhaps," says mother, "if we want to have our daughter speak nicely to us, we should speak nicely to her first." Father considers this bit of advice and concedes, "Perhaps, I was yelling a bit myself this morning. I can see how that could hurt her feelings, I suppose."

Mother smiles at father and offers more sage advice. "Perhaps, then, you might offer her your iPhone for your mismanaged behavior this morning." Father considers this and begins to understand just how his misbehavior earlier could have contributed to the ruckus later in the day.

"Yes," admits father, "I can see how I am at fault for what happened. Next time, perhaps, I could just mention that I am happy to see she is ready for school, talk with her about her ongoing events, and then tell her I love her as she heads off for school."

Mother follows up by saying, "That sounds like good parenting to me." Father gets up and starts walking off, and Mother asks, "Where are you going?"

Father turns around with a smile

and says, "I am going to go see Delilah and return her phone to her; tell her I am sorry for speaking to her in that manner this morning; also, tell her that her clothes are her choice; and - that I love her very

much." Mother smiles. Later on, giggling and ongoing chatter can be heard coming from father and daughter down the hall in her room.

Discipline is what we teach our children by the way we behave. Punishment is what we give our children when they mirror our own examples of poor behavior or communication.

Michael E. Kirk, PhD, a local clinical psychologist, is a father and grandfather who specializes in working with families, adolescents, and children.





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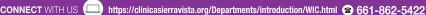


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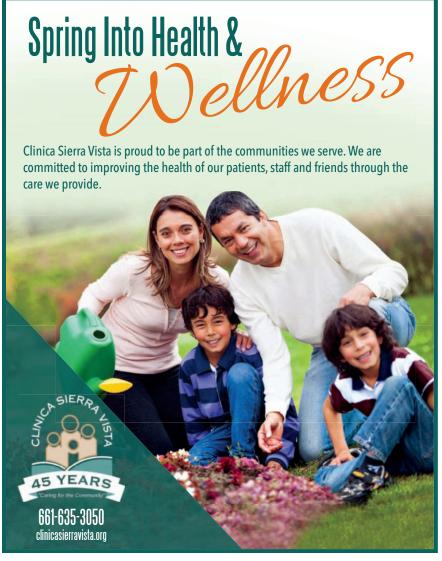












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Chicken With Matzo Dumplings

From Michael van Straten's "The Healthy Jewish Cookbook" (Frog, Ltd.). Serves 4-6

Broth Ingredients*

- 1 leftover chicken carcass, all skin and fat removed
- 2 Spanish onions, 1 whole and unpeeled, the other peeled and chopped
- 1 leek, coarsely chopped
- 3 celery stalks, with leaves if possible, coarsely chopped
- 4 bay leaves
- 1 large spring of rosemary
- 2 large sprigs of thyme
- 1 large sprig of sage
- 4 large sprigs of parsley
- 12 white peppercorns

*Note: You can use good-quality, low-salt chicken stock cubes or bouillon powder, but the recipe above for kosher homemade broth is recommended.

Dumplings Ingredients:

- 7 ounces medium matzo meal (about 8 matzo sheets, ground up)
- 3 eggs
- 1 tablespoon olive oil
- 1 tablespoon finely chopped flat-leaf parsley
- 3 grindings of black pepper
- 2 pinches of salt

Preparation:

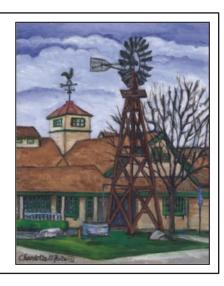
- 1. First, make the broth. Put the carcass in a large pot and cover with about 21/2 quarts of water. Bring to a boil, cover and simmer for 30 minutes. Add the vegetables, herbs and peppercorns, return to a boil, cover and simmer for 1 hour. Strain, reserving the broth.
- 2. Make the dumplings by mixing all the dumpling ingredients together, then knead until you have a smooth dough, adding a little water if necessary. Cover and let rest for at least 3 hours.
- 3. Using your hands, form the mixture into balls the size of apricots. To put it all together, bring the chicken broth up to simmering point. Drop in the dumplings and continue simmering, covered, for 30 minutes.



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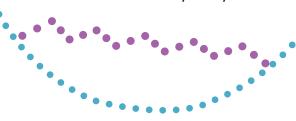


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local fruit! 6700 Gen. Beale Rd., Bakersfield., 8AM - 8PM, 330-0100.

BAKERSFIELD YOUTH SYM-PHONY SPRING CONCERT:

Playing Afternoon of a Faun by Debussey, Concerto No. 4 in D minor by Vieuxtemp performed by Kayla Ko, and Symphony No. 8 in G Major by Dvorak. Students \$5, Adults \$10. 2900 Royal Scots Way, Bakersfield, 4PM, 332-9582,

PLATINUM WEDDING EVENT AT SEVEN OAKS COUNTRY CLUB:

A truly different event for the person planning an event who wants to be pampered. This is the show for the discerning person who demand the utmost attention to detail. It will be a smaller, upscale event showcasing the top event and wedding professionals in their fields, 2000 Grand Lakes Ave. Bakersfield. 12PM - 3PM, 633-9200.

MONDAY APRIL 3RD

ACTING COURSES FOR CHIL-DREN: Professional classes are Monday-Friday at different times for different ages. Please call to reserve space. 348-4396.

ADOPTION SUPPORT GROUP:

Koinonia Family Services sponsors this FREE support group for foster care adoption open to all families considering adoption, in the adoption process, who have adopted. 8420 Stine Road, Bakersfield. 6:30-8:30 PM. 833-44383.

C.A.L.M. SENIOR DISCOVERY

DAY: Each Monday is Senior Discovery Day at the California Living Museum for those 60 years and older. 9AM - 4PM. 872-2256.

COUNTRY LINE DANCING: Ages 13 and up. Join us for some Boot Scootin' Fun! 392-2010.

GOLDEN EMPIRE CHORUS: BARBERSHOP HARMONY

SINGERS: Open to all men who enjoy singing. 350 Calloway Drive, Bakersfield. 7-9PM. 871-6268.

IN-N-OUT BURGER COVER TO COVER CLUB: Read 5 library books and get a free hamburger or cheeseburger from March 4-April 15th. Valid only for Mojave Branch Library. 824-2243.

LEARN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE AT TEHACHAPI BRANCH LIBRARY: All are wel-

come to learn ASL with us! 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM, 822-4938

TROOP 712 BOY SCOUTS OF **AMERICA MEETING:** We are very

active in camping activities and service projects, and have many Eagle Scouts that are devoted to service unto others first. 832-8011.

MOPS - NORTHSIDE COMMUNI-TY CHURCH: MOPS International is dedicated to meeting the needs of every mother of preschoolers. 589-3535.

B.O.B. & A.R. BOOK CLUB AT ARVIN BRANCH LIBRARY: Come

and share what you know from Battle of the Books and Accelerated Reader books you have read before taking the test. 5:30-6:30 PM 854-5934

MOVIE MONDAY AT BEALE MEMORIAL LIBRARY: Join us for family-friendly movies on the first Monday of every month in the children's room! In honor of Earth Day, we will be showing The Lorax. 701 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield. 4PM. 868-0701.

PARTY TIME AT H.E.A.R.T.S. **CONNECTION PLAYGROUP:**

Games and speech & language activities for children birth to 5 years of age, free. 328-9055, ext. 257.

TUESDAY APRIL 4TH ALLIANCE HUMAN SERVICES

RESOURCE PARENTS ORIEN-TATION: Alliance Human Services will be holding weekly orientations

for families interested in becoming foster families. Please RSVP @ 661-325-3639.

BABY CAFE: Need help breastfeeding? Bring the baby and get your questions answered. 2216 17th Street, Bakersfield, 10AM - 1PM, 747-5195.

BAKERSFIELD BLEND CHO-

RUS: Women Singers Wanted, If you love to sing, please join us on Tuesdays! 350 Calloway Drive Bldg A 3rd Floor, Bakersfield. 6:30-9:30PM, 497-SING (7464).

ESPANOL CON NANCY: My

mission is to teach Spanish through play. With fun and effective active ities including music, crafts and conversations during each session. 3825 Riverlakes Dr., Bakersfield. 9AM - 10AM, 889-2734.

FREE ACTING CLASS: For children 5-17 years old who have never attended before. This is a fun opportunity for kids in Kern County to express themselves even if they do not have that much income, 2001 Westwind Drive, #8, Bakersfield. 4:30 PM. 323-539-7522.

HOFFMANN HOSPICE- ADULTS GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: If

you or someone that you love has suffered a loss we encourage you to try to locate a support group in your area. 410-1010.

ICE CENTER OF BAKERSFIELD: Family Nights at the Ice Center! Get

the whole family together for tons of fun. 852-7400.

LAUGHTER YOGA AT THE ART AND SPIRITUALITY CENTER:

Lift your body, mind and spirit with

a weekly dose of hearty laughter. 2215 Truxtun Ave, Bakersfield. 8:30 AM. 632-5357.

LEGO CLUB AT FRAZIER PARK BRANCH LIBRARY: Build anything you can imagine! 5PM.

OPTIMAL HOSPICE CARE

- GRIEF SUPPORT (BAKERS-FIELD & TEHACHAPI): FREE Grief Support Group open to anyone in the community who has suffered a loss. 716-4000 (Bakersfield). 1-888-597-6115 (Tehachapi).

STORYTIME AT FRAZIER PARK **BRANCH LIBRARY:** An all ages storytime for the whole family. 11:30 AM. 245-1267.

YARN CLUB AT CALIFORNIA

CITY LIBRARY: All ages are welcome. Just bring your own yarn and needles. 1-3PM. 760-373-4757.

DO THE MATH: Math help for students grades 4-12. Every Tues. & Wed., tutors are available from 3:30-5:30pm. Bakersfield: 636-4357 or in other areas call toll free: 866-636-6284

KERN RIVER VALLEY BOY **SCOUT TROOP 690 MEETING:**

Want to be a part of Boy Scouts? Call and Register today! 760-812-7082.

MOPS - CALVARY BIBLE CHURCH: MOPS International is

dedicated to meeting the needs of every mother of preschoolers.

PROJECT LINUS BLANKET

MAKING: Our mission is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children with items created by volunteers (blanketeers). 6433 Ming Ave, Bakersfield. 10AM-1PM, 549-4967.

SUICIDE SURVIVORS SUPPORT

GROUP: This group is open to anvone who has lost a loved one to suicide. 5121 Stockdale Hwy, Bakersfield, 868-1552.

BILINGUAL STORYTIME AT ARVIN BRANCH LIBRARY: Listen

to stories and music in English and Spanish. 12-12:30PM. 854-5934.

MOMMY AND ME YOGA AT SOUTHWEST BRANCH LI-

BRARY: Experience a relaxing, fun yoga class with your children, crawlers up to age 4. Bring yoga mat. Taught by a certified yoga instructor. 10:30 AM. 664-7716.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT **BEALE MEMORIAL LIBRARY**: Stories and activities suitable for

ages 3-5. 11AM. 868-0701.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 5TH

ALZHEIMER'S CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: Come and share your experiences in a safe place to talk and listen to others.

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5500 Olive Drive, Bakersfield. 1:30 PM. 393-8871.

CHESS CLUB AT FRAZIER PARK LIBRARY: Learn to play Chess or play Chess with friends. 3:30PM. 245-1267.

HOFFMANN HOSPICE- HEAL-ING HEARTS: This group is for adults who have suffered the loss of a child. 410-1010.

KIDS CONNECT 2 CHRIST: It's like VBS every week, for kids 4-12! Kids will have a great time learning Bible Stories, making crafts, singing and playing games. 7-8PM. 342-

MOMnext - OLIVE KNOLLS NAZARENE CHURCH: A group for mothers of school-age kids.

ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER ASSISTANCE AT TEHACHAPI BRANCH LIBRARY: Sign-up for one-on-one computer training. Registration in advance is required. 11AM - 1PM. 822-4938.

OPEN CALL DAY FOR ACTORS AND ACTRESSES: All ages welcome for talent agency representation in commercials, 348-4396.

OPTIMAL HOSPICE CARE - GRIEF SUPPORT (LAKE ISABELLA): FREE Grief Support Group open to anyone in the community who has suffered a loss. 760-379-5038.

PENNY BINGO: Come enjoy a game of BINGO, it's not just for the old, join the fun 18+. 6PM. 392-

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT **BORON BRANCH LIBRARY:**

Stories, songs, rhymes, activities and educational play. 4PM - 5PM. 760-762-5606.

SIP N' SIT: Come on by and find out what's really going on in Taft. Everyone is invited to attend and to speak. 765-2165.

TODDLER TIME WITH MISS JADE AT BARNES & NOBLE: For toddlers to third grade. We'll have a great time with stories, coloring or crafts, and some snacks. 10-11AM. 631-2575.

YOUTH GROUP: We eat dinner from 5:30-6:15pm. Starting at 6:15 we open up our Teen Activity Room with foosball, video games, ping pong, air hockey and pool. 7:15-8:00pm we have a small group Bible study that centers around growing in your relationship with God. Everyone is welcome. 7300 Stockdale Hwy, Bakersfield. 5:30-8PM. 831-4460.

BILINGUAL STORYTIME AT DELANO LIBRARY: Enjoy some stories in both Spanish and English. 5PM, 725-1078.

BILINGUAL STORYTIME AT LAMONT BRANCH LIBRARY:

Listen to stories and music in English and Spanish. 1-1:30 PM. 845-3471.

FIRST WEDNESDAY AT BMOA:

Marc Trujillo paints subjects that are familiar to the American experience. Hear from the artist himself about his technique, his influences, and his interest in painting a ubiquitous urban experience. Free to members, \$5 for non-members. 10-11AM. 323-7219.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT SOUTHWEST BRANCH LI-

BRARY: Celebrate reading by enioving stories, songs, rhymes, and fun for your 3 to 5 year old. 11AM. 664-7716.

TODDLER TIME AT BEALE MEMORIAL LIBRARY: Parents are invited to accompany their 18-month-old through 2-year-old children for music, nursery rhymes, stories and play. 701 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield. 11AM. 868-0701.

THURSDAY APRIL 6TH

CHILD CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: Anyone can benefit from fresh ideas on how to care for their children. 2001 N. Chester Ave, Bakersfield. 1-2PM. 393-5836.

HOFFMANN HOSPICE - CHIL-DREN AND TEENS GRIEF SUPPORT: If you have experienced grief in your life, please come to this safe place to talk and listen to

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT:

others, 410-1010.

Fresh Hope is a peer to peer wellness approach to mental health recovery based on 6 tenets that empower people to connect both their faith and recovery principles. Join us and call for more details.

BABY BOUNCE AT SOUTHWEST BRANCH LIBRARY: Play, sing, and rhyme with our interactive storytime for infants, caregivers, and parents. 10:30 AM. 664-7716.

FAMILY LITERACY NIGHT AT LAMONT BRANCH LIBRARY: In

partnership with the Lamont School District, we bring Family Literacy Night. Get a tour of the library, apply for a library card, and listen to a story. 6-7PM. 845-3471.

LEGO CLUB AT BEALE MEMO-RIAL LIBRARY: Come build with us! All materials provided by the library. 5:30 PM. 868-0701

SENSORY STORYTIME AT BEALE MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

Join us for hands-on learning as we engage all of the senses through music, movement, stories and play. 10:15AM, 868-0701.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD AT DELANO LIBRARY: Activities such as games, story dicussions, crafts and more for teenagers at the library. 5PM. 725-1078.

FRIDAY APRIL 7TH

CITY OF BAKERSFIELD ANIMAL CARE CENTER: Vaccine and licensing clinic. 201 South Mt Vernon, Bakersfield. 10AM. 832-7387.

FAMILY STORYTIME AT MO-JAVE BRANCH LIBRARY: Come on out with your children and enjoy some stories, songs & rhymes! 11:30 AM.824-2243.

N.A.M.I PEER SUPPORT

GROUP: The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) offers support for families, friends, and individuals living with mental illness. FREE and Drop-in's Welcome. 3-4:30 PM. 247-5426.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT **CALIFORNIA CITY LIBRARY:**

Join us for some singing, rhymes, and stories. 10:30-11AM. 760-373-

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT **ROSAMOND BRANCH LIBRARY:**

Stories, songs, rhymes, and activities. 3611 Rosamond Bvld, Rosamond, CA 93560. 10:00 AM.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT **TEHACHAPI BRANCH LIBRARY:**

Join us for stories, singing, and rhymes. 10-10:30AM. 822-4938.

FIRST FRIDAY ART WALK: Join the Arts Council of Kern the First Friday of every month for the Downtown ArtWalk. The ArtWalk is a family friendly arts event that showcases our county's best artists. 5-9PM. 324-9000

FIRST FRIDAY CRUISE NIGHTS:

People are encouraged to come downtown, bring a chair and some friends and watch as classic cars cruise downtown Taft. 765-2165.

FREE FRIDAY AT BMOA: Join us at Bakersfield Museum of Art for free Friday! 323-7219.

TEEN NIGHTS IN TAFT: The first Friday of every month is Teen Night! Come in and bowl, play in the gym or just hang out with friends in a fun and safe environment. Grades 6-12 invited, 765-6677.

99 CENT COMEDIAN'S FAMILY **COMEDY NIGHT:** Eric Warnock presents a One-Man show at Tony's Pizza on Coffee Road. The cost is only \$5.00 and there's Free Pizza while it lasts. Come and have some laughs as a family. 6:30-8:30 PM. 204-5480.

DINNER AT THE DERBY: An evening of horse racing and fine

southern cuisine dinner in the finest tradition of the Kentucky Derby. 619-3344.

FLICS AT THE FOX: PHOENIX: 2015, PG-13, 98 minutes, Germany, in German with English subtitles. A spellbinding mystery of identity, illusion and deception unfolds against the turmoil of post-World War II Germany in the stunning film from acclaimed director Christian Petzold. 1700 20th Street, Bakersfield. 7:30 PM. 489-4369.

KIDS' CRAFTS AT BEALE ME-MORIAL LIBRARY: Come into the Children's room any Friday from 3-5pm to work on the craft for the month, 868-0701.

TODDLER TIME AT SOUTH-WEST BRANCH LIBRARY: Bring your toddler, ages 1-3, and foster a lifelong love of reading while enjoying age-appropriate stories. songs, and activities. 9:30 AM. 664-7716.

SATURDAY APRIL 8TH

LIVING HISTORY DAY AT KERN PIONEER

VILLAGE: Volunteers will be dressed in costume and demonstrate games and chores from the 1800's. 1-3PM. 437-3330.

Look for the

CAR SHOW AT CALVARY BIBLE: Free admission and fun for the

whole family with kids' activities and goody bags. 48 Manor Street, Bakersfield. 327-5921

FREE MEDITATION CLASS:

Meditation is a practice of concentrated focus upon a sound, object, visualization, the breath, movement, or attention itself in order to increase awareness of the present moment, reduce stress, promote relaxation, and enhance personal and spiritual growth. 5301 Office Park Dr. Ste. 420, Bakersfield. 8:30-9:30 AM. 374-8693.

SATURDAY STUDIO AT BMOA:

During the school year, weekends are the perfect time for children ages 6-8 to make art at the Museum. 10AM - 11AM. 323-7219.

FAMILY STORYTIME & CRAFT AT DELANO LIBRARY: Join us for an all-ages storytime and craft. 2:30 PM. 725-1078.

GRANDMA'S ATTIC STORY-TIME AT SOUTHWEST BRANCH

LIBRARY: Foster a lifelong love of books and reading with our family storytime. Enjoy stories, songs, and more. 10:30 AM. 664-7716.

MATH CLINIC AT BEALE ME-MORIAL LIBRARY: Learn math or get assistance with your math homework; Open to learners of all ages. 2-4PM. 868-0701.

B.O.B. & A.R. BOOK CLUB AT LAMONT BRANCH LIBRARY:

Come and share Battle of the Books and Accelerated Reader books you have read, and share with others before you take the test. 11AM -12PM. 845-3471.

for Easter family fun!

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about these events or activities not listed

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DON'T CRY FOR ME CONCERT:

A romantic program filled with music that inspired songwriters of our time. A true masterpiece paired with Tchaikovsky's powerful. intimate and touching Sixth Symphony. Presented by Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra. Tickets available online. 323-7928.

MAGIC BOOKSHELF CRAFTS CLUB AT FRAZIER PARK LI-

BRARY: Families can make some fun bookish crafts! 11AM. 245-1267.

SPECTACULAR WORLD OF SCI-

ENCE: First place winners of the Kern County Science Fair will have their projects on display; giving us a glimpse into the future of these young scientists and engineers. Join us for lectures and demonstrations by noted science professionals including Dr. Stuart Sumida. \$7-\$9 for children and \$10-\$12 for adults. 3100 Camino Del Rio Ct., Bakersfield. 10AM-4PM. 324-6350.

SUNDAY APRIL 9TH

C.A.L.M.'S SPRING FLING: As a way of welcoming springtime to Bakersfield, all children between the ages of 3-12 will be admitted FREE to C.A.L.M. All children must be accompanied by an adult. 9AM-4PM. 872-2256.

HAGGARD BOXCAR FESTIVAL

Kern Pioneer village will reveal its newest addition to the grounds, Merle's family home. Music. food sellers, craft vendors and guided tours of the Haggard House will



NATIONAL PET DAY

Tuesday, April 11

We love our pets everyday, but why not take advantage of this special holiday and give the four legged friends in your house some extra attention, love, and treats today!

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also be on hand for the day. 12-6PM, 437-3330.

FREE MOVIES FOR ADULTS AT THE ART AND SPIRITUALITY CENTER: Showing "The Human Experience." In a world fraught with hostility and violence, an altruistic group of young men endeavor to understand the true essence of the human spirit by visiting forgotten souls such as homeless New Yorkers, Peruvian orphans and isolated

MONDAY APRIL 10TH

Ghanian lepers. 2PM. 632-5357.

ALCOHOL AND CHEMICAL TREATMENT SERIES (A.C.T.S.): Be encouraged by God's word to overcome addictions. A free, local Christian support group. 323-2851 vt 30

C.A.L.M. SENIOR DISCOVERY DAY: Seniors will receive a 50% discount on their admission and a 10% discount in the Gift Store. 9AM-4PM, 872-2256.

KERN COUNTY CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA TURTLE AND TORTOISE CLUB: The California Turtle and Tortoise Club (CTTC) was created to promote the preservation, conservation, welfare, study and dissemination of knowledge pertaining to all turtles and tortoises. 599-8425.

LA LECHE LEAGUE: Free information and support group for pregnant and breastfeeding mothers. 9280 Rosedale Hwy, Bakersfield. 10AM. 438-1518.

LEARN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE AT TEHACHAPI BRANCH LIBRARY: All adults & teens are welcome to learn ASL with us! 822-4938.

B.O.B. & A.R. BOOK CLUB AT ARVIN BRANCH LIBRARY: Come and share what you know from Battle of the Books and Accelerated Reader books you have read before taking the test. 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM. 854-5934.

SPRING BREAK CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: Grades 1-6 are invited to attend multiple art sessions. The first will cover drawing, painting or sculpting rabbits and chicks. The second will cover trees, flowers, and all things spring in different mediums. 330-2676.

FULL MOON BIKE RIDE: All rides begin at Beach Park begin and end at the Marketplace. They are free to attend and organized by Bike Bakersfield. Remember to wear reflective clothing or reflective plates on your bike. 8PM. 321-9247.

KIDS SPRING ART WORK-SHOPS: This spring break, students ages 6-11 can attend art workshops. Explore the power of the ancient Roman Empire and create vases, portraits, and architecture in Ancient Rome.1930 R St., Bakersfield. 9AM - 11:30 AM. 323-7219.

TUESDAY APRIL 11TH
CENTRAL VALLEY EPILEPSY
SUPPORT GROUP: An education

and support group for those with epilepsy and their families. 30th & H St, Bakersfield. 6:30 PM. 589-3181.

EVENING CAREGIVER SUP- PORT GROUP: Come and share your experiences with people who understand what you're going through. 393-8871.

FAUNA FOR THE FUTURE REPTILE CLUB MEETING: Families, children and reptiles welcome! For anyone with an interest in herpetology (zoology emphasizing reptiles and lizards). Free to attend. 2018 Chester Ave, Bakersfield. 7PM.

INFANT & TODDLER STORY-TIME AT ROSAMOND BRANCH LIBRARY: Infants and toddlers will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, activities, and educational play. 11AM. 256-3236.

LEGO CLUB AT FRAZIER PARK BRANCH LIBRARY: Build anything you can imagine! 5PM. 245-1267.

MOPS - OLIVE KNOLLS NAZA-RENE CHURCH: MOPS International is dedicated to meeting the needs of every mother of preschoolers. 399-3303.

N.A.M.I. FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP: The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is a non-profit organization which offers support for families, friends, and individuals living with mental illness. FREE and open to the public. 5121 Stockdale Hwy, Ste 150A, Bakersfield. 6-7:30 PM. 398-8907/858-3255.

PARKINSON'S DISEASE SUP-PORT GROUP: Come chat, listen and support family members and those who have Parkinson disease. 1705 17th Street, Bakersfield. 2-4PM. 325-9419.

STORYTIME AT FRAZIER PARK BRANCH LIBRARY: An all ages storytime for the whole family. 11:30 AM. 245-1267.

WARMLINE MOM & TODDLER GROUP: All parents are encouraged to bring their children for a fun play session and interact with other moms in the community. FREE, Walk-in's Welcome! Located inside Room 104. 4301 Calloway Dr, Bakersfield. 9-11AM. 323-3531.

WARMLINE MOM & BABY GROUP: For moms with babies birth through one year. Great place to meet other moms & get your new mom questions answered. FREE, Walk-in's Welcome! Room 104. Meeting starts at 11:15 am. 4301 Calloway Dr, Bakersfield, CA 93312. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. 323-3531.

YARN CLUB AT CALIFORNIA CITY LIBRARY: All ages are welcome. Just bring your own yarn and needles. 1-3PM. 760-373-4757.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT BEALE MEMORIAL LIBRARY: Stories and activities suitable for ages 3-5. 11AM. 868-0701.

JUNIOR SPRING ART WORK-SHOP: This spring break, students ages 12-14 can attend art workshops. Journey to the beginning of time in Hunters and Gatherers and experiment with handmade tools and mediums inspired by prehistoric artists. 1930 R St., Bakersfield. 1-3:30 PM. 323-7219.

ASL PLAYGROUP AT SOUTH-WEST BRANCH LIBRARY: Learn ASL with your child through stories, songs, and by interacting with other families. 11AM. 664-7716.

SPY OBSTACLE COURSE AT ARVIN BRANCH LIBRARY: Can you be the fastest to go through the laser maze without being touched? 5:30-6:30PM, 854-5934.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 12TH

CHESS CLUB AT FRAZIER PARK LIBRARY: Learn to play Chess or play Chess with friends. 3:30 PM. 245-1267.

HOFFMANN HOSPICE- HEAL-ING HEARTS: This group is for adults who have suffered the loss of a child. This can include parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles etc. 661- 410-1010.

KIDS CONNECT 2 CHRIST: Kids will have a great time learning Bible Stories, making crafts, singing and playing games. 3700 Stine Rd, Bakersfield. 7-8PM. 342-2078.

ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER ASSISTANCE AT TEHACHAPI BRANCH LIBRARY: Sign-up for one-on-one computer training. 11AM - 1PM. 822-4938.

OPEN CALL DAY FOR ACTORS AND ACTRESSES: All ages welcome for talent agency representation. Actors and models must bring headshot and/or resumes. 2001
Westwind Drive, Suite #8, Bakersfield. 1-3PM. 348-4396.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT BORON BRANCH LIBRARY:

Stories, songs, rhymes, activities, and educational play. 4-5PM. 760-762-5606.

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Listen to stories and music in English and Spanish. 1-1:30PM. 845-3471.

TODDLER TIME AT BEALE MEMORIAL LIBRARY: Parents are invited to accompany their 18-month-old through 2-year-old children for music, nursery rhymes, stories and play. 11AM. 868-0701.

INFANT & TODDLER STORY-TIME AT BORON BRANCH



April 14

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT CALVARY BIBLE CHURCH

Come in and realize the true sacrifice of Jesus Christ during this service. 12:15-1PM. 48 Manor Street, Bakersfield. 327-5921.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

Honor the sacrifice of Jesus by attending this reflective service. 12PM. 11300 Campus Park Drive, Bakersfield. 861-6020.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT SOUTHWEST CHRISTIAN CENTER Learn about the truth of Jesus' death on the cross in this service. 7PM. 3700 Stine Road, Bakersfield.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE AT FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH Reflect on the sacrifice of Jesus during this evening service. 7PM. 3001 Stine Road, Bakersfield. 833-4345.

April 15

EASTER EGG HUNT AT SOUTHWEST CHRISTIAN CENTER

Fun and candy can be found at this church's Easter Egg Hunt! 11:30AM. 3700 Stine Road. Bakersfield

EGGstravaganza & CROSSwalk AT RIDGEVIEW COM- MUNITY CHURCH Free for all. Egg hunt for infants to 6th graders at 10AM. Afterwards, stop by the 14 interactive stations based on the gospel accounts of the events leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection from 10AM-2PM. 8420 Stine Road, Bakersfield. 834-9796.

EGG-TRAVAGANZA AT FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Colorful Egg Hunt for Children as young as a few weeks to children in 6th grade. 3001 Stine Road, Bakersfield. 833-4345.

EASTER FUN ON THE FARM All day Easter Egg Hunts at Murray Family Farms. Enjoy the Egg hunts and other fun activities. 6700 General Beale Rd, Bakersfield. 330-0100.

COMMUNITY EGG HUNT AT BAKERSFIELD FIRST CHURCH OF THE NAZARENE An open and welcoming Egg hunt for children. 2801 Hughes Lane. Bakersfield. 832-2145.

April 16

THE GREAT EASTER EGG HUNT & BREAKFAST

Pictures, Prizes, Crafts and more for the whole family. Easter Egg times vary based on age, so please call ahead to reserve your space. There will be an Easter Bunny and crafts and pictures available for an additional price. 5201 Riverlakes Drive, Bakersfield. 587-5465.

EASTER SERVICE AT CALVARY BIBLE Sunrise service begins at 6:30AM, Breakfast will be served at 7:45AM for Free, and the Indoor Service will be at 9:30AM. 48 Manor Street, Bakersfield. 327-5921.

HE IS RISEN SERVICE AT FELLOWSHIP BAPTIST CHURCH

Learn the true meaning of the resurrection and why it's so important Jesus rose again. 10:45AM. 3001 Stine Road, Bakersfield. 833-4345.

EASTER SERVICE & EGG HUNT AT WESLEY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Breakfast is from 9-10AM, Easter Egg hunt for toddlers-6th graders if at 10 am, and the Celebration worship service is at 10:30AM. 1314 Oswell Street, Bakersfield. 871-3030.

EASTER SERVICE AT SOUTHWEST CHRISTIAN

CENTER Celebrate the resurrection of Jesus with this service. 10:30AM. 3700 New Stine Road, Bakersfield.

EASTER SERVICE AT TRINITY ANGLICAN CHURCH

Honor Jesus' resurrection with the option to attend two different services, one at 8AM and another at 10AM. The 10AM service includes children's activities. 11300 Campus Park Drive, Bakersfield. 861-6020.

EASTER SERVICE AT RIDGEVIEW COMMUNITY CHURCH Rise early to see the Sunrise at 6:30AM or attend either of the two Celebration services at 8:30AM & 10:45AM. 8420 Stine Road, Bakersfield, 834-9796.

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LIBRARY: Infants and toddlers will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, activities, and educational play. 10AM. 760-762-5606.

LEGO CLUB AT MOJAVE BRANCH LIBRARY: Join us in building LEGO creations. Go wild and build anything you can imagine! Children under 6 must be accompanied by an adult at all time. 2PM. 824-2243.

PHILOSOPHY FOR TEENS AT SOUTHWEST BRANCH

LIBRARY: Teens learn how to respond, reflect, reason, and re-evaluate thoughts and ideas through stories, discussions, and questions. 5:30 PM. 664-7716.

XBOX KINECT FRUIT NINJA AT ARVIN BRANCH LIBRARY:

The same popular game found on phones and tablets can now be played on the Xbox. Swing your arms and cut as many fruits as possible. 5:30-6:30PM. 854-5934.

THURSDAY APRIL 13TH

MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT:

Fresh Hope is a peer to peer wellness approach to mental health recovery based on 6 tenets that empower people to connect both their faith and recovery principles. Join us and call for more details. 871-1150.

SQUARE DANCING CLASSES:

Square dancing is for everybody! Come as you are, meet fun friendly people, get great exercise-and make friends! 115 E. Roberts Ln, Bakersfield. 6:30 PM. 301-2808.

MATH MADNESS AT ROSA-MOND BRANCH LIBRARY:

K-6th graders practice math-fact flashcards and receive prizes just for trying. 4PM. 256-3236.

MOPS - VALLEY BAPTIST CHURCH: MOPS International is dedicated to meeting the needs of every mother of preschoolers. 387-6352.

PROJECT LINUS BLANKET

MAKING: Our mission is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children with items created by volunteers (blanketeers). 549-4967.

BABY BOUNCE AT SOUTHWEST BRANCH LIBRARY: Play, sing, and rhyme with our interactive storytime for infants, caregivers, and parents. 10:30 AM. 664-7716.

SENSORY STORYTIME AT BEALE MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

Join us for hands-on learning as we engage all of the senses through music, movement, stories and play. This program is ideal for children with autism or sensory processing issues. 10:15AM. 868-0701.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD AT DELANO LIBRARY: Activities

such as games, story discussions, crafts and more for teenagers at the library. 5PM. 725-1078.

EASTER ARTS & CRAFTS AT ARVIN BRANCH LIBRARY: Make an Easter basket using a paper

plate. 5:30-6:30PM. 854-5934.

SPY OBSTACLE COURSE AT LAMONT BRANCH LIBRARY:

Can you be the fastest to get through the laser maze without being touched? 5:30-6:30 PM.

FRIDAY APRIL 14TH

BAKERSFIELD MINERAL

MITES: Rock & mineral club for ages 7-18 yrs. Special activities monthly. 324-5907.

BINGO: Join the bingo fun, 18+ please. 12:30 PM. 391-2030.

BABY CAFE: Need help breast-feeding? Bring the baby and get your questions answered. 10AM - 1PM, 747-5195.

CITY OF BAKERSFIELD ANIMAL CARE CENTER: Vaccine and licensing clinic. 201 South Mt Vernon, Bakersfield. 10AM. 832-7387.

FAMILY STORYTIME AT MO-JAVE BRANCH LIBRARY: Come on our with your children and enjoy some stories, songs & rhymes! 11:30 AM. 824-2243.

HEART CENTERED HEALING:

Join us in the CBCC Chapel to learn how to heal ourselves by experiencing the presence of peace, grace and ease within our bodies. 1-2PM. 862-7136.

LIVE MUSIC: Join us for fun and relaxation while listening to some great live music! 1718 Chester Avenue, Bakersfield. 8PM. 703-6911.

OPEN ART STUDIO: Short on Studio Space? Bring your latest project and supplies to the Bakersfield Art Center! 869-9320.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT CALIFORNIA CITY LIBRARY:

Join us for some singing, rhymes, and stories. 10:30-11AM. 760-373-

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT ROSAMOND BRANCH LIBRARY:

Stories, songs, rhymes, and activities. 10AM. 256-3236.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT TEHACHAPI BRANCH LIBRARY:

Join us for stories, singing, and rhymes. 10-10:30AM. 822-4938.

KIDS' CRAFTS AT BEALE MEMORIAL LIBRARY: This is for school-aged kids; younger kids may need parental help with the projects. 3-5PM. 868-0701.

TODDLER TIME AT SOUTH-WEST BRANCH LIBRARY: Bring your toddler, ages 1-3, and foster a

your toddler, ages 1-3, and foster a lifelong love of reading while enjoying age-appropriate stories, songs, and activities. 9:30 AM. 664-7716.

EASTER ARTS & CRAFTS AT LAMONT BRANCH LIBRARY:

Make an Easter basket using a paper plate. 5:30-6:30PM. 845-3471.

SATURDAY APRIL 15TH

THE '52 QUAKE-A MOVING TALE FOR KIDS: The '52 Quake STEAM program is taught by a professional storyteller about the 1952 earthquake that almost leveled Bakersfield and the science behind it. 4-7PM. Kern Pioneer Village. 3801 Chester Avenue, Bakersfield. 437-3330

A.S.C.E.N.D - YOUTH ENRICH-MENT PROGRAM: A.S.C.E.N.D. is a free mentoring program designed to prepare high school students for college life or vocational careers, while promoting achievement, providing guidance and introducing them to the arts and related cultural activities. 331-6137.

MATH CLINIC AT BEALE ME-MORIAL LIBRARY: Learn math or get assistance with your math homework; Open to learners of all ages. 2-4PM. 868-0701.

5TH ANNUAL FRIENDS OF SENIORS DAY CAR SHOW:

Bakersfield Senior Center and Kern County Chapter, Studebaker Drivers Club proudly presents this FREE event. There will be senior citizen judging, awards, a nice friendly day of showing your cars, music, food, visiting with friends, and raising funds for a great cause. 530 Fourth St., Bakersfield. 9AM -3PM. 587-0395.

CONDORS GAME: Cheer on the Condors as they play against San Jose Barracuda. Our spidey senses tell us the kids will love to meet Spider-Man in the Condors photo booth. 6PM. 324-7825.

EASTER EGG HUNT AT SOUTHWEST BRANCH LI-

BRARY: Join us for an Easter egg hunt at the library. Come and find as many eggs as you can! 2:00 PM. 664-7716.

FAMILY STORYTIME & CRAFT AT DELANO LIBRARY:

Join us for an all-ages storytime and craft. There will also be an Easter Egg Hunt. 2:30 PM. 725-1078.

XBOX KINECT: FRUIT NINJA AT LAMONT BRANCH LIBRARY:

The same popular game found on phones and tablets can now be played on the Xbox. Swing your arms and cut as many fruits as possible. 3-4PM. 845-3471.



SUNDAY APRIL 16TH

ONYX FAMILY FARMS: Locally grown fruits and vegetables, no chemicals used, just veggies grown the old fashioned way. 760-377-7460

HAGGIN OAKS FARMERS MAR-

KET: Check out the best selection of seasonal and fresh vegetables, fruit, local honey, eggs, hummus, and just about everything. 9AM - 2PM. 334-2033.

MONDAY APRIL 17TH C.A.L.M. SENIOR DISCOVERY

DAY: Each Monday is Senior Discovery Day at the California Living



TAFT JOBFEST

Thursday, April 19

Kern County Department of Human Services is pleased to bring employers and local candidates together to find open positions that benefit both parties. Historic Fort at Taft. 9AM-12PM. 631-6000.

Museum for those 60 years and older. 872-2256.

COUNTRY LINE DANCING: Join us for some Boot Scootin' Fun! 392-2010.

GOLDEN EMPIRE CHORUS: BARBERSHOP HARMONY SINGERS: Open to all men who aniny singing 350 Calloway Drive

SINGERS: Open to all men who enjoy singing. 350 Calloway Drive, Bakersfield. 7-9PM. 871-6268.

LEARN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE AT TEHACHAPI BRANCH LIBRARY: All adults & teens are welcome to learn ASL with us! 822-4938.

THE CHRISTIAN JOURNEY: 12

step Christian recovery group for people who struggle with compulsive or obsessive behavior. 832-7464.

MATH MADNESS AT BORON BRANCH LIBRARY: K-6th graders practice math-fact flashcards and receive prices just for trying. 4PM. 760-762-5606.

MOPS - NORTHSIDE COMMUNITY CHURCH: MOPS International is dedicated to meeting the needs of every mother of preschoolers.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD MEETING AT BORON BRANCH LIBRARY: Teen Advisory Board (TAB) monthly meeting. 5PM. 760-762-5606.

589-3535.

B.O.B. & A.R. BOOK CLUB AT ARVIN BRANCH LIBRARY: Come and share what you know from Battle of the Books and Accelerated Reader books you have read before

taking the test. 5:30-6:30PM. 854-

E-BOOK EXPERIENCE AT BEALE MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

One-on-one session with a librarian on how to download Kern County Library e-books onto your tablet, smart phone or laptop. By appointment only. 868-0701.

TUESDAY APRIL 18TH ALLIANCE HUMAN SERVICES RESOURCE PARENTS ORIENTATION: Alliance Human Services

will be holding weekly orientations for families interested in becoming foster families. 325-6939. BAKERSFIELD BLEND CHO-

RUS: Women Singers Wanted. If you love to sing, please join us on Tuesdays! 350 Calloway Drive Bldg A 3rd Floor, Bakersfield. 6:30-9:30 PM. 497-SING (7464).

ESPANOL CON NANCY: My mission is to teach Spanish through play. With fun and effective activities including music, crafts and

conversations during each session.

FREE ACTING CLASS: For children 5-17 years old who have never attended before. This is a fun opportunity for kids in Kern County to express themselves even if they do not have that much income. 2001 Westwind Drive, #8, Bakersfield. 4:30 PM. 323-539-7522.

LAUGHTER YOGA AT THE ART AND SPIRITUALITY CENTER:

Lift your body, mind and spirit with a weekly dose of hearty laughter. 2215 Truxtun Ave, Bakersfield. 8:30 AM. 632-5357.

LEGO CLUB AT FRAZIER PARK BRANCH LIBRARY: Build anything you can imagine! 5PM. 245-1267.

YARN CLUB AT CALIFORNIA CITY LIBRARY: All ages are welcome. Just bring your own yarn and needles. 1-3PM, 760-373-4757.

MOPS -CALVARY BIBLE CHURCH: MOPS International is dedicated to meeting the needs

of every mother of preschoolers. 327-5921.

PARENTS 4 KIDS: Support for

parents by parents raising kids with special needs. FREE and open to the public. 811 Roberts Lane, Bakersfield. 11AM. 862-0783.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD MEET-ING AT ROSAMOND BRANCH LIBRARY: Teen Advisory Board (TAB) monthly meeting. 5PM. 256-

BILINGUAL STORYTIME AT ARVIN BRANCH LIBRARY: Listen

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daily happenings APRIL 2017

to stories and music in English and Spanish. 12-12:30 PM. 854-5934.

CHESS CLUB AT SOUTHWEST BRANCH LIBRARY: Come play a game of chess at the library against your fellow neighbors and friends. Don't know how to play? No problem, we'll teach you. 4PM. 664-7716.

MAPPING & GENEALOGY AT BEALE MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

Victoria Shields will be presenting to Kern County Genealogical Society about the connection between software and genealogy. 868-0701.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 19TH

PHOTO SAFARI FOR TWEENS & TEENS: Students come to Kern

Pioneer Village for a photography class and learn how to take great pictures with their phones or tablets. 4-7PM. 3801 Chester Avenue. 437-3330.

CHESS CLUB AT FRAZIER PARK LIBRARY: Learn to play Chess or play Chess with friends. 3:30 PM, 245-1267.

MOMnext - OLIVE KNOLLS NAZARENE CHURCH: A group for mothers of school-age kids.

ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER ASSISTANCE AT TEHACHAPI BRANCH LIBRARY: Sign-up for one-on-one computer training. Registration in advance is required. 11AM - 1PM, 822-4938,

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT **BORON BRANCH LIBRARY:**

Stories, songs, rhymes, activities and educational play. 4 - 5PM. 760-762-5606.

SPECIAL FRIENDS, JOYFUL

HEARTS: Christ-centered ministry for adults and children with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities. 6-7:30 PM. 665-7815.

WOMEN'S SELF DEFENSE WORKSHOPS: Learn to defend yourself. Workshops are FREE and open to the public. 1921 19th St, Bakersfield. 6PM. 322-0931.

BILINGUAL STORYTIME AT DELANO LIBRARY: Enjoy some stories in both Spanish and English. 5PM. 725-1078.

BILINGUAL STORYTIME AT LAMONT BRANCH LIBRARY:

Listen to stories and music in English and Spanish. 1-1:30PM. 845-3471.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT SOUTHWEST BRANCH LI-

BRARY: Celebrate reading by enjoying stories, songs, rhymes, and fun for your 3 to 5 year old. 11AM, 664-7716.

TODDLER TIME AT BEALE MEMORIAL LIBRARY: Parents

are invited to accompany their 18-month-old through 2-year-old children for music, nursery rhymes. stories and play. 701 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield. 11AM. 868-0701.

BARKS & BOOKS AT MOJAVE BRANCH LIBRARY: This is a perfect program for hesitant readers, bashful children, children who have a difficulty reading out loud or any child who loves animals! 3:30 PM. 824-2243.

THURSDAY APRIL 20TH **OPTIMAL HOSPICE CARE -**

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP: FREE Grief Support Group open to anyone in the community who has suffered a loss. 716-4000.

BARKS AND BOOKS AT RO-SAMOND BRANCH LIBRARY:

Alliance of Therapy Dogs, Inc. and HiDOC bring you Barks and Books at the Rosamond Library. Read with a furry friend! 256-3236.

HOFFMANN HOSPICE - CHIL-DREN AND TEENS GRIEF

SUPPORT: If you have experienced grief in your life, please come to this safe place to talk and listen to others, 410-1010.

MOPS - LAURELGLEN & THE BRIDGE BIBLE CHURCH: MOPS

International is dedicated to meeting the needs of every mother of preschoolers. 833-2800 (Laurelglen). 587-2010 (The Bridge).



ADVENTURE FAIR

Thursday, April 20

Join Kern County Family at our 21st Annual Summer Camp & Adventure Fair! Westside Church of Christ Gymnasium, 2pm-6pm. Call 661-861-4939 or visit kerncountyfamily.com for more information.

KCFM's 21st ANNUAL SUMMER **CAMP & ADVENTURE FAIR Join**

Kern County Family at our annual Fair! Westside Church of Christ Gymnasium, 2pm-6pm. Call 661-861-4939 or visit kerncountyfamily. com for more information.



THIRD THURSDAY AT BUENA **VISTA MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY:** Third Thursday \$2.00 admission! 324-6350.

TRICHOTILLOMANIA SUPPORT **GROUP:** Parents and children with Trichotillomania are invited to join us in a safe place to discuss, ask

questions, and share ideas and information with others regarding this disorder. 800-210-7633.

BABY BOUNCE AT SOUTHWEST BRANCH LIBRARY: Play, sing, and rhyme with our interactive storytime for infants, caregivers, and parents. 10:30 AM. 664-7716.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD AT **DELANO LIBRARY:** Activities such as games, story dicussions, crafts and more for teenagers at the library. 5PM. 725-1078.

CRAFTY TEEN AT BEALE ME-MORIAL LIBRARY: Poetry Month Craft. Are you crafty? Do you like to make stuff? Feel free to bring any crafts you want to work on! Or do the craft project offered. Craft supplies are provided. 4:30 PM.

GENEALOGY INTEREST GROUP AT FRAZIER PARK LIBRARY:

Interested in ancestry or the history of Frazier Park? Come to the library and join like-minded enthusiasts. 11:30 AM. 245-1267.

FRIDAY APRIL 21ST

BABY CAFE: A drop-in breastfeeding center providing information, education, and support for breastfeeding moms and their babies. 2216 17th Street, Bakersfield. 10AM - 1PM. 747-5195.

FAMILY STORYTIME AT MO-JAVE BRANCH LIBRARY: Come on our with your children and enjoy

some stories, songs & rhymes! 11:30 AM. 824-2243.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT **CALIFORNIA CITY LIBRARY:**

Join us for some singing, rhymes, and stories. 10:30-11AM. 760-373-

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT **ROSAMOND BRANCH LIBRARY:**

Stories, songs, rhymes, and activities. 10AM. 256-3236.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT TEHACHAPI BRANCH LIBRARY: Join us for stories, singing, and

rhvmes. 10AM - 10:30AM, 822-

KIDS' CRAFTS AT BEALE ME-MORIAL LIBRARY: Come into the Children's room any Friday from 3-5pm to work on the craft for the month. 868-0701.

TODDLER TIME AT SOUTH-WEST BRANCH LIBRARY: Bring your toddler, ages 1-3, and foster a lifelong love of reading while enjoying age-appropriate stories, songs, and activities. 9:30 AM. 664-7716.

SATURDAY APRIL 22ND

BAKERSFIELD CARS & COF-

FEE: We know that all kids, young and old love cars. Come out to look at some fancy cars and talk to their owners. NW Promenade on Rosedale Hwy. 7-9AM.

KIDS FREE DAYS AT C.A.L.M.:

The last Saturday of each month, kids up to 12 years old are FREE with a paying adult. 872-2256.

SATURDAY STUDIO AT BMOA:

During the school year, weekends are the perfect time for children ages 6-8 to make art at the Museum. 10-11AM. 323-7219.

GRANDMA'S ATTIC STORY-TIME AT SOUTHWEST BRANCH LIBRARY: Foster a lifelong love of

books and reading with our family storytime. Enjoy stories, songs, and more. 10:30 AM. 664-7716.

B.O.B. & A.R. BOOK CLUB AT LAMONT BRANCH LIBRARY:

Come and share Battle of the **Books and Accelerated Reader** books you have read, and share with others before you take the test. 11AM - 12PM. 845-3471.

15TH ANNUAL S.C.N.S. MOM-

MIES LUNCHEON: Delicious Lunch and Amazing Raffle Baskets. All proceeds benefit Southwest Community Nursery School, a non-profit parent cooperative preschool. 900 H St., Bakersfield. 11AM - 2PM. 661-327-SCNS.

ELEMENTS OF FUN: Celebrate Earth Day on Saturday, April 22 by learning how to conserve energy and use every day resources for crafts. Girl Scouts and friends will be able to explore engineering and science during this one-day event from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. FREE. 8601 Hageman Road, Bakersfield. 11AM - 3PM. 327-1409.

FAMILY STORYTIME & CRAFT AT DELANO LIBRARY: Join us for an all-ages storytime and craft. 2:30 PM. 725-1078.

GREATER BAKERSFIELD

GREEN EXPO: Kern County's only High School Recycled Material Art Competition is back for another year! This expo showcases recycling and renewable energy businesses and services throughout Kern County. The Expo also features a Recycled Art Competition for High School students in the greater Bakersfield area. Students compete for scholarships by creating green art, which is displayed during the Expo. Empire Dr, Bakersfield. 8AM - 1PM. 831-2321.

LINKS FOR LIFE GALA: Annual charity dinner with a silent and live auction benefiting Links for Life. 2000 Grand Lakes Avenue, Bakersfield. 6-10PM. 322-5601.

WE TECH SO YOU TICK WORK-SHOP AT BEALE MEMORIAL

LIBRARY: Explore how to use your mobile device, Android or Apple, while learning how to access library resources & set up eBooks. 868-

WEIRD SCIENCE FOR ADULTS:

Why should the kids have all the fun? Join Weird Scientist Dave Hanley and learn the secrets to science experiments that will WOW your children, grandchildren, students or friends. Adults 18+ \$8/Seniors\$6. 2018 Chester Ave, Bakersfield. 6:30-9PM, 324-6350.

SUNDAY APRIL 23RD BEGINNING ART CLASS FOR GRADES K-12 & ADULTS:

Experiment with drawing, painting, mixed media and sculpture with this instructor based class. 1-3PM. Bakersfield Art Center, 301-2195

SAN EMIGDIO AT WIND

WOLVES: On weekends our tour Van or Bus will make trips up and down San Emigdio Canyon, allowing visitors to "hitch" a ride along the way. 858-1115.

ANNUAL KERN WHITEWATER

FESTIVAL: The Kern River Festival celebrates Whitewater fun on the upper Kern River in Kernville. Sponsored by the non-profit Kern Valley River Council, the annual event is the oldest kayaking race in California. 760-549-3697

HOMEMADE BREAD CLASS:

Vanessa Ghilarducci will present a class on bread-making from scratch. 1-4PM. Hillcrest-Seventh Day Adventist Church. 2600 Kenwood Rd, Bakersfield. 871-5000.

MONDAY APRIL 24TH CHILDREN'S ART CLASS

(GRADES 1-6): Class includes instruction In a variety of art skills, focusing on drawing and painting, sculpture, printing ceramics and crafts. 330-2676

INTRO TO YOGA: This is a 4-week class that has a specific focus each week so that a beginning yogi can create a solid, safe foundation for a life-long practice. 5301 Office Park Dr. Ste. 420. Bakersfield, 6-7:15 PM. 374-8693.

LEARN AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE AT TEHACHAPI **BRANCH LIBRARY:** All adults

& teens (different times for each group) are welcome to learn ASL with us! 4:30-6:30PM. 822-4938.

TROOP 712 BOY SCOUTS OF

AMERICA MEETING: We are very active in camping activities and service projects, and have many Eagle Scouts that are devoted to service unto others first. 832-8011.

B.O.B. & A.R. BOOK CLUB AT ARVIN BRANCH LIBRARY: Come

and share what you know from Battle of the Books and Accelerated Reader books you have read before taking the test, 5:30-6:30 PM. 854-5934.

LINKS FOR LIFE PRO-AM GOLF TOURNAMENT: An annual golf tournament benefiting Links for Life. You can compete as an individual, pair or in a team of four. Each team will be paired with a golf professional. Shotgun starts at 7:30AM and 1PM. Banquet Luncheon is from 11:30AM-1:30PM. 322-5601.

THE BAKERSFIELD WINDS SPRING CONCERT: The Bakersfield Winds, directed by John Biller, will present a Spring Concert in the Stockdale High School Performing Arts Building. The wind band is comprised of dedicated professional musicians and many local music educators, 7:30-9PM, 204-0334.

TUESDAY APRIL 25TH ALLIANCE HUMAN SERVICES

RESOURCE PARENTS ORIEN-TATION: Alliance Human Services will be holding weekly orientations for families interested in becoming foster families. Orientations are available in Spanish upon request. Please RSVP @ 661-325-3639.

BEGINNING ART CLASS FOR GRADES K-12 & ADULTS:

Painting, Drawing, Mixed Media and Sculpture Art class for beginners. 301-2195.

ICE CENTER OF BAKERSFIELD: Family Nights at the Ice Center! Get the whole family together for tons of

fun. 852-7400.

KIDS YOGA CLASS (AGES 4-10):

Yoga helps kids to: develop body awareness, learn how to use their bodies in a healthy way, manage stress through breathing, awareness, meditation, healthy movement and build concentration. 374-8693.

LEGO CLUB AT FRAZIER PARK BRANCH LIBRARY: Build anvthing you can imagine! 3732 Park Drive, Frazier Park, CA 93225. 5:00 PM. 661-245-1267.

MOPS - OLIVE KNOLLS NAZA-RENE CHURCH: MOPS International is dedicated to meeting the needs of every mother of preschoolers. 399-3303.

N.A.M.I. FAMILY SUPPORT GROUP: The National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) is a non-profit organization which offers support for families, friends, and individuals living with mental illness. FREE. 398-8907/858-3255.

OPTIMAL HOSPICE CARE -GRIEF SUPPORT: FREE Grief Support Group open to anyone in the community who has suffered a loss. 716-4000 (Bakersfield), 1-888-597-6115 (Tehachapi).

PROJECT LINUS BLANKET MAKING: Our mission is to provide love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children with items created by volunteers (blanketeers). 9:30AM - 12PM. 549-4967.

STORYTIME AT FRAZIER PARK **BRANCH LIBRARY:** An all ages storytime for the whole family. 11:30 AM. 245-1267.

WARMLINE MOM & BABY

GROUP: For moms with babies birth through one year. Great place to meet other moms & get your new mom questions answered. 323-3531. 11:15AM.

NONPROFITS HOW DO I FIND A **GRANT? AT BEALE MEMORIAL** LIBRARY: Learn how to find online grant funding sources for your nonprofit organization @ Foundation Center Directory Online. Computer Lab. 2nd floor, 5-7PM, 868-0701.

WARMLINE MOM & TODDLER GROUP: All parents are encouraged to bring their children for a fun play session and interact with other moms in the community. FREE, Walk-in's Welcome! Room 104. 4301 Calloway Dr, Bakersfield. 9AM 11AM. 323-3531.

YARN CLUB AT CALIFORNIA CITY LIBRARY: All ages are welcome. Just bring your own yarn and needles. 9507 California City Blvd, California City, CA 93505. 1:00 PM - 3:00 PM. 760-373-4757.

INFANT & TODDLER STORY-TIME AT ROSAMOND BRANCH LIBRARY: Infants and toddlers will enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, activities, and educational play. 11AM. 256-3236.

SUICIDE SURVIVORS SUPPORT **GROUP - SPANISH SPEAKERS:** If you have attempted or have contemplated suicide please call or join us. We will talk about things going on in your lives. 346-5023

BILINGUAL STORYTIME AT ARVIN BRANCH LIBRARY: Listen to stories and music in English and Spanish. 12-12:30 PM. 854-5934.

KNITTING 101 AT SOUTHWEST BRANCH LIBRARY: Everyone can knit, we promise. Learn the lingo, how to pick yarn, and more during our beginner's class. 4PM.

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT **BEALE MEMORIAL LIBRARY:** Stories and activities suitable for ages 3-5. 11AM. 868-0701.

WEDNESDAY APRIL 26TH

CHESS CLUB AT FRAZIER PARK LIBRARY: Learn to play Chess or play Chess with friends. 3:30 PM. 245-1267.

POTTERY & CERAMIC CLASS FOR HIGH SCHOOLERS &

ADULTS: This is a fun and practical course in basic pottery techniques. Each week the class will create different projects in clay. 330-2676.

KIDS CONNECT 2 CHRIST: Kids will have a great time learning Bible Stories, making crafts, singing and playing games. 3700 Stine Rd, Bakersfield. 7 - 8PM. 342-2078.

ONE-ON-ONE COMPUTER ASSISTANCE AT TEHACHAPI BRANCH LIBRARY: Sign-up for one-on-one computer training. Registration in advance is required. 11AM - 1PM. 822-4938.

OPTIMAL HOSPICE CARE - GRIEF SUPPORT (LAKE

ISABELLA): FREE Grief Support Group open to anyone in the community who has suffered a loss. 760-379-5038

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT BORON BRANCH LIBRARY:

Stories, songs, rhymes, activities, and educational play. 4-5PM. 760-762-5606.

SPECIAL FRIENDS, JOYFUL **HEARTS:** Christ-centered ministry for adults and children with developmental and/or intellectual disabilities, 665-7815.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT YOUTH GROUP: Westside Church of Christ is proud to offer a family-friendly, drug-free environment for junior high and high school students in Kern County. 7300 Stockdale Hwy, Bakersfield. 5:30-8PM. 831-4460.

EMERITUS SUPPORT GROUP:

If you have a family member who has Alzheimer, care for a person who has the disease, or have lost a member of your family come talk about what you are going through. 8100 Westwold Drive, Bakersfield. 5:30 PM, 393-8871.

INFANT & TODDLER STORY-TIME AT BORON BRANCH LI-**BRARY:** Infants and toddlers enjoy stories, songs, rhymes, activities, and educational play. 10AM. 760-

BILINGUAL STORYTIME AT DELANO LIBRARY: Enjoy some stories in both Spanish and English. 5PM. 725-1078.

BILINGUAL STORYTIME AT LAMONT BRANCH LIBRARY:

Listen to stories and music in English and Spanish. 1-1:30 PM. 845-3471

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT **SOUTHWEST BRANCH LI-BRARY:** Celebrate reading by enjoying stories, songs, rhymes, and fun for your 3 to 5 year old. 11AM. 664-7716.

BARKS & BOOKS AT BEALE MEMORIAL LIBRARY: Children in K-8th grade are invited to read with therapy dogs. 4-7PM. 868-0701.

LEGO CLUB AT MOJAVE BRANCH LIBRARY: It's a LEGO free-for-all! Join us in building LEGO creations. Go wild and build anything you can imagine! 2PM. 824-2243.

THURSDAY APRIL 27TH

BEGINNING ART CLASS FOR GRADES K-12 & ADULTS: Painting, Drawing, Mixed Media and Sculpture Art class for beginners. 301-2195.

WORD POETRY/OPEN MIC NIGHT: Come relax, unwind and listen to what's on the mind. Takes places every Thursday. 1718 Chester Avenue, Bakersfield. 7PM. 703-6911.

FLEET RESERVE ASSOCIA-TION(Golden Empire Branch 26): Monthly meeting of FRA

members, Navy, Marine and Coast Guard. Organization dedicated to the well being and promotion of the

"Keep your face

behind you."

-Walt Whitman

towards the sunshine

& shadows will fall

MATH MADNESS AT ROSA-MOND BRANCH LIBRARY:

Sea Services. 834-7066.

K-6th graders practice math-fact flashcards and receive prizes just for trying. 4PM. 256-3236.

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BABY BOUNCE AT SOUTHWEST BRANCH LIBRARY: Play, sing, and rhyme with our interactive storytime for infants, caregivers, and parents. 10:30 AM. 664-7716.

TEEN ADVISORY BOARD AT **DELANO LIBRARY:** Activities such as games, story dicussions, crafts and more for teenagers at the library. 5PM. 725-1078.

OTAKU CLUB AT BEALE ME-MORIAL LIBRARY: Do you watch anime? Read manga? Cosplay? Draw your favorite characters in funny situations? Watch and talk about favorite anime, manga, music and, more. 4:30 PM. 868-0701.

RIDGECREST JOBFEST: Kern County Department of Human Services is pleased to bring employers to meet the children and families in our community, 100 W. California Avenue, Ridgecrest, 10AM - 1PM, 631-6000.

THEATRE IN THE BMOA GAR-**DEN:** The Very Ecstasy of Love. Presented by Louis and Sheryl Barbich, Compiled and Directed by Jennifer Sampson. The Very Ecstasy of Love shows glimpses into the lives of Shakespeare's favorite couples: Romeo & Juliet, Kate & Petruchio, Beatrice & Benedick, and others to weave a tale of the course of love. 323-7219.

FRIDAY APRIL 28TH

BABY CAFE: Relax and join us for refreshments, support and information. 747-5195.

HOMESCHOOL CHILDREN'S ART CLASS: Learn the basics of art with a trained artist. 301-2195.

FAMILY STORYTIME AT MO-JAVE BRANCH LIBRARY: Come on our with your children and enjoy some stories, songs & rhymes! 11:30 AM. 824-2243.

READER QUICK PIX

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E-mail photos to kcfm@kerncountyfamily.com*







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daily happenings APRIL 2017

PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT CALIFORNIA CITY

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PRESCHOOL STORYTIME AT TEHACHAPI BRANCH LIBRARY: Join us for

stories, singing, and rhymes. 10AM-10:30AM. 822-4938.

KIDS' CRAFTS AT BEALE MEMORIAL LIBRARY:

Come into the Children's room any Friday from 3-5pm to work on the craft for the month. 868-0701.

TODDLER TIME AT SOUTHWEST BRANCH

LIBRARY: Bring your toddler, ages 1-3, and foster a lifelong love of reading while enjoying age-appropriate stories, songs, and activities. 9:30 AM. 664-7716.

MEET AT THE WATER

TOWER: The Driller to Driller Foundation is hosting an event at the Kern Pioneer Village to help raise money to beautify the area around the Bakersfield high school beloved Water Tower. \$35.00 admission includes live music by the Byrom Brothers and catering by Ms. Pat's Mobil Kitchen. 5-10PM. 633-0340.

SATURDAY APRIL 29TH

FARMERS MARKET: Looking for the freshest fruits and vegetables? We'll have what you're looking for. 3201 F St, Bakersfield. 8AM - 12PM.

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GRANDMA'S ATTIC STO-RYTIME AT SOUTHWEST

BRANCH LIBRARY: Foster a lifelong love of books and reading with our family storytime. 10:30 AM. 664-7716.

MATH CLINIC AT BEALE **MEMORIAL LIBRARY:**

Learn math or get assistance with your math homework; Open to learners of all ages. 2-4PM. 868-0701.

B.O.B. & A.R. BOOK **CLUB AT LAMONT BRANCH LIBRARY: Come**

and share Battle of the Books and Accelerated Reader books you have read, and share with others before you take the test. 11AM - 12PM, 845-3471

3RD ANNUAL RACING FOR AUTISM AWARE-

NESS: 2017 Autism Awareness night at the races with Autism Society-Kern Autism Network helps raise awareness and donate to Autism Society-Kern Autism Network by hosting a prerace event allowing children to see, touch, sit in and even put their very own handprints on the cars that will be racing that night! 5001 North Chester Avenue, Bakersfield. 1-4PM. 489-3335.

MATH FIELD DAY: Math Field Day is a fun-filled day of learning and competing

for middle school and junior high students. 925 Jewetta Ave. Bakersfield, 636-4000.

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Please contact the event coordinator ahead of attendance for dates and times

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He makes all things beautiful Ecclesiastes 3:11



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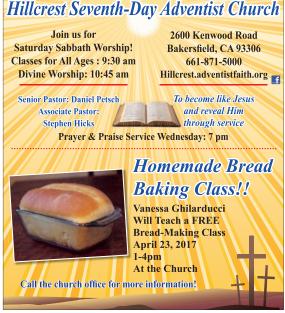
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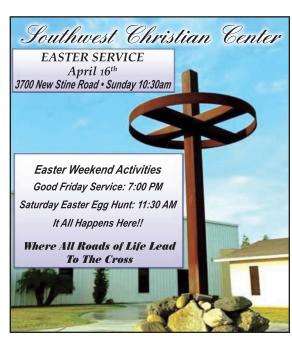
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Wednesday, April 5th 40 Chester Avenue, Bakersfield. 9am to 2pm

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Thursday, April 6th 3301 Panama Lane, Bakersfield, 9am to 2pm

Benton Park Center/ Dollar Tree

Monday, April 10th 2705 So. H Street, Bakersfield. 9am to 2pm

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Tuesday, April 11th 2105 Edison Highway, Bakersfield, 9am to 2pm

Kern County Dept. of **Human Services**

Wednesday, April 12th 100 E. California Avenue, Bakersfield, 9am to 2pm

Walmart

Thursday, April 13th 2601 Fashion Plaza, Bakersfield, 9am to 2pm

Wal-Mart Supercenter

Monday, April 17th 5075 Gosford Rd., Bakersfield, 9am to 2pm

San Joaquin Community Hospital (between 28th St. & 29th St.)

Wednesday, April 19th

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Fiesta Market

Thursday, April 20th 9710 Main Street, LAMONT 9:30am to 2pm

Taft Health Fair

Saturday, April 22nd 900 No. 10 Street (Buena Vista H.S.), Taft, 8am to

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Monday, April 24th 437 Willow Drive, Bakersfield, 9am to 2pm

La Hacienda Market

Tuesday, April 25th 315 James Street, SHAFTER, 9:30am to 2pm

New Life Church

Wednesday, April 26th 4201 Stine Rd., Bakersfield 9am to 2pm

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Saturday, April 29, 2017

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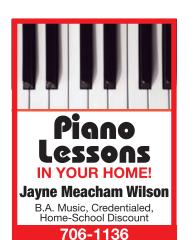




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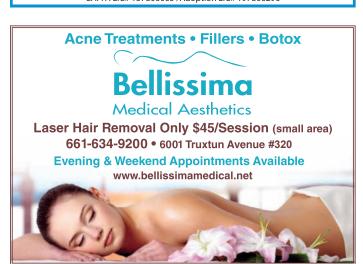


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9	8	2	6	7	5	3	1	4
4	3	7	1	9	2	5	8	6
2	6	3	9	4	1	7	5	8
5	4	9	8	3	7	1	6	2
7	1	8	2	5	6	9	4	3

Crossword:

Across

1. Laughing 5. Nice 6. Fully 8. Smiling Down

1. Loonies 2. Gleeful

3. Ideal 4. Goofy 7. Lug

What's the Difference:

- 1. Bunny by fence
- 2. Larger fence across yard
- 3. Birds in sky
- 4. Smaller cloud

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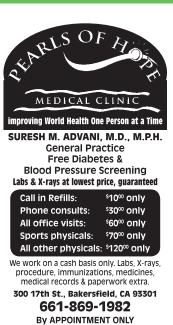
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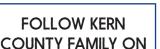
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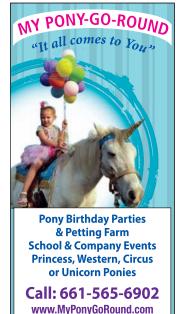
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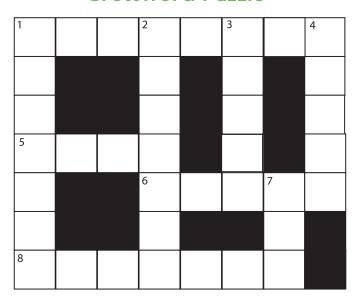


Word Find

Find the hidden words in the puzzle

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Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1. Making happy sounds

- 5. Pleasant
- 6. Completely
- 8. Showing happiness

DOWN

- 1. Silly people
- 2. Happy
- 3. Perfect
- 4. Silly
- 7. Carry with effort



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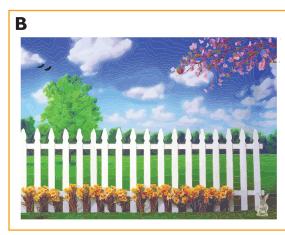
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