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Kids Health Fair attracts interest from vendors

Jennifer Denevan, Needles Desert Star

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San Bernardino County Fire Department engineer Chris Abbott, left, and Capt. Dan Nelson hand out stickers and information about fire safety at the Children's Health and Safety Fair May 25. The fair featured many vendors handing out information about health and safety concerns focused on children. Prizes and food were given away. Jennifer Denevan, Needles Desert Star

NEEDLES — More than 30 vendors attended the second annual Kids Health and Safety Fair to help provide families with a variety of information to help stay safe and healthy during the summer months and beyond.

Dozens of children and their families wandered through the Needles Recreation Center, gathering information about the various agencies represented at the fair. They got stickers on 'bingo' cards for participating and turned in the cards to win prizes from a raffle drawing.

Vendors included Needles Behavioral Health, Baker Emergency Medical Services, Dr. Kaylor, DDS; San Bernardino County First 5 Needles, Fort Mojave Social Services, California Highway Patrol, **San Bernardino County Fire** and Sheriff departments, Colorado River Regional Crisis Center, Bureau of Land Management, San Bernardino County Child and Family Services, Needles Center For Change, Vista Colorado Elementary School, Needles Unified School District, Needles Westcare, the Department of Fish and Game, Tri-State Community Healthcare, Elks Lodge 1608, Women, Infants and Children, San Bernardino County Public Health, San Bernardino County Probation, Needles Recreation Center, San Bernardino County TAD/CalFresh, Needles Head Start, Parker Indian Health Center and the San Bernardino County Department of Aging and Adult Services.

Tamara Weaver, San Bernardino County Behavioral Health clinic supervisor, said one of the driving forces behind the popular event is that May is Mental Health Awareness Month. Promoting good mental health is important.

There was a good response to the event by vendors, Weaver said. The event seemed to grow and there were even more vendors this year, she added.

She said the fair included likely being able to give every kid who walked through a prize of some kind. There was food for the first 100 participants in the event also.

The food was healthy, Weaver said. Sandwiches, bananas, yogurt, baked chips and water were being handed out to vendors and participants alike.

Passports were handed out to kids to help them get engaged with vendors, she said. The entire point is to get kids learning about health and safety information.

It appeared to be even more successful than the year before, she said. The event is geared toward families and it's fun for everyone, she continued.

Weaver said Needles is a family oriented community and so events like the health and safety fair tend to be well attended and received. "This is why we chose to focus this event on kids - we want them to be healthy and safe," she added.

http://www.mohavedailynews.com/needles_desert_star/kids-health-fair-attracts-interest-from-vendors/article_95b1649a-3033-11e6-a885-0fe42de71f1c.html

UPDATE: Fire training which had been rescheduled will be held today (June 13) in Fontana

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Local residents are advised to not be alarmed when they see smoke and fire in northern Fontana this morning (Monday, June 13); it is part of a training operation conducted by the **San Bernardino County Fire Department**.

The training burn, which was rescheduled from earlier this month, will be completed no later than 3 p.m. at the corner of Citrus and Summit avenues.

Crews will remain at the drill site through the evening hours to monitor for any smoke or hotspots, said Fire Department Public Information Officer Jeff Allen.

"This year's training will focus on duties of our wildland handcrew program both paid and inmate as well as working around firefighting bulldozers. The morning will begin with a briefing similar to what crews experience at the beginning of each operational period during an extended attack incident. Components of this briefing shall include informational summaries on how firefighters can utilize dozers and handcrews, in the early stages of a wildland fire," Allen said.

"After briefing, the cadre will light a series of training burns allowing personnel in attendance to refine their tactics and strategies as they apply to using hand crews and dozers."

http://www.fontanaheraldnews.com/news/update-fire-training-which-had-been-rescheduled-will-be-held/article_3ce9133a-3187-11e6-ae4a-cf771b310467.html

Firefighters battle blaze in Old Town Victorville

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Firefighters battle a blaze that burned through an apartment complex in Old Town Victorville on Monday morning. Photo courtesy of Apple Valley Fire Protection District

VICTORVILLE — Firefighters battled a blaze that burned through an apartment complex Monday morning, officials said.

Reports of a structure fire in the 15000 block of Sixth Street were first received at 11:24 a.m. Monday. Scanner traffic reported the fire was at a commercial building with no name visible, and multiple resources were requested.

San Bernardino County Fire Department officials said the blaze was at a multi-unit apartment complex near C Avenue and Sixth Street. Several firefighters, including officials from the Apple Valley Fire Protection District, responded to combat the flames.

The main body of the fire was reported to be knocked down by 11:43 a.m., according to fire officials. Crews remained on scene to check for extension to nearby buildings and for cleanup.

The cause of the blaze is unknown and fire investigators have been requested. No injuries were reported.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20160613/firefighters-battle-blaze-in-old-town-victorville>

Officials: 2-year-old injured in crash Friday suffered 'minor injuries'

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A two-year old girl is transported to the hospital on a stretcher after a collision on Friday on Amargosa Road in Victorville. Jose Huerta, Daily Press

VICTORVILLE — Authorities are continuing to investigate a crash in which a 2-year-old girl was injured Friday afternoon.

The crash occurred at 3:40 p.m. Friday at Amargosa and King Ranch roads and involved a gold Mazda MPV van and a black Nissan Altima. Sheriff's deputies on scene said it appeared that the gold van was struck by the Altima as it was pulling out of a parking lot to head north on Amargosa Road.

However, Victorville Sheriff's station spokeswoman Mara Rodriguez told the Daily Press on Monday the driver of the Mazda MPV broadsided the Altima, which was traveling south of Amargosa Road and had the right of way.

While the little girl was initially reported to have been ejected from the van, Rodriguez said Monday it appeared as if the girl had "fallen out of the window of the minivan." She did not have information on the exact circumstances that caused the child to fall out.

San Bernardino County Fire Department public information officer Ryan Vacarro said a medical helicopter was requested and the girl was airlifted to Loma Linda University Medical Center.

Rodriguez said Monday her injuries appeared to be minor. No other injuries were reported.

Amargosa Road was shut down at King Ranch Road for some time as authorities investigated.

Rodriguez said drugs, alcohol or speed do not appear to have been factors in the crash, which remains under investigation by the Victorville Sheriff's Station.

<http://www.vvdailypress.com/news/20160613/officials-2-year-old-injured-in-crash-friday-suffered-minor-injuries>

Authorities crack down on illegal fireworks ahead of July 4th holiday

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Authorities have started cracking down on firework usage around the Central Coast. Fire and city officials want the community to remember current firework laws and regulations. They want you to have a safe Fourth of July and know that extra patrols for illegal fireworks have already begun.

Over the weekend, **San Bernardino County Fire Department** seized more than 10,000 pounds of illegal fireworks. Local officials are reminding residents that you can face a hefty fine and even jail time if you're caught with them.

Lompoc Fire Marshal Dena Paschke said, "A minimum fine starts at \$1,000 for firing off an illegal firework."

In California, if fireworks are not bought in the state, do not have the state fire marshal seal, or leave the ground and explode, they are illegal.

The Santa Maria Police Department has also already responded to a number of fireworks violations. For a public crime map in your area, click [here](#).

Officials are reminding the community that safe and sane fireworks can be lit only on July 4 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. in Lompoc.

Fire Marshal Paschke said, "We're trying to keep the window very tight and successful for our residents."

In Santa Maria the time restrictions are 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m.

Leslie Carlson, of Nipomo, said she celebrates the holiday with her family, "I love when neighbors get together and do fireworks, then everyone gets to enjoy them. I don't like to light them myself but I like when someone else lights them and is safe with them."

Across the Central Coast, each city has its own ordinance and fire officials regulate their areas with different laws.

Only Safe and Sane fireworks are allowed on the Fourth of July, and only in certain local communities.

San Luis Obispo County:

San Miguel

Templeton

Arroyo Grande

Grover Beach

Oceano
Morro Bay

Santa Barbara County:

Santa Maria
Guadalupe
Lompoc

Any other fireworks of any type are illegal in all other areas.

Safe and Sane fireworks booths will start sales on June 28.

Fire officials say fireworks should be lit on a large area of asphalt, water should be readily available, and you should be at least 10 feet away from dry vegetation.

<http://www.ksby.com/story/32212770/crackdown-on-illegal-fireworks>

2nd Alarm Fire Destroys Building in Old Town Victorville

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VICTORVILLE: (VVNG.com)- **San Bernardino County Firefighters** responded to a 2nd alarm fire on Monday morning.

Shortly after 11:00 AM., on June 13th Firefighters in the City of Victorville, were dispatched to a reported Commercial Structure Fire in the area of 6th Street and C Street in Historic “Old Town” Victorville.

Crews from Fire Station 311 arrived within 5 minutes to find heavy fire and smoke from a triplex apartment building. Crews immediately called for a 2nd Alarm, bringing additional resources to the fire.

Firefighters engaged in an aggressive attack, protecting multiple exposures from catching fire. Crews utilized large fire streams to knock down the fire, which was knocked down in approx. 30 minutes.

Heavy damage was reported to the fire occupancy, destroying a vacant triplex apartment building. Slight damage was reported to some adjacent occupancies, however, Firefighters worked quickly and efficiently to keep damage to a minimum. Crews also managed to save a historic home adjacent to the fire building.

San Bernardino County Fire Crews are working with the building owner to determine a damage estimate. A fire Investigator was summoned to the scene to determine the fires cause and origin.

The 2-Alarm Fire brought 8 Medic Engines, 1 Truck Company, 2 Chief Officers and a Fire Investigator to the fire. One Medic Engine from Apple Valley Fire Dept assisted in the fire fight. Due to the quick action of the first responding companies, some of the second alarm resources were re-routed for station coverage in Victorville.

<http://www.vvng.com/2nd-alarm-fire-destroys-building-in-old-town-victorville/>

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