



# Antelope Horn

*Newsletter of the Kern-Antelope Historical Society, Inc.*  
**Member of the Conference of California Historical Societies**  
*PO Box 1255 Rosamond, CA 93560*  
*November, 2021*

## Meetings:

### Regular Meetings:

- 2nd Thursday of the month (except **July, August & December**); 5:30 pm.
- Wayside Chapel Community Church - Felsite Ave, in the Breezeway.

### Board Meetings:

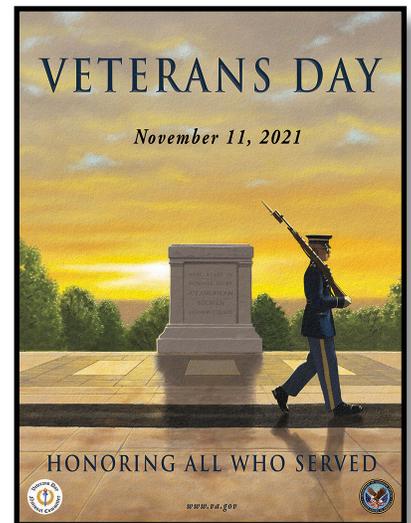
- 4th Thursday of the month as needed; 4 pm.; all are welcome, email for directions.

## **Hello to all our Kern Antelope Historical Society Members,**

We have a new location for now! In November we will be meeting at the **Wayside Chapel in the Breezeway**. And we are pleased to have **Tammy Kelley, from Wreaths Across America** (originally scheduled for the October meeting) as our **guest speaker!** See pg. 4.

Thank you for your continued interest in and support of KAHS.  
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## **First In-Person KAHS Meeting in More Than a Year!**

Our first time of getting back together was held outdoors, at The Oasis, the Sladek's property west of Rosamond. We had a number of people who braved the chilly evening and showed up to enjoy the program and were able to socialize with each other once again. And we give a big THANKS to representatives of the California Cadet Corps (CACC) from Rosamond High School and Tropic Middle School for filling in on short notice as our scheduled speaker was ill. Captain Charles Wallis brought the young people who posted the colors to start our meeting and after he explained just what the CACC is, we got to hear from several of the cadets about why they joined and how it has helped them in various ways. It was great to hear from kids so excited about what they are doing!





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*Captain Wallis and several of the young people told of activities the Cadets participate in such as summer encampment and survival training, all the while they are learning leadership skills.*

*Chavonne holds the tickets for the drawing as Ryan Melchers drew the winning number.*



*And the winner of the horseshoe 'pumpkin', donated by Rae, was Angel Rojas, one of the cadets.*



*Representatives of the CA Cadet Corps from RHS & TMS*



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### Antelope Valley News and Views during part of The Great Depression 1925-1935

*Another excerpt from the book by Grace Graham Pickus written in 2000, chosen because it mentions, however briefly, a bit about the patriotism around "Armistice Day" in 1926 here in the AV. The book started with this note of explanation by Pickus: "I want to do a little explaining here. In 1990, when I did research for Gerald Clark who was writing the life story of Judy Garland (Francis Gumm), I had no plans to write another book. As I went through the old Ledger Gazette material at the library, I would frequently find a story or two that reminded me of my early days in Lancaster. I would copy those, and a couple of years ago decide to use what I had on hand to make a different kind of local history book. For Gerald Clarke, I copied every news item about the Gumm family I could find, but what I took for myself sometimes skips months at a time. No matter; I just want to record the town, the Valley and the times as they were from 1926 to 1935 in the way it was for me, as I write up what I have on hand. At the age of eighty-six, I'm not going to do any more research so will just use what I have here at home and trust to rose-colored recall and to your kind indulgence of this memory work of a happy old timer."*

#### **taken from pgs. 13 & 14:**

November is upon us and with it Armistice Day; patriotism is much in evidence. At the Wednesday Kiwanis luncheon, after the "Girl's Club of the high school furnished special music," "Local Service Men Tell of War Experiences." Harry Graham, rancher from the Wilsona District told of an air raid while in Paris; Robert Finn, math teacher at the high school, thought it unusual that because his trip across the Atlantic started "immediately after pay day, there was an order in force prohibiting gambling among the soldiers aboard ship." Frank Rutledge, in real estate, told about the jubilation in France on Armistice Day when the whole city celebrated the war's end. Vice-President Hitte expressed regret that the Kiwanis "Club was losing Dr. Ocheltree and presented him with a token from the club as a farewell." [Note this explanation from a later paragraph - jlw: "After three years serving the Lancaster Community Church, Dr. Ocheltree is sent to the Methodist Church in Garden Grove, Rev. George Graff was to come here. This unexpected change was made necessary by Rev. Graff's health which calls for a climate such as is enjoyed in this section."].

This next article is of interest not only because most of the stores and business people agreed to close for a high school football game on Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, Armistice Day, (now called Veteran's Day) but also because those places of business are listed, giving a pretty fair picture of the size of the commercial community as well as the kinds of goods and services available in Lancaster in 1926. Glen Settle, a local historian, remembers playing in this game!

"In consideration of Armistice Day and also complimentary to our Union High School's lightweight football team, which plays Burbank's lightweights for the championship of this division, we hereby agree to close our respective places of business Thursday afternoon, between the hours of 3 and 5 o'clock." In fact, many of these businesses closed at noon.

"Daley's, Inc., Lancaster Pharmacy, Lancaster Studio (noon), Lancaster Dept. Store (noon), Antelope Valley Lumber Co. (noon), Haubrich's Pharmacy, Valley Tire Shop (noon), So. Calif. Edison Co. (noon), Frank B. Rutledge (noon), A. I. Wildrick Shop (noon), A. V. Produce Co., Antelope Valley Shops (noon), Anthony Janowicz (all day), B.C. McMurray, E. A. Kneip (noon), Stage & DeFrenn (noon), Theo. Knoll (noon), Safeway Store, Max Wolff, J. C. Shapland, P. D. Gaskill, Chas Wakefield, Griffin & Sons, Ledger Gazette." To show the cooperation of the business places it may be interesting to note that Frank Rutledge was in real estate, Anthony Janowicz had a butcher shop as did Theo. Knoll. Max Wolf had a men's furnishings store, and Mr. Shapland was a barber. Dr. Gaskill was a dentist [He had a ranch in Rosamond near Gaskill Rd, which is named after him - jlw], Charles Wakefield owned The Jazz Candy Shop and Griffin and Sons owned the hardware store.





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Please visit the website for more information about Antelope Valley history. Copies of recent newsletters are available, as well as other information. The first online KAHS book is also available. *Glimpse of the Prehistory of Antelope Valley*, by Stuart Glennan, is described as "Archaeological Investigations at the Sweetser site".



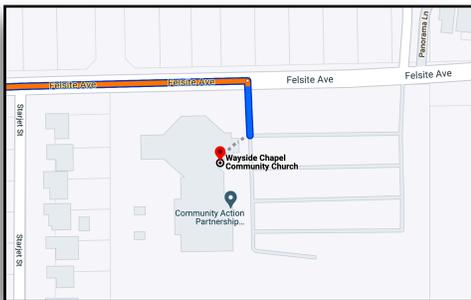
### Kern Antelope Historical Society - November Meeting

Once again we look forward to hearing from **Tammy Kelley with Wreaths**

**Across America, rescheduled for the November meeting.** For more information about this organization, you can go to <https://wreathscrossamerica.org>. Also, there was an article in last month's newsletter which you can find at [www.kahs1959.org](http://www.kahs1959.org).



Also, since our last meeting, an opportunity has come up for a 'new' location for our monthly meeting. For now, we will be meeting at the Wayside Chapel (on the hill behind Albertson's). They are allowing us to use the facility at no charge. There is ample, safe and well-lit parking. For those concerned with steps, if you park at the top of the lot (nearest Felsite) you can walk right up to the entryway, without having to climb any steps. We will be meeting in the Breezeway for November (the area between the Office and the Sanctuary).



- ★ Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 5:30 pm.
- ★ In the Breezeway at the Wayside Chapel Community Church, 2584 Felsite Ave, Rosamond, CA 93560
- ★ To reach the Wayside Chapel:
  - From Rosamond Blvd, drive to 30<sup>th</sup> St W and turn north.
  - At Felsite Ave turn right (east).
  - Drive to Wayside Chapel and turn south, into the parking lot, using either driveway.

### Kern Antelope Historical Society - Membership Application

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Date _____			

Note: • Club Year is June 1st through May 31st of the following year; new members, paying after February 1st, pay only half.  
• Zelle: [info@kahs1959.org](mailto:info@kahs1959.org)



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The Kern Antelope Historical Society greatly appreciates its business members. We hope you will support them and say thanks when you see them.

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Along the Rails from Lancaster to Mojave  
The Antelopes Left and the Settle-ers Came  
In Love with Life in Lancaster (Hard Times  
1927-1932)  
Antelope Valley Pioneers  
Castles in the Valley - Shea's Castle  
A Page in the History of Antelope Valley: the Arthur  
Pickus Story: His Home for Seventy Five Years  
Mojave, A Rich History of Rails, Mining and Flight  
Gold-Fever - 40 Years Digging Antelope Valley  
History  
Antelope Valley News and Views During Part of the  
Great Depression 1925-1935

**Video DVD - \$15:** Antelope Valley Yesteryears

**Maps - \$4 (\*\$3):** Historic Settlers Circle Map

**Online Book:** *Glimpse of the Prehistory of Antelope Valley*

*\*Members' Discount Prices in Parentheses*

## 2020-2021

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#### **General Meetings:**

Second Thursday of the Month, September through June  
Location and Time to be determined  
3611 Rosamond Blvd. Rosamond, CA 93560  
(Exceptions: June, September & December -  
Location to be announced)

#### **Memberships:**

\$5 - Student & Military; \$15 - Individual; \$20 - Husband & Wife;  
\$30 - Family; \$35 - Businesses

The Kern Antelope Historical Society was established in 1959 for the purpose of learning and preserving the history of California, especially the Antelope Valley, which includes parts of Los Angeles and Kern counties. Speakers are invited to talk at our monthly meetings about aspects of our various cultures. Subjects range from Indians of the past to the Space Age. The Society offers field trips for members to significant locations in and around the valley throughout the year. Come join us to learn more about the wonders of this area we live in and also meet some new people.

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