

Birthdays & Anniversaries Upcoming Events Announcements

Thank you, Robert Trimm, for writing the bulletin this week!

Please note: We will be DARK THIS Wednesday, May 29th for the Memorial Day holiday.

Please mark your calendars for TUESDAY, June 18th. It is the date of our annual “Kick-Out” Dinner. It will be held at the Stockmen’s Club at 6PM. Your account will be charged \$50 per person, “go or no go”, so come have a New York steak and help us celebrate President Stephen Smith. Sign up at the meeting or call Cindy at the Elmore Co. to RSVP. 760-344-1080. Invitations will go in the mail this week, please check your mailbox.

May 29th: We will be DARK for Memorial Day

June 5th: Tyler Brinkerhoff, ICHS archivist

June 12th: Sue Giller and Bill Gay from Reliance Public Relations

June 18th “Kick-Out” Dinner at Stockmen’s Club

June 19th: Regular Meeting

May Birthdays:

1st: Stephen Smith

Wedding Anniversaries:

18th: Dillon and Paige Faubion, 5 years

27th: Stephen and Melissa Smith, 7 years

29th: Annette Fortier and Gunther Chin, 25 years

Member Anniversaries:

1st: Bob Shank, 55 years

12th: Shavaun O’Malley King, 20 years

This Week’s Meeting

Guests: Jeannie Williams, Debbie Valencia, Mari Lynn Pemberton

Recognitions: Sam Couchman paid \$5 for not standing while blabbering about something that no one was paying attention to. Simon Canalez paid \$50 for receiving the CIF Golden Ticket, Congratulations, Simon!

Program: Mercedes Wheeler introduced Mari Lynn Pemberton, who owns and operates Mari Lynn’s Country Store, which is located inside the Stockmen’s Club. Mari Lynn was born and raised in Brawley and comes from a long line of relatives that were also from here and involved in agriculture. Mari Lynn’s children and their families are continuing the trend by currently living in the Valley. Mari Lynn’s Country Store began in 2010. It started when she returned from the Salinas area with a carload of strawberries and decided to make jams and give them away as gifts. She received comments from those who received them saying she needed to sell them because they were so good and that’s how it began. While growing up, Mari Lynn loved to shop locally. She dreamed of one day opening a local store and that is what she has done. She maintains an inventory of mostly locally produced items, which include crocheted items, baked and canned items, Wanda’s candles, novelty items and anything that you might need for that special gift. One thing you won’t find is pickled vegetables. Evidently the County of Imperial will not allow those to be sold in local stores. Mari Lynn operates the store Tuesday – Friday 10-4. If for some reason you have a need for something on a day that the shop isn’t open, she lives just a block away and will happily meet you at the shop. The shop is closed from July 1st – August 31st. She opens back up on September 1st in time for the Fall Season and Cattle Call. Mari Lynn has created a unique mom and pop shop for our Brawley and the Valley. She has something for everyone. Her prices range from \$3.00 to \$250.00. The shop is actively involved in social media so it is easy to log on and see what is waiting for you. Thank you Mari Lynn, for providing your shop to our community. As an added treat, Mercedes and Mari Lynn raffled off many of the unique items that are available at her store.

Joke of the week: A shopkeeper was dismayed when a brand new business much like her own opened up next door and erected a huge sign which read BEST DEALS...She was horrified when another competitor opened up on her right, and announced its arrival with an even larger sign, reading LOWEST PRICES. The shopkeeper was panicked, until she got an idea. She put the biggest sign of all over her own shop. It read... MAIN ENTRANCE.