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This year brings most successful Transfer Day

By Amber T. Troupe
Production Editor

This year's Bakersfield College Transfer Day was the most successful so far in terms of BC student turnout, college and university attendance and extending the event from one day to a week.

The event took place in the Campus Center Fireside Room and at tables set up in the cafeteria.

Sue Granger-Dickson, articulation officer and Transfer Center coordinator, was a forerunner of the event by publicizing through more outlets than used before. This is one of the reasons for the increase in the number of students and colleges present.

Granger-Dickson spoke about the low rate in transfers from BC to universities of California. According to the California Community College Transfers by Campus to State University Sys-

tem statistics sheet, BC is 69th out of 111 community colleges in students transferring to four-year institutions in the state.

"I want to see us on the top 50 list instead," Granger-Dickson said. "This transfer day enables us to provide students who are almost finished with their degrees, the information they will need to choose and enroll in a program for their bachelor's degree."

"The amount of BA degrees received plays a large role

in this recession because the future employees do not possess the skills and training needed to work in the upcoming field of jobs, so that's why our goal is making the transition to a four-year or university easier for students," she stated.

The extension of Transfer Day came about because Granger-Dickson wanted to be able to reach even more students that attend night school and who want Please see TRANSFER, Page 4



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Students get information from the representatives of various colleges and universities at Transfer Day on Sept. 12.

Fighting the flames



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One of many planes aiding in fighting the multiple fires started by lightning strikes dumps retardant near Round Mountain Road on Sept. 10.

BC students help control the fires

By Cassandra McGowan
Reporter

Lightning started multiple fires in the foothills and nine of Bakersfield College's fire technology program students are helping to put those blazes to rest.

The Comanche Complex Fire and the Breckenridge Complex Fire have burned a combined total of 55,534 acres of land in just over five days.

Tim Capehart, coordinator of the fire technology program at BC explained a complex fire, "Where you have three or four different fires, but they're all being coordinated with one command post."

The fire technology program offers students interested in going into the business of fighting fires, the opportunity for hands-on training.

"We have well over 1,000 students, we offer an AA/AS in fire technology, and we have an AS in wild land fighting, and there's

only four colleges in California that offer that and then, of course, we have fire tech certification," said Capehart.

The large program here at BC is state fire marshal accredited and is recognized throughout the state of California.

The program also owns a total of three fire trucks that have been donated from various fire departments, but only two of them are in commission.

The program holds most of their classes at the Weill Institute. There they utilize the Olive Drive Fire Training Facility to get the trainees used to real-life fire situations. An example would be the two complex fires they are currently helping to put out in the Breckenridge area.

Engineer Anthony Romero, of the Kern County Fire Department, estimates that over 500 firefighters from all over Kern County are working hard to keep the fires from spreading.

"Keene is done, Comanche they're expected to have it done



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Smoke rises from smoldering ground near Round Mountain Road on Sept. 11.

by the 16th, the fire started on the 10th, it's been five days since these fires have been going, and they don't know when

expected fire containment is for Breckenridge," said Romero.

The Comanche fire is 95 percent contained and the

Breckenridge fire is 70 percent contained, according to Kern County Fire Department's website.

Grove rep on campus

Keith Kaczmarek
Reporter

Some students may be unaware that on every third Thursday of every month, a representative of California State Assembly Member Shannon Grove is on campus for two hours starting at 10 a.m. to meet with anyone interested in bringing up issues with Grove. This last Thursday, the representative was Tracey Reynolds from constituent services, but most Thursdays it will be Javier Reyes, field representative.

For those students and faculty looking to find the meeting spot, last Thursday it was held in Levinson 5, a small office in the Levinson building behind one of two closed and unmarked doors.

When asked about the goal of the mobile office, Reyes said, "to listen to what concerns them and to make ourselves available ... as well as inform students about pending legislation." He also mentioned potential internships.

He added "Shannon Grove is ready to serve all of her Bakersfield constituents. Join us at the mobile office hours. The better we can communicate, the better BC will be."

When asked about Grove's issues that relate to Bakersfield College, Reyes mentioned, "jobs for students, so when they graduate they can enter a friendly business environment," and veteran affairs, noting Grove's military service.

Reyes also said that Grove wants to ensure that "[the state government] are being good stewards of our state resources" and that "we don't have a revenue problem, but a spending problem."

Michele Bresso, Associate Vice Chancellor of Governmental and External Relations and Kern Community College District's contact with state, local, and federal branches of government, said that "the mobile office is something they do when they don't have a regular office so they can connect with others."

Bresso also noted "this is an incredible opportunity to make your voices known to the legislature." Please see GROVE, Page 4

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Renegades win 28-0, lose Burrell to injury

By Zak S. Cowan
Editor in Chief

Just five days after losing 31-17 to the Saddleback College Gauchos, Bakersfield College defeated Antelope Valley College 28-0 Sept. 17.

The team is now 2-1, and will have a new starting quarterback moving forward.

When Antelope Valley's Edwin Delva sacked quarterback Brian Burrell of BC with just under 14 minutes left in the second quarter, Burrell broke his

collarbone.

Burrell is expected to miss the next six weeks according to head coach Jeff Chudy.

After Burrell went down, Brian Duboski then got his chance to step up in a tie game and lead his team to a victory.

Duboski instantly picked the offense up and drove them to a touchdown. The 1-yard pass to running back Mustafaa Cobb came with 9:11 remaining in the second quarter, and put the Renegades on top 7-0. Please see FOOTBALL, Page 11



GREGORY D. COOK / THE RIP

Renegades running back Mustafaa Cobb cuts up-field into the Gaucho secondary on Sept. 12.

Faculty shows they have an artistic side

By Jon Nelson
Reporter

An exhibit featuring local college instructors is being featured in The Bakersfield Museum of Art's fall season.

Convergence is the product of Bakersfield College, Cal State Bakersfield and the Bakersfield Museum of Art working together to highlight the talent of local college instructors and administrators.

The show features a wide range of art forms, from video installation to sculpture, to traditional drawing and painting.

One notable series on display was done by Nan Gomez-Heitzberg. The BC administrator used cardboard coffee cup sleeves to construct a number of small altars to the Virgin Mary.

"I like the idea of using something people normally throw away," said Gomez-Heitzberg.

A video installation by CSUB's Jess Sugarman called "Silver

Anniversary #5 (for Philip Benton)" greets patrons as they pass through the entryway into the room housing the show. The installation is made up of three televisions, each screen displaying a picture of two minivans in various positions.

One of the more popular pieces at the opening of Convergence was "Cherry Planet" by Cameron Brian.

The sculpture is a giant, green globe populated by tons of bright red cartoon cherries. The candy-colored spectacle was always immersed in a cloud of people.

"It's so fresh for Bakersfield. I'm impressed by the selection," said attendee Linda Hyatt.

Those who participated in the show were equally impressed.

"It's great. It's nice to see all our work in one place, especially with the people from Cal State," said Kris Stallworth, who teaches photography at BC and contributed photographs to the show.

The opening for Convergence

was attended by a wide range of people.

"It shows a lot of the elements of art, if people don't know what they are. It shows a variety of everything they teach," said Alexandra Ortiz, who is an art student at CSUB.

"There's a lot of diversity, some traditional and non-traditional," said Felix Adamo, an observer.

The artists that participated in Convergence drew on a number of sources as inspiration for their submissions.

"It's more about effort. It took a lot of effort," said Margaret Nowling about her mixed media sculpture.

Nowling stood near her work throughout the exhibit opening and encouraged on-lookers to play with the sculpture's moving parts.

Convergence and the other presentations in the fall exhibit are on display at the Bakersfield Museum of Art until Nov. 20.



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"Kern County" was shown by BC professor Kristopher Stallworth on Sept. 15.



ELEONOR SEGURA / THE RIP

"Another Summer Sun" by David Koeth is on display in the Convergence exhibits.

B-town Blues Fest brings in big-name performers

By Chrystal Fortt
Features Editor

"I'm gonna get so funky, you gonna smell!" John Nemeth yelled to the audience before wildly playing his harmonica.

The seventh annual B-Town Blues Fest was dedicated to the blues but that couldn't keep down the good vibe of about 2,000 people who watched the award-winning artists at the CSUB amphitheater.

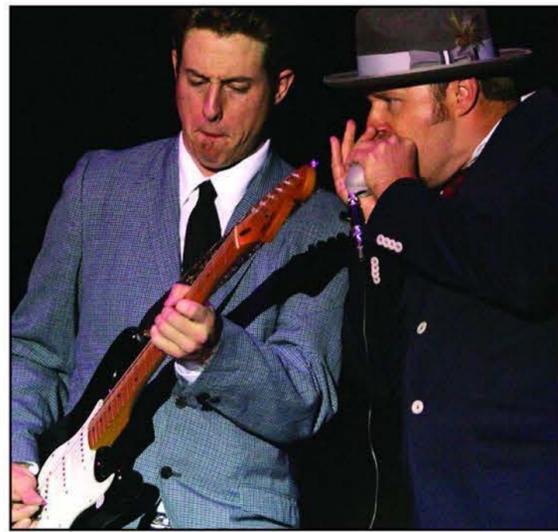
Joe Louis Walker nonchalantly played complex music on his guitar while he sang the humorous lyrics, "Baby, where did you get that sweet sugar from, Lord knows that's the best sugar around."

John Nemeth was a separate music artist who has been in Bakersfield twice.

He had a wide range of the blues mood; he had a few really bluesy songs but most of his songs were upbeat. He sang, danced and played the harmonica in a pinstriped suit and a stingy brim style hat.

The rest of Nemeth's band members played just as wild and passionately as he did in the performance.

Gina Sicilia was another art-



ist there. She was nominated for Best New Artist Debut at the Blues Music Awards in 2008.

Sicilia sang sassy blues with her powerful voice that had a tinge of scratchiness.

These power artists weren't the only ones to perform at the Blues Fest.

Michael Dykes played the guitar and sang with the Kern

River Blues Society, a local grassroots organization, where members play Blues music together twice a month.

"I've been coming ever since they started [Blues Fest]. I love blues, that's why I'm here," he said.

Dykes was invited to play at B-Town Blues Fest this year.

"This is the first year I get to play with my friends, the Kern



PHOTOS BY BRANDON BARRAZA / THE RIP

Above: Joe Louis Walker plays at the CSUB amphitheater at B-Town Blues Fest. Left: Ray Twist plays the guitar while John Nemeth plays the harmonica Sept. 17.

River Blues Society, we're playing acoustic in between sets."

Even though Dykes was asked to play at B-Town Blues Fest, he would have come to the event anyway.

"My family will be out here later and it's a nice evening out for us. The kids can run and play, kids are free," he explained. "Have a beer or two, sit outside, the weather is so

sweet and nice, I love it. I look forward to this event every year."

Sue Privett explained why she was volunteering at Blues Fest.

"A bone marrow recipient is alive today because of this [Blues Fest]. All the drinks and the food go to the bone marrow registry and Houchin Blood Bank. Otherwise it would've

cost you \$95 to walk in that door," she said.

Privett went on to talk about the headline artists. "These aren't around the corner sit-in-the-bar players."

Beth Cruz came all the way from San Diego to see the B-Town Blues Fest.

"It's great. I love it. It's a nice and beautiful evening, the sound is really good," she said.

Vintage car show proves that hot rods aren't just a hobby, but a way of life



ELEONOR SEGURA / THE RIP

Classic cars from pre-1959 are presented by Vintage LTD Car Club during the 32nd annual "Fun in The Sun Car Show" at the Kern County Museum on Sept. 18.

By Cassandra McGowan
Reporter

Vintage Limited Street Rod of Bakersfield and Kern County Museum have come together once again for a day of nostalgia.

Fun in the Sun Run combines the history of Kern County with the history of pre-1959 autos, along with a poker walk to get the patrons up and walking around to see all what the museum and classic car owners have to offer.

Some of the proceeds made by Vintage Limited are donated to the museum.

Patty Langston, vice president of Vintage Limited said, "Anytime someone puts a car show on, it's mainly to get people to get these beautiful cars out, you know, share them with everyone

else. They're all a piece of history."

These cars, along with historical buildings at the museum get people sharing their stories of the days of yore.

For example, two silver-haired men standing around their shiny well-kept classic cars, swapping stories about make-out sessions with high school sweethearts in the back seat of their '40 Mercury, laughing and reminiscing about the good old days.

That is what this car show is all about.

Roy Charles Keenan entered his '54 Bel Air this year and said, "It's a great social event for people who make their cars their life."

Some people like Jerry Bailey used the car show as an excuse just to get out of the house.

Bailey is disabled and not able to get out very often and yet still the Fun in the Sun Run is an opportunity to drive his classic car and show it off while enjoying the weather and fresh air.

He entered his '51 Chevrolet, a gift from his girlfriend, and talked about how he loves to drive his Chevy unlike the "trailer queens."

According to Bailey, trailer queens are people who own classic cars, but are afraid of getting dents on their car, so they tow their car to the show, even if they live in close proximity.

"Trailer queens don't excite me at all," said Bailey.

Attendees consider Fun in the Sun Run as an opportunity to become aware of the way life used to be and share that knowledge with the younger generation.

Alumni BBQ brings in funds

By Esteban Ramirez
Reporter

On Sept. 15, Bakersfield College Alumni Association held its 57th annual barbecue. This event is for everyone to have a good time and to raise money for student and athletic scholarships according to BC president Greg Chamberlain.

Some of the activities that they had were the Tony Ernst Band, which is an alumni band, barbecue by Chef Pat Coyle and Suzanne Davis.

They also had vendors like Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream and W.A. Thompson Advanced Beverage. The BC drumline and cheerleaders performed, and at the end of the barbecue they introduced all the athletes.

"This is run by the Alumni As-

sociation Board of Directors to raise money for scholarships," said Chamberlain.

"This event has a rich history and most of the alumni come out and support us. This is the second time it's being held on campus, and I think it's better that way because the alumni get to come back to BC."

Mike Stepanovich who is the Director of the BC Foundation gave his take on this event.

"This is an annual fundraiser, and it's a great tradition with plenty of activities," said Stepanovich. "We were hoping to get 500-600 people here and that would be a good crowd for this event, but we won't know until after the barbecue."

"My favorite part of this barbecue is getting to see old friends and meeting new people," said

Stepanovich.

Craig Holland, the Logistics Coordinator for this event and a member of the Alumni Association Board of Directors, gave his thoughts on what makes this event great.

"Since I'm an alumnus from 1967, BC has always had a special place in my heart and I always try to come back to this event to try to help the college," said Holland.

"I like the fact that everyone from before can come back and see how this campus is developing, but my favorite part is the steak and seeing old friends. A couple of years ago we thought we should start having this barbecue here so people can come back here to BC and have a good time."

Becki Whitson who is the



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BC head football coach, Jeff Chudy, describes what his expectations are for this football season on Sept. 15.

President for the Alumni Association Board of Directors gave more information on the event.

"At first we weren't selling very many tickets, but it looks like we got a pretty good crowd," she said. "We are one of the last community colleges that still does this, and I think it's because we're campus orientated."

Whitson also said that this will be the only fundraiser of this year, but the Athletic Director is trying to do something this spring.

"At first this barbecue was only meant for the football team but as the years have gone by we include all the fall sports," said Whitson.

Column

Fashion week passes us by

What are you wearing? | The Rip's Features Editor talks about what's hot and what's not.

New York Fashion Week, the United States largest fashion show and event, showed all the ready-to-wear collections and all the upcoming trends for spring 2012.

After looking through NYFW's designer's collections, there are a few things to expect for the spring season.

Color punching has turned into color paneling.

A lot of colors are coming in groups rather than wearing all nude and one bright color in your clothes or accessories.

BCBG Max Azria really emphasized color panels in their collection for spring.

They took the basic minimalist look and threw on groups of color on their designs; some pieces are more colorful and minimal than others.

Another color trend is pale colors, especially for grays, whites, and oranges.

The use of pale colors is in extreme minimalist clothes.

Calvin Klein really focused on minimal clothes with almost lingerie dresses that are all pale.

On the other hand, floral prints are always in style every spring, but there are some designers that have made their floral prints intricate, bright and busy.

Some designers like Anna Sui, have gone over-the-top with busy floral prints with full body flower power jumpers.

I'm sure this full body trend won't catch on, but using one of Sui's neon skirts and pairing it with a neutral top wouldn't hurt the eyes and will catch on like wild fire.

Top trends that have been getting more popular are chiffon materials.

"Sheer is dear" for the spring season, particularly with long sleeves.

Chiffon sleeves are all over NYFW with designers like ADAM and Bibhu Mohapatra.

Another top trend is Geometric shapes.

In fashion, geometric shapes are still making its way into being trendy.

Since the trend was introduced for fall and still hasn't become popular, late fall is probably when it will become a hit, especially for college students.

You would think the geometric shapes trend might be a little dated by the time spring comes around, but a few designers have put their new spin on it already.

Carolina Herrera designed innovative geometric shapes that are beyond just the basic shape and have put intricacy in each shape and design.

A little simpler trend for women is a man's tuxedo style turned into a more feminine look.

For the daring woman she might actually take pieces from her boyfriends' wardrobe.

The feminine woman would take a tuxedo blouse and wear with a skirt.

The designers collection Alice and Olivia, had a good twist on feminine tuxedos.

Local brides gather at Rabobank



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Gretchen Rossi from The Real Housewives of Orange County wears a Mia Bella Couture for a fashion show.

By Chrystal Fortt
Features Editor

Every September and January at Rabobank Arena, soon-to-be brides go to The Ultimate Bridal Event in hopes of making their dream wedding come true.

"It's the central California's largest and only upscale bridal event," said Schezelle Beltran, agency director of The Ultimate Bridal Event.

"At our last show alone we had over 3,000 guests attend, so we really cater to the most elite of the wedding industry."

The bridal event is filled with the excitement of brides along with the cakes, white gowns and flowers.

Ann McCright is the owner and producer of event. "I know when they come to the bridal show they expect to see the white gown, the black tuxedos, the flowers the cakes, the normal things," she explained.

"But we pride ourselves into providing things that they don't even know about or think about."

There were a few things at the show that were peculiar, like caricature drawings, real estate agents and rental photo booths.

Along with all the vendors, there was a celebrity guest, a

fashion show and prizes.

The celebrity guest who attended the event was Gretchen Rossi and her boyfriend Slade Smiley from "The Real Housewives of Orange County."

"Seeing all the vendors; seeing all the fun stuff that you can plan for your wedding, it's just beautiful," said Rossi.

Smiley commented on the event. "We're very impressed with the show, because we do a lot of different events and been in a lot of different venues and convention centers and it's quite beautiful."

"These guys did an excellent job," he said.

Along with signing autographs and taking pictures with fans, Rossi hosted the fashion show and modeled a Mia Bella Couture gown.

The fashion show featured some boutiques like Apricot, Bra Shoppe and Mia Bella Couture and featured glamorous, embellished wedding gowns, sexy lingerie, trendy cocktail dresses and stylish men's tuxedos.

Everything that could be needed for a wedding was in one place.

"They [the brides] can save gasoline," said McCright. "They don't have to go to 10 places and find parking and spend time."

There were many different things that brides look for at the event.

Brittany Downs is a recent Bakersfield College graduate with an A.A. in Business Administration.

She just got engaged and went to the bridal event to find the perfect lighting for her reception.

"I was looking into Flourishing Art [a local event planner] and I'm waiting to see Gretchen," she said.

"I came to get ideas because I don't have a set date."

Miriam Jimenez has been engaged since December.

"I have a certain mind-set on certain things but I want to explore and see what else there is," she said. "I'm trying to soak everything in. I'm excited, I'm anxious."

McCright and all the vendors love to help brides find what they want and need for their weddings.

"People who are in the wedding business absolutely love the wedding business and that's what they do, they develop dreams for these brides," she said. "Because the bride will come in and doesn't know exactly what she wants and boom, she gets the right people and they can help her and it makes life simple."

Bakersfield fest celebrates global cultures

By Jon Nelson
Reporter

A family resource center of Kern County and members of the community came together Sept. 10 to celebrate with the second annual International Festival.

The festival took place at Yokuts Park and featured booths from over 40 vendors, some of who were businesses started by people with special needs. International Festival also included various live acts, presentations and children's activities.

The resource center is also known as H.E.A.R.T.S.

H.E.A.R.T.S. is an acronym for help,

encourage, advocate, resources, training and support.

The H.E.A.R.T.S. Connection center is a resource center for families who have children with disabilities and special care needs. They are staffed entirely by people who have a family member with special needs. The group doesn't charge for its services and any disability is eligible.

"We wanted to celebrate all abilities, cultures and communities," said Danielle Pilkington, resource development coordinator at H.E.A.R.T.S.

The first International Festival was held last year to commemorate the 20th anniversary of the organization and was at-

tended by an estimated 3,000 people.

The entertainment for the festival ranged from music and cultural dancing to a parade.

One of the highlights from the stage was a presentation by Loren John Presley on Nina, a robot designed to assist children with autism.

"For me, it's the community coming together to see what Kern County has to offer," said Pilkington about the message of the event.

Anyone from the community was invited to participate.

"We're here to be seen and put more info out there about what we do," said

Sara Nilson from Alpha Canine.

Alpha Canine is a local sanctuary for homeless dogs. They had a booth at the event staffed by workers handing out pamphlets and answering questions.

"We're here selling food so we can be here together," said Luis Gomez from Mission Apostolica who was selling tacos and chatting with the crowd.

H.E.A.R.T. Connection wanted to keep the event as cheap as possible so they only charged for the bounce house.

"We're mostly here for the kid events ... A day out is always good," said Scott Pierce who brought his kids to International Festival.



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Anna Agenjo hosts an Internet evaluation workshop at the Grace Van Dyke Byrd Library on Sept. 14.

BC offers research help

By Jon Nelson
Reporter

The Grace Van Dyke Bird Library is currently offering free workshops for Bakersfield College students wanting to learn how to conduct college-level research.

Each workshop works on a "first-come-first serve" basis, but the weekend and more popular classes fill up to the point of librarians having to turn students away. The average class size is around 18 students and workshops will be held in room L217 in the library.

"They don't come to the library," said librarian Marci Lingo, laughingly referring to the biggest mistake students make when it comes to doing research.

"Many don't search Google effectively for scholarly material," said Lingo.

The idea for doing the classes has been in the works for over ten years and was spurred on by a recent report that shows that college students don't know how to conduct college-level research.

"We started small and they've grown in popularity and the number of topics," said Lingo.

This semester the library will hold 70 workshops on seven different topics that vary from something as general as "Research Strategies" to the more specific ones like "Ethics in Research."

In the Spring 2011 semester, over 1,200 students attended the workshops offered.

"When they leave the rate of satisfaction goes up," said Lingo about the classes.

Each workshop includes an introduction into the database, and a topic. They usually last about an hour.

Students who have attended past presentations left comments on evaluation forms like, "Too much to write here; the workshop was very helpful," and, "I recommend ALL students take it. Especially freshman."

"Generally speaking, students usually are really appreciative," said Lingo.

A schedule of all workshops is available at the Grace Van Dyke Bird Library.

New theme, new acts, classic fair

By Cassandra McGowan
Reporter

Glittering lights, people everywhere and lots and lots of food. No, it's not Vegas, it's The Great Kern County Fair, and according to Bill Blair the CEO and general manager, "It's Magic!"

Fair time is here once again and there is a new theme arriving with it, "It's Magic!" has replaced the old "Best in the West" slogan. "This year we decided to change, I guess the public wanted a change, too" said Blair.

There are all sorts of things to do with admission to the fair. The Budweiser Pavilion will feature 12 nights of free entertainment with musical guests Kellie Pickler, Uncle Kracker, Salt N' Pepa, The Doobie Brothers and even Mariachi Los Camperos. There will also be free entertainment in La Villa Festiva featuring acts like Mariachi San Marcos, Cupido, Virus, and Amor Y Llanto.

Several new events will make

their way to the fair this year.

"Yeah there are a couple of new things, the one that sticks out is called 'Wool Riders,'" said Blair. Children are encouraged to sign up to ride on the back of large sheep and try to stay on the sheep's back until the whistle is blown. Children will compete for prizes and a chance to go to Fresno to duke it out with fellow champions from other fairs. "Mutton bustin," is a chance for children to experience the rodeo, but on a smaller scale. Blair said, "It's a hoot to watch."

Also new this year is the Kinect/XBOX Mobile Tour, which will make its way through the fair Sept. 22 to Sept. 26, and will give gamers a chance to play new games in its mobile exhibit.

The Calico Corner Children's Area has been expanded thanks in part to PG&E and will have a circus, Imagination Gallery and Picasso's Drawing Pavilion. According to Blair, "In the children's area and throughout the grounds, providing a fun learn-

ing environment is a big part of what the Kern County Fair is all about."

Many of the entertainment staples like the rodeo and hypnotist show will be returning. Also, mini-tractor races, All-Alaskan pig races, BMX Pro Trick Team and turkey stampe will be making a return.

When asked if he was concerned about lower admission due to the economy, Blair said, "No, I'm really not. Actually, I'm very optimistic because fairs in California have done very well as long as the weather's been good. We all believe, and we've been kind of espousing this for a couple of years."

"It's the stay-cation syndrome, where people are not going to Magic Mountain or Disneyland, they want to go to the fair, so they do save up their money to come to the fair, and it's been that way since the economy took a turn in 2008."

The Kern County Fair offers several days of discounts for different groups of people starting with free admission on opening

day Wednesday Sept. 21, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m. On Tuesday Sept. 27, and Wednesday Sept. 28, are "School Days" where children can go in a group with their school or home school from 9 a.m. to noon for free and check out some of the educational aspects of the fair. Thursday Sept. 29, is "Special Friend Day", also from 9 a.m. to noon, and is specially designed for disabled children to also enjoy educational aspects of the fair. For more information on other discount days please visit www.thekerncountyfair.com and click on the KC fair link.

"All this stuff you can do for six bucks. Who can come and see the Doobie Brothers, or Uncle Kracker, or Kellie Pickler, you know for as far as entertainment goes, for six bucks?" said Blair.

The fair starts Wednesday Sept. 21, and runs through Sunday Oct. 2. Advanced ticket sales are available at Albertson's. Prices are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children over the age of 5. Children under 5 are free.

Horticulture professor hosts radio talk show

By Nate Perez
Reporter

If you have ever wondered why your garden does not seem to grow the way you have always wanted it to, look no further.

The Country Garden Radio is a rejuvenated live talk show that airs on Saturday mornings from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. on KERN Radio Newstalk, 1180 AM.

The radio's hosts are Dale Edwards of Old River Sod and Lindsay Ono, an Environmental Horticulture professor at Bakersfield College.

The show began airing on

Aug. 6, 2011, but was previously on another radio station for about five years, before being revived on KERN Radio Newstalk, according to Ono.

Country Garden Radio covers a wide variety of topics such as plants, trees and turf. Listening to the program can provide many answers regarding what is new in the gardening scene, tips on how to grow plants, soil preparation and so forth.

Calls to the program are highly encouraged. According to Ono, the average number of calls is anywhere between 10-15 calls per show.

The Country Garden Radio staff and their expert friends from the nursery and landscape industry will try to answer any question that a caller may have.

If a caller does not want to be heard on the radio, they can simply send the question to The Country Garden radio's Web site or Facebook page and they will try to answer the question at the next upcoming show.

Although the show is based in Bakersfield, anybody from Valencia to just north of Fresno and from Mojave to San Luis Obispo can listen to The Country Garden Radio.

The Country Garden Radio is strictly funded by donations. All donations given to the non-profit Bakersfield College Foundation Office - Environmental Horticulture program will help fund materials for classes, scholarships for students, and events.

The donations given will also help the BC Environmental Horticulture donate to out-reach programs.

If you would like to support The Country Garden Radio, you can do so by visiting Countrygardenradio.org or by contacting Lindsay Ono through the Web site.

News Briefs

Free Workshops

Critical Academic Skills Workshops are available for free on campus and focusing on a variety of topics useful to students. On Sept. 22, Understanding Parts of Speech will be in SS 151 from 1 to 2 p.m. On the same day, Planning to Succeed will be in SS 151 from 3 to 4 p.m. Other workshops are available most days, and a schedule can be found on the BC website on the Student Success page.

Poet Speaks

Poet Jayne Cortez, director of "Slave Routes: Resistance, Abolition, & Creative Process" and president and cofounder of Organization of Women Writers of Africa, will be on campus at the Norman Levan Center on Sept. 22, at 10 a.m., 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. Admission and parking is free. For details, call 395-4339.

Walk to Defeat ALS

The eighth annual Walk to Defeat ALS will be held Oct. 1, at the Park at the River Walk in Bakersfield. Walk registration begins at 8 a.m. and is followed by a three-mile walk. Check <http://walkgla.alsa.org> for more information.

Local Concerts

Kevin Devine will be appearing at Jerry's Pizza on Sept. 22. Shows are \$10, doors open at 7 p.m. and tickets available online at timgardepresents.com and at the following locations: World Records, Wavelengths, Impact Streetwear, Outer Limits, Hoggz, B-Ryder's. Alien Ant Farm is playing on Oct. 1, and details and other bands playing the next few weeks can be found at timgardepresents.com.

BC Twitter

Bakersfield College is now on Twitter for news, information, tips, and events. Use the hashtag #bcrenegades or username @bcrenegades to get involved.

BHS Play

"Joseph & The Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat" will be playing at Bakersfield High School in Harvey Auditorium at 8 p.m. Saturday, 2 p.m. Sunday. Tickets are \$20 adults and \$10 students/children. Call 325-6100 for details.

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more experience in enrolling and filling out applications by attending workshops that are a part of transfer week.

More state and out-of-state schools have been interested in enrolling BC students because of the excellent training and experience they demonstrated at their four-year school.

Granger-Dickson said, "It's becoming more of a trend with out-of-state colleges like Oklahoma State University and Arizona State, including places like the San Francisco Art Institute.

"There was even a booth for Alaska here because of the previous students that the college has encountered," Granger-Dickson said.

A few students found what they were looking for at the booths Sept. 12.

"I went to about four different booths, Devry University, Santa Barbara, one I can't remember and Fresno State, which Fresno caught my attention. They have programs that are directly linked to the field I want to get into," said Dominique Slain, 27, criminal justice major.

She grabbed some forms and information, asked a couple of questions, and left because she was in class and going to the booths was their class assignment.

Some of the colleges in attendance, such as UC Davis, have veteran representatives. Jacquelyn Ross, assistant director of undergraduate admission, comes almost every year because she enjoys informing students of why UC Davis is a great choice for transferring.

"We come out to talk to BC students who want information on how to be in the best position for their future," Ross said. "The most common question students ask are about requirements and transferrable units from BC."

GROVE: Student rep can take questions

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She added "these people really are taking notes and bringing them back to legislators," but that "legislators are not educators. They only know what we tell them."

She is urging students to attend and "tell them your personal story. Tell them 'this is what will happen to me.'" She added "imagine the impact if hundreds of students attended?"

Bresso is working to get other representatives on campus to meet with students, noting that there has been interest expressed by several legislators. The process to get a representative takes at least a month to get approved by the district, but otherwise there are no other issues.

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