



CAL-VALLEY CONNECTION

HONORING OUR FALLEN HEROES

On this Memorial Day, where ever you are and whatever you are doing, make sure to take some time to honor the memory of the brave men and women who served and sacrificed to protect the freedom that we enjoy.



MEMORIAL DAY



REMEMBER AND HONOR

To the men and women who served our country

Thank you

QUARTERLY CHARITY UPDATE

1st Quarter Charity

Year after year we love supporting the community and giving back to our charities. During the first quarter of this year we were proud to support a great charity called [Feed Our Future](#).

Their mission is to feed hungry children that need it most who live in below poverty areas. Every Thursday, they provide food bags filled with non-perishable, easy to prepare items to bridge the gap between lunch on Friday and breakfast on Monday.



With the help of your referrals, we were happy to present this organization with a [check for \\$750](#).

2nd Quarter Charity

We have the pleasure of supporting another inspiring charity, [Avon 39](#).



Avon 39 raises awareness and funds to fight breast cancer. Coordinated walks help to accelerate research, improves screening, diagnosis and treatment. Thousands of people collectively walk millions of miles every year to raise money to support this tremendous charity. We appreciate the many referrals we've received so far and look forward to many more to help contribute to this charity.

More Topics To Follow...

- Community Involvement
- Jefferson Elementary Car Show
- Ransomware Awareness



WE LOVE OUR COMMUNITY

Kern VITA Partnership Program



Angelica Lopez began volunteering this year for the Kern VITA Partnership program at United Way of Kern County because she wanted to make a difference in the community and help people in need. The group of people she is working

with has information and insight that has helped her broaden her horizons. This program provides free basic tax preparation for low income to moderate income taxpayers including military veterans, the elderly, and with limited English proficiency or a disability. Clients also learn about available tax credits such as the Earned Income Tax Credit, Child Tax Credit and Tax Credit for Elderly or the Disabled.

Annual Lao Educational Conference



In the last quarter of 2016, Anusone Keochai became a part of the Laotian-American Community of Fresno (LACF). She was eager to help plan for the Annual Lao Educational Conference (ALEC) in April to inspire, motivate,

and encourage Laotian students to pursue and achieve higher education. The conference presented with an assortment of workshops tailored to promote educational success for the students. Anusone is excited to be a board member for the LACF as she thrives on witnessing the Lao American students be empowered by the opportunity of higher education to strengthen their families, communities, and role within today's society.

Jefferson Elementary 7th Annual Car Show

Lisa Hitchcock and Rhonda Waller represented Cal-Valley Insurance at Jefferson Elementary's 7th Annual Car Show. Crowds showed up to see the various Classic Cars, Hot Rods, Modern Muscle Cars, Motorcycles, and more. Cal-Valley was happy to be a part of this event, as 100% of the proceeds went to the school.





DON'T LET YOUR PC BE TAKEN HOSTAGE

You're happily working away on your computer, making good progress. Then you click on a link or email attachment and the screen freezes. A message flashes up, saying the PC has been locked and your data is no longer accessible until you pay a ransom.



Computer infection with “ransomware”, as it’s called, is one of the fastest-growing cyber-crimes of recent years, affecting not only home users but also businesses and other organizations, large and small. Cyber security experts say 2017 is heading to be the worst-ever year for the crime, which often leaves victims with seemingly little option but to pay up. And even when victims pay (usually the ransom is between \$50 and \$200), there’s no guarantee the crooks will provide the unlocking code. Even if they do, they may also steal confidential information from PCs that can then be used for identity theft.

However, there’s a lot you can do to avoid falling victim to this crime. And, even if you do get caught-out, there are often ways of getting your computer back in business without paying the ransom.



SECURITY MEASURES FOR PC PROTECTION

1. Install Security Software

Make sure you have reputable security software installed on your computer and update it regularly. This will often stop ransomware infections from getting onto your PC in the first place.

2. Software And Program Updating

Keep all your other software apps and programs up to date. This especially applies to your internet browser. If you don’t update, your software could be open to attack.

3. Links And Attachments Caution

Be wary about clicking links and attachments in emails from people or organizations you don’t know. Use the same caution on links inside unfamiliar websites.

4. Backup Regularly

Make full and regular backups of both your computer operating system and your documents and other data. That way, if your machine is frozen and locked, you can reinstate your back-ups, losing little or none of your valuable data.

If you happen to get caught and don’t have a back-up, don’t panic. Shutdown your computer, disconnect it from the internet and then restart it. In some cases, that might be enough. If it’s still frozen, consider getting outside, professional help. There are a number of fixers for some of the ransomware currently circulating and calling in an expert might get you back in business.

Once you’re in the clear, use security software, or an expert, to thoroughly clean or reset your computer.



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