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Short History of the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce

As soon as the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce was incorporated on Oct. 9, 1946, it began functioning as the governing body for Ridgecrest, a role the Chamber performed as the community experienced years of rapid growth to keep pace with growth of the Naval Ordnance Test Station at China Lake.

During those early years, the Chamber created and disseminated information about the Indian Wells Valley, studied living costs in the community, established the Desert Empire Fair, established a relationship with the China Lake Community Council, and helped bring such amenities as natural gas and street lights to the community. With Chamber assistance, the Desert Empire Fair became a separate entity in 1965.

With the First Annual Congress for Community Progress in 1966, the Chamber began a tradition of hosting events that gave community members an opportunity to learn about community progress and share ideas for the future. The tradition continued with the annual Economic Out-

look Conference and Business Expo, which celebrated its 31st Anniversary in February 2018.

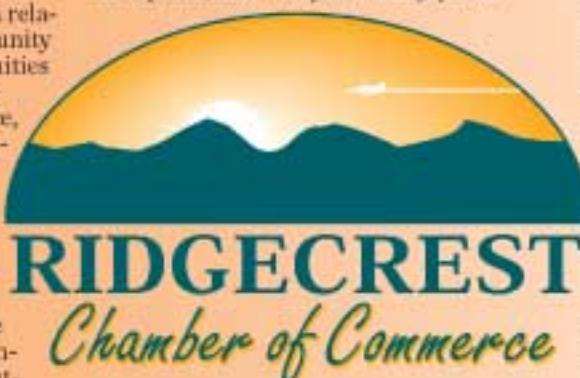
During the over 71 years of its existence, the Chamber has initiated numerous business promotions and community events, such as ribbon-cuttings, after-hours mixers, monthly Luncheon Meetings with speakers, Moonlight Madness shopping events, the very popular Ridgecrest Star Follies, the Meet Your Elected Officials Reception, and many other enjoyable

events designed to foster the strength of our business community through enhanced communication. The Chamber has also arranged and sponsored numerous workshops to educate the business community on such topics as labor law, marketing, and customer service.

The founding of the Ridgecrest Nexus Foundation by the Chamber in 1991 supports the development of cultural and educational projects in the community.

The Chamber has also taken a proactive role in efforts to grow the community's economy through the founding of the Local Economic Development Corporation in 1981. The LEDC was later used as the formal organization for I WV 2000 in 1994. In 2018 we saw the Indian Wells Valley Economic Development Corporation and the China Lake Alliance become the organizations that continue these efforts for our community.

Today the Chamber is strong with over 300 members, with new members signing up every day! We represent businesses from all industries, and of all sizes, throughout the Indian Wells Valley.



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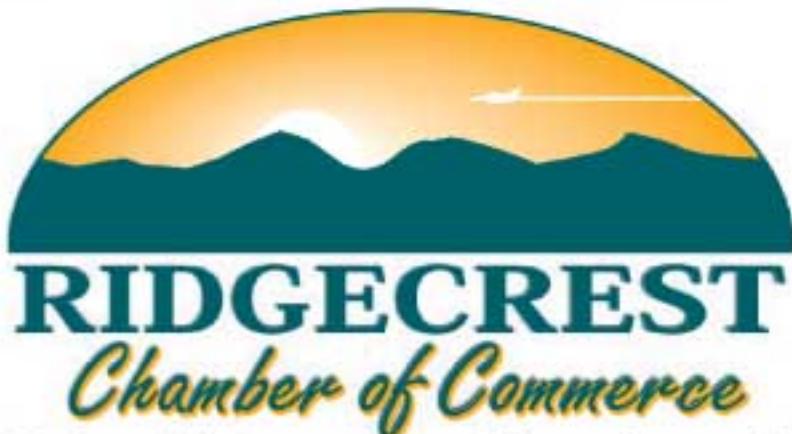
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- ✓ Networking
- ✓ Business development
- ✓ Marketing exposure
- ✓ Business leads
- ✓ Learning opportunities
- ✓ Business discounts

Partnering with the Chamber to support:

- ✓ A strong local economy
- ✓ Pro-business public policy
- ✓ Our community
- ✓ Education and workforce improvements
- ✓ New business and community leaders
- ✓ Mentoring young business professionals

To become an investor in our community's future:

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Visit: 128 E California Ave Suite B, Ridgecrest, CA 93555
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The History of NOTS and NAWS

In the midst of World War II, adequate facilities were needed by the California Institute of Technology for test and evaluation of rockets. At the same time, the Navy needed a new proving ground for aviation ordnance. Cal Tech's Dr. Charles C. Lauritsen and then Cmdr. Sherman E. Burroughs met and formed a pact to find a site that would meet both their needs.

The Navy established China Lake as the Naval Ordnance Test Station (NOTS) in November 1943. Its mission was defined in a letter by the Secretary of the Navy, "... a station having for its primary function the research, development and testing of weapons, and having additional function of furnishing primary training in the use of such weapons." Testing began within a month of the Station's formal establishment. The vast and sparsely populated desert with near perfect flying weather and practically unlimited visibility, proved an ideal location not only for test and evaluation activities, but also for a complete research and development establishment.

The early Navy-Cal Tech partnership established a pattern of cooperation and interaction between civilian scientists and engineers, experienced military personnel and defense contractors that has made China Lake one of the preeminent research, development, test and evaluation institutions in the world.

In 1950, NOTS scientists and engineers developed the air-intercept missile (AIM) 9 Sidewinder, which has become the world's most used and most copied air-to-air missile. A few of the other rockets and missiles developed or tested at China Lake have included the Mighty Mouse, Zuni, Sidewinder, Shrike, Joint Stand-off Weapon (JSOW) and Joint Direct-Attack Munition (JDAM).

In July 1967, NOTS China Lake and the Naval Ordnance Laboratory in Corona, California, became the Naval Weapons Center. The Corona facilities were closed, and their functions transferred to the desert in 1971. In July 1979, the mission and functions of the National Parachute Test Range in El Centro were transferred to China Lake.

The Naval Weapons Center and the Pacific Missile Test Center Point Mugu were disestablished in January 1992 and joined with naval units at Albuquerque and White Sands, N.M. as a single command - the Naval Air Warfare Center Weapons Division. At the same time, the physical plant at China Lake was designated as a Naval Air Weapons Station - currently NAWS - and became host of the Weapons Division, performing the base-keeping functions.

The Station's role in the community has evolved from that of primary landlord and

provider of services to that of being primarily a good neighbor. The present NAWS housing area, much smaller than that of the 1960s, is sufficient to support the Station's military. The community area of China Lake was annexed by the City of Ridgecrest in 1982 and today the spirit of community extends to residents both on and off the base.

The pioneering spirit and can-do attitude that helped early residents through China Lake's formative years have not disappeared. The direction and focus have changed during the years, but the China Lake community - military, civilian and contract personnel - remains active, interested and a vital part of the continued success of the United States Navy.

Why do cars and people stop on Knox and Blandy (on base) every morning at 8:00 a.m.?

These cars and people are stopping for morning Colors. Morning Colors are presented each day at 0800 in front of the Administration Building and in front of the Marine Aviation Detachment. When you hear the National Anthem or see the American flag being raised each day, it is customary out of respect for the flag and those who serve to protect our freedom, to stop what you are doing, place your right hand on your heart, face in the direction of the flag and stand still until the National Anthem is finished. If you are driving, stop your car until the music ends. Evening Colors, when the flag is retired for the day, are done each evening at sunset. Again, it is customary to stop what you are doing, and stand still or stop driving until the flag is removed from the flag

Phone Directory

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Department	Phone Number
All Faith Chapel	(760) 939-3506
Fleet and Family Support Center	(760) 939-4545
Fraud, Waste and Abuse Hotline	(800) 522-3451
Housing Office	(760) 446-1320
Legal Services	(760) 939-5630
Military Administration (NAWS)	(760) 939-1553/2098
Morale, Welfare and Recreation	(760) 939-3440
Naval Criminal Investigative Service (NCIS)	(760) 939-6646
NAVFACSW, Public Works Dept.	(760) 939-3412
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Youth Services	(760) 939-3171

Ridgecrest Community Profile

POPULATION STATISTICS

City of Ridgecrest 28,604
Indian Wells Valley 36,270
Square Miles 21.53 sq mi
Population Density 1,374.57 sq mi
Mean Household Income \$74,195
Median Age 35.1
Education Level
89.6% High School or Higher
28% Bachelors or Higher

CLIMATE

Average high/low Temp 94/65
Sunny days per year 260
Elevation 2290 ft

HOUSING CHARACTERISTICS

Total Housing Units 13,347
Median Home Price \$191,459
Households 11,039
In the Valley 14,967
Owner-occupied 64.28%

ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Taxable Retail Sales \$3,357,400
Property Tax \$2,000,127
Transit Occupancy Tax \$1,300,000

LARGEST EMPLOYERS

Navy Employment	6,310
Ridgecrest Regional Hospital	800
Sierra Sands School District	600
Cerro Coso Community College	271

China Lake

The \$1.7-billion annual budget for China Lake continues to increase. The installation is looking to add 300 new jobs, for a total of 700 new hires (factoring in attrition).

Ridgecrest Regional Hospital

The Ridgecrest Regional Hospital is offering expanded services for our community. The Oncology Examination Center and Chemotherapy Unit recently opened along with a new mental health facility. Plans have been approved for an expansion to include a new Emergency Department and Urgent Care Center.

Age Distribution

20 to 30-year-olds make up 7.8% of the population in Ridgecrest- higher than the national average. Continued growth is expected as positions at China Lake are filled with young professionals.

Retail Expansion - Recently Opened

- Walmart Super-Center with over 200,000 square foot of retail space.
- Tractor Supply store with over 33,000 square foot of retail space.
- Harbor Freight opened a 15,000 square foot store.
- Starbucks opened a new drive-thru location.

Looking Ahead

Walmart Super Center will have four pads available for retail and restaurant use coming soon.



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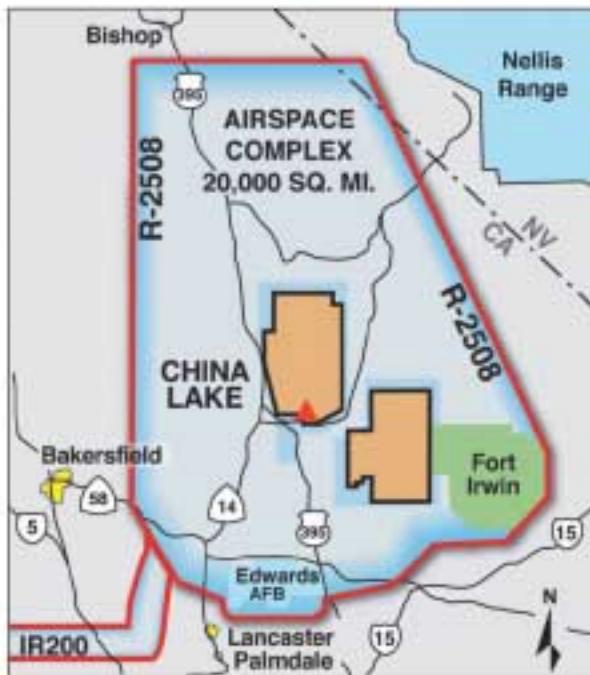
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- Rapid response T&E supporting counter-improvised explosive device (C-IED) detect, defeat, and compatibility testing
- Electronic warfare (EW) (aircraft system integration, radio frequency [RF] countermeasures, threat and missile warning systems, anti-radiation missiles)
- Ordnance subsystems (warhead, propulsion, fuzes, sensors)
- Unmanned systems (full spectrum engineering support and battlefield integration)
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Celebrating 30 years of the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors

In 1988 Lee Kaylor and Jerry Williams went to visit a meeting of a business in Apple Valley California to see if what they were doing could be a model for improving relations of businesses in Ridgecrest and China Lake. What they witnessed was what we would now identify as a "Business after Hours". Together Lee

and Jerry and 18 other brave business people joined together and formed the original Ambassadors of the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce. Their purpose was to be a business person to business person support and working with the Chamber they wanted to strengthen our community. This networking group was called the Am-

bassadors.

Lee was the first president and their meetings were held at the Carriage Inn. Lee started asking people to breakfast – he "Pitched" his story about how good this would be for Ridgecrest... and soon he had

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gathered the group. According to Vince Avalos they went about – holding their first few months of meeting – breakfasts at the crack of dawn – and business greetings or “get togethers” and two gentlemen started showing up again and again “together” in fine RED jackets – always looking “sharp”. They can be thanked for the

The Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors Mission

The Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce Ambassadors are good will representatives of the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce. Their primary function is to provide information to members, act as a liaison between membership and the Board of Directors, and provide publicity for the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce.

idea to wear RED jackets. When interviewed Mike Thomas remarked on the good old days, “We did everything very structured, visitations, certain days, everything just so, and committee work, everyone had a job.”

Judy Tharp remembers that to be an Ambassador they were looking for people who were enthusiastic and who liked living here. People who would say good things about our city and supported each other. Being at Business After Hours and Ribbon Cuttings gave her and others the opportunity to meet the other business people and put faces with names and then if you needed someone or something they knew you.

The Ambassadors have helped at many Chamber events over the years including but not limited to the hundreds of Ribbon Cuttings for new and re-opening businesses, hosting and assisting with multitudes of Business After Hours, visiting active members businesses and prospective

Chamber businesses, as well as the many Desert Empire Fair Booths, Economic Outlook Conferences, Small Business Expos, Balsam Street Days, Wine Walks, and so much more.

The most important thing to know is that the commitment and participation as an Ambassador is not only of that person, but of that business in the business community. The names on the rosters of Ambassadors over the past thirty years are a strong representation of our business community. For our community to continue to be strong we need to support each other as businesses and network so our citizens will do the same.

Thank you to Ambassador Jinny DeAngelis (DART) for this history. To learn more about joining the Ambassadors, please send an email to Chamber@RidgecrestChamber.com



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Manslaughter by Negligence						0	1	0	0				0
Robbery	14	16	16	13	10	12	15	17	24	12	19	21	17
Rape	6	20	23	19	15	12	11	5	9	8	15	24	18
Assault	293	325	375	329	346	334	337	355	381	328	332	372	399
Burglary	210	240	221	155	170	210	192	240	212	150	160	176	138
Theft	397	507	359	342	335	348	292	333	313	287	372	317	306
Auto Theft	65	45	41	56	42	53	37	43	45	56	51	72	74
Arson	11	7	7	11	15	21	14	13	10	5	8	10	5
Total Violent Crimes	313	361	414	362	371	361	364	381	418	348	367	417	434
Total Property Crimes	683	799	628	564	562	632	535	629	580	498	591	575	523
Total Part One Crimes	996	1,160	1,042	926	933	993	899	1,010	998	846	958	992	957
Part One Percentage	-8.03%	16.47%	-10.17%	-11.13%	0.76%	6.43%	-9.47%	12.35%	-1.19%	-15.23%	13.24%	3.55%	-3.53%
Call for Service	31,160	29,841	31,984	36,784	39,361	36,723	33,440	31,849	30,172	32,001	32,372	33,264	33,596
Call Percentage	10.08%	-4.23%	7.18%	15.01%	7.01%	-6.70%	-8.94%	-4.76%	-5.27%	6.06%	1.16%	2.76%	1.00%

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 - RACVB
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 - And others
- Economic Outlook Conference
- Star Follies
- C-CAP Industry Days
- SBA Mentoring
- Ambassadors Meeting
 - Ribbon Cuttings
- Young Professionals Meeting
 - Casino Night
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- Networking
- Disaster Preparedness
- Entrepreneur Classes

This is your Chamber of Commerce, and we will continue to strive to meet the needs of you, our members. If you are not a member, please consider joining.

We encourage our community to participate in all the events that the Chamber sponsors.

If you have additional ideas of events that would benefit our community, please contact us at the Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce.



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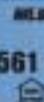
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Consumers associate credibility with Chamber membership	X	X	X	X	X
Chamber maintains regular interaction with Member's Social Media	X	X	X	X	X
Able to participate in the Chamber's Ambassadors Committee	X	X	X	X	X
Able to participate in the Chamber's Young Professional Committee	X	X	X	X	X
Support for your voice being heard on issues that affect the IWY	X	X	X	X	X
Host a "Business After Hours" Networking Event (3rd Thurs)	X	X	X	X	X
Enhanced Business listing in Print Directory (updated every 2 years)	X	X	X	X	X
Enhanced Business Profile Page on Chamber Website (Daily update)	X	X	X	X	X
Business referrals through Chamber Office & Web Presence	X	X	X	X	X
Post your events on Chamber supported RidgecrestEvents.com	X	X	X	X	X
Place your business cards and brochures in Chamber lobby	X	X	X	X	X
Discounts on business seminars	X	X	X	X	X
Discount on Monthly Chamber Luncheon Ticket (2nd Tues)	X	X	X	X	X
Framed Membership Certificate & Window Cling at each Renewal	X	X	X	X	X
Chamber Membership Logo to use on Member Online Media	X	X	X	X	X
Discounts on booth space for Business Expo		X	X	X	X
Ribbon Cutting Event for your business upon request		X	X	X	X
Chamber Members Mailing List in Excel		1/yr	2/yr	3/yr	4/yr
Discounted advertising in Chamber's printed Business Directory			10%	15%	20%
Discount on Sponsorships of Chamber Events			10%	15%	20%
Complimentary Chamber newsletter advertising			3 mo.	6 mo.	12 mo.
Complimentary Newsletter Insert				1/yr	2/yr
Prominent listing in all Chamber special event programs				X	X
Annual "Chairman's Circle Corner" profile in newsletter					X
Recognition as Chairman's Circle member at events/luncheons					X
Chairman's Circle member's Logo on Chamber materials					X
Special Yearly Appreciation for Chairman's Circle member					X

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March

- Home and Leisure Show (760) 375-4481
Respect for Law Dinner (760) 939-2696
Community Health Fair (760) 499-3825
DART Annual Awards Banquet (760) 375-9787

April

- Ridgecrest Exchange Club, Easter Egg Hunt (760) 384-2673
Saint Ann School's Annual Open House (760) 375-4713
Maturango Museum, Wildflower Show (760) 375-6900
Ridgecrest Star Follies (760) 375-8331

May

- Desert Community Orchestra Concert (760) 382-1082
Prayer Breakfast (760) 382-4546
China Lake Museum Dinner/Auction (760) 677-2866
Springfest, Indian Wells Brewery - Inyokern (760) 377-5989

June

- Chamber Installation/Awards Luncheon (760) 375-8331
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October

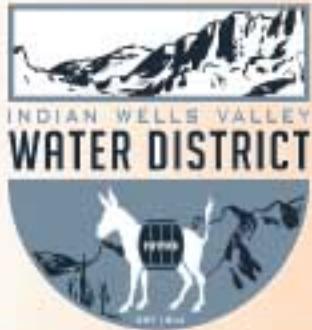
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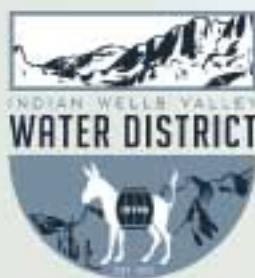
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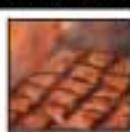
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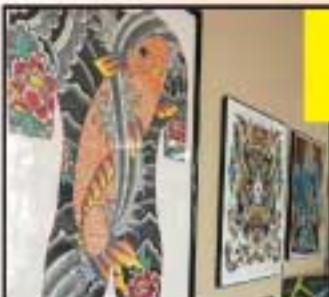
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Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce

Our First 10 Years

1946

Incorporated Ridgecrest Chamber of Commerce on Oct. 9, with Oliver Franklin the first president, Herb Cochrane the vice president, Archie Peckham the secretary, and William Feffer the treasurer. Other directors were Marshall Goulet, Elliot Fox, Mr. Talbot, Jack Ewing, and Dr. Larry Stevens. The Chamber was an outgrowth of the Indian Wells Valley Businessmen's Association, which was started by Jack "Baldy" Ewing, a former Navy officer, proprietor of Ewing's Desert Resort on Inyokern Road, and later the owner of Ewing's on the Kern. As the Ridgecrest Chamber began, the growing town had more than 75 licensed business establishments.

Began functioning as Ridgecrest's governing body.

1947

Installed a new board at the Atomic Café, with Elliot Fox the president and Wilbur Stark, Sherman Shouf, Archie Peckham, Harold Fuller, and Mr. Hazelton on the

board. Roses adorned the tables at the gala event, attended by about 90 people. Judge Ardis Walker gave the main address of the evening, congratulating the Chamber on taking a major part in developing the area into "a better community in which to live."

1948

Published a map folder filled with a map, photographs of the community and information about points of interest in the Indian Wells Valley.

Established a Desert Fair Committee and appointed Mrs. Higginbotham as the first chairman. The fair was suggested by Dr. L. W. Stevens, who had the idea that the Chamber could raise funds by putting on a desert fair that would resemble an old-fashioned county fair.

1950

Started a community fair, the "Desert Stampede," in September.

Hired the first paid Chamber manager,

Carl Curlee. Dr. Arlo Mueller was the president.

Established a relationship with the new China Lake Community Council, which served as the Chamber's liaison with NOTS Command.

Studied living costs in Ridgecrest and reported that other than housing, they were about 10-15 percent higher than those in the Los Angeles area.

1951

Appointed Don Suydam as Chamber manager.

Sponsored Craft Shows, a carnival, to play in Ridgecrest from May 8-13. The event earned \$422.49 for the Chamber.

Planned an improved community fair to include a midway from Craft Shows, plus talent contests, a fair queen, and booths featuring local businesses.

Reported that the population of Ridgecrest was approximately 3,500.

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1952

Renamed the fair the Desert Empire Fair. Started the Whiskerino Contest. Invited the NAACP to run a chicken-dinner concession. Agreed to hold the fair in the fall.

Worked with Naval Ordnance Test Station Command to resolve an incident of racial prejudice at a local business establishment.

1953

Appointed Archie Warner as acting Chamber manager (without salary).

Decided to hold the fair "in the south end of town using the county building, Westend property and Victory parking lot with the VFW area as an alternate site." [Source: DEF binder]

Asked the Valley Riders to put on an exhibit of horsemanship in conjunction with the Desert Empire Fair.

Went on record as opposing civilian use of China Lake's Commissary and Exchange, pointing out that these operations put the

U.S. government in competition with private enterprise. After an informal boycott of Ridgecrest stores by China Lake shoppers and a China Lake Community Council resolution condemning the Chamber's recommendation, the chamber modified its position. Representative Harlan Hagen reported that NOTS' Commissary would be subject to further study to determine if and when it should be closed.

Worried that the China Lake boycott would affect the queen contest (with many previous entrants having been sponsored by base organizations) and other aspects of the Desert Empire Fair. After the decision to proceed, the queen contest resulted in 15 entries. The theme of the fair was "Prospecting for Progress."

1954

Organized a Desert Empire Fair Parade more than a mile in length. The parade started at the Triangle outside the main gate and disbanded at fairgrounds set up at the Ridgecrest Kern County Park (now LeRoy

Jackson Park).

Decided to give away a car at the Desert Empire Fair (the first of several years that the Chamber purchased a car from a local dealer to give away at the fair). After all auto dealers on the Chamber board left the meeting, the remaining members decided to purchase a new Corvette from the Bob Smith Chevrolet-Buick Company. The Chamber's May 9 minutes note: "Purchase to be made at once so the car can be displayed at the China Lake Fiesta," a display made possible through the cooperation of the China Lake Community Council.

Chose a fair site offered by Mr. Kirchenmeier (a lease, according to later minutes) adjacent to the Yucca Inn on China Lake Blvd.

Helped obtain street lights for Ridgecrest. That September, a happy crowd watched Chamber President Rex Gill throw the switch for the new lights, which the Times-Herald reported gave "a metropolitan look to the desert community."

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1955

Authorized the expenditure of up to \$1,000 to conduct an unbiased study on the economic feasibility of incorporating Ridgecrest as a city.

Accepted a gift of land from Oscar Rudnick of Bakersfield, who "made it known that he would donate 14 acres of land in southwest Ridgecrest for fair use and other civic projects. . . President Smith said that by owning our own fair land, the Chamber would be in a position to secure state funds as well as county funds for the establishment of permanent fair grounds and buildings." The Chamber board agreed that after the land had been deeded to the Chamber, a fair association should be incorporated, with a five-member board to be selected from among Chamber members. [Source: DEF binder.]

Hosted a gala dinner celebrating the gift of 80 acres of land, 40 for a permanent fair-ground and 40 for a school site (where Gateway School was later built). The land was a gift of Continental Subdivisions Co. (later Trans-Continental Land and Water Co.) of Los Angeles.

Acknowledged that the Desert Empire Fair had become the Chamber's main source of revenue. Sold about 40 concession-booth spaces. Held a tortoise race.

Selected NOTS Commander Capt. Frederick Ashworth as Grand Marshall of the Desert Empire Fair parade and signed up seven bands, including the Marine Band from El Toro, to appear in the parade.

Held a Desert Empire Queen Coronation Dance at Pappalardo's Supper Club.

1956

Sponsored "Brief Facts About Ridgecrest," a fold-out brochure featuring two maps, numerous photos, and a summary of Ridgecrest economy and accomplishments.

Recommended unanimously that the voters of Ridgecrest take immediate steps to incorporate the city.

Selected "Desert Pageant" as the theme for the 1956 fair. The parade, billed as "the Mile Long Parade," included participation by the Shriners in the form of several bands, a marching unit and a boigle choir.

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2017 CCCC Report to the Community

President's Message,

Our annual report to the community is, of course, all about the past year—celebrating results, acknowledging achievements, and honoring hard work. Analyzing and reviewing the past year is also part of how we can plan for the future—a future we must prepare our students to meet.

Academics, teaching, and support of our students are at the very heart of what we do. But our pursuit of excellence, while centered first and foremost in the classroom, extends beyond those walls—to athletics, community service, the arts, and workforce development.

Driving Cerro Coso Community College is our determination to foster a culture of continuous improvement and institutional effectiveness. And best of all, the drive is delivering results. Recognition of Cerro Coso is growing, people are paying attention, and partners and much-needed financial supporters are stepping up.

We have focused considerable attention

on enhancing our own organization effectiveness by committing to improve the student experience and outcomes. We have accomplished this by:

- Executing the Student Support Re(defined) framework,
- Advancing equity measures,
- Bringing Guided Pathways to life through the Navigate system,
- Creating the Cerro Coso Promise to relieve financial burdens,
- Developing a Hunger Free Campus program,
- Extending educational opportunities to incarcerated individuals,
- Expanding dual and concurrent enrollment in area high schools,
- Examining programs and services for relevance and need, and
- Modernizing facilities.

We take great pride in these accomplishments that will help our students suc-

ceed better and faster.

Cerro Coso Community College has been servicing the communities along the Eastern Sierras region for almost 45 years and 2017 marked the 20th Anniversary of our CC Online Distance Education Program.

The individual achievements and institutional milestones highlighted in this report are a testament to the initiative, commitment, and leadership of our students, faculty, and staff.

The year's highlights demonstrate the many ways in which we are anticipating and responding to the needs of the communities we serve. They also illustrate the considerable talent and dedication of the people who make up the college. We are inspired by our faculty, staff, students, and supporters and appreciate all of their contributions.

We are looking forward to working with you to build on these achievements.

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Specialists' services including dermatology, dental, gastroenterology, general surgery, orthopedics and sports medicine, oncology, podiatry, radiology and outpatient care are available to the residents of our community, right here at home, something that is rarely seen in a rural community such as ours.

In the most recent Community Health Needs Assessment Survey, "cancer" and "mental health" appeared to be among the top 5 health related concerns facing our community. Several local and non-local organizations have worked in collaboration to address these issues. In

October last year, Ridgecrest Crisis Stabilization Unit was introduced, in a partnership between Ridgecrest Regional Hospital (RRH) and the Kern County Mental Health Department, with the purpose of helping anyone experiencing a mental health crisis. 2017 also saw the opening of RRH Cancer Center, in affiliation with the UC Davis Health Cancer Care Network. With this partnership, our community will not only have a full-time medical oncologist but will also have access to a team of cancer specialists and resources of a university based cancer center. Highly sophisticated and advanced breast cancer detection technologies including the Automated Breast Ultrasound System (ABUS) and Tomography (3D mammography) are also now available at Ridgecrest Regional Hospital.

With the virtual healthcare services becoming the wave of the future, RRH is also currently piloting a virtual care clinic in partnership with one of the leading organizations in the arena. InstaVisit Virtual Clinic brings the doctor visit for non-emergent illnesses to our patients when

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To promote a preventative healthcare approach, many local clinics, including the Rural Health Clinic and Southern Sierra Medical Clinic offer free and low cost programs such as annual wellness checkups, well-woman visits, well-baby checkups and immunizations. To further support and promote preventative healthcare, there has also been an increase in the number of community groups with a focus on health and wellness. Several health interest groups, such as Alzheimer's Support Group, Better Breathers Club, Caregiver Support Group, Diabetes Education and Support Group, Food & Nutrition Counseling, Grief Support Group, Journey to Happiness Seniors Group, Seniors Yoga & Silver Sneakers Exercise Program, Senior Services, Smoking Cessation Program and educational events related to Opioid Addiction are offered to our community members for free.

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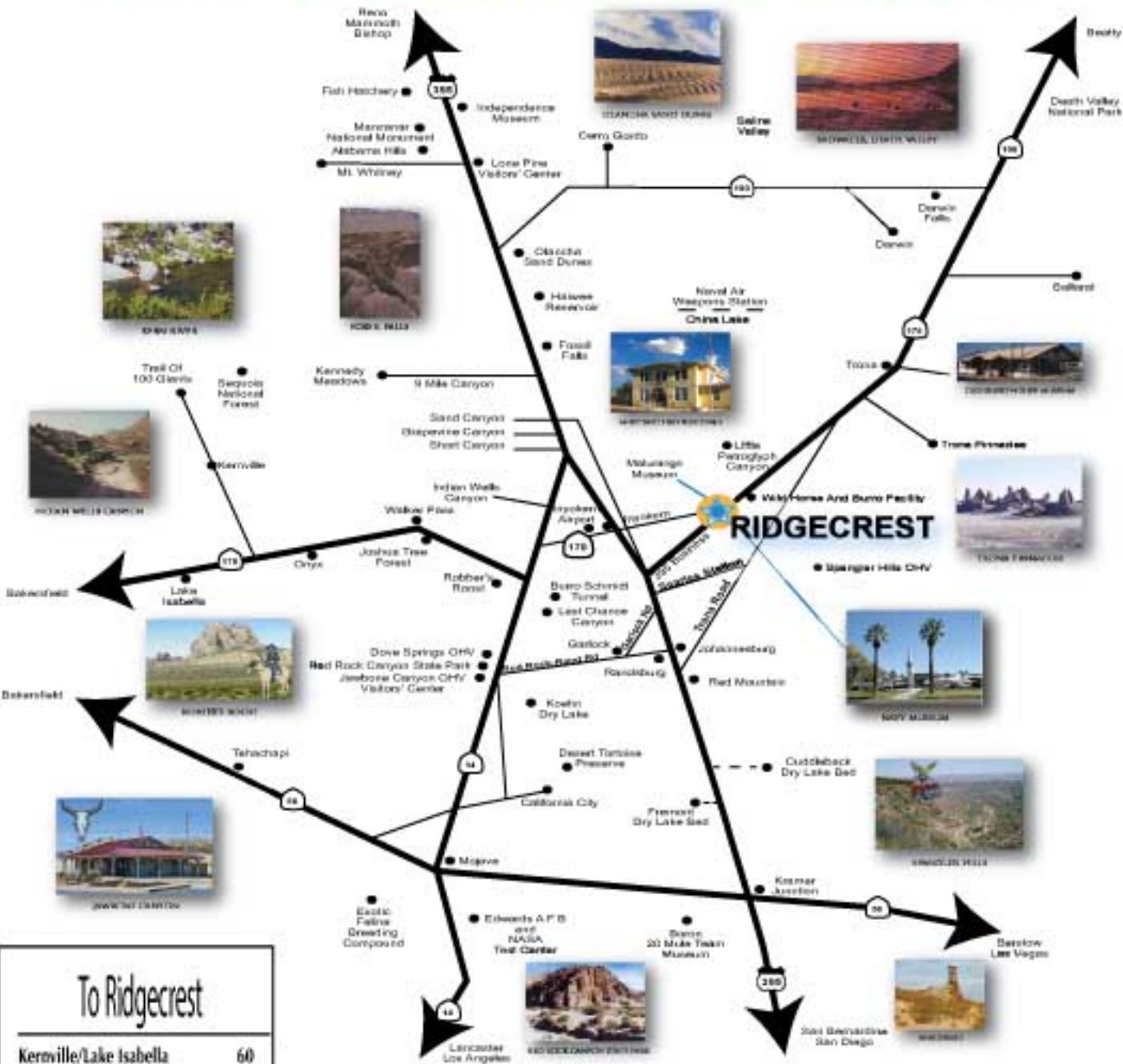
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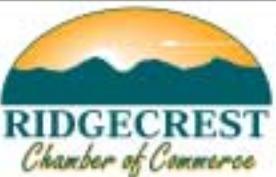


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