



# The Kern Grapevine

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## Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. in Bakersfield

According to an advertisement in The Bakersfield Californian dated February 20, 1960, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. was scheduled to speak at the Harvey Auditorium in Bakersfield on February 25, 1960. If you have any information pertaining to this event or attended the program, please contact Lori Wear at the Kern County Museum at 868-8412.

## 2012 Harlem and Beyond

Harlem and Beyond is a community-wide reading, discussion, musical and cultural project inviting everyone to read "The Help" by Kathryn Stockett, a heart gripping novel of three women who are exposed to the depth of the racial divide in America during the sixties.

On Saturday, February 4th at 2:00pm at the Beale Library, California Freedom Rider, Claude Liggins, will share his personal experiences as a Freedom Rider fifty years ago and will evaluate the progress of racial equality today. He will be joined by Mrs. Janie McKinney, who was the 12 year old girl who offered water and help to the Freedom Riders when the bus was bombed on the way to Jackson, Mississippi. For additional information on events, please visit <http://www.kerncountylibrary.org>.

## Fort Tejon California Volunteer Infantry

On February 3, 4, and 5th, experience the day to day life on a mid 1860's California U. S. Army post. Both military and civilian impressions welcomed. Saturday and Sunday will provide period activities that will allow military participants to experience barracks life and training of the typical soldier. Enlisted military personnel will sleep in Fort Tejon's original barracks, Friday and Saturday nights, officers and female civilians will be housed in the officers quarters. For more information, contact Sean Malis at [smalis@parks.ca.gov](mailto:smalis@parks.ca.gov).

## Minter Field Founder's Day Banquet

On Saturday, February 18, 2012, the Minter Field Air Museum will hold their Founder's Day Awards Banquet at Hodel's Country Dining located at 5917 Knudsen Drive in Bakersfield. The banquet's special guest is George J. Marrett who was a test pilot at Edwards Air Force Base and flew Skyraiders in Viet Nam. The cost is \$30.00 per person with a social hour starting at 6:00pm and dinner at 7:00pm. For more information, please visit the Minter Field Air Museum web site at [ww.minterfieldairmuseum.com](http://ww.minterfieldairmuseum.com).

## Allensworth Renaissance Literary Festival

On Saturday, February 25th from 10:00 am to 4:00pm, please join the Friends of Allensworth as they commemorate one hundred years of Black educational achievement in California. Visitors will have the opportunity to interact with authors, purchase recently published books and receive guided and/or self paced tours of the Park's historic buildings. Story tellers will bring history alive, while mini plays will provide entertainment for adults and children.

## Schedule Of Programs

### March 17<sup>th</sup> – Saturday

Challenge, Continuity, and Change: The Irish on the Kern County Frontier, 1860-1880

By Erin Miller

### April 21<sup>st</sup> – Saturday

KCHS Box Lunch Picnic at Hart Park

### May 19<sup>th</sup> – Saturday

Bakersfield College History, Part 2: The Grace Bird Era, 1930-1950

By Jerry Ludeke



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## **Tour of the B.H.S. Archives: Come See Where the Magic Happens!**

**By Ken Hooper**

**Saturday, February 25, 2012 at 12:00pm**

**Manzanillo Latin Grill inside the Bakersfield High School Cafeteria, 14th and F Streets  
\$15.00 per person, Reservations due by February 17, 2012**

View the historical artifacts, photographs, and documents as students of Bakersfield High School's CEO Academy archiving classes preserve, interpret, and educate the community on the oldest high school in Kern County. Take a tour of the archiving room and view some of our tens of thousands of photographs, thumb through yearbooks dating back to 1899, and see Chief Justice Earl Warren's high school course work and grades. Receive an update on the CEO Academy's collaboration on the Kern Veterans Memorial, the results of our Japanese American Diploma Project, and see how we can help you on your family research projects. Ken Hooper has been a teacher in the Kern High School District for 23 years, the historian for the Kern Veterans Memorial Foundation, and is the current president of the Kern County Historical Society.

**We will be meeting at the BHS Cafeteria. The closest parking lot is located at 14th and F Street.** We will be having a buffet style lunch in the school cafeteria, with food from Manzanillo Latin Grill.

Please observe the reservation deadline, and get your reservation in early. If you make your reservations by phone, please send your check for the full amount by the reservation deadline. Because of the time frame for ordering the food, we cannot honor late reservations.

Phone contact: Barbara at 871-8016

### **Reservation Form**

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Reservation for \_\_\_\_\_ at \$15.00 per person for the February 25<sup>th</sup> program. Total \$ \_\_\_\_\_

***Send your reservation form and check to:***

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