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— Patrick Sawyer, Bakersfield's Biggest Baddest BBQ competitor

# Smoking allowed at this event

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Although barbecue and warm weather go together like pork and beans, you don't necessarily want to sweat like you've spent six hours in a smoker. So organizers of the seventh annual Bakersfield's Biggest Baddest BBQ championship are ecstatic that this weekend will be a cool one.

“It will be 78 or 75, so that's wonderful. Last year it was over 100 degrees,” said Angie Trigueiro, who with husband Curtis has organized the competition for the last three years. With cooler weather “it's just a little more comfortable for the teams, the vendors and, most importantly, the public.”

Also improving conditions is the event layout at the Kern County Fairgrounds, which moves from a dirt area to grass, Trigueiro said.

“It's moved slightly, just a few yards to the south. We're in the grass area, the same area where Relay for Life was this year.”

Although the two-day event won't draw as many as the cancer research fundraiser, Trigueiro said up to 5,000 are expected at the event, which kicks off Friday with a benefit concert.

After opening act Mento Buru, '80s cover band Tainted Love will make its local public debut.

“They are from the San Francisco area. They have quite a following. One of the boys (Jeff Suburu) is a Bakersfield boy. He's had a (private) concert at his parents' ranch. They asked us if we would like to take over that concert.”

Concert tickets (which include admission for both days) are \$35 for general admission and \$100 for VIP, which include seating in a tented VIP area, access to private bathrooms and drink stations, two drink tickets and a barbecue dinner from Quig's BBQ.

“They'll serve a brisket sandwich, ribs, cole slaw and beans.”

Trigueiro said non-VIPs can purchase a meal from the Quig's catering truck or El Pueblo, which will offer a Mexican dinner.

Of course, Friday's concert is just an appetizer to Saturday's big competition, a Kansas City Barbecue Society-sanctioned contest featuring more than 50



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Larry Spainhoward, right, makes room as brother John Spainhoward brings in a tray of Texas brisket at the sixth annual Bakersfield's Biggest Baddest BBQ in 2014.

## Seventh annual Bakersfield's Biggest Baddest BBQ

**When:** Benefit concert 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, competition 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday

**Where:** Kern County Fairgrounds, 1142 S. P St.

**Admission:** Friday: \$35 or \$100 for VIP (includes Saturday admission), available at Vallitix, Christine's, Luigi's and at the gate; Saturday: admission \$10, free for children 12 and under, tasting/drink tickets are \$1 each.

**Information:** bakobbq.com

teams serving up brisket, chicken, pork and pork ribs.

About 25 teams are local, including Ridge Route Boys BBQ,

which competes at this event without member Curtis Trigueiro, who is busy running the show.

Patrick Sawyer, who heads up Daddy O's Smokin' BBQ, said he earned his competition grill marks at an annual Memorial Day barbecue for family and friends but those critics are no match for the KCBS-trained judges.

“Certified judges are definitely more difficult. You could go to almost any barbecue restaurant in town and have really good, stellar barbecue. But the barbecue from the person who finishes dead last (at the event) is still better than restaurants. The Kansas City style, companies can't compete. It takes too long. A lot of love and work is put into it.”

Started in 2007, Daddy O's now features Sawyer, childhood



Pork ribs are sliced up at the Bakersfield championship in 2014.

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# Eye Street

## Go & Do

### Today

**Spring BBQ**, music by Foster Campell and Friends, food, drinks, 5:30 p.m., CSUB, 9001 Stockdale Hwy. \$30. 654-3473 or gorunners.com.

**City of Bakersfield Animal Care Center**, vaccine and licensing clinic, 1 to 3 p.m., 201 S. Mt. Vernon Ave. \$5 DAPP, \$5 rabies, \$5 FVRCP (cats), \$10 microchip or free for licensed city residents.

### Friday

**Bakersfield Symphony Orchestra presents "Puttin' on the Ritz,"** 6 p.m., CSUB, 9001 Stockdale Highway. \$125.

**Seventh annual Bakersfield's Biggest Baddest BBQ**, concert with Mento Buru and Tainted Love 6 to 9 p.m. Friday, championship 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, Kern County Fairgrounds, 1142 S. P St. \$35-\$100 Friday; \$10 Saturday. 978-6785.

**2nd Amendment Seminar and Q&A**, noon to 2 p.m., Trouts, 805 N. Chester Ave. \$10. 21 and over.

**Laughter Yoga**, 8:30 to 9:15 a.m., Art and Spirituality Center, 2215 Truxtun Ave. Free. 632-5747.

**Men With A Purpose**, discussions about men's health, 9 to 10 a.m., Bakersfield Senior Center, 530 Fourth St. Free.

**Cause 4 Cats**, kitten adoptions, 7 to 9 p.m. Fridays, 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Saturdays, 9 to 5 p.m. Sundays, Petco, 5151 Gosford Road. \$40 adult cats, \$60 kittens. Includes spay/neuter, shots, deworming, flea treatment, ear cleaning, toenail trimming. 755-4848.

### Saturday

**22nd annual Fashion Show and Faire**, women's fashion by Lucky's Boutique, children's fashion by Little Rock Stars, 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Bakersfield Petroleum Club, 5060 California Ave. \$30; \$20 children. 333-6706.

**Bakersfield Garden Club**, floral design workshop by Gloria and Monica, 9 to 11:30 a.m., 327 A St. Free.

**Buck-a-thon for M.A.R.E.**, fundraiser, buffet, raffle, prizes, music, dancing, 3 to 7 p.m., The Bull Shed, 3400 Camino Del Rio Ct. Free to attend; \$15 dinner \$10 donation to enter.

**Beginner Digital Camera Class**, 8:45 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., Hart Park, Alfred Harrell Hwy. \$139. Discount available for mentioning KernEvents.com. LearnYourCamera.com.

**CALM's 32nd Birthday Bash**, kids 12 and under are free with a paying adult, bounce

houses, train rides, food, beverages, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., CALM, 10500 Alfred Harrell Hwy. \$9 adult.

**Cinertain Drive-In Double Feature**, "That Thing You Do" (PG) and "Wayne's World" (PG-13), 7:50 p.m., Sam Lynn Ballpark, 4009 Chester Ave. \$20.

**History Mystery Lantern Tour & Live Paranormal Investigation**, featuring guide J Paul Corlew, 8 p.m., Silver City Ghost Town, 3829 Lake Isabella Blvd., Bodfish. \$15. facebook.com/silvercityghosttown.

**Inside the Mind of a Designer**, workshop to help designers find their inspiration, 10 to 11 a.m., Beladagio Home & Garden Gallery, 9500 Brimhall Road. Free.

**Kern Audubon Society**, outing to Tehachapi Mountain Park, 6:30 to 10 a.m., meet at Stockdale Park. kernaudubonsociety.org

**Marley's Mutts Adoption Event**, hosted by Stockdale High School National Honor Society, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Stockdale High, 2800 Buena Vista Road. Free.

**Old Time Jubilee**, food, arts and crafts, tours, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Colonel Allensworth State Park, 4011 Grant Drive, Earlimart. \$8 per passenger vehicle. 849-3433.

**Pine Mountain Club Lilac Festival**, food, shopping, rides, music, 9 a.m. today and Sunday; parade 11 a.m. today, Pine Mountain Club Village, 16300 Mil Potrero Highway, Frazier Park. Free.

**Torah Talk**, Rabbi Cheryl Rosenstein leads discussion, 10 to 11:30 a.m., Temple Beth El, 2906 Loma Linda Drive. Free.

**Pet adoptions**, cats from The Cat People, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., Petco, 8220 Rosedale Hwy. \$65 includes spay/neuter, vaccines and leukemia testing. 327-4706; pets from the Shafter Animal Shelter; 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., PetSmart, 4100 Ming Ave. \$75, includes spay/neuter and vaccines.

**Farmers markets**, 8 a.m. to noon, next to Smart & Final, 1725 Golden State Ave.; and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., 9500 Brimhall Road.

### Sunday

**B.C.M.M. Presents Music in May**, food, drinks, 50/50 drawing raffles, music by Stampede with Steve Chapman, 1 to 5 p.m., Veterans of Foreign War Post 97, 5350 S. Union Ave. \$10; members free. Jammers welcome.

**Rhapsody Ringers Handbell Choir Spring Concert**, 4 p.m., First Congregational Church, 5 Real Road. Free admission. Donations accepted. 327-1609.

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## BBQ

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friend Adam Troxel, as well as John Steele and Josh Ratliff, who merged from a different team in 2012.

Sawyer's team competes in about seven events annually in California and Arizona, but he said he enjoys bringing the excitement of competition to town.

"It's nice to have a local fan base and have them come out and hang out for the event ... to show everybody what they see on TV, have that experience brought to Bakersfield."

Jeff Pollock said this competition is what got him started, along with brother-in-law Rob Matthews and a rotating crew of family and friends to build My Smokin' Grillfriend.

"This one got us started. We didn't know there was competition barbecue until the first year there was this event."

Despite being "mostly just self-taught," Pollock said the team competes in up to a dozen events across the western U.S. and has earned some championship wins, most recently reserve champion at the 2015 West Coast BBQ Classic in Long Beach.

"Last weekend, everything was pretty solid. Got a perfect score in chicken."

Bakersfield's contest offers a grand champion purse of \$3,000, \$1,250 for reserve champion, \$450 for first place in chicken, brisket, pork and pork ribs and cash prizes for the rest of the top 10 finishers.

Prize money and bragging rights fuel a

## Secrets to good barbecue

Competition barbecue teams have a lot of tricks up their sleeves but we pulled some tips from the experts.

**Patrick Sawyer, Daddy O's Smokin' BBQ:** "Don't oversmoke it. Too many times people put way too much smoke on their meats. It makes it very unappealing. You don't want to be burping up smoke an hour later. You want a nice balance."

**Jeff Pollock, My Smokin' Grillfriend:** "You've got to do it where you love doing it. With competition barbecue and restaurant barbecue, they have a huge passion for barbecue itself and that makes a big difference."

team's competitive streak but the event's philanthropy (proceeds benefit JJ's Legacy) is also a draw.

"The biggest thing is definitely how it benefits local charities," Sawyer said. "It's been the Mendiburu Magic Foundation, it's been the Children's Miracle Network. Now it's JJ Legacy. It's awesome to be able to raise money for a local charity."

Trigueiro said last year's event raised \$28,583 for the local organ and tissue donation advocacy organization. With Friday's concert, organizers are optimistic to double that — along with an emphasis on a fun.

"We're looking forward to providing a great weekend of fun for the community. If the community is having a good time then everything will be successful," Trigueiro said.

## BONHAMS

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vived multiple wars. We know it's beat up when it comes in."

And for those bringing photos of an item, don't bother detailing each blemish.

"People think they need to take photos of the scratches on tables. Unless there is a detail of inlaid ivory or inlaid metal, you don't need to see it."

Whether you're hoping to sell or just want to know more about your family heirlooms, Curry said the event can be informative and fun.

"It's a great way to learn more about items you have, interesting to see where

they came from, how old they are, what wood they're made out of."

Maclin said she's thrilled to continue this collaboration with the auction house.

"This is a perfect parallel with what the museum does. It will help us to put on more exhibits. It's a wonderful event, it's great."

An added benefit of the event is that it helps promote the museum in the community.

"A lot of people who came last year had never been to the museum and they thought it was great."

While at the BMoA, Maclin recommends viewing Ray Turner's portraits in his series "Population" and San Francisco artist Mitchell Johnson's bold paintings in "Color as Content: A 25-Year Study."

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