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No homeless at camp



The Shafter Farm Labor Camp will not be hosting any homeless women this year, according to Kern Housing Authority.

After pushback, plan drops Shafter facility

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Kern Housing Authority announced recently that they will be utilizing a farm labor camp in the Arvin/Lamont area to house approximately 50 to 75 women this year while the camp is essentially empty during the winter months.

In a report just two months ago, the office was considering using the Shafter Farm Labor Camp on Highway 43 and Merced Avenue midway between Shafter and Wasco, which drew a large amount of opposition. Concerned citizens

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Geeks Streak pays for exams – in color

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter High School AP Club held its 6th annual Geek Streak over the weekend, with the proceeds going to a fund that helps pay for the test fees for the Advanced Placement students at Shafter High School.

The Geek Streak this year was a color run event. Participants ran through the course with color stations set up along the route where the participants would get doused with water and sprayed with blasts of color.

By the end of the event, all of the runners and walk-



Everyone started with a sprint, in a clean white t-shirt. They wouldn't stay that way for long.

ers looked like rainbows streaking across the finish line.

The event has been a

valuable tool for the club, especially with the rising costs of the exams. One of the organizers, Daren Sun-

dgren, said, "This event is important because all of the proceeds help pay for

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Maritza Mejia and Eleazar Celedon handle a packed house for lunch.

A mecca for Mexican food

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The secret has been out for some time now. Shafter is home to one of the finest Mexican restaurants in Kern County.

In 2016, El Michoacano Restaurant, located on Central Avenue right next to Bank of America, was visited by Pete Tittel, the food critic for the *Bakersfield Californian*. Tittel was celebrating his anniversary and raved about the siz-

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General PRIDE is growing

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Those residents who are Shafter High alumni know the saying "Once a General, Always a General."

Well, there is another saying going around now and it also gives SHS alumni a great feeling about walking those halls of blue and

gold. General PRIDE is a sensation that has swept the campus. Students and staff will tell you that General PRIDE is not a program, but it is an approach for creating a culture on the campus that is positive and has individualized support for students.

No two students are alike, and the staff at Shafter High understand

this and give each student a chance to excel both socially and academically. PRIDE is Pride in community and traditions, Respect-Honor yourself and others, Integrity in doing what is right, Determination to be "all in," and Enthusiasm in pursuing your passion.

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Sabrina Macias at presentation.

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Community Calendar

The Press accepts calendar items as received from non-profit and public organizations.

To add a meeting or event, or correct an item, call 661-292-5100 or email calendar@TheShafterPress.com. Please include contact name, phone and email. Items may be edited for available space and content.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW: Fall Festival — Shafter Youth Center & Shafter Lions Club are hosting Trunk or Treat on Monday, Oct. 28, at 455 E. Euclid Ave. from 5 to 8 p.m. FREE admission. Carnival style games, music and prizes.

Shafter Historical Society annual meeting -- Chief Kevin Zimmermann will Speak on the history of the Shafter Police Department. At the Shafter Police conference room, 201 Central Valley Hwy., on Thursday, Oct. 24, at 7 p.m. All are welcome. Guests also will be able to view the historical exhibits at the Police Department.

Shafter Animal Control — Donations are welcomed: Nonplumping cat litter, kitten/puppy chow and stainless steel buckets. Drop off donations at the shelter, 18849 Shafter Ave. Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Wednesday 1-7 p.m.

Zombie Fest Haunted House — You've been infected. Quarantine instructions: Oct. 25-26, 6-9 p.m. at 520 California. Sponsored by Home Fellowship Church. \$2 for antidote ticket.

Trunk or treat -- Shafter Free Will Baptist Church, 155 Redwood Dr., back of church at the baseball field, on Thursday, Oct. 31, 6-8 p.m. or until they run out of candy.

Downtown Shafter construction -- Work on James Street from Lerdo Highway to Central Avenue will continue for 8 weeks 7 a.m.-5 p.m. Parking restrictions will vary throughout the project. For questions, call City of Shafter, 661-746-5002.

Free rides for students -- Kern Transit is offering free rides to all students enrolled at Bakersfield College with valid student ID, through finals week Saturday, Dec. 24.

Library events -- Every day/all day events at the Shafter Branch Library. Kids Coloring Craze, Game On! Puzzlemania.

MONDAY

UPDATED: Free Zumba Gold — Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m., at 505 Sunset Ave., the Walker Senior Center. Call Shafter Recreation for information, 661-746-3303.

Influencers -- Women's group in Shafter. Mondays at 6 p.m. at 350 Pine St. in the Fellowship Hall. A journey guiding women into an intimate relationship with Christ. For more information, call. Rebecca, 661-549-0237.

North Kern 4H -- Meetings at 7 p.m. second Monday of each month. Located at 523 Broadway St. at the Karl Clemens Elementary School Cafeteria, Wasco.

SRPD --The Shafter Recreation and Parks Department Board of Directors meets on the second Monday at the Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset, at 6 p.m.

SWAT -- Senior Wellness 55 years + at 5, 6 and 7 p.m., at 505 Sunset Ave.

Richland school board -- Richland School District board meets on the first Monday at Golden Oak cafeteria at 6:30 p.m.

Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault -- Services available on Mondays in Shafter: case management 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (English and Spanish); Peer support group 3-4 p.m. Spanish; peer support group 4-5 p.m. English. Meetings held at 329 Central Ave. Information, 661-322-0931. 24-hour Crisis Line 661-327-1091 or 800-273-7713.

Kern High School District board -- Meeting the second Monday at 5801 Sundale Ave., Bakersfield at 7 p.m.

NA -- Meeting is held every Monday at the Shafter Veterans Hall, 301 California Ave., at 7 p.m.

AARP -- Meetings for the American Association of Retired People are held on the third Monday at the Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset Ave., at 1:30 pm.

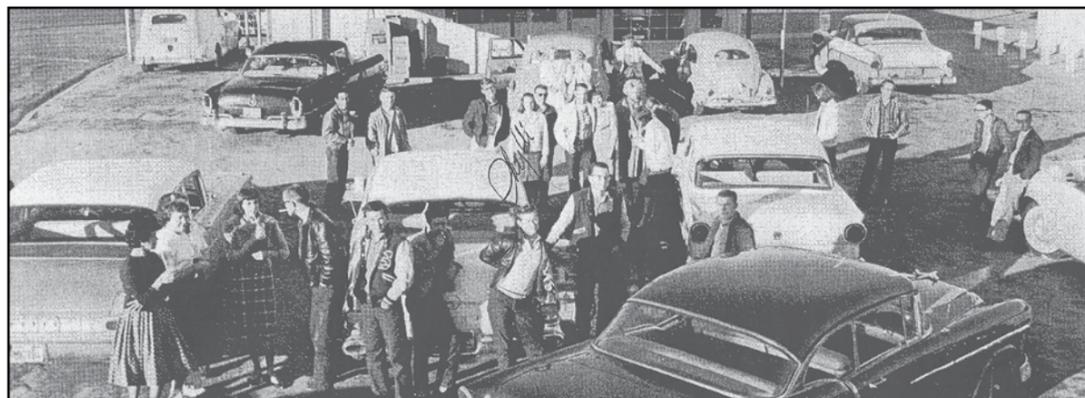
AMVETS - The Shafter post of the AMVET meets the first and third Monday at 7 p.m. at the Veterans Hall, 301 California Ave.

Kern County Library -- Weekly events include trivia all day, Knitting Club at 11:30 a.m., Scholar Hour at 2:30 p.m. at the Shafter branch, 236 James St.

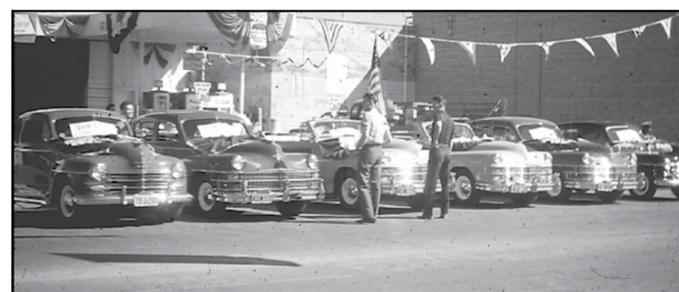
TUESDAY

NEW: Adult Hip Hop Class -- 7 p.m. at the Shafter

Mystery history



Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to *The Press*, 406 Central Ave., Shafter 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** Irving Fike's new Chrysler and Plymouths for sale during the 1949 Shafter Potato and Cotton Festival.



Recreation Walker Senior Center at 505 Sunset. Classes are \$3 donations. Led by Brandi Root.

UPDATED: No-cost community yoga -- White Wolf Wellness partners with Kern Behavioral Health & Recovery Service, every other Tuesday starting at 7:15 p.m., Sept. 25, Oct. 8, Oct. 22 and Nov. 5. At the Wasco Community Center, 1280 Poplar, Wasco.

Food Pantry — Food giveaway the third Sunday, Shafter Christian Fellowship, 632 James St., starting at 1 p.m. First come, first served.

Lions Club -- Meetings second and fourth Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. at the Veterans Hall.

Chair exercise 55+ -- 11 a.m. at W.C. Walker Center.

Arts & crafts 55 years + -- Meeting 10 a.m. at W.C. Walker Center.

Community Bible study -- Nondenominational study meets 10 a.m. at Valley Bible Church.

City Council --Shafter City Council meets the first and third Tuesdays at 336 Pacific Ave. at 7 p.m.

Planning Commission-- Shafter Planning Commission meets second Tuesdays at 336 Pacific Ave. at 7 p.m.

PTA -- The Richland Parent Teachers Association meets the first Tuesday at Sequoia Elementary School, 500 East Fresno Ave., in the library at 6:30 p.m.

American Legion Auxiliary -- The American Legion Auxiliary meets on the first Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Veterans Hall. The auxiliary also hosts a potluck dinner at the Veterans Hall, 301 California Ave. on the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Alzheimer's -- Shafter Healthcare holds Alzheimer's support group meetings on the third Tuesday, 2-4 p.m., at the Shafter Convalescent Hospital, 140 East Tulare Ave. Information, 661-746-3912.

SWAT -- Senior Wellness 55 years + at 5, 6 and 7 p.m. at Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset Ave.

WEDNESDAY

UPDATED: Free Zumba Gold — Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m., at 505 Sunset Ave., the Walker Senior Center. Call Shafter Recreation for information, 661-746-3303.

FREE Fit Camp -- Get fit with Giselle, 6:30 p.m., at Mannel Park. On Instagram at [getfitwgigi](https://www.instagram.com/getfitwgigi).

UPDATED: Youth program -- Awana Club program: Jr. high group (6th-8th grades)

3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Awana Clubs (K-5th grades) 6-8 p.m. at Valley Bible

Church, 350 Pine St.

Shafter Community Task Force - Meets the second Wednesday, 9-10 a.m., at the Shafter Police Department Briefing Room.

SWAT -- Senior Wellness 55 years-plus at 5, 6 and 7 a.m. at Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset Ave.

Folklorico -- Dance classes are available Wednesday evenings at Golden Oak Cafeteria. Pee wee ages 5-8 at 4 p.m.; intermediate ages 9-12 at 5 p.m., advanced ages 13 to adult, 6 p.m. Information, 661-746-4352.

Shafter Collaborative -- Meets the third Wednesdays in the Shafter Police Department conference room at 9 a.m.

Women's Club --Shafter Women's Club meets the first

Wednesday the Shafter Police Department Conference Room at 11:30 a.m.

Lions --Shafter Lion's Club meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at China Cuisine Restaurant at 7 a.m.

Kiwanis --The Shafter Kiwanis Club meets Wednesdays at noon at the Shafter Veterans Hall.

Airport board--Shafter Minter Field Airport District Board meets the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 5 p.m. in the District office at Minter Field, 201 Aviation Street.

Prop 36 -- Spiritual meetings for Prop 36 or others in recovery from addictions at Free Will Baptist Church, 155 Redwood, at 7 p.m. or Home Fellowship Church, 520 California Ave., at 7 p.m.

Rotary -- Shafter Rotary Club meets at 6:30 a.m. at the Shafter Veteran's Hall for breakfast.

Al-Anon -- Al-Anon meetings are held at St. Therese's Catholic Church, 300 W. Lerdo Hwy., from 9-10 a.m. Information, 562-948-2190 or 888-425-2666.

Prayer night -- Community Night of Prayer and Worship at the Ford Theater offers a chance to gather together as a community to pray together and to worship the Lord. All are welcome at 7 p.m. For more information, call Michelle at 661-630-4059.

THURSDAY

Sack Day 55+ -- Every first and third Thursday at 10 a.m., W.C. Walker Center.

Commodities -- Commodities will be given out at 11 a.m. the fourth Thursday of every month at the Shafter Youth Center at 455 E. Euclid Avenue. First come, first serve. For more information call 661-746-8235.

Turning Point -- Jesus Saves Church offers a nine-week program that is Bible-based and will teach you the biblical principles to become free of a life-controlling problem. The classes are held every Thursday from 6:30-8 p.m. at 425 South Shafter Ave.

SWAT -- Senior Wellness 55 years + at 5, 6 and 7 p.m. at 505 Sunset Ave.

FRIDAY

Arts & Crafts 55+ -- 11 a.m. at W.C. Walker Center.

Chair Exercise 55+ -- 11 a.m. at W.C. Walker Center.

Karaoke potluck -- Usually every second and fourth

Friday starting at 5 p.m. at W.C. Walker Center.

Minter Field Air Museum -- is open every Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tours on other days are by appointment. Call 393-0291 for more information. Admission is free.

SATURDAY

Hiking group --Shafter Christian Fellowship Church, 632 James St., hosts a hiking group every second Saturday.

Men's Fellowship -- High Vision Ministries welcomes all men for fellowship the third Saturday. Information, call Paul at 661-910-2317 or Art at 661-863-8565.

Drug and alcohol alternative program -- Seventh Day Adventist Church, Poplar and West Lerdo Hwy., 7-8 p.m. This program is nondenominational and encourages each participant to depend on the strength God provides to deal with issues related to addiction.

ARREST REPORT

As reported by the Shafter Police Department

Oct. 14

Michael Figueroa, 31, of Shafter, was arrested in the 30000 block of Orange Street on an outside agency warrant.

Oct. 15

John Arthur Jr Chavez, 23, of Shafter, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and riding a bicycle on sidewalk.

Misty Michelle Barrios, 38, of Bakersfield, was arrested on a misdemeanor bench warrant and an outside agency warrant.

Oct. 18

Andrew Julian Aquino,

26, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 800 block of Central Valley Highway on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

Jonathan Adams, 25, of Bakersfield, was arrested on Thompson Avenue and Los Angeles Street for carrying a concealed dirk/dagger and walking on the roadway.

Dillian Wilson, 24, of Shafter, was arrested at Thompson Avenue and Los Angeles Street on an outside agency warrant, walking on a roadway and possession of controlled substance.

Oct. 19

Juan Humberto Loza, 22, of Shafter, was arrested in the 800 block of Lawrence St. for theft and extortion of vehicle and on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

Armando Rojas Bravo, 65, of Shafter was arrested in the 400 block of South Shafter Avenue for possession of a controlled substance and bringing drugs into a prison.

Oct. 20

Savannah Campos, 19, of Bakersfield, was arrested for trespassing and refusing

to leave.

BUTTONWILLOW

Oct. 14

Guadalupe Munoz, 28, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 5100 block of Gatson Street in Bakersfield for assault with a deadly weapon and domestic violence.

Oct. 16

Danny Sandoval, 29, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 400 block of Cotton Avenue in Buttonwillow on two unrelated cases, for the combined charges of vehicle theft, burglary and conspiracy.

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Shafter and Wasco Associated Student Body officers.



Shafter and Wasco football players.

Set for Shafter-Wasco rivalry week

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

There is only one more football game before the Wasco Tigers take on the Shafter Generals once again for the annual rivalry game.

This year the game will be held at Shafter on Friday, Nov. 1 at 7:30 p.m.

As far as rivalries go, Wasco-Shafter is one of the biggest rivalries in the area.

Plans are underway in Tiger territory for Wasco-Shafter Week (Shafter-Wasco Week if you happen to be General) Oct. 28, with culmination of activities at the game Friday night.

Wasco High Activities Coordinator Hailey Coyle laid out the week:



The mascots face off.

The community rally is set for Wednesday, Oct. 30 at 7 p.m. Breakfast at Shafter High will follow on Friday, Nov. 1 at 8 a.m., followed by the exchange rally in Shafter's gym.

Next is the Wasco exchange rally at 11:30 a.m. in the auditorium, then the game that night.

Students will also be dressing up all of rivalry week, Coyle said.

Attendees at the exchange events include representatives from each school's administrators, Associated Student Body, and cheer and football teams. There will be cheer performances and an introduction of players at each school.

The public is invited to the community rally on Wednesday night.



Wasco and Shafter cheerleaders.



Cheerleaders, ASB officers and football players face off.

Little Free Libraries stewards come together

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

A meeting was held recently bringing together stewards and other supporters of Shafter's Little Free Library system.

Lupe Velarde, a steward herself, hosted the gathering in her backyard in La Colonia on Oct 12. She was assisted by Melissa Bergen, Katie Wiebe and Jill O'Brien. About thirty people, big and little, delivered bags and boxes of books for the occasion, with more donated by Community Action Partnership for Kern County, Richland School and the City of Shafter. The books were made available for stewards to share with others, recycling free reading material throughout the town and beyond.

In honor of the late Ione Lollar, Shafter's first Little Free Library steward, the Lollar/Wolfe family provided each of Shafter's 20 Little Free Libraries the book *Little Librar-*

ies, Big Heroes by Miranda Paul. It tells the story of how the system began and grew to encircle the world.

Susan Reep, the founder of Wendy's Words Little Free Libraries Network in Bakersfield, was a special guest at the event. Wendy's Words Libraries was the inspiration of our Shafter network begun in 2014, and Reep spoke about how the idea caught on and has spread worldwide.

At this point, seven years later, millions of books at both adult and children's levels have been distributed, encouraging reading and promoting education. Residents can look for the miniature library structures scattered through neighborhoods and downtown, browse the collections inside, take whatever is of interest, return or keep, and contribute extra books for others to enjoy.

Shafter is dotted throughout the city



A meeting was held with the stewards of the Little Free Libraries of Shafter. (Photo by Debbie Hailey)

with Little Free Libraries, and each one has a different story to tell. They are decorated in different themes and colors, and have stewards who faithfully tend to them, keeping them clean and stocked with books

A large number of organizations throughout Shafter have also made sure that the libraries in Shafter have plenty of books, donating money and books to the cause.

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HEADLINES IN HISTORY

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10 years ago: Oct. 26, 2009

Ten Richland School District students joined a Journalism Club provided by the Shafter Press.

20 years ago: Oct. 27, 1999

Rite Aid was to be built at 150 E. Lerdo Hwy. at Five Points.

30 years ago: Oct. 25, 1989

Kari Heinsohn won Grand Champion Black for overall for her FFA project at the Kern County fair. Today, Kari is owner and manager of Twisted 4 Bucking Bulls.



40 years ago: Oct. 2, 1979

The City Council voted to introduce a shuttle bus system in town.

--Compiled by Erica Soriano

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A mecca for Mexican food

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zingling enchiladas. The restaurant has been building on that reputation steadily over the years and the business, according to owner Alejandra Aviles, has been great.

Owners Higinio and Alejandra Aviles took over the restaurant 15 years ago. Aviles said that her and her husband both grew up in the restaurant business, working in several restaurants



You can cool off your palate with deep-fried ice cream.

before deciding to venture out on their own.

In addition to the siz-

zling enchiladas, Aviles said that the most popular items on the menu are probably the chile verde and the shrimp ceviche. "We sell a lot of the chile verde, especially at lunchtime," she said.

The restaurant is open seven days a week, Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Friday through Sunday from 8 a.m. to 9p.m.. In addition to a good lunch and dinner crowd, Aviles said that they also have a great call-in business. "A lot of people just want to stop by and grab dinner to take home, which is a good portion of our business as well."

This day, the business was packed with lunch diners, and the food was coming out at a brisk pace. Brandon Martinez, who was having lunch with two of his coworkers, said, "We have been coming here for lunch for two years now. We come from Rosedale at least three times a week for lunch. We love it. It isn't fast food Mexican food. It is the real deal. The chile verde is awesome."

Aviles said that they have a staff of eight, not counting the Aviles family, to take care of the people who come in looking for a good meal.

Aviles said that she loves the Shafter community. "We are not from here, but we just love the community of Shafter. Our son was three months old when we bought the restaurant, and our daughter came after we were established. They both have grown up here and have gone to all of their schooling in Shafter. We just love it."



This runner and his companion escaped the blasts of color.

SHS Greek Streak raises funds for exams

From Page 1

AP tests for Shafter High students. It also shows how the school and community supports all of their hard work." With some students taking multiple tests, it got harder for the students and their families to pay for all of them."

Last year, all of the students who took AP tests had their exams paid for in full. Six years ago, the club and its adviser, April Martinez, were looking for a way to raise money to help defray the costs of the tests. The Geek Streak was born out of a brainstorming session, with participants encouraged to wear their best geek attire. There were prizes for the best-dressed geek in the event, as well as prizes for the fastest finishers. They also sought logistical advice and help from the Shafter Running Club and from Shafter

High's cross-country coaches, Sundgren and Jordan Lewis.

This year, they were giving prizes to the participants who had the most color on them by the time they crossed the fin-



Helen Gaeda braces herself for a jolt of color.

ish line.

The course began in front of Shafter High on Mannel Avenue and wound its way along the orchards until the route circled back to the Shafter High Quad, for a total of 3.1 miles.

SHAFTER HISTORICAL SOCIETY ANNUAL MEETING
 - Thursday, October 24th at 7:00 PM -
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KHSD holds annual Principal Partner Day

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Shafter High School joined all other schools in the Kern High School District in participating in their annual Principal Partners' Day recently.

This event allows local dignitaries and community members to connect with the their local high schools and observe the operations of them as they work to educate youth and help them become productive citizens.

The event began at each high school in the district as they hosted a breakfast, followed by a tour of their respective schools. The tour included classrooms, cafeteria, library, and the various programs the schools offer.

Shafter High attendees were welcomed by Principal Russell Shipley, which was followed by a livestream broadcast produced by SHS media students.

Instead of reading a daily bulletin at the beginning of the school day, the students produce a broadcast that gives the students daily information on the activities happening at the school, as well as upcoming sporting events and results of games and matches played the previous day. This program gives the students experience in on-air announcing, as well as editing, post-production and reporting.

According to Shafter High media advisers, the program gives the students valuable experience as they learn how to create a media production. They can use over \$250,000 in media equipment, including cameras, editing software, media hardware, and lighting and sound equipment.

Administrators then gave the stage to Shafter's PRIDE staff. These faculty members are a part of an innovative program that gives all students a chance to succeed at the school, no matter their standing in the class. "There are students who need that extra attention as they go through their high school careers. They might be struggling due to either a behavioral issue, or a deficiency in class, that is obstructing their path to success. This program gives those students the attention that they need to turn their lives back in the right direction," said Dean of Students Valerie Labrentz.

The tour of the campus included a look at the Ag Department, which has one of the largest department in the district. There are four Ag Department advisers at the school, with all of them able to help the students with subjects as varied as horticulture, crop sciences, to ag mechanics and animal husbandry.



Richland Junior High Interim Principal Francisca Garcia with Interim Richland Superintendent Rosa Romero and Richland School Board Trustee Tammy Criswell.

A large workshop at the school has several state-of-the-art welding cubicles in which the students can practice their craft in an advanced and safe environment. A full metal shop is also available so the students can get experience in the vocation, enabling them to have a hands-on advantage on their fellow high school students at other schools.

According to Shipley, Shafter High School has one of the strongest collection of programs in the district, providing a rigorous and enriching curricular experience in the classroom and out of it. "We pride ourselves on giving our students the best opportunities they can get to prepare them for their careers after high school, as well as the best experiences they can

get while here."

SHS has a full slate of Advanced Placement classes as well, challenging the students while preparing them for their collegiate careers. They also have a large number of clubs and activities that the students can get involved in, including everything from foreign language clubs, such as Spanish and French clubs, Running club, Chess Club, to Bible Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes.

The reputation of Shafter High School was on display at the event when a good number of the teachers and faculty employed at the school are Shafter High alumni, as they have returned home to be a part of giving back to their hometown community.

The event continued as several of the attendees traveled to Bakersfield for a lunch with the other schools in the Kern High School District.



Principal Russell Shipley welcomes the attendees.



Shafter City Council member Chad Givens took part in a tour of the different classrooms. This was a peek at a science class. (Photo courtesy Shafter High Yearbook Club)



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General PRIDE growing at SHS

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An important aspect of growing a culture is to establish expectations. General PRIDE fosters a culture where having General PRIDE is expected instead of the exception. By building a positive environment that reinforces that culture, having the students buy into this system has been a success.

According to the dan of students, Valerie Labrentz, the staff at Shafter High is second to none and have the students' progression foremost in their minds. "We are proud to say that we have a wonderful staff that each has a specific part to play in this system, and we all work together to make the students' opportunity to succeed a positive one."

Michelle Ragsdale added, "We are so proud of our General PRIDE team. We are one of only two schools who received a Platinum Award from the California PBIS system of recognition. We are judged on our results throughout the year, and we attained the platinum level this year. Two

years ago, we received bronze, last year a silver, and this year, we skipped gold and went straight to platinum."

The system has several different aspects that affect the way a student experiences their time at Shafter High. For those students who show examples of the PRIDE goals, they are rewarded with General Dollars, which they can spend on a variety of items in the PRIDE Store on campus, including t-shirts, bumper stickers, etc.

For those students who may be struggling in their daily walk at Shafter High, the system has a structure in place that will assist that student, based on his or her individual situation and need. Principal Russell Shipley explained: "For those of you who went to school years ago, you know that if you happened to step out of bounds at school, and sent to the principal's office, you probably got either detention, or you got suspended for one to five days. If you got suspended for three days, you came



Intervention Counselor Katie Young said that Shafter High has one of the best counseling staffs in the district.

back to school on Monday, and you started over, with the previous week forgotten."

Shipley said that the reason for the behavior was not taken into consideration and was usually not followed up on. Shipley continued, "With this system, we don't just punish the action and wipe the slate. We try to evaluate why the incident happened, and how we can help that student get back on

the right path. We work to give our students the attention that they need to help them succeed."

The staff also includes that parents in the process as well, with parent conferences a major part of the system, giving the students the largest support system that can be had to turn their experiences from negative to a positive.

County drops camp from homeless plan

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citizens made phone calls to Supervisor David Couch's office; they also appeared at a City Council meeting, speaking out against the move.

The council sent a letter to the Kern Housing Authority informing the authority that they would have to follow all zoning ordinances and regulations to convert the labor camp into a homeless shelter.

The Housing Authority answered the council's correspondence with a letter that detailed the discussions that had been made, saying they never intended to convert the camp into a homeless shelter. Steve Pelz, of the Kern Housing Authority, had explained in an interview, "This would not be a homeless center situation. The women would have food provided to them and would have transportation provided, deeming it unnecessary for the women to go into

the city of Shafter."

He also stated that the women would be assisted in finding housing and employment in the areas in which they came from. The communities of Shafter and Wasco both showed no confidence in the plan and its citizens spoke out against it. Colleen Diltz, a Shafter resident said, "I don't think that it is right for them to really put their problem on us. We have a few people who are homeless in Shafter, but I would not call it a problem. We shouldn't have to have their problem put on us."

This brought up the topic of the homeless in Shafter. Does Shafter have a homelessness problem? It seems to depend on who you talk to.

Captain Diana Burnett of the Shafter Police Department said that they deal with a few people in their duties. "We see a couple of homeless people in the course of our

day, and we often try to offer to take them to a shelter or somewhere where they can get some help. But, the majority of them don't want to go. They either don't want to leave Shafter or they don't want to get clean, which a lot of the shelters and their programs require."

There are also a couple of local businesses who say that there are a few people that hang out on their properties. Sammy Ayash, of Frosty King on Highway 43, said that they have a few people that hang out there, but it is usually after they are closed.

The members of the Shafter Press staff have seen firsthand the evidence of at least a few homeless people in Shafter. Before the City of Shafter, who owns the property the office is located on, cut back a grove of trees right beside the parking lot at the office, there was an encampment there. Staff coming in in the morning would see clothes

hanging from the branches, cardboard boxes laid down and blankets strewn on the site, creating a makeshift camp.

At the last census of the homeless, there were 15 people counted in the Shafter/Wasco area. Councilmember Cathy Prout said that there might be a few homeless people in town, but the Shafter Police Department does a great job in keeping them moving and not allowing them to stay in one place for too long.

Citizens had asked why Bakersfield and Kern County would make their problem one for Shafter and Wasco. According to Mayor Pro-Tem Cesar Lopez and Mayor Gilbert Alvarado, who spoke briefly about the topic during the last Shafter meeting, the Kern Housing Authority decided to forego the Shafter option for this year, but they fear that the city may be in for a fight when it comes this time next year.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Por favor hable con alguien que lo pueda traducir.

City of Shafter Has Levels of 1, 2, 3-TCP Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently failed a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received during the **third quarter of 2019** show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for 1,2,3-trichloropropane (1,2,3-TCP). The new standard for 1,2,3-TCP is 0.000005 mg/L (milligrams per liter) which is equivalent to 0.005 ug/L (micrograms per liter). The average level of 1,2,3-TCP for the fourth quarter was **0.00021 mg/L OR 0.021 ug/L**.

What should I do?

- You **do not** need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply.
- This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing 1,2,3-trichloropropane in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? What was done?

1,2,3-TCP (commonly referred to as "TCP") is a chlorinated hydrocarbon with high chemical stability. It is a manmade chemical found at industrial or hazardous waste sites. It has been used as a cleaning and degreasing solvent and is also associated with pesticides products.

It should be noted that TCP has been detected in groundwater throughout the Central Valley of California and Shafter is not alone in having to make plans to remove it to meet the new health standard. Long before the State set this standard, the City has been proactive at funding and constructing treatment systems that remove TCP and we anticipate that all our active wells with TCP detections will have treatment systems by December 2019.

For more information on TCP or this notice, please contact: Michael James, Public Works Director, (661) 746- 5002, 336 Pacific Ave, Shafter, CA 93263.

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Este aviso contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable, por favor léalo bien

El agua de la Ciudad de Shafter tiene niveles de 1,2,3-Tricloropropano (1,2,3- TCP) en exceso del estándar para agua potable

Recientemente, nuestro sistema de agua excedió un estándar de contaminante para agua potable. Aunque esto no es una emergencia, como nuestros clientes, ustedes tienen el derecho a saber lo que deberían hacer, lo que pasó, y lo que estamos haciendo para corregir esta situación.

Hacemos monitoreo rutinario para detectar contaminantes en el agua potable. Los resultados de los análisis del agua que recibimos el **tercer cuarto del 2019** muestran que el nivel de 1,2,3-Tricloropropano (1,2,3- TCP) es **0.000021 mg/l o 0.021 ug/L**. Este nivel excede el estándar o MCL (Nivel Máximo de Contaminantes), el cual es 0.000005 miligramos por litro (5 nanogramos por litro, o 5 partes por trillón estadounidense).

¿Qué es lo que debo hacer?

- Usted no necesita usar una fuente alternativa de agua (por ejemplo, agua embotellada)
- Esto no es una emergencia. Si lo hubiera sido, le habrían notificado de inmediato. No obstante, algunas personas que por muchos años beben agua que contiene 1,2,3-TCP en exceso del nivel máximo establecido para contaminantes, pueden tener un mayor riesgo de contraer cáncer.
- Si tiene otros problemas de salud relacionados al consumo de esta agua, debería consultar a su médico.

¿Qué pasó? ¿Qué se está haciendo al respecto?

1,2,3-TCP (comúnmente referido como TCP) es un hidrocarburo clorado con alta estabilidad química. Es un producto químico creado por el hombre que se encuentra en sitios de desechos peligrosos o industriales. Se ha utilizado como disolvente de limpieza y desengrasante y también está asociado con productos de pesticidas.

Debe tener en cuenta que TCP ha sido detectado en aguas subterráneas en todo el valle central de California y Shafter no está solo en tener que hacer planes para removerlo para cumplir con el nuevo estándar de salud. Mucho antes de que el Estado estableciera este estándar, la Ciudad ha sido proactiva en la financiación y construcción de sistemas de tratamiento que eliminan TCP y anticipamos que todos nuestros pozos activos con detecciones del TCP tendrán sistemas de tratamiento para diciembre del 2019. Para más información, puede contactar a Michael James, Director de Obras Publicas, 661-746-5002, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263.

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Evangelist returning to Shafter

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

If you missed the evangelistic event last year at the First Southern Baptist Church in Shafter, you have a chance to be a part of

and share with people how good God is and how anyone can be used by Him. "I will tell anyone who will listen how blessed I am and how much I love to help people and touch people's lives."



Pastor Jim Neal of the First Southern Baptist Church with evangelist Raul Perez.

the event this year as Raul Perez is returning to deliver his unique message to the city.

Perez will also be returning to Shafter High to talk to the students about his experiences, giving them a message of hope and faith. The event will take place on October 25-27, beginning at 7 p.m. each evening. Pastor Jim Neal said that Perez has a connection with the everyday person because he is not some high-and-mighty preacher, coming into town to dazzle the people with a lot of flashy talk. Perez is a humble man who knows where he came from and how blessed he is to be able to tell his story to an audience that can relate to him.

Perez said that he loves to tell his story

with similar minded individuals with the same type of background.

Perez started using drugs before he hit his teens, landing him in the juvenile system for the majority of his youth. By his early teens, he was addicted to drugs. "I was addicted to anything I could get my hands on," said Perez. "But even in those years, God saw to it that many people I encountered told me about God and Jesus; but I just ignored them."

He was then shot in the street and almost died. He remembered all those who had talked to him about His message and he called out to God for mercy. God answered his prayer, but, as sometimes happens, after the crisis was over, Perez went back to his

The band Set Free will also return to perform before Perez takes to the dais. The band plays a great mix of southern gospel, contemporary Christian music, and also perform several tunes that they have reworked from their original rock n roll versions.

Perez was raised in a broken home without a father, which led to what he calls bad choices and turning to the streets. Perez joined a gang very young and found love



Set Free will be performing before Perez presents his message.

old ways down a path of destruction.

Perez ended up with eight felonies, two of which were capital murder charges. It was only then, facing what he thought was going to be a lifetime behind bars, that those words resonated in his mind and in his soul. "I began to focus my attention on the realness and power of God. I began to seek Him to change my life," said Perez.

About a year later, after having faithfully attending church services and being baptized, Perez received a miracle. The state of Texas released him and set him free from prison. Unfortunately, being released with no family, friends or support around him, Perez eventually found his way back into the street life. Sometimes he would try to return to church, but, "Demons would tell me that I was a traitor and that God would never forgive me again after turning my back on Him."

What followed was 14 long years of drugs, alcohol and crime. An angel in the form of a lady entered his life and gave him a tract and told him that Jesus was the

only way to the truth and life that he was destined for. He then totally surrendered to Christ and has been free, sharing Christ with everyone he meets. He gave Jesus his life, and He gave it back to him and he has been praising Him ever since.

"Raul is such a unique individual and kind soul. I have never met anyone like him," said Pastor Neal. "I believe that Raul touched so many lives, including kids looking for a word of encouragement who might be straying off their path, helping them right it before they fall." There will also be a Fall Festival on Sunday October 27 before the service, beginning at 3 p.m. Pastor Neal is encouraging all of his fellow pastors in Shafter to share this information with their congregations and youth groups. "Raul is a man who can touch lives, even those young people who might seem hard to reach with conventional services." Perez travels throughout the country spreading his story and being a witness to the power and glory of God.

EDITOR'S NOTE | JAMIE STEWART

I think I need a timeout

I recently wrote a piece about new legislation that makes it illegal for schools to suspend students for "willful defiance." This phrase includes noncooperation, such as cussing out a teacher, sleeping in class, refusing to obey classroom rules and being disruptive. Before, a student could be suspended if he or she did not heed warnings given by teachers and administration. This new legislation recommends the use of positive reinforcement, or a "focus on healing, respect, support, and the general well-being of the student."

Wow, that sounds great. We should bend over backwards to make sure that our students are respected and supported while they disrespect those trying to educate them. That makes a lot of sense.

Sadly, I really cannot say that I am surprised. For this generation of kids, this is just the next domino falling in a series, reinforcing a sense of entitlement that we are to be blamed for.

They have not had to face the realization that being disrespectful to their parents, teachers, and even fellow students, will have consequences. The children of this generation have grown up getting rewarded for mere participation.

Yes, I am talking about the infamous "participation trophy."

They have not had to learn how to lose with dignity or accept defeat. They have never had to pick themselves up and resolve to work a little harder. The same goes for that elusive feeling of rejection. No wonder there is such an up-

roar these days when a young person doesn't get that job that they applied for or are told no after asking their crush on a date. Rejection is just not something they have had to deal with.

But this is not just the fault of schools. Much of the blame belongs to parents themselves. There are parents out there applauding this legislation, not because they hope it will have a more positive outcome, but because they won't have to deal with their child being stuck at home for a week or have to make the time to deal with their child's behavior.

Students today would absolutely freak if they could see a glimpse of what we faced in school – the paddle and the feeling of having to face your parents and teachers at that dreaded parent-teacher conference. Consequences are just not something this generation has to deal

with, and it is sad. It is sad, not only for the kids growing up with this sense of entitlement and ignorance of what justice really is, but also for the teachers and administrators trying to educate these children with their hands figuratively and literally tied.

That old saying, "spare the rod and spoil the child," is just as relevant today as in years past. But, now we have essentially given the rod to the children and are letting them beat us over the head with it.

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Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department (PLNR) invites all residents, non-profit agencies, and special districts of unincorporated Kern County and the cities of California City, Ridgecrest, Shafter, Tehachapi and Wasco to participate in one or more community meetings to be held in the second week of the month of November, 2019. Meeting participants will have the opportunity to discuss housing and community development needs that may affect their communities. In preparation for the County's upcoming FYs 2020-2025 Consolidated Plan and 2020-2021 Annual Action Plan, information concerning the following U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development programs, which principally benefit low and moderate income persons, will also be provided:

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SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS (All meetings to begin at 6:00 p.m.)

Bakersfield Tuesday November 12, 2019 Public Services Building 2700 "M" Street Bakersfield, CA 93301	Lamont Wednesday November 13, 2019 Lamont Library 8304 Segreue Road Lamont, CA 93241	Mojave Thursday November 14, 2019 Mojave Veterans Building 15580 O Street Mojave, CA 93501
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COUCH'S CORNER

Finding solutions to homelessness

I recently learned of the Housing Authority of Kern's concept of using farm labor camps they own in Shafter and Lamont to house about 50 homeless women from Kern County temporarily this winter. [Editor's note: The county has since eliminated the Shafter camp from the plan for this year.] Having no more details than that, I let a member of the Shafter community know. Within days, our District 4 office phones were lighting up. Many people were upset and opposed to "the plan." Not knowing any details ourselves, we contacted HAKC. We learned a management plan was being developed but not completed yet.

So where do I stand on this? At this point, not having the specifics of the plan, I simply don't know enough to be in favor of the plan or oppose the plan. As details come out, I invite the public to comment, criticize or suggest changes. I'm confident HAKC will listen and consider all reasonable comments. They are, and want to be, a good neighbor.

Some of the details that are known so far: The plan is for about 50 homeless women from Kern County to be housed in this "bridge" housing. The labor camps sit empty November through April, as they are used for migrant farm labor.

The facilities are fully contained and self-sufficient housing units that have food, laundry, bathroom facilities and open spaces, that will negate the need for those placed in these units to be walking into town. Furthermore, services such as mental health, counseling, human services and health care will be available on site. Finally, transportation services to Bakersfield will be provided so that doctor appointments and other off-site services will not result in local foot traffic.

Keep in mind that these homeless women are in the process of finding permanent housing and this housing is considered "bridge" housing because they are relatively close to finding that housing and will be gone by March 31 to make room for the migrant farmworkers who come in seasonally. Finally, local hiring, purchasing and cleanup incentives are being considered to help make these plans more acceptable to the local community.

When the plan is ready and available, I encourage all interested parties to read it and provide their comments in support or in opposition. I also encourage everyone to come forward with your constructive ideas and recommendations regarding the issue of homelessness. For this to be a success, it is fully understood that the cooperation of the local communities is paramount.

All of us are aware of the explosion of the homeless problem in our State. Even in our smaller communities, we see more homeless than before, and we are all conflicted by this – by the sadness we feel at this

human suffering happening before our eyes and by the fear that compels us to shout out "not in my backyard." The Delano community is working to get ahead of their fear – to see their problem as their own and to solve it themselves. It's already in their backyard, and they are taking steps to address it.

We started meeting at the Delano Homeless Collaborative last year, and brought in stakeholders and interested citizens, including people from my office. We identified some steps needed: We participated in the Point-in-Time Count and found 45 homeless in the community and speculate there are about 25 more that weren't counted.

We brought in some county departments and were able to get the Kern County Behavioral Health Department to establish a recovery station that will help the Delano Police Department to take the disorderly due to drugs, alcohol or a mental health crisis and put them in a detox facility for the night, where they can get peer counseling and treatment rather than a night in jail. We worked with Flood Ministries to utilize available funding for a motel voucher program and we've put Delano folks in need of a few nights into hotels instead of on the streets. We most recently identified a location for a day facility so that those homeless from Delano can have a place to go to shower, eat and relax off the street and away from the weather.

I tell the Delano story now, even though the labor camps are near Lamont, Arvin, Shafter and Wasco, because Delano learned that getting ahead of their homeless problem removed the fear. My office will be glad to lead any initiative in the District 4 communities to discuss, understand and deal with the problem of homelessness in your communities. The problem's already in our backyard. Let's work together to solve it.

We've come full circle, sort of. Lamont's Sunset Labor Camp was the camp the Joads made it to, when they were coming to California, homeless, as told in John Steinbeck's "The Grapes of Wrath." It just seems fitting that almost 90 years later we're going to consider our labor camps to find a temporary home for those in our community that most have a need.

The calls came in to our District 4 office complaining about the plans HAKC was trying to make. Truth be told, the HAKC does not answer directly to the Board of Supervisors and are an autonomous agency whose funding comes from the state and feds. They don't work for me. But don't misunderstand. I'm thankful that HAKC is trying to be part of the solution and I look forward to seeing their plan.

Got any questions? Contact our office at 661-868-3680 or at district4@kerncounty.com.

David Couch is the county supervisor representing the Shafter-Wasco area.

PASTOR'S CORNER

It's time for men to start leading

PASTOR MARK SCIALABBA

Just a few weeks ago we had a men's barbecue here at the church. At that event, we talked about Paul's short statement in 1 Corinthians 16:13: *Act like men.* That statement comes in a rapid-fire list of short commands. The primary idea is to be mature, but we can ask our men specifically, "What does a Biblical man act like?"

If the church is to advance or progress, there must be a group of godly men leading the charge. That is not an indictment on women, but a recognition of the reality that men are called to lead the church as well as their homes. If the leadership is weak, then the followers will be weak.

We see this in sports as a great illustration. Great coaches make average players great. Satan knows that if he can chip away at the foundations of leadership (the men), then he will have a strong impact on the Lord's church. Just think about it: Have you ever heard of a church with a 'problem' of too many godly men?

No, usually the problem is that we can't find enough godly men. According to research (The Gospel Coalition) Christian women are routinely more "religious" than men in all kinds of categories. Women read their Bibles more, pray more and attend church more. These are just facts.

But we don't want to slam our men; we want to encourage our men to step up and fulfill the roles that God has ordained for them. That is why this month's book is geared primarily to men. It is called *Disciplines of a Godly Man* written by Pastor Kent Hughes. Each chapter selects one spiritual discipline and explains how men can better live in this particular area. The areas he covers include fatherhood, prayer, integrity, work, giving, ministry and many others. The simple, straightforward listing of disciplines for men is a tremendous help for any man seeking to know what God requires of him.

This book isn't just special to me be-

cause of the content. It is special to me because it was one of the first Christian books I ever read and really had a significant impact on me determining who I wanted to become as a man. It seemed like every single chapter was my pastor friend Kent Hughes disciplining me personally through this book, even though I had never met him.

But wouldn't it be the divine providence of God that Kent Hughes came to the seminary where I was studying and taught a weeklong course on 2nd Corinthians during the winter session. That was my first year in seminary and I knew I was going to attend that class because of the effect *Disciplines* had on my life.

Kent Hughes was just as pastorally astute as he was scholarly. He taught all week on the books of 2nd Corinthians, mixing in story after story of his decades long experience in pastoral ministry.

Some of those profound insights still run through my brain today. Kent Hughes was disciplining me for a second time during that winter class. If you see a book by Kent Hughes, you should get it. I was so excited when I began preaching through the book of James and found a

preaching commentary from Kent Hughes on James. It did not disappoint.

Since the release of this book, his wife has authored one for women called *Disciplines of a Godly Woman*; they even wrote one together called *Disciplines of a Godly Family* (which I also

highly recommend). I recently saw there is a *Disciplines of a Godly Young Man* as well.

The bottom line is this: the home is where the change in the church will begin. And the change must

begin with the men first. Men, let us make godliness our top priority and see what we can

accomplish for the Lord.

Mark Scialabba is pastor of the Congregational Bible Church in Shafter.

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San Juana Maritnez, 92, of Shafter, passed away Oct. 7, 2019, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Angelina Cuellar de Garcia, 77, of Shafter, passed away Oct. 13, 2019, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Barbara Petker, 87, of

Shafter, passed away Oct. 13, 2019. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Emilio Fernandez Molina, 59, of Shafter passed away Oct. 13, 2019, in Wasco. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Elmer Rigoberto Sanchez Guevara, 35, of Shafter, passed away Oct. 16, 2019, in San Jose. Bash-

am & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Carmelo Delgado, 47, of Shafter, passed away Oct. 20, 2019, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Fidela Garcia, 76, of Shafter, passed away Oct. 20, 2019, in Fresno. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

OBITUARY



Donna Rae Peters May 24, 1937 – Oct. 12, 2019

Donna Rae Peters was born May 24, 1937, in El Centro, to parents Victor and Lydia Newfield. She married Douglas Peters on March 24, 1956, in Santa Rosa, and the couple made their home in Shafter, where they raised their 3 daughters; Deanna Peters, Darleen Reimer and De-

layne Huskey.

Donna worked alongside Doug in the family busi-

ness, Maple Leaf Enterprises, in Wasco. She was very active in the Shafter Menonite Brethren Church, where she served until her passing on Oct. 12, 2019, in Bakersfield.

Graveside service will be held at Shafter Memorial Park on Friday, Oct. 18, beginning at 10 a.m.; followed by a Celebration of Life beginning at 11 a.m. at Shafter Menonite Brethren.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE Statement of Abandonment of Use of Fictitious Business Name Sierra's Transportation

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Ivan Sierra

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I declare that all information in this Statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.)

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/s/Ivan Sierra

Original FBN Statement File Number: 2018-B4057

Date Statement Filed on: 05/31/2018

This statement of Abandonment filed on: 09/20/2019

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By: /s/N Franco, Deputy Publish Shafter Press October 3, 10, 17, 24, 2019

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Mailing address of business: PO Box 80035 Bakersfield, CA 93380

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/s/Laura Beierle, President Date Statement Filed: 09/26/2019

Date Statement Expires: 09/26/2024

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/s/Noe Flores, Owner Original FBN Statement File Number: 2018-B5067

Original FBN Statement Filed on: 07/11/2018

This statement of Abandonment filed on: 09/30/2019

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/s/Anthony Tobin Date Statement Filed: 10/08/2019

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 5, 2019, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, the Shafter City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the project described below:

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Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Copies of the above documents are on file in the office of the Planning Department at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, and are available for public review. Any person wishing to be heard or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of said project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments to the Planning Director at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263. Anyone challenging any proposed development entitlement listed in this notice in court may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at or prior to this public hearing.

Dated: October 17, 2019 Publish Date: October 24, 2019 /s/Yazmina Pallares City Clerk

Publish Shafter Press October 24, 2019

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