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## Richland students improving



Annette Blacklock is the new assistant superintendent for the Richland School District.

## Ex-principal returns to front office

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

With the recent opening of the assistant superintendent's position, there were several teachers and administrators who put their name in the hat for the job. Ultimately, the Richland School District welcomed back Annette Blacklock, former principal at Golden Oak Elementary.

When Rocio Munoz left that job to take a position in

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*"I thought and prayed about it, but, really, with Rosa Romero at the helm at the moment, and the staff that is in place, it was really an easy decision to make."*

—Annette Blacklock

## Stats say ‘We have work to do’

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

Richland students are improving overall, but still are testing below state averages in every category, according to the latest scores.

At the recent Richland School District board meeting, a presentation was given on the most recent Dashboard numbers for the district when it comes to classroom performance.

These reports break down the results for students in third to fifth grades, as well as by student groups, such as English Learners, students with disabilities and students without disabilities.

English Learners categorizes those students for which English is not a first languages and is not the primary language used in their home.

The students in the Richland School District tested below the state average, but their scores improved from the previous year's results. In the Dashboard reports, each district receives a grade under a point system, as well as a color designation. Red signifies low performance, with yellow below average; orange is medium, with green and blue being high performance. The numbers range from a low of 1, to a high of 5.

The district as a whole received a score of 2.5, which is right in between orange and yellow. They scored below the state average, which is 3.5, but was ahead of the average of Kern County districts, which was 1.8.

These scores are improvements over the previous year's scores. In English, the district was 40 points below the standard to meet, which was an improvement of 6 points from the last testing done. In math, the district scored 63 points below the standard, which was an improvement of 8.6 points.

The Dashboard also includes data on absenteeism and the suspension rates for each district, but Richland did not get their numbers submitted in time for them to be counted.

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## Shaved heds, caring hearts from wrestlers

## Nickolas Garza receives support

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

In the competitive sport of wrestling, there are fierce rivalries amid the different leagues and divisions, making the season full of hotly contested matches, be it in duals or tournaments. But those competitive wrestlers came together recently when one of their own found out that he was facing a daunting challenge off the mat.

Nickolas Garza, a junior at Shafter High, was diagnosed with leukemia and is fighting the disease with several rounds of chemotherapy. When the local wrestling commu-

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Shafter wrestlers show their support for teammate Nickolas Garza.



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# Community Calendar

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

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW:** BC enrollment -- Bakersfield College spring 2020 Express Enrollments will be taken Thursday, Jan. 16, 4-7 p.m., at the Shafter Learning Center, 236 James St.

**NEW:** Libraries closed — All Libraries will be closed Monday, Jan. 20, for the Martin Luther King birthday holiday.

Seeking all veterans -- A meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 27, at 6 p.m. hour at the Veterans Hall, 309 California Ave., Shafter. Call Mike Miller for more details, 661-477-9261.

**MOFA** -- Mexican American Opportunity Foundation of Bakersfield is a vocational training at no cost. Career enhancement classes, externship, computers, typing and GED. Call for more information, 661-336-6821 or email [MAOF.org](mailto:MAOF.org).

**Community awards** -- The 72nd Annual Community Awards Banquet, sponsored by the Shafter Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture, is Thursday, Jan. 23, 2020, at the Shafter Ford Theatre. Tickets may be purchased at the chamber office. Information, call 661-746-2600

**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.

## MONDAY

**Free Fit Camp** — Get fit with Giselle, 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, at the Shafter Youth Center, 455 E. Euclid Ave. On Instagram at [getfitgigi](https://www.instagram.com/getfitgigi).

**Free Zumba Gold** (modified Zumba) — FREE to all ages. 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.

## 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](mailto:mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com), 406 Central Ave., Shafter 93263, or e-mail it to [mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com](mailto:mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com). Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** Lupe Sabedra and Dora Valarde at La Colonia circa 1948.



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

## TUESDAY

**Free Fit Camp** — Get fit with Giselle, 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, at the Shafter Youth Center, 455 E. Euclid Ave. On Instagram at [getfitgigi](https://www.instagram.com/getfitgigi).

**Free Yoga in Wasco** — White Wolf Wellness Foundation offers a free Yoga class starting Jan. 7 and continuing Jan. 21, Feb. 4 and Feb. 18 at 7:15 p.m. at the Wasco Community Center, 1280 Poplar Ave. Yoga instructor Yani Valdez teaches stretching to help with pain, stress and anxiety. Provided by Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services.

**Adult Hip Hop Class** -- 7 p.m. at the Shafter Recreation Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset. Classes are \$3 donation. Led by Brandi Root.

**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

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information, 661-746-3303.

**Free Fit Camp** -- Get fit with Giselle, 6:30 p.m., at Man-nel Park. On Instagram at [getfitwgi](https://www.instagram.com/getfitwgi).

**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

**NEW:** STEAM Activities Club — Join for science experiments Jan. 16 at 2 p.m. at the Shafter Branch Library.

**NEW:** Lego Club Mania — Thursday, Jan. 16, at 5:30 p.m. at the Shafter Branch Library.

**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.

## ARREST REPORT

As reported by the Shafter Police Department

### JAN. 6

Santos Gutierrez III, 29, of Shafter, was arrested on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

Jose Reyes Soto, 37, of Shafter, was arrested for loitering on private property, possession of stolen tools and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia.

Isaiah Gregory Smith, 19, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of Beth Eden Avenue for trespassing on private property.

Robert Ortiz Jr., 33, of Shafter, was arrested in the 9500 block of Mountain Peak Lan, for contempt and disobeying court order.

### JAN. 7

Joshua Oros, 26, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Colvard Street on a misdemeanor bench warrant, possession of con-

trolled substance and paraphernalia.

Miguel Angel Santa-Cruz, 24, of Shafter, was arrested for DUI, driving with suspended license and on an outside agency warrant.

### JAN. 8

Juan Carlos Rios, 21, of Shafter, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

Andrew Lester Avalos, 21, of Shafter, was arrested for possession of controlled substance paraphernalia and on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

Stephen Mohamed Nagi, 40, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block for possession of controlled substance paraphernalia.

Rene Garza Larralde, 53, of Shafter, was arrested on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

### JAN. 10

Jeremiah Soloman Warren, 29, of Shafter, was arrested in the 500 block of State Avenue on a misdemeanor bench warrant and an outside agency warrant.

### JAN. 11

Joan Baltazar Medrano, 19, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block of West Ash for obstruction of a public officer, underage drinking and DUI.

Reginaldo Trujillo, 37, of Shafter, was arrested for domestic violence and possession of open container in public.

### JAN. 12

Joesia Manuel Martinez, 24, of Shafter, was arrested for possession of controlled substance paraphernalia and on an outside agency warrant.

### BUTTONWILLOW

### DEC. 23

Miguel Adame, 31, of

Lost Hills, was arrested in the 14000 block of Lamber-son Avenue in Lost Hills for violation of a domestic violence protection order.

### DEC. 25

Rigoberto Duenas, 47, of Wasco, was arrested in the 20000 block of Tracy Avenue for tampering with a vehicle, conspiracy, possession of burglary tools, petty theft and being in possession of stolen property.

### JAN. 2

Abel Tolento, 24, of Wasco, was arrested in the 24000 block of Highway 46 in Wasco for cruelty to animals, willful discharge of a firearm, carrying a concealed weapon in vehicle, carrying a loaded firearm without registration, conspiracy to commit a crime, carrying a loaded firearm and grand theft: firearm.

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# A new menu as Don Pepe's grows



The friendly staff at Don Pepe's, left to right, include Miguel Alcaraz, Elva Cacares, Ana Silva, Sara Cruz and Pedro Flores.

## Shafter PD nabs 1st in tree contest

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

A record-setting number of Christmas trees were on display for the month of December at the Shafter Depot Museum in their annual Christmas Tree decorating contest. There were 16 trees entered this year in the competition, with the theme "Lights, Camera, Christmas!"

Each tree depicted a holiday movie or scene, with a variety of titles from the competitors.

Residents were encouraged to come to the museum and vote for their favorite tree, with the top three entrants recognized at the end of the competition. The voting was busy throughout the month, with the different events going on at the museum, with the Shafter Brass Band performing, a visit from Santa Claus and a remembrance of Pearl Harbor, with a couple of vintage jeeps on display.

After all of the voting was done, the Shafter Police Department came out on top, with their tree filled with ornaments that included bullets, donuts, badges and police cars. They also used police caution tape as a tree skirt to round out the display.

A lot of people loved the tree and thought that the decorations were very creative. "It shows that it isn't who has the biggest tree, but how it is decorated," said local photographer Colleen Diltz. "I think that the ornaments and the caution tape were just so clever."

Second place went to the Shafter Post Office. Their theme was "Letters to Santa" and included bright red ribbon, a mailbox that was stuffed with letters to St. Nick and a lot of letters from children displayed on the tree.

The Shafter Press got third place with their "Frosty the Snowman" entry, which had Frosty complete with a top hat, corn-



Annette Gomez Espinoza from the Shafter Post Office with their second-place entry, "Letters to Santa."



The entry from the Shafter Police Department captured first place in the contest.

cob pipe, long nose and, of course, a satchel of newspapers announcing his arrival.

According to Stan Wil-

son, director of the museum, this was the most trees that they have ever had in the competition.

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

In the two years Don Pepe's has been open, building a reputation as a family-oriented, friendly restaurant for Shafter. Owner Jose Martinez has been successful in his vision, with the restaurant having a loyal customer base that is growing all the time.

In a move intended to expand their following, the restaurant is unveiling a new menu that includes its popular Mexican fare along with American food, including burgers, sandwiches and pizza.

Martinez bought the restaurant in 2017 and said that he wanted to have a place that Shafter residents could go for a great meal and a good experience. He was wise in how to attain it. "I am a farmer and don't know a lot about the restaurant business, but I have always heard that you don't have to be the best, but need to hire the best."

Martinez believes he's done just that, with Manager Pedro Flores running the restaurant and chef Miguel Alcaraz in the kitchen. Both men have over 25 years of experience, a lot of which was in Puerto Vallarta, Mexico, working in the food and hotel industry before making the move to Shafter.

They have a total of 28 members of the staff.

Don Pepe's serves a great variety of Mexican favorites such as fajitas, enchiladas, tacos, and an assortment of seafood including a popular bacon-wrapped shrimp dish.

With the addition of the American dishes, the customer base is expected to grow. If you are in the mood for some breakfast for lunch or dinner, just ask for their breakfast menu, which is available any time of the day.

They also boast a bar that stays busy during the week and is packed on the weekends, with Happy Hour Monday through Friday from 2 to 7 p.m. and all day on Saturdays and Sundays. They also have a daily

special.

Flores said that the restaurant, which was formerly known as Don Perico's, had enjoyed some success, but just prior to the purchase, the restaurant went through a pe-



Don Pepe's is unveiling a new menu this week, complete with Mexican and American food.

riod of decline due to the owners' personal problems.

Since opening under the new name, Flores and his crew have worked hard to rebuild that reputation, and he says it's been a success. "I didn't go there for a couple of years, but have started eating there regularly again. With the new owners, it is like night and day," said Alfredo Juarez, who eats there with his family at least once a week.

Martinez said that they are not just looking to be a success, but also are looking to give back to the community that has welcomed them so openly. "We try to support the community as much as we can, sponsoring teams, clubs and organizations. I love this community and think

that it is a great place to raise a family," commented Martinez.

Flores also said that the popular buffet that they offer is available Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Sunday brunch is from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Flores added that if you drive by on Wednesdays and Friday you will see them barbecuing ribs, tri-tip and chicken outside on the grill, another draw for diners.

*Since opening under the new name, Manager Pedro Flores and his crew have worked hard to rebuild that reputation, and he says it's been a success.*

## How to recycle trees and brush this season

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

Yes, it is that time of year again. For those of you who are wondering what to do with your Christmas tree, the City of Shafter has a drop-off location that is available.

They are accepting trees at the City of Shafter Corporation Yard at 550 N. Shafter Ave., at the corner of East Tulare and North Shafter Avenues.

They will be open five days a week, Monday-Friday, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. They are asking that you remove the tree stands, nails and decorations from the tree before bringing it to the location. You can also take your tree to the Shafter/Wasco Landfill at 17621 Scofield Avenue.

It is also time for the city's annual brush and limbs collection. The schedule for the pickup service is as follows: Jan. 1-15, they will be picking up piles north of Lerdo Highway. Jan. 16-31, they will be south of Lerdo Highway. In February, north of Lerdo

Highway will be picked up Feb. 1-15 and south of Lerdo Highway will be Feb. 16-28.

There are guidelines to follow to make sure that your limbs and brush will be picked up. You need to leave piles in public streets, they cannot be placed in alleys. You also need to make piles less than 10 feet in length, and they also must be two feet apart from each other.

The city asks residents to make sure that stumps and limbs are smaller than one foot wide. If you have palm trees, they must be placed in a separate pile. You cannot mix leaves and limbs in the same pile. They must be separated or they will not be picked up. You also cannot block walkways or gutters. Make sure the piles are not clogging or blocking them.

Piles that do not meet these requirements will not be picked up and are the owner's responsibility. If you have questions, you can call the City of Shafter at 661-746-5001, or look on their Facebook page for more information.

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# Improving scores at Richland, board told

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They will be “more organized this year, and make sure they get our numbers in on time, Interim Superintendent Rosa Romero said.

Assistant Superintendent Annette Blacklock gave the presentation and commented that the reports were somewhat misleading when it came to breaking down the scores to the specific student groups. For instance, the report says that English Learners scored significantly higher than white students, with students with disabilities scoring a 1.5, whites with a score of 2.0 and Hispanics with a 2.5. Blacklock said that the total numbers do not tell the entire story.

“After digging deeper into the results you can see that 38% of white students performed at the standard level, while only 10% of the English Learners performed at

that level, so the overall score is a little misleading and lets us know that we have work to do within the English Learners group.”

Interim Superintendent Romero also had Diane Barnett, a data and assessment technician for the district, give a presentation on a comparison report that was done between the students in the Richland School District and the students from Grimmway Academy. Romero said that she was concerned from hearing from parents and members of the community who believed that the two districts had a very different student demographic.

The district will be revisiting the agreement between the district and Grimmway next year. Richland will have a decision to make to either keep the working relationship with Grimmway, allowing them to

continue to operate within the district area or decide to terminate it.

Romero said that she thought that this report will answer some questions that people might have as for the demographics of each district. The numbers are looked at in percentages because the Richland School District had a total of 932 students tested in grades 3-5, while Grimmway Academy had 252 students in the same grades.

Grimmway’s students scored substantially higher than Richland, according the Dashboard, with an overall score of 3.0. They also scored higher in every individual category measured.

But, as far as demographics, the groups are very similar. For instance, Richland has 9% of its students with disabilities, while Grimmway has 6%. As for English Learn-

ers, 86% of Richland students fall into that category, and Grimmway has 85%. The numbers are the same for the amount of socio-economically disadvantaged students, with 86% at Richland and 85% at Grimmway.

Romero also wanted to point out some facts for the board to think about before they begin contemplating changes in the Grimmway relationship.

“The reason that Grimmway is here is because of the community. The community wanted Grimmway to come to give them another option for their children.”

Romero also pointed out that the opening of Grimmway resulted in a smaller class sizes, but it also meant the loss of a considerable amount of funds with the loss of students. As a result, this also may mean the loss of personnel as well.

## Blacklock returns to Richland

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a Bakersfield School District, the former principal of Redwood Elementary School was selected for the position. But, after

approximately a week at the job, Luis Rodriguez left the district as well.

Blacklock left the Richland School District two years ago, after the dis-

trict decided to shake up the administrative staff at the district, reassigning the majority of the administrators to teaching positions. Originally, Blacklock was to be the principal at Richland Junior High but decided to leave the district, becoming principal of Rio Bravo Greeley School.

But Blacklock said that when she heard of the position being open, she decided to put her name in for the assistant superintendent’s position. “I thought and prayed about it, but, really, with Rosa Romero at the helm at the moment, and the staff that is in place, it was really an easy decision to make.”

Blacklock began her education career at Richland as an emergency certified teacher in 1998. She got her degree at Cal State Bakersfield and received her masters from Fresno Pacific. After starting with the district in 1998, she taught several grades through the years, including second, fourth and fifth grades.

Before serving as principal at Golden Oak, Blacklock got her first administrative position at Redwood Elementary School as assistant principal.

She said that she is very excited for this school year and is very happy with the progress that has been made in the district. “I think that change is always a challenge, but with the terrific staff that we have in place, and Rosa Romero leading things right now, I am looking forward to serving the district.”

At the recent school board meeting, the Board of Trustees took a moment to welcome Blacklock. Blacklock thanked them and said that it was great to return. “I really do feel like I am back home.”

## Support for ill wrestler is visible

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nity found out about this, they came together in a show of support that made a statement of solidarity.

Garza was on the junior varsity team the past two seasons, working his way up the ladder, preparing for his chance to wrestle on the varsity team. Right before the season began, Garza, who had been experiencing some pain in his shoulder and stomach, went to the doctor and got the alarming diagnosis. He was immediately transported to the Children’s Hospital in Madera.

Golden Valley wrestling coach Joe Rojas, through tournaments and practice clinics, had made a connection with Garza, and was moved by the news. Rojas, who had a full head of hair that hung to his shoulders, decided to show his support for Garza, who had lost his hair due to the treatments, and had his head shaved.

Afterward, several more wrestlers and coaches followed suit and before they knew it, there was a gym full of shaved heads united as one. “It is only hair,” said Rojas, “It will grow back. This is just to show that we support Nick, and we are here for him.” He said that a lot of the wrestlers have known each other since they started wrestling in youth teams at the ages of seven or eight years old.

Shafter Coach Spencer Hill, who is in his first year of coaching varsity after the retirement of

Rick Gabin, said that the support has been growing in recent weeks. “Through posts on social media, the entire wrestling community has learned of Nick’s fight and several have shaved their heads on their own.” These include wrestlers from North High, as well as Foothill.

Hill said that they wanted to let him know that he was not alone in this fight. “They wanted to let Nick know that they have his back and that the wrestling community is one big family.”

Jayven Rojas, son of Golden Valley coach Joe Rojas, described his feelings: “With wrestling, we are only rivals on the mat, or during tournaments. But off the mat, or in

*“It is only hair. It will grow back. This is just to show that we support Nick, and we are here for him.”*  
**–Joe Rojas, Golden Valley coach**



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# Where 2- and 4-leg citizens are served

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Animal Control Department serves all of the residents of Shafter, those walking on two legs or four. Animal Control Officer Nick Riddick and his staff bring together residents of Shafter and those animals who are needing places to call home. Shafter Animal Control offers a variety of services to the residents, including picking up stray animals, enforcing animal laws in the city and investigating of animal cruelty or neglect, as well as educating the public on the laws and responsibilities of being a pet owner. Riddick was born and raised in Fresno and attended the University of California, Riverside, leaving for a supervisor position at a Fortune 500 company. But Riddick found his way back to the San Joaquin Valley to Shafter, where he found his calling in the animal control field. The challenges of operating the Animal Control Department are great, with the efforts made in controlling the stray animal population here in Shafter, as well as helping unite residents with their new companions. Riddick said that the breeds of dogs there, as well as areas throughout the state, go in cycles. A few years ago, chihuahuas seemed to be the most abundant dog in the shelters, with thousands needing for new homes. Today, Riddick said that they are inundated with huskies, shepherds and shepherd mixes at the shelter. “I like to think that the decrease in chihuahuas is a result

of more responsible pet ownership, making sure their animals are being spayed and neutered,” commented Riddick. With the huskies, Riddick suggested that one reason they are seeing a great number of them is the popularity in today’s culture for the animal, as well as its propensity to wander. “They really are escape artists, able to get out of a yard when they are wanting to escape.” Riddick said that they are beautiful animals, but are not fit for some households. “They are very active dogs who need a lot of attention and activities to keep them busy. This is one reason why I encourage prospective pet owners to do some research on what breed of dog would be best for their family.” Riddick said that a dog such as a husky needs a family that is very active, is outdoors often, walking or doing physical activities that will keep the dog engaged. If the animal gets bored, Riddick said that it has a tendency to venture out. The Animal Shelter in Shafter is home to a large number of dogs at any one time, with the majority of them strays or animals who are owner-surrendered. “The animals we receive go through a series of tests to make sure they are not aggressive towards humans or other animals, as well as a physical exam to make sure the animal is healthy before they are made available for adoption.” With foster programs the rage in some cities, Riddick was asked about any foster program here in Shafter. “We don’t have a full program for fostering, but we do use it as an alternative on a case-by-case basis. If we have a family that is interested in a



Animal Control Officer Nick Riddick with Animal Shelter Services Worker Karlina Gomez. Gomez was a volunteer for five years before being hired on to the department this past year.

foster-to-adopt period, making sure that the animal is going to be a good fit for their family, we will treat those on an individual basis.” The number one issue that Riddick stresses when talking to prospective pet owners, or current pet owners, is the need to have their pet spayed or neutered. He said that one of the top priorities of the department is to educate the public on how to be a responsible pet owner, as well as helping them in their quests to be good owners. “We offer vouchers for low-cost spay and neutering for those people who may need assistance in that area. We also have low cost vaccination and licensing clinics for city residents.” Riddick also said that it is important to have their pets licensed. This not only is the law in the city, but it also is beneficial to the owners and the department if the animal is found on the street. They will be able to tell if the animal has been vaccinated for rabies, as well as being able to identify the animal to make it easier to reunite the animal with its owner. When it comes down to it, the mission of the shelter is to reunite animals with their owners, as well as finding homes for those animals who need a safe and loving environment to live in. Riddick encourages anyone who is interested in becoming a pet owner to contact the department at 661-746-2140, or visit their Facebook page called Shafter Critters for adoption information, or visit the shelter at 18849 Shafter Ave. Their hours are Monday through Saturday, 9 to 3 p.m., except on Wednesdays, when the hours are 1 to 7p.m. The cost of adopting a dog is \$75, and it is \$40 to adopt a cat. The licensing fee for a year in the city of Shafter is \$15 for an altered dog or cat, and \$40 for an animal that is natural or unaltered.

## EDITOR’S NOTE | JAMIE STEWART

# Building the right kind of muscle

Well, 2019 is in the rear view mirror, and the next decade is underway. This past year has been such a busy one for me. It has been full of some great times, like having a job that I just love, covering events, writing, taking photos and always learning. This job is really different every week, you never know what is going to happen. I am so thankful for this job, doing something that I love to do. It has also been a good one in our family, with

past year. I didn’t change the way I ate or anything. I did walk quite a bit, walking the dog, sometimes as much as three times a day. I made a resolution this year to gain some weight. “What?” you say. Why would you want to gain weight unless you were so skinny that you couldn’t function right. Well, in a way I am. No, I am not talking about my 182 pounds, 18 less than I was at last year. I am talking about the 80 or 85 pounds I lost in my spiritual body. See,

Well, that is the way I feel about this year. I dropped a bunch of weight due to starvation and no exercise. If someone wants to be fit, it is said that the best thing is to eat sensibly and exercise, turning that fat into muscle. Well, I have not eaten right, and the exercise has been very rare. For one thing, I haven’t been using my personal trainer. The Holy Spirit I see as our personal trainer, telling us how to exercise our faith, how to build that muscle so we can fight the enemy. Another no-no is the way I have treated Jesus. He should be my best friend, my soulmate, my true BFF. But, I ashamed to say I have treated Him more like my Uncle Junior I had when I was little. Everyone has one of those uncles that was very well-off, that your family would have over every once in a while, mostly at holidays. Or, of course, you got in a jam. You knew that if you were in a bad bind, that uncle would come to the rescue. Doesn’t really sound like a true friendship. Sad, but true, this was what it was like this past year.

ter, and exercise my faith, building that muscle up until I am ready to help those who are stumbling a little, needing that hand-up, as well as ready to go against anyone or anything that comes against me.

*I made a resolution this year to gain some weight.*

there were times when I was really fit, maybe not with washboard abs, or muscles like Charles Atlas, but I was at a healthy weight and felt very confident and content. This past year, I have let my spiritual body go. I love sports so I tend to relate things to different sports. My grandson is a wrestler. There have been times when he has had to drop as much as a few pounds in one day, so he could make weight for a match or tournament. It is grueling and can be dangerous if not watched. I have seen wrestlers drop so much weight that even if they do make weight, they are going to be so weak that they probably wouldn’t be able to go against their opponent effectively. They just don’t have the strength.

If I could make one resolution this year, it would be to gain about 50 pounds of muscle. Build my spiritual body up enough that I would be useful if He needed me to go wrestle against any opponent. So, I am going to bulk up on that Daily Bread, drink from that Living Wa-



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OBITUARY

**Robert Alan Parrott**  
**March 11, 1958 –**  
**Dec. 18, 2019**  
Robert Alan Parrott, 61, passed on Dec. 18, 2019, in Bakersfield.  
Robert is survived by his wife Debbie, son Matt and his wife Sarah, daughter Amanda and her husband Ryan, and son Brad, as well as his mother Norma and sister Debbie. He is preceded in death by his father, Art Parrott.  
Robert was born March 11, 1958, in Bakersfield. He graduated with his BA from



Fresno State and earned his teaching credential from Cal State Bakersfield.  
Robert taught second grade for 31 years at Karl F. Clemens Elementary.

He strived to instill a love of reading in his students. Robert was very proud to have taught multiple generations of families. He got great joy from seeing former students around town.  
Robert was a great family man and a loving father. He and wife Debbie married on July 28, 1990. Together they raised three children and were blessed with four grandchildren, Molly, Olive, Jude and Christopher. Robert enjoyed spending time with his grandkids. He was al-

ways so proud to share photos and stories of them.  
Robert also loved cooking, sharing random facts and dad jokes, and taking trips to Morro Bay. He was an active member of the Wasco Free Will Baptist Church, where he helped build the Spanish Ministry. Robert and his family also helped run the church's Food Ministry. He was lovingly known by the church kids as "Skittle Bob" because he always had Skittles on hand, ready to share.  
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DEATH NOTICES

**Charlynn McCarthy, 70**, of Shafter, passed away Jan. 7, 2020, in Shafter. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.  
**Sandra Fike, 78**, of Bakersfield, passed away Jan. 7, 2020, in Bakersfield. Basham

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**Laura Green Blount, 66**, of Bakersfield, passed away Jan. 9, 2020, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

COUCH'S CORNER

NAFTA update good news for county

Much thanks to the Valley Ag Voice for their article "Local Leaders React to Passage of USMCA," in their January issue.  
For those of you who may not know, USMCA is an updated NAFTA, and stands for United States Mexico Canada Trade Agreement. It was passed by the House of Representatives on Dec. 19 in a very bipartisan vote (385-41). Its impacts on the Central Valley -- and especially Kern County -- are profound, and it seemed appropriate to share parts of their story here.  
According to Valley Ag, the seven key provisions that impact agriculture are:  
**Increasing dairy market access.** America's dairy farmers will have expanded market opportunities in Canada for a wide variety of dairy products. Canada agreed to eliminate the unfair Class 6 and 7 milk pricing programs that allowed farmers to undersell U.S. producers.  
**Biotechnology.** For the first time, the agreement specifically addresses agricultural biotechnology -- including new technologies such as gene editing -- to support innovation and reduce trade-distorting policies.  
**Geographical indications.** The agreement institutes a more rigorous process for establishing geographical indicators and lays out additional factors to be considered in determining whether a term is a common name.  
**Sanitary/phytosanitary measures.** The three countries agree to strengthen disciplines for science-based measures that protect human, animal and plant health while improving the flow of trade.  
**Poultry and eggs.** US poultry producers will have an expanded access to Canada for chicken, turkey and eggs.  
**Wheat.** Canada agrees to terminate its discriminatory wheat grading system, enabling US growers to be more competitive.  
**Wine and spirits.** The three countries agree to avoid technical barriers to trade through nondiscrimination and transparency regarding sale, distribution, labeling and certification of wine and distilled spirits."  
Many local elected officials were featured in the article, including Congressmen Kevin McCarthy and TJ Cox, Assemblymen Vince Fong and Rudy Salas, and me. As I stated in the article, "The passage of USMCA is a positive for our country, Mexico and Canada. Increased trade creates jobs, which increases the economic output of Kern County and benefits our residents.  
The agreement builds upon NAFTA and proves that sometimes our divided parties can work together for the common good. We need this sort of bipartisanship in DC for a host of issues, and we need this type of agreement here in the Valley as our economy is so tied to agriculture.  
While these agreements are made at the federal level, as your county supervisor we engage our leaders all the time on matters like these. As you can tell from my record, I will always work to help our economy and Again, thanks to the Valley Ag Voice. If you have any questions, give us a call at 661-868-3680 or email us at [district4@kerncounty.com](mailto:district4@kerncounty.com).  
*David Couch is county supervisor in the 4th District, representing the Shafter and Wasco areas. The opinions expressed are his own, and may not reflect those of the newspaper or its management.*

PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
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**2019-B7426**  
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County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
429 James St  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Jose Manuel Jaramillo Lozano  
228 N Grant St  
Shafter, CA 93263  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced:  
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A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)  
s/Jose Manuel Jaramillo Lozano  
Date Statement Filed: 11/26/2019  
Date Statement Expires: 11/26/2024  
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Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/M Hernandez  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Statement of Abandonment Of Use of Fictitious Business Name**  
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County: KERN  
Mailing address of business:  
588 Harris Drive  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Osvaldo Hernandez  
588 Harris Drive  
Shafter, CA 93263  
I declare that all the 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.)  
Business was conducted by: Individual  
s/Osvaldo Hernandez, owner  
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2019-B7936  
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 12/23/2019  
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 12/23/2019  
MARY B. BEDARD, CPA  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/R Edmiaston, Deputy  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
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Alexis Starr Hernandez  
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Bakersfield, CA 93308  
County: Kern  
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5721 Cypress Point Drive  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
Kevin Bradley Jarrett  
5721 Cypress Point Drive  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
Beth Marie Jarrett  
5721 Cypress Point Drive  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
The business is conducted by: Married Couple  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:**  
**Donna Rae Peters, aka Donna R. Peters, aka Donna Peters**  
**CASE NUMBER: BPB-19-003211**  
1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Donna Rae Peters, aka Donna R. Peters, aka Donna Peters  
2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Stephen Reimer in the Superior Court of California, County of: Kern  
3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Stephen Reimer be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
4. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.  
5. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:  
a. Date: JAN 30, 2020 Time: 8:30AM  
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b. Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Kern, 1215 Truxtun Ave. Bakersfield, 93301, Metro Justice Building.  
7. If you object to the granting of the petition you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
10. Attorney for petitioner: Joshua G. Wilson, Esq.  
Darling & Wilson PC  
1626 19th Street, Suite 23 / PO Box 2411  
Bakersfield, CA 93303  
(661) 325-5075  
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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
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**2019-B7720**  
415 E. 19th St  
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County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
211 S. Montclair St  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
Michele Marie Fowler  
10908 Eagle Falls Dr  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced:  
10/25/2019  
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)  
s/Michele Marie Fowler  
Date Statement Filed: 12/11/2019  
Date Statement Expires: 12/11/2024  
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/R Roberts-Martin  
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**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
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**2019-B7735**  
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County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
211 S. Montclair St  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
Christina Inez Taber

8515 Northshore Dr  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced:  
10/22/2019  
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)  
s/Christina Inez Taber  
Date Statement Filed: 12/12/2019  
Date Statement Expires: 12/12/2024  
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/M Hernandez  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
**R. Owens Transport**  
**2019-B7888**  
400 Carsen Way  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
400 Carsen Way  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Richard Alan Owens Jr.  
15344 Calistoga Ave  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced:  
4/10/2008  
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)  
s/Richard Alaz Owens Jr  
Date Statement Filed: 12/20/2019  
Date Statement Expires: 12/20/2024  
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Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/A Rangel Villasenor  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT PROCESSING**  
MARCH 3, 2020  
PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT: The processing of vote by mail ballots shall be open to the public, both prior to and after the election. (Pursuant to California Elections Code, Section 15104) The processing of ballots will take place at: Kern County Elections Division 1115 Truxtun Avenue Bakersfield, CA. 93301 And will commence on: Monday, February 3, 2020 at 8:00 a.m. The counting of ballots will take place at: Kern County Elections Division 1115 Truxtun Avenue Bakersfield, CA. 93301 And will commence on: Tuesday, March 3, 2020 at 8:00 p.m. By: Mary B. Bedard, CPA Auditor-Controller-County Clerk County of Kern (A copy of this notice is available in Spanish.) (Una copia de este aviso en español está disponible.)  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**T.S. No. 19-58641**  
**APN: 026-202-18-01**  
**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 2/6/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT

YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER.  
A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale.  
Trustor: MARIA AGUIRRE, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY  
Duly Appointed Trustee: ZBS Law, LLP Deed of Trust recorded 2/20/2007, as Instrument No. 0207039212, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Kern County, California, Date of Sale: 2/7/2020 at 10:00 AM  
Place of Sale: At the front entrance to city hall at 1501 Truxtun Ave Bakersfield, CA 93301  
Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$136,867.83  
Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed.  
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A.P.N #: 026-202-18-01  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
**SOLO Dairy LLC**  
**2020-B0269**  
**Henry Vander Poel & Son Dairy**  
**2020-B0270**  
11495 Jumper Ave  
Wasco, CA 93280  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
P.O. Box 8012  
Wasco, CA 93280  
SOLO Dairy, LLC  
11495 Jumper Ave  
Wasco, CA 93280  
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA  
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company  
Date the business commenced:  
10/12/2004  
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)  
s/Robert Vander Poel, Managing Member  
Date Statement Filed: 01/09/2020  
Date Statement Expires: 01/09/2025  
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/R Roberts-Martin  
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PASTOR'S CORNER

The true definition of riches

sight of the most important aspects of life such as love, compassion and community, all of which cost little in dollars and cents. We live in a world where it is too easy to fall prey to the thought that all we need is more money, more programs or a different administration in the White House. The truth of the matter is this, when we "boil down" all our challenges, thoughts and desires, when will come to the realization that it is really a heart problem and nothing else?

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Jim Neal is pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Shafter.

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