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This little one's first Christmas with Santa.

City lights up for holidays

Downtown fills for kickoff

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Christmas holidays were kicked off on Monday night with the 3rd Annual Tree Lighting and Sing held at the downtown square in Shafter.

To begin the season of cheer, a large tree, full of bright ornaments and decorations, was lit up for the first time in front of a crowd downtown. Most came wrapped up in warm clothing, prepared to celebrate in

the cool weather.

The event had plenty of music, as the crowd was entertained by the Grimmway School choir and sang with the Distinguished Young Woman of Shafter Kristen McGuire and her court. Other girls representing the DYW were Aaliyah Chavolla, Clarissa Vander Poel, Kaelah Perez, Isis Brownlow and Stephanie Ledezma.

Girl Scouts Troop 2447 provided hot chocolate. See A BRIGHT Page 3

‘Lights, camera, Christmas!’



The Shafter Police Department used some clever decorations for their tree, including caution tape for a tree skirt.

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The Shafter Depot Museum is playing host to a variety of decorated trees in their annual Christmas Tree Contest, with all of the trees on display for the month of December.

Cookies and refreshments are given out free of charge while you peruse the museum. The theme for this year's contest is "Lights, Camera, Christmas," with entrants encouraged to decorate their tree in a Christmas movie theme.

There are a variety of movies represented this year, from a couple of trees depicting the Christmas hit "The Polar Express," as well as two trees in the theme of Frosty the Snowman, one by the Shafter Press, and another by the Shafter Kiddie Kollege.

The City of Shafter has

a tree displaying "The Polar Express," while another is from the Shafter Woman's Club.

The Community Bible Study group used "The Bishop's Wife" as their inspiration. The Crane family, in honor of Dixie Crane, who passed away recently, used the film "Little Women" as their theme. The Shafter Police Department has a unique tree that has ornaments including bullets, badges, patches, and cleverly used police caution tape as a tree skirt.

The Shafter Youth Center went with Tim Burton's classic, "A Nightmare Before Christmas," as their inspiration, featuring Jack Skellington and his crew as decorations.

Judy Knox went minimal with her design, going with the iconic, lonely tree

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The Shafter Rotary Club had a bunch of elves on their tree, with a number of photos of different members.

A special kind of store for children's gifts

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

For many, the Christmas season is full of joy and anticipation, but for low-income families it can be a time of stress. Last Saturday the community came together with over 100 volunteers to conduct the city's second annual Shafter Christmas Store — an event that gives low-income families the opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for their children at a fraction of the department store cost.

"Many giving models place volunteers into the role of provider, but we don't want to see that happen," says Katie Wiebe, a member of the store's lead team. "We want

parents to work hard and feel the joy of providing for their children, and we see this happening with the Shafter Christmas Store."

Volunteers came by the dozen to the Shafter Veterans Hall Saturday morning for training and preparation. The hall buzzed with excitement and friendly chatter as folks received their assignments for the day. The volunteer training focused on a well-known sentiment from Mister Rogers — how to be a good neighbor. Volunteers were reminded that the main goal of The Christmas Store is for community members to engage with their neighbors, encouraging

See STORE Page 3



Yasmina Pallares and Rachel Zermeno in the holiday spirit.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW: Elks' New Year's Eve Party — Open to the public at 16694 Wasco Ave., Wasco. Doors open at 5 p.m. Call Annie for tickets and more information, 661-203-7328.

NEW: Libraries closed — All Kern County libraries will be closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 1, 2020.

NEW: 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.

Christmas at the Depot — Every Saturday until the first weekend of January from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., come and check out all the Christmas trees on display at the Shafter Depot, 150 Central Valley Highway, and vote for your favorite.

NEW: 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

UPDATED: Santa arrives — Santa Claus is flying into the Minter Field Air Museum, with a stuffed animal giveaway courtesy of Ming Avenue Petsmart. Santa arrives Dec. 14 at 11 a.m.; open house 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Minter Field Air Museum, 401 Vultee Ave., Shafter.

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.

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

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.

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

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:** The 1963 Shafter Potato and Cotton Festival Shafter Fire Department Fire Truck Parade entry.



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: 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 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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FREE Fit Camp -- Get fit with Giselle, 6:30 p.m., at Mannel 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

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

ARREST REPORT

As reported by the Shafter Police Department

Dec. 5

Salomon Quiroz, 28, of Shafter, was arrested for driving without a license, hit and run, property damage and DUI.

Roque Lopez Chavez, 68, of Shafter, was arrested on the corner of Poplar and West Los Angeles for trespassing, possession of controlled substance and selling, driving with suspended license and DUI.

Dec. 6

Juan Jose Flores, 44, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block of Olson Avenue for possessing controlled substance paraphernalia and on an outside agency warrant.

Dec. 7

Roel Alanis, 30, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Central Valley Highway for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

Dec. 8

Gabriela Ramirez Ayala, 25, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 100 block of Richland Drive for possession of a blank check, possession of a completed check, fraud and conspiracy to commit a crime.

Gabriel Cruz Jr., 34, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 100 block of Richland Drive for possession of a blank check, possession of a completed check, fraud,

conspiracy to commit a crime, possession of narcotic controlled substance, receiving stolen property and driving without a license.

Hannah Ruth Cockerham, 22, of Kingsburg, was arrested on Zerker Road for disorderly conduct and being under the influence.

Osvaldo Hernandez Neri, 28, of McFarland, was arrested in the 100 block of East Lerdo Highway for DUI:alcohol and driving under the influence.

BUTTONWILLOW

Dec. 1

Goran Pavicevic, 58, of Los Angeles, was arrested in the 21000 block of Highway

46 in Lost Hills for battery on spouse. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Dec. 3

Stephanie Bonilla, 25, of San Antonio, Texas, was arrested in the 3100 block of Watkins Lane in Buttonwillow for being in possession of a stolen vehicle and for giving false information to a peace officer. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Harvey Lee Joe Watkins, 43, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 3100 block of Watkins Lane in Buttonwillow for being in possession of a stolen vehicle, possessing burglary tools and for being in possession of stolen

property. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Dec. 8

Ruth Owens, 45, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in

the 21000 block of Palomas Avenue in Buttonwillow on an active felony bench warrant. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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A bright start to holidays downtown

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chocolate and performed "Little Saint Nick" and "12 Days of Christmas."

Of course, the holiday wouldn't be complete without a visit from that old guy from way up north. Santa Claus met with all of the children and listened to their Christmas wishes. He gave out goodie bags

by J Angel Jimenez, who gives his time and expertise for many of the city's major events.

This is the second ma-



DYW's Kristen McGuire, Aaliyah Chavola, Kaelah Perez and Isis Brownlow led the attendees in a big sing-along.

that included small toys, candy and other items. The kids also received stuffed animals provided by Minter Field Air Museum and books courtesy of the Shafter Learning Center.

The sound was provided for event of the season, following the Christmas parade put on by the Shafter Lions Club on Nov. 22. The next event coming up is the Santa Fly-In taking place at Minter Field on Dec. 14.



Distinguished Young Woman Kristen McGuire flips the switch to light up the night.



The Grimmway Academy choir entertained the crowd with some carols.

Store brings city together

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ing each other in a dignified and empowering way.

"At other Christmas giving events, the differences and inequalities between the volunteers and the participants are like the elephant in the room," explains Brittney Neal-Sobernais, project manager for the City of Shafter and member of the store's lead team. "This event strengthens our community because everyone is bringing something to the table, making those commonalities much easier to find."

Volunteers served as cashiers, gift wrappers and greeters, and there was no shortage of helping hands. Some volunteers, like Veronica Navarro, decided to make it a family event. "I thought this would be a good opportunity to show



The parents were given a chance to wrap the presents they purchased.

my daughter how important it is to give back to the community," said Navarro, who brought her daughter, Julianna, to volunteer with her. "We love to help others, and we hope that today we can reduce stress for some less fortunate families so they

can enjoy the holiday."

The Christmas Store is not like a regular toy giveaway. Though the prices are low, parents are still using their own hard-earned money to provide for their families, maintaining a sense of accomplishment and pride.

The store's lead team works closely with Shafter Healthy Start to identify families in the community who would most benefit from the event. Margaret Ramirez, a family advocate at Healthy Start, said, "I am volunteering today because I know these families. I've worked at Healthy Start for twenty years, and this is a great event for low income parents who wouldn't otherwise be able to provide Christmas presents for their kids."

Families came from many different circumstances to shop at the Shafter Christmas Store. Adrianna and Miguel Espinoza have four children under the age of 11, and Miguel is currently unable to work due to

health problems. "We have been going through a tough time financially because of my husband's injury, but thanks to this event we have been able to buy gifts for our kids," said Adrianna. "We hope to give back by donating or volunteering at this event in the future so that we can help others in need."

Though this was only the second Shafter Christmas Store, the event has grown significantly. Last year, 32 families representing 103 children were invited to shop, and this year the event supported 55 families representing 157 children.

"My hope for the future of the Christmas Store is that we stay true to the vision of this project," said Katie Wiebe. "I hope we remain committed to empowering families to provide for their children, and that we can continue to celebrate the many families in our community who work hard every day to love and support their children."



There were hundreds of toys to choose from for shopping parents.

Tree contest at Depot Museum

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that is from the "Charlie Brown Christmas," with its wilting branches and lone ornament.

The Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church Women's Ministries decorated their tree with "Elf" as their theme.

Lions Over the Years was the basis for the colorful tree put together by the Shafter Lions Club. John Turner's family, together with Gary and Martha Ingle, have a tree with the theme of White Gold. The Shafter Rotary Club decorated their tree with a bunch of elf decorations and ornaments, with their theme being a Merry Rotary Christmas.

Fittingly, the Shafter Post Office went with the theme of Letters to Santa. "Holiday Inn" was the inspiration for the tree submitted by the Maynard Family. West America Bank went with a movie that is a classic, as well as having a wildly successful remake, celebrating a "Merry Grinchmas."

Significant additions have been made to the museum in recent years, including a classic schoolhouse that was moved from the Richland School District bus garage, as well as completed displays upstairs, featuring an enchanting children's play room and a turn of the century living room and classic kitchen.

Last Saturday, attendees could observe a pair of World War II jeeps in remembrance of Pearl Harbor Day.

For those at the museum on Dec. 21, Santa Claus will be in the Waiting Room. He will be available to meet with visitors and listen to their Christmas wishes. Visitors are encouraged to bring their kids and a camera, and take all of the pictures they want.

At 11 a.m. that day, the museum also will be featuring the Shafter Brass Band. The local group of musicians will be serenading all of the visitors with a variety of Christmas carols.

The tree exhibit and contest will last until Saturday, Jan. 4. At the end of the season, there will be special ornaments given to the first-, second- and third-place winners of the Tree Contest.

The museum is open every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The museum encourages the public to come look at the trees on display and vote for their favorites.



Judy Knox went with the classic Charlie Brown tree.



Stan Wilson and Arnold Martinez with a couple of classic jeeps from the World War II era.

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Kidsgiving at shelter

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press
Students from Maple Elementary School recently gave a large amount of

food to the four-legged residents of the Shafter Animal Shelter.

In September, students from Maple attended a leadership conference at Bakersfield College with over 700 students from 100 different schools in Kern County.

The students spent the day learning about student leadership, focusing specifically on ways that could give back to their respective communities.

A Kern



From left, Addyson Hanner, Ebelin Gomez, Francisco Nunez, Alyse Biggs, Leah Samarin and Megan Bloemhof were excited to help the animals for the holidays.



Maple School students gave the Shafter Animal Shelter a large donation for the holidays. Students are, from left, Vice President Megan Bloemhof, President Alyse Biggs, Secretary Ebelin Gomez, Commissioner of Athletics Leah Samarin, Social Chair Francisco Nunez and Treasurer Addyson Hanner.

Kidsgiving Day was created for Dec. 6, challenging all the schools to make a commitment to hold a service project around that day. The students at Maple School decided to hold a weeklong food drive for the Shafter Animal Shelter. They collected donations the week leading up to Dec. 6, when

they presented the food to the shelter.

"We chose to do the food drive because people don't always think about helping animals, so we wanted to help the shelter at this time of year," said Alyse Biggs, Student Council president.

Another school in the

area, Thomas Jefferson Middle School in Wasco, collected food, toys and clothing for the Bakersfield Homeless Shelter. The school decided to help the shelter because many students in the area come from disadvantaged socioeconomic backgrounds, and they know the struggle of

being in need this time of year.

Maple's student body secretary, Ebelin Gomez, said, "It felt really good to be helping today." Biggs shared this sentiment: "It felt nice to give food to the animals, and I felt really proud to be on our Student Council."

More scenes from The Christmas Store



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The store was a success thanks to a team of volunteers, including Shafter police officers, right.



Come visit the Shafter Depot Museum this Christmas season and see trees decorated by local organizations in the theme Lights, Camera, Christmas!

Saturdays from 10 am – 3 pm

December 7th, 14th, 21st, 28th, & January 4th

December 21st Santa will visit the Depot to take photos with all the visitors and listen to their Christmas wishes. So be sure to bring your camera.

The Shafter Brass Band will also be on hand December 21st at 11 am to serenade our visitors with Christmas carols.

Admission to the museum is free.

We can't wait to see you there!

150 Central Valley Hwy

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Minter Field Airport will play host this Saturday to one of the busiest people around this time of year, as Santa is expected to touch down at around 11 a.m. near the main hangar at Minter Field. Organized by the Minter Field Air Museum and sponsored by Petsmart, the event will give the local children a chance to meet St. Nick and tell him their Christmas wishes. Opting to rest his mighty team of reindeer, with their international whirlwind looming later this month, Santa will be flown to the event by helicopter. The event is from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., with estimated touch-down at 11 a.m.

There will be hot chocolate and refreshments available, provided by Chuy's of Bakersfield.

Museum Director Ronald Pierce said that there were over 300 people that attended last year's event, so they are encouraging everyone to make the trip to Minter Field and to not miss this chance to rub elbows with the jolly old fellow.

Mrs. Claus will also be there, helping to hand out stuffed animals to the children. There will be plenty of helpful elves on hand to help as well, thanks to the girls of the California Pin-ups for Patriots. This group serves and recognizes veterans at a variety of functions, such as parades, fly-ins and dinners.



There were over 300 people in line waiting for Santa to make his grand entrance last year.

If you haven't visited the museum in a while, this will be a perfect time to do it. The museum regularly changes and makes additions to their many displays that are set up, depicting every major conflict in our country's military history.

One major addition to the museum is the expansion of their Army Air Corps exhibit. With the expansion, they are looking for anyone that has any pictures from the 1930s, when they were building on the Minter Field Base, all the way to the 1960s, so they will be able to fill their expanded space. Pierce said that the museum can copy any photos or news items from that era that is brought in.



Santa will be touching down at about 11 a.m.

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The cast belts out "Baseball," one of the featured numbers in the play.



This is the debut season of the Young Adult Theater of Shafter.

Young Adult Theater debuts

'Charlie Brown' opens at Ford Dec. 20-21

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

For over two decades, the children of Shafter have been the beneficiaries of the Shafter Children's Summer Theater, led by creator Cris Starrh and a large staff of volunteers.

The community of Shafter has also been a beneficiary, having been treated to a variety of entertaining performances over the years.

For quite a while now, Starrh has been toying with the idea of forming a theater group for the young adults of Shafter and the surrounding areas. With the return of her daughter, Dana Starrh, that idea has become a reality.

The Young Adult Theater

of Shafter will host its debut performances of the classic "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown" on Dec. 20 and 21.

The play, with a cast of six performers, is the good material for the group's first production, according to the director. "Having a smaller cast for the first production seemed like a good idea. It will make the first year a little easier to put on," Starrh said.

Starrh said Dana has been the leading force on the project and the catalyst that brought the troupe into existence.

"Because Shafter has such a big pool of talent, it makes sense to give kids a venue and platform to get

involved in after they age out of the children's theater," commented Starrh.

She said it is also an immense help to the high school program as it gives the kids valuable experience before they enter high school. "By the time they start high school, the students have already been through the jitters of being on stage and have that confidence of being out in front of an audience."

This sentiment has also been expressed by a couple of the cast members. Megan Bloemhof, who was Annie in the Children's Summer Theater, said the experience on stage has helped her in every phase of her life. "Before I started in theater, I

was very shy, without much confidence. Now, I volunteer in class and have self-confidence that I didn't have before," said Bloemhof.

The same goes for Bethany Neufeld, who said she started performing in the Children's Summer Theater in the first grade. "I started out early and am now in the Shafter High Drama Club. The experience has helped me so much in my drama classes."

Neufeld also said she loves the thrill that she gets from performing. "I love the excitement of being in the spotlight."

In addition to Neufeld as Charlie Brown, the cast includes Bloemhof as Sally, Lauren Givens as that love-

able, cranky Lucy, David Bloemhof as Schroeder, Paulina Evangelista as the beloved beagle and best friend Snoopy, and Joel Espinoza as the blanket-carrying poet and philosopher Linus.

The play is directed by Cris Starrh, Dana Starrh, Katelyn Akman and Cody Garcia. "We are fortunate to have a professional taking the time to help direct our production," said Starrh, referring to Garcia, who has performed in numerous productions on some of the biggest local stages. The stage crew consists of Laura Neufeld, Charlotte Franz, Jalie Grundt, Jayna Pierucci, Brent Starrh and Media Star. In the orchestra pit will be Chad Givens and Caleb Priuett, along with Cris and Dana Starrh.

Starrh had been wanting to do this production for a long time. "I remember seeing Larry Starrh do this production at the high school years ago and thought I would love to get

a chance to do it."

The play is a musical comedy based on the beloved Peanuts characters created by cartoonist Charles Schultz. It follows the journey of Charlie Brown and his friends as he tries to discover the reason he is said to be a "good man." The adventure takes him from trying to master flying his kite to the baseball field, where he attempts to win the championship with his team, and through the trials and tribulations of his friends as well.

The performances will be Friday, Dec. 20, and Saturday, Dec. 21, at Shafter's Ford Theater, 1101 E. Lerdo Highway. Shows will begin at 7 p.m. on Friday and Saturday evening, with a matinee on Saturday at 2 p.m.

Tickets can be purchased at the door, in advance at the Ford Theater's box office or over the phone by calling Melissa Dewitt at 661-903-0442. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children under 12.

Shafter FFA excels

at competition

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

On Nov. 20, 48 Shafter FFA students traveled to Independence High School to compete in the FFA Opening and Closing Speech Contest. One of the largest speech contests in the South Valley Section, over 400 members on teams from 10 schools were present to compete.

FFA members participate by reciting the FFA opening and closing ceremonies. The purpose of the speech teams is not only to teach students valuable public speaking skills, but also to encourage them to increase their involvement and take advantage of all the opportunities that the FFA organization has to offer.

For freshmen students, this was the first competition of the year. Ellie Flud, a Shafter freshman, said, "The contest helped me be less shy, and I am excited for future contests with FFA."

Shafter FFA senior Isis Brownlow commented, "The opening and closing contest was the first time I was able to break out of my shell as a freshman. Before the contest I rarely talked and wouldn't have dreamed of speaking publicly. After competing as a freshman, I was excited about the opportunities available to me through FFA and I have



The Shafter FFA shined at the recent competition at Independence High.

competed in almost all the public speaking contests that are offered. This contest specifically, changed my entire high school career."

Overall, the Shafter FFA had a successful year. The Novice Team, consisting of Andrew Diaz, Hailey Cruz, Nataly Ramirez, Chloeann Cantu, Ashlynn Martinez and Ellie Flud, placed third. The Open Blue Team, consisting of Valeria Gomez Diaz, Isis Brownlow, Azuzena Ortiz, Anthony Hipolito, Asia Escobedo and John Spencer, placed second in their division. Nataly Ramirez was awarded Novice Outstanding Secretary. Asia Escobedo, who was participating in her final speech contest for Shafter FFA, earned the Outstanding Reporter in the Blue Room.

This was also the first year that South Valley FFA offered the opening and closing speech contest in Spanish. Nathael Samano,

Yarely Urias, Joneli Lule, Nancy Maldonado, Anahi Gonzalez and Esmeralda Castro placed second in the Spanish division as a team. Yarely Urias was the Outstanding Vice President and Anahi Gonzalez was the Outstanding Reporter in the Spanish division.

The event highlights the fact that Future Farmers of America is much more than showing animals at the fair. The organization conducts speech contests and crop and livestock judging, as well as horticulture and agriculture mechanics. FFA empowers students with knowledge in different agricultural fields while allowing them to gain valuable hands-on experience that will help them in their future projects and careers.

With four advisors over several departments in a variety of fields, Shafter boasts one of the largest agriculture departments in the district.

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and the staff of Peters Funeral Home

Making a difference, one person at a time

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

There are many in our county who think that too many people in Kern County are being forgotten about, especially when it comes census time. This year's Point in Time Count that will take place is one opportunity to correct this and make sure everyone in Kern County is recognized. The Kern County Board of Supervisors, including 4th District Supervisor David Couch, are calling for as many as 500 volunteers to help with the count this year. There was an increase in the number of vol-

unteers last year, and it resulted in a rise of the count by around 50 percent. The count is conducted by the Kern County Homeless Collaborative and will take place on Jan. 24, 2020, from 3:30 a.m. to 10 a.m. This single day is dedicated to conducting surveys with the county's vulnerable homeless individuals and families experiencing. They may be sleeping in vehicles, on the streets, or in places not meant for habitation. Volunteers are being sought to make sure there is the most accurate count possible.

According to Valerie Rodriguez, homelessness projects assistant, gathering data is key to ending homelessness in our community. "The Point in Time Count relies on volunteer participation and helps provide us with accurate data that helps our county access needed federal and state homeless services resources." Volunteers will canvas the streets of Kern County for homeless individuals and families and ask them to participate in a brief survey. There is a mandatory training session before the day of the count. Once regis-

tered, volunteers for the count will receive an email to register for an upcoming training date. Volunteers will not be alone while the count is being conducted. There is a minimum of three people in each team of volunteers, at least one being an experienced counter with firsthand knowledge of homelessness. Teams will survey as many people that they can find and turn the paper work in at 8 a.m. at headquarters. If interested, go to kc2020pit.eventbrite.com, or contact Rodriguez at Valerie.r@uwkern.org.

OBITUARIES



Mary Louise Vazquez
July 7, 1927 – Dec. 3, 2019
Mary Louise Vazquez was born in Shafter on July 7, 1927, to parents Pastor Vazquez and Maria Torres Vazquez. She spent her whole life in Shafter and was one of the eldest residents in the Mexican Colony. Mary Louise enjoyed traveling with her sister, Helen, and they eventually lived together in their senior

years. Mary Louise was known by many as "Licha." Licha loved gardening and would often cultivate and arrange floral arrangements for St. Therese Catholic Church. Aside from being a skilled gardener, Licha was also a master cook and chef. She was well known for her stews that she shared with family and friends. Licha was a maternal per-

son who cared for her family and made sure they were taken care of every time any of them came to visit. She was a strong woman who did not let any illness slow her down. She passed away peacefully on Dec. 3, 2019. She was 92 years old. Mary Louise is survived by her beloved sister, Helen Vazquez, and her many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews,

all of whom held a special place in her heart, including Stephan Carrillo, Anthony Jr. Vazquez, Nicole Vazquez and Michael Rovelli. A viewing will be held Monday, Dec. 9, from 2 to 8 p.m., with the recitation of the Holy Rosary at 5 p.m., at Peters Funeral Home in Shafter. A funeral mass will be held Tuesday, Dec. 10 at 10 a.m. at St. Therese Catholic Church.

DEATH NOTICES

Walter Bergen, 86, of Shafter, passed away Dec. 5 in Shafter. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.
Margarita Chacon Tena, 83, of Shafter, passed away Dec. 8 in Shafter. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.
Roman Reyes Lopez, 62, of Shafter, passed away Dec. 8 in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

COUCH'S CORNER A week in the life

As I met with my staff to discuss this week's Couch's Corner, we found it hard to pick a subject to write about, not because so little had happened, but because so much was happening. So we decided to quickly touch on some of the things that happened this week. You may get dizzy because we've been to a lot of places. For instance, Friday night you may have seen me at the Delano Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting. Art Armendariz of my staff joined me for this Christmas celebration. I love these events because the community comes together, I get to talk to all kinds of people, and I get to hear from you. While Art and I attended the Delano event, Sal Moretti and Zack Wakefield of my staff filled in for me at the Buttonwillow Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting. While I can't be everywhere at once, as a team, we can be more than one place at a time,

and we try. Caring for the less fortunate is a signature trait of District 4. This past week, staff and I were in Weedpatch distributing clothes we've collected from our District 4 Clothing Drive to needy families. We're working with state Sen. Melissa Hurtado on a baby food drive, and while we're at it, we've supported Rep. TJ Cox on his Immigrant Ag Labor Bill, called the "Blue Card" bill, that was in the news lately, that can help farmers and farmworkers alike in Kern County. We've also scheduled the next Delano Homeless Collaborative meeting for Thursday, Dec. 19, to discuss state funding we're working hard to secure that will allow Delano to provide improvements to their homeless problem. We're doing this without the fanfare and controversy you may have heard of in Bakersfield, because we, as a community, are working together.

On Dec. 2, I also sent staff to Lost Hills to discuss community improvements that we're actively engaged in supporting and funding. That same night I was in Arvin at their Christmas Parade. Also during that same day, we were evaluating a potential property acquisition that we initiated that is part of an effort to build a community center in Mexican Colony, near Shafter. All this while checking in with county departments to make sure potholes, illegal dumping, stray animals and other problems our constituents report are being fixed. We meet regularly with these departments to check in of these referrals. There is so much more. I told you you'd get dizzy. I do. It's an around-the-clock, seven-days-a-week challenge to be at all the places where we need to be and to work on all the things our district needs. But it's a labor of love, and I look forward to this type

of schedule each and every week. We'll be reporting more in the future on another initiative this week that is, trying to get grant funding to improve the Veterans' Memorial at the entrance to Delano Memorial Park. We'll also be reporting soon on the latest Keep Kern Beautiful developments. Volunteer groups and community partners are being trained and organized as we speak. This initiative is a District 4 initiative that will help all of us in District 4 and Kern County as a whole as we affiliate with the national Keep America Beautiful program. Got any questions? Give us a call at 661-868-3680 or email us at district4@kern-county.com. Have a great week. *David Couch represents the Shafter and Wasco area on the Ken County Board of Supervisors. His opinions are his own, and do not necessarily reflect those of the paper or its management.*

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2019-B7135
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Bakersfield, CA 93306
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
10203 Besancon Way
Bakersfield, CA 93306
Alex Gunther Parsons
31900 Kimberlina Rd
Bakersfield, CA 93308
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
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Date Statement Expires: 11/12/2024
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By: /s/R Edmiston
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Bakersfield Property Services
2019-B7086
9100 Ming Ave., #100
Bakersfield, CA 93311
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
9100 Ming Ave., #100
Bakersfield, CA 93311
Westwind Holding, Inc.
9100 Ming Ave., #100
Bakersfield, CA 93311
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Imperia Construction
2019-B6884
10633 Bay Avenue
California City, CA 93505
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
P.O. Box 2398
California City, CA 93504
Jan Frank Labicki
10633 Bay Avenue
California City, CA 93505
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Cota Clothing Company
2019-B7275
237 Potter St
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County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
237 Potter St
Shafter, CA 93263
Itzel Cota Flores
237 Potter St
Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
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PASTOR'S CORNER

Don't be afraid of mistakes

PASTOR JIM NEAL

George Bernard Shaw once wrote, "A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable but more useful than a life spent doing nothing." Wouldn't life be easier to "swallow" if we could just remember these words?

I often wonder why we worry so much about making mistakes -- sometimes so much so that it paralyzes our creativity and even dulls our ability to dream. Life would be so much more exciting if we would revert to our childhood; yes, way back to the time where if we could think it, we would try it -- again and again, if necessary.

Somewhere along the way we began to equate "hiccups" in life as absolute failures instead of as what they were, just small snafus. We find it impossible to hail the words of the Apostle Paul to

"forget the things that are behind." Think of two statements: 1) I have failed hundreds of times and 2) I am a failure. Both could have been spoken by the same person after surveying the exact situation. Now I ask you: Which one carries the most weight and power? Thomas Edison, the greatest inventor of all time, could have said both; however, thankfully he looked at each mistake as a way that did not work instead of looking at himself as a failure.

Paul Galvin at the young age of 33 had failed in business twice already. He was attending a public auction of the leftovers of his most recent business failure a storage battery business. He had only \$750 left to his name. Mustering up all the gumption he could, he took

that money and won the bid to buy back the battery eliminator portion of his failed business. That portion of his old business became the cornerstone of a busi-

The founder of Motorola had failed twice in business by age 33.



ness Christ needed him most. Paul, after meeting the resurrected Lord on the road to Damascus, could have surveyed his life of persecuting the young church and his participation as utter failures. However, both these men rose from the ashes of despair and discouragement, received the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives and proceeded to become supreme witnesses to the Lord of Lord and King of Kings.

The only way to combat the feeling of crippling failure is to replace it with the only known antidote, which works 100% of the time when applied, and that is the concept of faith. The writer of Hebrews defines faith as. "...faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Paul Galvin, Thomas Edison, Pe-

ter and Paul, and a myriad of other unknown believers applied this definition either knowingly or unknowingly -- why can't you?

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