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Council to revisit vet plaque



Councilmember Chad Givens, Mayor Pro-Tem Cesar Lopez and Mayor Gilbert Alvarado looking over agenda.

Panel working on plan to improve air quality

JAMIE STEWART The Shafter Press

two communities in the San Joaquin

With the passage of AB 617, a steering committee was formed to submit a Community Emissions Plan by October. Shafter was selected as one of

Valley to be the pilot programs in the effort to reduce emissions in the air in

The committee has been meeting once a month for the past six months, with the meeting being increased to two times a month beginning in July.

A committee made up of 20 Shafter residents was formed, with a mix of business owners, farmers, and city government representatives, as well as individuals who are working to create a plan to address the need for cleaner

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Residents criticize plan for memorial

JAMIE STEWART The Shafter Press

After four people urged them to revisit the issue at Tuesday's meeting, the City Council agreed to take another look at the placement of another plaque at the new Veterans Me-

The council had decided on June 18 that a plaque would be added to the Veterans Park Veterans Memorial, which would contain the City Council members names and titles on it. This plaque would be placed by the other memorial

plaques at the flower bed of the memorial.

Former council member Woody Colvard among those who encouraged a re"We didn't mean to offend anyone. If we did offend anybody, I apologize."

- Councilmember Manuel Garcia

versal. "I don't see any reason that the City Council members' names and titles would belong out there," he said.

"I agree with Woody, this is not the place for a plaque with the Council members names on it." Eli Espericueta, a U.S. Army veteran, said. He said he understood that it was a legacy thing, something to show their grandchildren, but he said that there are other places to put something like that other than a memorial honoring veterans.

The issue got mixed into other subjects during the public comments: "You guys also are going to look at the charter that has served the city well over the years. After reading

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Annexations key to Shafter's development

Trade Center is centerpiece of plan

ROCHELLE VANDERHELM

For The Shafter Press

In the 1990s, the City of Shafter annexed a large portion of land into the city limits just south of Seventh Standard Road. "Annexation 69" was completed in July of 1997, and it laid the groundwork for the industrial park that continues to grow today.

The International Trade and Transportation Center was

The city benefits from annexations by gaining control of this zoning and city planning. The landowner benefits from the services the city can offer.

the centerpiece of that expansion. They sought to maintain an inland port on the outskirts of Shafter, eventually, the industrial park was sold to Paramount, now The Wonderful Com-

pany. The park is now maintained by that company.

When lands are annexed, the City of Shafter works with landowners to develop a functional plan for the land. Some needs to be set aside for transportation services, some for sewage, some for water and some for the fundamental purpose of the land, development.

"There was other land that was subdivided, some for the See TRADE CENTER Page 5



The Walmart Distribution Center, the first of its kind, is scheduled to open in the fall of 2020.

Meadows sees bright future

JAMIE STEWART The Shafter Press

The City of Shafter has built a reputation in the past two decades of attracting new businesses, as well as becoming one of the most financially stable cities in the state. This reputation is continuing to grow as the city

is preparing for the opening of Walmart's first fresh and frozen distribution center.

This facility will be the first of its kind, said Bob

Meadows, the city's business development director. Meadows took the reins of the city's economic de-

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Community Calendar

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW: Roaming Reptiles — Tuesday, July 30, at 12 p.m. at the Shafter Library.

NEW: Celebrate Summer Finale — Wednesday, July 31, at 12 p.m. at the Shafter Library.

Free rides -- Kern Transit is offering free rides to who are attending Bakersfield College for the school summer

Worship hours -- Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church will be starting Sunday worship at 10 a.m. from June 23 through Aug 4.

Beat the heat -- Veteran's Park spray pad will be open on Saturday and Sunday from 12 to 6 p.m. and on days of

Church sports camps — Shafter Mennonite Church at 400 Kern St. is hosting three sports camps for all incoming K-6th grade students. The camps and dates are volleyball (June 17-21), wrestling (July 15-19) and basketball (July 29-Aug. 2). The cost of each camp is \$15; if a child attends all three, the total is \$40. Each camp is held 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Center gym with an exhibition and dessert for the whole family at 7 p.m. Friday of each camp. Call the church office for more information and registration, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., 661-746-4969 or go to shaftermb.org.

Pregnancy health — Bakersfield Pregnancy Center's Image Clear Ultrasound mobile unit will be in Shafter on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month, 2-5 p.m., 341 Central Ave. (parking lot across from La Fonda). No appointments necessary. FREE pregnancy test, firsttrimester ultrasound, information and resources available.

MONDAY

Knitting 101 (Tejer 101) -- Starting June 10. Mondays at 1 p.m. at the Shafter Branch Library.

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 third 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-

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

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

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

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

Kern County Library – Weekly events include trivia all day, Knitting Club at 11:30 a.m., Scholar Hour at 2:30 p.m.

TUESDAY

Kids get crafty (Ninos se vuelven artistas) -- At the

Shafter Branch Library Tuesdays at 2 p.m. Zumba – Classes Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 7:10-8:10

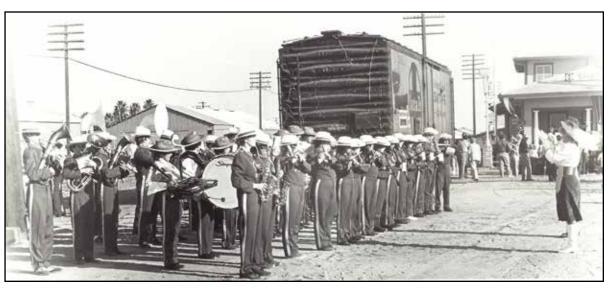
p.m. at the Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset Ave. Food Pantry — Food giveaway the third Sunday, Shafter Christian Fellowship, 632 James St., starting at 1 p.m. First

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.

at the Shafter branch, 236 James St.

Mystery history



This week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. Send your educated (or semieducated) guess to The Press, 406 Central Ave., Shafter 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@TheShafter-Press.com. Winners will be revealed here next week, along with the facts behind this photo and a new one to challenge you. LAST WEEK: Two men loading cotton bales onto a truck at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Cotton Research Station in 1920s or 1930s



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

Adult Book Discussion (Discusion De Libros Para Adultos) -- July 10 and 14 at 5:30 p.m. at the Shafter Branch Library.

Crochet 101 (Tejer 101) -- Wednesday at 1 p.m. at the Shafter Branch Library.

Zumba – Classes Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 7:10-8:10 p.m. at the Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset Ave.

Youth program -- Awanas Club Program 6:15-8 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 Depart-

ment 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

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

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

Crazy Science Experiments (Locos experimentos de ciencia) -- STEAM Activities Club Thursdays at 2 p.m. at the Shafter Branch Library.

Sack Day 55+ -- Every first and third Thursday at 10

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

Chair Exercise 55+ -- 11 a.m. at W.C. Walker Center. Karaoke potluck -- Usually every second and fourth Friday starting at 5 p.m. at W.C. Walker Center.

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

ARREST REPORT

As reported by the Shafter Police Department.

July 9

come, first served.

Carlos DeLeon, 40, of Shafter, was arrested for disorderly conduct: under the influence of drugs.

Josue Javier Mendoza, 26, of Shafter, was arrested on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

July 10

Adam Benjamin Coleman, 35, of Bakersfield, was arrested for DUI and drugs combined.

Jose Guadalupe Rivera, 52, of Shafter, was arrested on a misdemeanor bench warrant and an outside agency warrant.

Robert Taylor Robles,

20, of Shafter, was arrested on an outside agency war-

Tony Joshua Cortez Jr., 28, of Shafter, was arrested for possession of controlled paraphernalia substance and possession burglary tools, and on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

July 11

Matthew Lamas, 33, of DUI, evading a public offi-

Andrew Julian Aquino, 26, of Bakersfield, was arrested for DUI and U-turn

July 12

Shafter, was arrested for being in a park after curfew.

Desiree Marie Diaz, 27, of Shafter, was arrested for exhibitings a firearm, obstruction of a public officer and on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

Nicholas Medrano, 21, of Shafter, was arrested for possession of controlled substance paraphernalia and obstruction of a public officer.

July 13

Anthony Irving Lucas, 18, of Wasco was arrested for DUI. July 14

assault with a deadly weapon, threatening crime with intent and vandalism more than \$400.

Ryan Patrick Flaherty,

27, of Bakersfield, was arrested for shoplifting. Paul Richard Gonzalez,

37, of Bakersfield, was arrested on an outside agency warrant. Rebecca Annet Frantz, 29, of Bakersfield was ar-

rested for possession of a

controlled substance for

BUTTONWILLOW July 10

Rene Larralde, 53, of Shafter, was arrested at the intersection of South

Shafter Avenue and Riverside Street in Shafter for failing to ride his bicycle on the right side of the roadway, being in posses-

sion of a controlled substance and being in possession of drug paraphernalia. He was cited and released at the scene.

Shafter, was arrested for cer and basic speed law.

in business district.

Erik Lopez, 25, of Ba-Carlos DeLeon, 40, of kersfield, was arrested for

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Aaliyah Estrada, Alex Aguirre and Dominic Cervacio are enjoying their time at camp.



Jacquiline Cervacio loves the swimming part of the camp.

Shafter Rec offers summer fun for kids

JAMIE STEWART The Shafter Press

The Shafter Recreation and Parks Dis-

trict is holding its second annual Summer Day Camp for local kids up to eighth grade. According to Camp Director Elia Torres,

last year they did not have a place for preschool children at the camp. But a number of the parents who utilized the camp had younger children, so they decided to add a pre-school division to the camp this year. They have 10 3- and 4-year-olds this year. The preschoolers are kept busy doing arts and crafts, helping them with numbers and colors, and games. Torres said, "If you are familiar at all with

the After School CHAMPS program, we have modeled our camp after that a lot of the same classes and activi-

The day camp accommodates children from kindergarten through eighth grade. This year, their attendance is up, with 112 children, up from 92 last year. "We grew by 20

kids this year, and hopefully it will keep getting bigger and better," she said.

The camp runs from 7:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Torres said that sometimes she arrives earlier

than that because they have a few parents that

have to go to work earlier. "We try to accommodate our parents and help the kids have a safe and fun time at the camp," Torres said. The day is broken up into different sessions, with a variety of activities to choose from. In the morning, the camp offers soc-

cer, art and mixed media. It's no surprise that one of the most popular activities on these hot summer days is swimming. Campers swim from noon to

1 p.m. According to Aaliyah Estrada, 10, swimming is her favorite activity. "I also like the juggling class," said Estrada. "I had never tried to juggle before, but I am getting the hang of it. It is a lot of fun." The camp also offers a Legos class. If

you thought this was just a class where you grab some Legos and snap them together, think again. Here, campers build a vehicle of their choice with the plastic parts. They then program the vehicle with an iPad to move. "The Legos Engineering class is awesome. I really like programming the cars to move," said Alex Aguirre, 12. "I also love the basketball class." Classes

include stitch, pipe cleaners (where the kids create their own animals), bracelet making, drawing, puppet making, and flags. Brandi Root is teaching the kids how to perform with a big flag, preparing the children for junior high, where they can join the Flag Corps team that marches in parades and at sport-

ing events. "Yeah, she is helping our kids prepare for junior high, so when they enter the seventh and eighth grades, they will already have some basic skills to build on," Torres said.

Breakfast and lunch are provided for the campers, which is included in their fee. There are eighth graders who are enjoying the camp, along with the large number of younger kids. Dominick Cervacio, 13, said that the camp has been a lot of fun. His favorite part of the camp is basketball, followed by soccer and juggling. "Juggling has been hard for me because I have never done it before, but I really like it," Domi-



Kids learn about big race at VBS

JAMIE STEWART The Shafter Press

Shafter's Ford Theater was the site of a Community Vacation Bible School that drew almost 100 children this week. The



The challenge was for each team to build a pyramid from the materials given to them. Team 4 received big rocks.

theme is "The Incredible Race" the kids had a cnance to participate in a big race to the finish as well as learn about the other big race, the hu-

was for kindergarten through sixth grade, with each age group having a team leader

The event

man race.

that would take them from station to station. Several different stations were at the

theater, from music, Bible story time, arts and crafts, and games. The event was a community event, with five churches creating one big VBS. Valley Bible Church, Shafter Christian Felllowship, Home Fellowship, La Rosa De Saron Church and New Hope Church joined together for this community event.

"There were five churches that came together for the event, but we had volunteers from other churches too who came to help out," said Colleen Diltz, a volunteer from Shafter Christian Fellowship.

The kids traveled from continent to continent in the race as they uncovered clues and attempted challenges to add to their scorecards. This was a global scavenger hunt as the race started at the Garden of Eden and went up to and through the time of the building of the Tower of Babel.

Kids were shown how the events that happened in the Bible still matter.

On Tuesday, the children made snakes out of popsicle sticks, decorating them in bright colors as they learned about the lesson given in the Garden of Eden.

Karen Reiker told the story of the Tower



Campers made these Lego vehicles and

programmed them with an iPad to move.

Elizabeth Munoz strikes a pose for the camera.

of Babel during Bible Story time, teaching the kids about the villagers being confused as their languages were turned into something different that they didn't recognize.

The children played a big game of that schoolyard favorite, dodgeball, as they tried to avoid getting hit by one of the global-shaped balls of different sizes.

Refreshments were served to keep their energy up as they navigated through all of the different stations.

At the end of the day, the kids gathered in the theater's main room for a time of fun challenges and music with choreogra-

phy to go with it. In addition to the incredible race that the kids were on, they also learned about the human race. The teachers and volunteers, which numbered 36, taught the kids that no matter where you live, what shade of skin you have, or what language you speak, everyone is part of the human race. They also learned from their teachers that all of God's people were called, from every tribe and nation, to spread the good news of Jesus Christ and His loving kindness.

Man denies driving in fatal crash on Sante Fe Way

JAMIE STEWART The Shafter Press

A man who was involved in a fatal car accident in May has denied being the driver of the vehicle, according to recently filed court documents. On May 31, Shafter Police were dis-

patched to Santa Fe Way, just south of Burbank Street, in connection with a rollover accident. Upon arrival, officers found a Shafter man, Miguel Pelayo, 22, at the scene. They also found a man, later identified as Rene Daniel Chavez, 22, also of Shafter, dead.

The documents said officers noticed signs of Pelavo being under the influence. His eyes were bloodshot, his speech was slurred and he emitted an odor of alcohol. Officers also said that Pelayo was walking unsteadily. Investigating further, officers noticed that Pelayo also showed signs of being under the influence of marijuana. He had an elevated heart rate, a green coating on his tongue and dilated pupils.

Pelayo was arrested at the scene for suspicion of being under the influence. In the court documents, Pelayo denes that he was driving the vehicle at the time of the accident. The Toyota Tacoma that was involved in the accident is a stick shift – which Pelavo said he doesn't know how to operate -- and he said that he was not driving the truck. Investigators later talked to Pelayo's fa-

ther and found out that his son had been using the truck for the past several weeks. He also said that Pelayo could drive a stick shift and that he was driving the truck the afternoon before the crash.

Police then spoke to the father of Chavez, who told officers that his son did not know how to drive a stick shift. A series of field sobriety tests performed on Pelayo indicated that he was intoxicated, but a preliminary test indicated his blood-alcohol content was 0.04%, below the state legal limit of 0.08%. Pelayo was freed from custody and was

not charged. The investigation is ongoing.





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Jazz concert in the park set for Sunday

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Community Band will be performing at Mannel Park on Sunday, July 21, at 7 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and join them for a free night of music under the stars. The band will be playing a variety of jazz tunes as this ensemble displays the array of talent of local musi-

Led by Shafter Symphony Conductor Stephen Penner, the band has spent the past three weekends rehearing at the Congregational Church of Shafter, preparing for this one-night-only performance.

The concert will take place at Mannel Park at the gazebo. Residents and friends are invited to bring friends to picnic and enjoy a evening of jazz.

Shafter's DYW competing at state



McGuire, the daughter of Mark and Susan McGuire will be representing Shafter in the state competition from July 14-20.

Shafter's Distinguished Young Woman, Kristen McGuire, will be competing in Bakersfield at the state competition from July

The event will be held at California State University, Bakersfield, in the Dore Theater. The preliminary competition begins on July 14 with interviews, rehearsals for the Fitness routines, as well as the numbers performed throughout the competition. Each participant will be staying with a host family in Bakersfield and will have opportunities to meet all of the other participants throughout the state.

The winner of the state competition will go on to represent California in the national competition to held in Mobile,



Kristen McGuire was named Shafter's Distinguished Young Woman at the competition in March.

musical "Chicago." McGuire is sponsored by Richland Chevrolet.

McGuire beat out 16 other participants for the local title. She did not win any individual phases of the competition, but the well-rounded young woman scored so well overall that she won the competition, along with its top scholarship.

McGuire has been busy serving the city

Performance nights will be Friday, July 19, and Saturday, July 20, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door and can be bought at squareup.com/store/distinguished-young-women-california.

Flowers can be ordered and delivered through Sun Country Flowers. Cards of encouragement can be sent to 330 Garnsey Ave., Bakersfield 93309.

Business chief sees bright future for city

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velopment about nine months ago, and he says the city staff and the people of Shafter have been amazing.

Meadows comes from the banking industry, serving in different capacities for several institutions, most recently, Mission Bank. Meadows had extensive experience and achievements in branch management, commercial lending, leadership training, business development and state advisory councils. "With the connections I bring with me, I am more of a grass-roots guy, who is excited to help someone build their dream business, as well as dealing with a corporation who is looking to add Shafter to its inventory.'

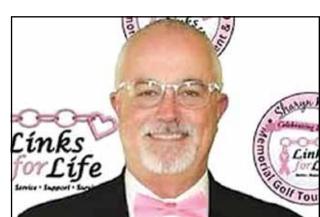
Meadows said that the city's solid financial reputation is a big draw for prospective businesses, as well as being the only city in Kern County that has full

high speed connectivity. "Several companies I have dealt with say that the fiber optic lines were a major draw for them," he said. Another attraction for existing and new companies is the outstanding assistance they get from the city. "Companies tell me that the support they receive, from the first consultation to the ongoing relationships, are important to their suc-

Meadows said that prospects are introduced to the city with a Powerpoint presentation that highlights some of the advantages of doing business in Shafter, along with consultations with any department heads necessary, be it Public Works, the Planning Committee, or the city manager. Meadows said that a lot of the companies comment that it is unique to be able to meet with the city manager and business development personnel, as well as other city staff, on an expedited basis.

Meadows said that the city keeps bringing in new businesses that will benefit the city's residents as well, giving them job opportunities. "For example, the Walmart Distribution Center, which is scheduled to be opened in the fall of 2020. The facility will mean 400 total jobs for the community, with 100 of those being STEM (science, technology, engineering, mathematics) related jobs.

"The future of Shafter's economy keeps getting brighter with each addition to the community, as well as ev-



Bob Meadows spent over four decades in the banking industry before moving to the City of Shafter position.

ery opportunity that the city takes advantage of when it comes to enriching the education of its residents, students young and old.

Committee working on air emissions rules

From Page 1

air in our community.

by a representative of the California Air Resources Board, and the Department of Pesticide Regulation. Scott Wahl, of CARB, said, "We have worked on different strategies that have taken in the suggestions made by the committee, as well as the proposed requirements that will be in place to reduce emissions in the community."

The committee has until October to complete an action plan that can be submitted to the San Joaquin Valley Air District Board for review. This plan will then be implemented and the community of Shafter will be required to abide by its

In addition to the presentations, there was a document submitted by a subcommittee of the Steering Committee addressing the need to monitor certain areas in and around Shafter.

Among these are Golden Oak Elementary School. There are two stop signs along An update was given at the last meet- Lerdo Highway, with a playground iming on July 18, with presentations given mediately adjacent. The separation is only a sidewalk and a chain link fence, with many trucks passing through the area daily. There is also a stop sign there at which trucks idle, increasing the amount of emissions there.

> Other sites include as the La Colonia, which is surrounded by agriculture operations, as well as the JP Oil crude oil processing facility two-thirds of a mile away. Dairy monitoring along Wildwood between Riverside and Burbank also was on the list. It asks for monitoring of quantities of ammonia, NOx, ethanol, methane and N2O. It is noted that the area is nine miles outside of Shafter, but it less than six miles from Maple School, which is attended by many Shafter residents.

It was mentioned that there are at least 2,000 light passenger vehicles 15 years or older registered in the city of Shafter. It was recommended that a program in which

those vehicles could be turned in for an electric vehicle at no cost for qualifying low-income residents.

The report recommends that 250 lowincome homes in Shafter be equipped with solar energy. The homes receiving this solar would have an electric heat pump installed for heating and cooling, electric hot water heater and an electric induction

A federal tax credit and the DAC-SASH program would pay nearly 100% of the cost, it says. This funding should be made available with either current sources or AB617 funds.

During the meeting it was announced that Shafter has an additional monitoring station in the city now, at Grimmway Academy. The original monitoring station is at Shafter High School, and the new station was installed at the charter school off of Los Angeles Avenue. It was stated that the levels recorded at the new station have been relatively normal, the exception being the afternoon and evening of the fourth of July, in which levels spiked, which is not unusual in city and, in fact,

the region. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, July 22, at the Shafter Veterans Hall. On the agenda is discussion of enforcement of air pollution control regulations, which will be presented by Valley Air District enforcement staff. There will also be a session of developing CERP strategies for implementation in Shafter. This will include proposed changes in existing regulations and the addition of new procedures intended to reduce emissions in and around the Shafter area. The discussion will include agricultural operations, vehicle emissions, commercial emission risks and how to keep our schools protected from harmful emis-

More information on the committee's activities and the development of the Community Emissions Reduction Plan is available at community.valleyair.org/selectedcommunities/shafter



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HISTORY IN HEADLINES

From the pages of The Shafter Press:

10 years ago: July 15, 2009 City of Shafter Administrative Ser-

vices Director Jo Barrick was recognized for excellence in financial reporting by the Government Finance Officers Association.

Prominent longtime resident Nancy Starrh passed away.

20 years ago July 14, 1999 Officer Jeff Bell was appointed to the position of Captain at the Shafter Police Department.

30 years ago: July 12, 1989

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Fred Starrh was re-elected president of the Western Cotton Growers Association.

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Trade Center is centerpiece of plan

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railroad," said City Manager Scott Hurlbert. A network of railroad tracks completed the final piece of the puzzle. That allowed for the transportation of goods into and out of the industrial park.

At the time of annexation, the state pushed cities to plan in a way that reduced the effect of emissions, especially from transportation, Hurlbert said. The planning that went into the industrial park reflects that goal.

Shafter is set up in a diamond configuration, with two primarily residential areas occupying opposite corners of the diamond, and two industrial centers the other opposite corners.

The industrial park on

The industrial park on Santa Fe Way and the industrial area around Minter Field take up the southwest and northeast corners.

In 2006, Gossamer Grove, Heritage Ranch and Mission Lakes planned developments comprised Annexation #77 that made up Shafter's southerly resi-

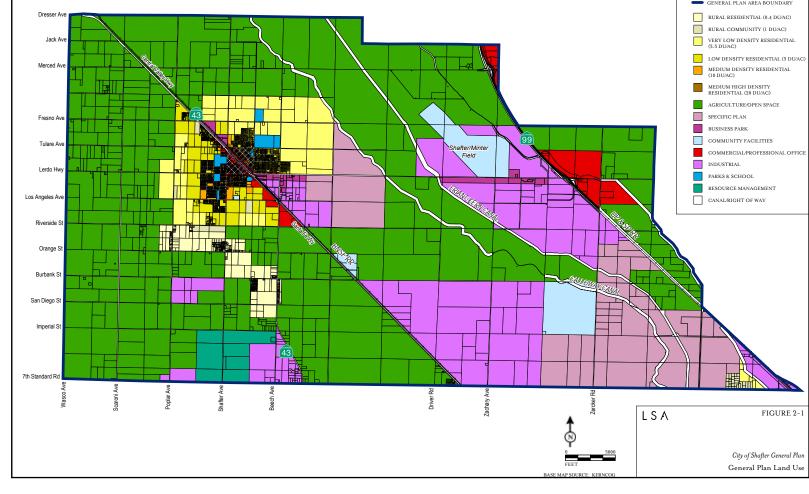
dential zone, with the main City of Shafter forms the northern residential area.

Currently, there are large tracts of farmland that lie between these areas. However, with the City Council working with a forecast of a total population of around 20,000 people in the next official census, this land provides the growing space Shafter may one day need.

"There's a lot happening. Shafter, last

year, was the fastest growing city in Kern County," said Hurlbert. Diamond-shaped zoning will help accommodate the effects of such growth by decreasing the distance -- and time -- commuters need to get to and from work.

Consider a town that is split in halves,



residential and commercial. A new resident could find themselves with a house on one extreme edge of town, and a job at the other. This becomes even more likely for poorer households, with their housing distanced from the main workings of the town. The diamond configuration disperses more evenly the jobs and the housing, while also keeping them sufficiently separate.

The city benefits from annexations by

gaining control of this zoning and city planning. The landowner benefits from the services the city can offer.

Some landowners choose to annex into

city limits for better policing services, and more reliable water and sewage. And some areas, such as the Bishop Acres community across from the industrial park on Santa Fe Way, benefit from some of these services even before annexation.

The Local Agency Formation Commission

The Local Agency Formation Commission, or LAFCO, is responsible for approving annexation throughout Kern County. The commission is made up of local government officials and prominent community members, and is tasked with easing the passage of lands and communities into each city.

"Anything with the name 'city' or 'dis-

LAFCO coordinates what policies, such as taxes and building codes, will be "grandfathered" in and what changes will be made.

trict' need to go through LAFCO," said

Hurlbert. In the case of developed land,

in the case of undeveloped land, are all planned ahead during the annexation process. This gives the city the advantage of developing the city in the most efficient way.

It also gives the landowner the advantage of knowing ahead of time what development is preferred and will be allowed by the city, while also benefiting from the other services provided by the city.

The City of Shafter anticipates much from the Santa Fe Way industrial park that was annexed in 1997. According to Hurlbert, it currently employs up to 5,000 people. "If the park was developed to its full potential, I think we could see more than 20,000 jobs in the future," said Hurlbert.

DEATH NOTICES

Maria Elena Macias Gonzalez, 67, of Shafter, passed away July 11, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Angelia Heredia, 74, of Shafter, passed away July 14. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

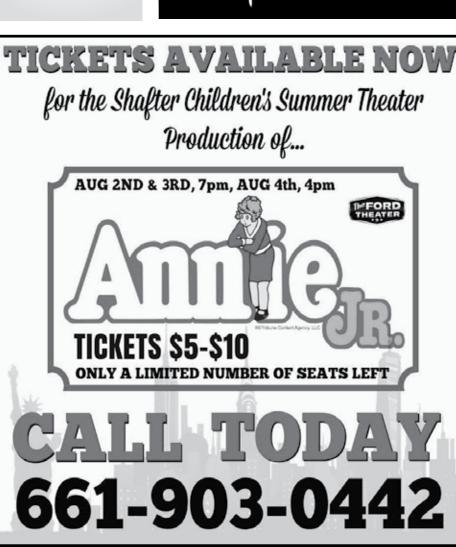
Jeannine Odeite Schelly, 66, of Shafter, passed away July 11, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

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Leon Stevens March 26, 1944 –

July 6, 2019
Leon Stevens was born
March 26, 1944, to Gus and
Rosalee Stevens in Bakersfield. Leon was the oldest of
five children and was raised
in Delano. Leon passed

away on July 6, 2019, in

Leon is presided in death by his parents and sister Sheila. He is survived by his loving wife of 24 years, Rebeca, their son Joshua and a grandson, due to arrive in November; three sons, Darryl, Leon Jr. and Noel Stevens, and three daughters Sherron Moore, Tigen Rosales, and Deniese Mayfield and six grandchildren, Kaelah and Brandon Stevens, Elexie Moore, Matthew and Ari Rosales, and Morgan Mayfield; two sisters, Dorothy Lucas and Ingrid Farinas; brother Rick Stevens; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and

Leon graduated from Delano High School in 1962. He was well known for his kind and loving spirit and contagious smile. Leon was a three-sport athlete and excelled in football, track and basketball. Leon's athletic abilities were honored in 2010 when

friends.

OBITUARIES



he was inducted into the Delano High School Hall of Fame.

After high school, Leon attended Bakersfield College to pursue a business degree and decided to focus his athletic efforts on football, where he averaged 100 yards per game, and is still in the record books today at Bakersfield College as one of the top 24 running backs for his record in rushing over 1,200 yards during the 1963-64 season, which still stands today nearly 55 years

Leon concluded his season at BC and earned the award of distinction of All American in the Metropolitan Conference and was awarded a full-ride football scholarship to Arizona State University.

In 1968, Leon was drafted into the Army, and

he served his country during the Vietnam War. He Quartermaster attended Specialty School at Fort Lee in Virginia and received a diploma in stock control and accounting. In 1971, Leon received an honorable discharge and moved back to Delano to work with the familyowned business Stevens Transportation, Inc. (formerly Stevens Trucking) and remained employed with company until the time of his death.

Over the years, Leon enjoyed many things, including sports, skiing and raising chickens, but most of all he loved people, whether related by blood, friend, coworker, neighbor or stranger on the street -- he loved everyone and people loved him. His infectious smile made people instantly want to smile, and his jovial and fun-loving spirit could be felt the moment you began talking to him. He will truly be missed by all!

Visitation was held July 11, including a Rosary, at Basham & Lara Funeral Care in Shafter. The funeral will be held July 12 at 10.m. at St. Therese Catholic Church, 300 W. Lerdo Hwy. in Shafter.

Council to look at plaque issue again

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the management reports, it seems that a lot of this has started with Mayor Alvarado and went from there," Espericueta said. "To get back to what I was saying, I think that this issue should be revisited."

Fred Thomas added that he is also a vet-

eran and was very troubled by the council's decision to add their names and titles to the monument. "This memorial is honoring veterans. I am a veteran, but I would not want my name on the memorial. I would be ashamed to add my name to a memorial honoring all veterans."

Mike Miller, of AmVets, added to the

criticism. "I have the same concern as the rest of the speakers here. There were several planning meetings, and this issue never came up. We decided not to add individual names to the memorial because it is for all veterans.

"The idea of the City Council putting their names at the memorial never came up."

Councilmembers Chad Givens, Cathy Prout and Manuel Garcia agreed, and the issue is to be on the agenda at the council's next meeting.

Mayor Alvarado thanked the veterans for their service. "Before we close public comment, I want to thank you for serving our country," he said.

But that wasn't the end of it.

The issue came up later, too. During the reports and comments section, Councilmember Garcia addressed the meeting, "We are going to revisit the issue," he said. He then

tearfully added, "We didn't mean to offend anyone. If we did offend anybody, I apologize. Also, as for the charter, I am not looking to change the charter. I am only wanting to better understand it. I am not looking to change it," referring to a review authorized by the council last month.

In other council action, the members approved the \$325,000 purchase of two new electric vehicles that will be used for Dial a Ride.

Administrative Services Director Jim Zervis said that they were going with Phoenix vehicles this time because they have had trouble with their current provider, Zenith. "There are two of our vehicles that we have had continuous trouble with. There are mechanical issues, and the vehicles are off the streets for a significant amount of time. I researched customers of the Phoenix company and found them to be very reliable. One company in Los Angeles has 50 of the vehicles that service LAX airport, operating 24/7, and they are very happy with the vehicles and the company."

The council also approved a \$50,000 expense for a professional services contract for surveying services to be done at the North Shafter Street Improvement Project. The survey will provide a better understanding of is needed. In earlier council meetings, the need for improvements to the roads, shoulders, curbs and other infrasture in the area were discussed, with an emphasis on improving safety for local residents.

PUBLIC NOTICES

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2019-B4474
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4800 Native Dancer Drive Bakersfield, CA 93312 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 4800 Native Dancer Drive Bakersfield, CA 93312 Dana Mar Miller 4800 Native Dancer Drive

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement DHC Maintenance

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PUBLIC NOTICE
SHAFTER RECREATION AND
PARK DISTRICT
NOTICE TO ADOPTION
2019-2020 OPERATING BUDGET
(Cal. Pub. Res. Code § 5788.1
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

PLEASE BE ADVISED that the Board of Directors of Shafter Recreation and Park District reviewed a preliminary budget at the regularly scheduled Board meeting on June 17th, 2019. The preliminary budget is available for inspection at the District office located at 700 E. Tulare Avenue, Shafter, California during normal business hours. Please be further advised that the Board will meet to adopt the final budget at 6:00 p.m. on July 22nd, 2019, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the District

Board, at 505 Sunset Avenue, Shafter

California. Any person may appear at that time and be heard regarding any item in the budget or regarding the addition of other items.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
KERN-TULARE WATER DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2019-05
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS DECLARING ITS
INTENT TO ADOPT A BUDGET FOR
2020, TO FIX AND COLLECT
2020 STANDBY CHARGES AND
WATER TOLLS, DECLARING
NECESSITY FOR LEVYING SPECIAL
ASSESSMENTS, AND CALLING

AND NOTICING PUBLIC HEARING WHEREAS, the Board has heretofore directed the General Manager to recommend to the Board (1) a District budget for the year commencing January 1, 2020, and ending December 31, 2020, (2) the tolls for 2020 standby charges and Water Tolls to be fixed and collected by the Board, and (3) the tolls for 2020 special assessments to be levied by the Board; and WHEREAS, the General Manager has submitted his recommended budget, a copy of which is available at the District office for inspection, and has made the following recom-

1. The amount required to discharge all District obligations for the year 2020 is estimated to be \$18,236,352; and

2. The amount which should be obtained from standby charges is \$2,425,375 and standby charges should be levied on about 19,403 acres of land being offered water service by the District resulting in a toll of \$125 per acre; and

3. The amount which should be obtained from Water Tolls is \$15,263,617 based on the sale of 35,000 acre feet within the District's Service Area at an average toll of \$436 per acre foot; and

4. The amount which should be obtained by special assessments on developed land within the District is \$528,660 and such special assessments should be levied on about 19,580 acres of land resulting in a toll of \$27 per acre; and

5. The amount which should be obtained by special assessments on undeveloped land within the District is \$3,700 and such special assessments should be levied on about 185 acres of land resulting in a toll of \$20 per acre; and 6. The amount of funds available on

the first day of the fiscal year and the amount of miscellaneous revenue estimated to be collected during the fiscal year is \$15,000; and WHEREAS, Proposition 218 requires

the District to hold a majority protest proceeding to adopt an increase in the District's Water Tolls; and WHEREAS, on September 10, 2015

the Board held a Proposition 218 Majority Protest proceeding and set the District's water tolls at up to \$640 per acre foot. As there will be no increase in the water tolls, Proposition 218 procedures for the 2020 Water Tolls are unnecessary, and in future years the District reserves the option to increase the rate up to \$640 per acre foot without future Proposition 218 proceedings; and

foot without future Proposition 218 proceedings; and WHEREAS, on August 10, 2017 the Board held a Proposition 218 proceeding and set the District's Standby Charge of up to \$125 per acre. As there will be no increase in the standby charges Proposition 218

procedures for the standby charges are unnecessary; and WHEREAS, as there will be no in-

crease in the special assessments,

Proposition 218 procedures for those assessments are unnecessary; and WHEREAS, the Board finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the District for the Board to declare its intention to adopt the budget, implement the recommendations of the General Manager, and call and notice a public hearing thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of KERN-TULARE WATER DISTRICT as follows: Board Declarations Regarding District Water Tolls, Standby Charge and Special Assessment; Setting of Hearing Date

Each of the matters set forth above is true and correct and the Board so finds and determines.

The Board hereby declares its intention to (a) adopt the recommended budget for 2020 (b) fix and charge water tolls of up to \$436per acre foot for water delivered by the District (c) levy and collect 2019 standby charges of \$125 per acre upon land being offered water service by the District, (d) levy a special assessment of \$27 per acre on developed land within the District, and (e) levy a special assessment of \$20 per acre on undeveloped land within the District.

The Board hereby declares its intention to continue its existing policy of refusing to deliver water for use upon lands as to which any levy of a standby charge, Water Toll or special assessment is delinquent.

The Board hereby calls a public hearing with respect to its declared intention to adopt the budget and to fix, levy and collect standby charges, special assessments for August 8, 2019 at 2:30 P.M., in the Conference Room of Pandol & Sons, Inc., 33150 Pond Road, Delano, California, at which time and place any person interested, including all persons owning land within the District, may appear and be heard.

pear and be heard.
The Secretary shall publish this resolution in the manner required by Government Code section 6066 and Water Code section 36601 in The Shafter Press and The Visalia Times-Delta, and mail a copy thereof postage prepaid, to each holder of title to land within the District as shown by the District's assessment roll.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of KERN-TULARE WATER DISTRICT this 11th day of July, 2019 by the following vote: AYES: Kent H. Stephens Andrew Pandol

Curt Holmes NOES: None ABSENT: John Zaninovich Bruce Kelsey ABSTAIN: None CERTIFICATE OF RESOLUTION We, the undersigned, hereby certify

1. That we are the President and Secretary of the KERN-TULARE WA-TER DISTRICT; and 2. That the foregoing resolution,

as follows:

consisting of 4 pages, including this page, is a true and correct copy of a resolution of the Board of Directors of the Kern-Tulare Water District passed at the meeting of the Board of Directors held on July 11, 2019, at the conference room of Pandol and Sons, Inc., 33150 Pond Road, Delano California.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, we have signed this certificate this 11th day of July, 2019, at Delano, California

Kent H. Stephens President of the Board of Director Steven C. Dalke

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Wasco, CA 93280
County: Kern

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Five Brothers Properties LLC 2019-B4062

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30768 Orange St Shafter, CA 93263 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 30768 Orange St Shafter, CA 93263 Five Brothers Properties LLC 30768 Orange St Shafter, CA 93263 State of Incorporation or O

State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
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Bakersfield, CA 93304
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Valvoline Express Care 2019-B3915 698 Lerdo Hwy

Shafter, CA 93263

County: Kern Mailing address of business: 698 Lerdo Hwy Shafter, CA 93263 **Hector Manuel Martinez Lopez** 222 Pine St. Shafter, CA 93263 The business is conducted by: Indi-Date the business commenced: N/A 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/Hector Manuel Martinez Lopez Date Statement Filed: 06/13/2019 Date Statement Expires: 06/13/2024 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/J Garcia Publish Shafter Press July 11, 18, 25, August 1, 2019

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Shafter, CA 93263 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 3708 Shady Village Ln. Shafter, CA 93263 Larry Paul Morris 3708 Shady Village Ln. Shafter, CA 93263 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: 06/04/2019 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/ Larry Paul Morris Date Statement Filed: 07/05/2019 Date Statement Expires: 07/05/2024

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Addendum to Mitigated Negative
Declaration for the South Shafter
Sewer, Trunk Line Sewer & Lift Sta-

NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY FOR PUBLIC REVIEW This is to advise that the Kern County Public Works Department has pre-

pared an addendum to a Mitigated

Negative Declaration (MND) previously

adopted by the Kern County Board of Supervisors in November 2016 (SCH No. 2007101148). The period of review will be from July 17, 2019 to July 31, 2019 (15-day review). The document and documents referenced in the draft Addendum are available for review at the Kern County Planning Department, 2700 "M" Street, Suite 100, Bakersfield, CA 93301

100, Bakersfield, CA 93301
Project Title: South Shafter Sewer,
Trunk Line Sewer and Lift Station
Project.

Project Location: Road right-of-way (ROW) and water line easements in the unincorporated community of South Shafter (West Shafter, Southwest Shafter, Thomas Lane, Smith Corner, Burbank, and Cherokee Strip), along Shafter Avenue, Poplar Avenue, Beech Avenue, Myrick Lane, Riverside Street, Orange Street, and Burbank Street, within Section 16,17,20,21,22,26, & 27 of Township 28 South, Range 25 East, Mount Diablo Base and Meridian, County of Kern, State of California, and the Rio Bravo U.S. Geological Survey 7.5 minute topographical quadrangle.

The project area is located 0.25 miles south of the City of Shafter. Project Description: This MND evaluated the previous wastewater collection system for South Shafter Sewer, Truck Line Sewer & Lift Station Project. The Kern County Public Works Department (County) originally proposed to construct approximately 34,500 linear feet of sewer trunk line with associated manholes for access within existing road rights-of-way (ROW) and water line easements. The focus of this Addendum consists of comparing the original project to a modified project that reflects modifications to design elements and change in management structure that has evolved since the original approval in November 2016. Several major changes in the original project are being considered by the County, City and State Water Resources Control Board. First, some of the sewer pipeline alignments have been shifted to different road alignments after consultation with the City of Shafter's Public Works Department; (2) instead of creating a new County Service Area Zone to oversee the wastewater collection system in the future, the City of Shafter has indicated that it proposes to assume responsibility for the collection system, with approval from the Kern County Local Agency Formation Commission of an out-of-area service contract; (3) as part of the project, the individual laterals to existing parcels will be installed

to an average of 152,601 gpd and a peak daily flow of 223,344 gpd; and (7) the original total length of pipeline proposed for South Shafter was estimated at 34,500 linear feet, proposed pipeline under the modified project is estimated to be about 16,500 linear feet with the same pipeline sizes. Written comments on the Addendum should be submitted to Mr. Shawn Beyeler, Supervising Planner at the following address listed below no later than July 31, 2019: 2700 M Street, Suite 400, Bakersfield.

CA 93301. For further information,

please contact Mr. Beyeler at (661)

862-8614 or BeyelerS@kerncounty.

to replace existing subsurface septic

tanks; (4) instead of five lift stations

only two lift stations will be installed;

(5) instead of 386 residential parcel

connections, the number of residential

lots served will be 398, with the non-

residential connections remaining at

10 (total 408 parcel connections to

the proposed sewer system); (6) po-

tential daily flows will be increased

com CRAIG POPE, Director Public Works Department Publish *Shafter* Press July 18, 2019

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PASTOR'S CORNER

How to handle constructive criticism

PASTOR JIM NEAL

In the fall of 1958, it was the day of our an annual athletic physicals in our small rural community. On this appointed day every would-be athlete walked down to the local clinic to see Dr. Helmut Hartmann for the necessary health check. This was my first of seven such fall afternoons, and my excitement was off the charts.

a time at the scales and recorded our height, weight and blood pressure on a small card before handing us the medical card to give to the doctor for our exam. Returning to the waiting room I looked at the figures recorded. I had no idea what the blood pressure readings meant, but I did understand the height and

Dr. Hartmann's nurse lined us up a few at

weight; it read 5'6" and 165 pounds, not bad for a grown man; however, not good numbers for a 12-year-old boy. I was not proud of, and actually ashamed of, my "pudgy" frame. Although nothing could prepare me for what was about to happen upon entering the doctor's office for my athletic physical. Dr. Hartmann was a refugee from Nazi

Germany fleeing before Hitler's reign of terror. One thing he brought with him from his German heritage was a stern and serious demeanor. His tough behavior frankly translated to the bedside manner of a "rattlesnake." Standing before him sheepishly, cloaked only in my "skivvies," the good doctor gave me a once-over, had me dress and sit down. Then, looking me directly in the eyes, he said, "Boy

you are so fat you should eat rocks!!" Although firm, serious and stern, he was extremely honest and true in his bluntness.

Talk about stunned, hurt, humiliated and emotionally shaken, I was. In retrospect, it was the first time that I can remember receiving pointed and opinionated constructive criticism from someone other than my parents. At 12 years of age, I did not see it that way, and it was several years later before I began to appreciate Dr. Hartmann's bluntness. (I lost 35 pounds before Christmas of that same year). Everyone has received criticism from one

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