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Virginia Bender, 96, is a living example of the adage "Once a General, always a General."

Big win ends big week Shafter-Wasco rivalry again heats up

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Each year during Shafter-Wasco Week, the two high school campuses light up with a flurry of activities culminating in the annual battle on the gridiron.

This year, Shafter High held dress-up days throughout the week, including Queen Day. Students were encouraged to dress up like a Wasco Rose Queen, with an outlandish amount of makeup and glittery garb. At lunchtime, there were games and activities.

Wednesday night saw the old gym packed with students and com-



The Shafter Generals cheerleaders at the rally in Wasco.

munity members for the Shafter General Community Rally. Chants, cheers and games were on the agenda, as was a performance by the Shafter High Generals cheer-

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North Shafter upgrade

Monument boxes, resurfacing set

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The North Shafter area will see improvements in its infrastructure under a project approved by the City Council Tuesday night.

The council awarded a contract to Kern Asphalt for work on the shoulders of Highway 43 from Mayer Lane to Tulare Avenue.

In the decision, the council also approved a project to put monument boxes along the roadway. These monuments establish the centerlines of roads within these communities. A field investigation by city crews traced and located seven of the 24 monuments.

Sandoval Construction submitted the lowest bid to install City standard monument box assemblies. The assemblies would include the seven confirmed monuments, as well as for the remaining 17 monuments that will need to be set.

Regarding the shoulder work that is to be done, the shoulders originally were not adequately constructed to withstand street drainage and periodic pedestrian and vehicle traffic. This issue was reported to Caltrans because the roadway is a State highway, but their crews are not prepared to address it at this time. Therefore, proposals were obtained by Public Works to clear and grade the shoulder plus place and compact decomposed granite as a finished surface. Less than 200 cubic yards of soil will be disturbed.

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Crowd entertained on land, in the air

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The second annual Wings 'N' Wheels event was held Saturday, and there was something for everyone, whether your interests lie on land or in air.

Put on by Minter Field Air Museum, the event drew thousands to the Minter Field Airport for a glimpse of a great variety of winged aircrafts and motor vehicles.

At one of the biggest

car shows in the area, there were over 350 cars and trucks, with several classes of vehicles, from classics to hot rods to pickup trucks.

The day saw a large number of vendors on site, with plenty of food and several booths set up with automotive and aeronautical supplies.

Minter Field Air Museum had several of their vehicles on display, including their "Follow Me" yellow Jeep, their Red Baron antique biplane and their ever-popular LOACH helicopter.

Biplane rides were available at the event, with an option for one or two people taking to the skies at a time. Fred Strauss, who traveled to Shafter from Visalia, said it was a great experi-



This replica of James Dean's Spider will be on permanent display at the museum.

ence, as he went up in the biplane with his grandson. "He has never been in an airplane before and this was

such a great time to help him see what it feels like to fly. I flew in the military and would tell him how amaz-

ing it is. Now he knows for himself."

The event is cosponsored by...
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Felipe Ruelas, public relations coordinator for Mission Fish, with Brian and Jessica Barber and their daughter Kobianna.

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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: Shafter Lions 2019 Christmas Parade – Friday, Nov. 22, in downtown Shafter. Parade registration starts at 5:30 p.m. at 309 California Ave., Shafter Veteran's Hall. Parade starts at 6:30 p.m. at the corner of James Street and California Avenue.

Thanking veterans -- Kern County Libraries invite families to their local library branches to give thanks and create cards for local veterans. Stop by open hours Nov. 6-8 through Nov. 8 to create thank you cards.

Libraries closed -- The Shafter Branch Library will be closed Nov. 11 for Veteran's Day.

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.

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

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

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

MONDAY

UPDATED: Free Zumba Gold (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 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.

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:** Rodeo clowns in Mannel Park during the 1949 Shafter Potato and Cotton Festival.



TUESDAY

Adult Hip Hop Class -- 7 p.m. at the Shafter Recreation Walker Senior Center at 505 Sunset. Classes are \$3 donations. 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.

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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 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 7 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

ARREST REPORT

As reported by the Shafter Police Department

Oct. 28 Armando Frausto Monarrez, 21, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of Tulare Avenue on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

Enrique De Jesus Garin, 31, of Shafter, was arrested for possession of controlled substance paraphernalia.

Rigoberto Duenas (no specified) was arrested for possession of controlled substance paraphernalia and receiving known stolen property.

Oct. 29 Fernando Garcia Jr, 33, of Shafter, was arrested in the 300 block of Atlantic Avenue for disorderly conduct with alcohol.

Josue Javier Mendoza, 27, of Shafter, was arrested

in the 200 block of Rodriguez Avenue for burglary in the second degree, obstruction of public officer and disorderly conduct with alcohol.

Marcos Peter Rosales Gomez, 28, of Shafter, was arrested in the 800 block of Central Valley Highway for trespassing and shoplifting on public business.

Nov. 2 Diana Monique Mendoza, 38, of Shafter, was arrested for battery on a person.

Nov. 3 Marcos Peter Rosales Gomez, 28, of Shafter, was arrested for trespassing.

Nov. 3 Cruz Sanchez, 35, of Shafter, was arrested in the 1100 block of Weyand Way for DUI and hit and run:

property damage.

Jesus Martinez, 38, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of South Shafter venue for indecent exposure.

Angelica Salazar, 23, of Shafter, was arrested on the 100 block of East Lerdo Highway for being under the influence of a controlled substance.

Carlos Enriquez, 20, of Wasco, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance for sale and failing to stop at a red signal arrow.

Marco Antonio Jr Silva, 21, of Shafter, was arrested for exhibiting a firearm, vandalism and defacing private property.

BUTTONWILLOW Oct. 28 Francisco Javier San-

chez, 36, of Wasco, was arrested in the 31000 block of Famoso Road in McFarland for being under the influence of a controlled substance, being in possession of a controlled substance, vandalism and obstructing/resisting/delaying a peace officer.

Oct. 30 Michael Ray Wyatt, 35, of Bakersfield, was arrested at the Lerdo Pre-Trial Facility in Bakersfield for robbery, conspiracy and exhibiting a firearm. He was booked back into Lerdo Pre-Trial Facility.

Scottie Chambers, 35, of Bakersfield, was arrested at the Lerdo Justice Facility in Bakersfield for robbery, conspiracy and exhibiting a firearm. He was booked

back into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Ledia Tershia Williams, 40, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 25000 block

of Stockdale Highway in Bakersfield on four misdemeanor warrants. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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Mayor Alvarado presents the Key to the City to Teen Challenge International's Pat Boles.

Woman's Club serves the town, young and old

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Woman's Club has been busy with numerous events this past month in their efforts to serve the community.

The club sponsored a student from Shafter High School, Ashley Castillo, to participate in the HOBY program. The Hugh O'Brien Youth Leadership program was founded in 1958 and empowers young people to use their leadership skills in their education and career. The participants attend a conference in which they are given tools to be a good leader and to develop their interpersonal skills. Students walk away with increased self-confidence and the desire to make a difference in their communities.

The Woman's Club also participated in a celebration for longtime member Betty Petrie, who turned 104 recently. SWC members brought birthday cards to their October meeting for Margaret Acosta to deliver to Betty on her birthday. Margaret asked Dolly Hei to contact her friend, Herb Benham, to see if he would be interested in doing an article on Betty for the Bakersfield Californian since she was a veteran and Veterans Day is approaching. As a result, her surprise birthday party became a real event with veterans and reporters in attendance, as well as politicians.

The SWC was also on hand at the Shafter Police Department's Police Night Out event. The club had a booth providing



Margaret Acosta delivered birthday cards from SWC members for Betty Petrie's 104th birthday celebration.

cookies and other baked goods for attendees, free of charge.

The Shafter Woman's Club is a service organization that has been serving the community of Shafter for decades. They help the youth of Shafter by sponsoring candidates for the DYW program, sponsoring students for HOBY and donating money to different clubs in Shafter schools to help them with trips and events that will enrich their lives and educational careers.

N. Shafter project OK'd

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through this project.

A two-inch layer of the decomposed granite will be spread over the work area after the soil preparation. The finished stabilized shoulder will be eight feet in width and match the elevation of the existing asphalt concrete pavement and will be graded to drain away from the pavement. The proposed cost of the projects is \$60,000. There is adequate city's Transportation Development Act Article 8 funding that can be allocated to cover the cost, according to city officials.

The Council approved the project by a 5-0 vote.

Another item on the agenda was the appointment of the city's representative on the Kern Mosquito Vector Control Board. This position is a two-year commitment, with the board's primary objective of the progressive elimination of mosquito breeding places. This is done by control measures, performing services of temporary relief control, establishing projects of source reduction and using abatement methods when necessary.

There were two candidates that were interested in the position. Tim Unruh, district manager of the Kern County Cemetery District, has served on the board the past two years. Unruh filed a letter stating an interest in continuing to serve on the board. There was one other applicant, Albert Barrera, but Barrera did not file before the application deadline.

Mayor Gilbert Alvarado stated that he didn't realize that the council members would be eligible to serve on the board if interested and was suggesting to extend the deadline for applicants.

Acting City Manager Jim Zervis said that they could do that if they wanted to. Councilmember Cathy Prout questioned why the deadline was going to extended,

Alvarado said that he didn't realize that the Council was able to be involved in the board. City Attorney Martin Rodriguez confirmed to the council that they are eligible to serve on the board with no fear of there being any legal issues involved.

"Why would we extend the deadline?" Councilmember Chad Givens asked, "Is there someone on the council that is interested in being involved in it? I know that I am not interested in serving on it."

Prout then asked Alvarado if he was interested in the position. Alvarado said that he didn't see an issue with the deadline being extended a couple of weeks and made a motion to extend it. But, there was no second to the motion.

Then Givens made a motion to keep the original deadline and reappoint Unruh to the board. There was a second and a vote was taken, which was 5-0 in favor of reappointing Unruh to the position.

In a presentation, Mayor Alvarado, on behalf of the entire City Council, awarded a Key to the City to Teen Challenge International. This organization has served over 20,000 men and women in Kern County who are drug- or alcohol-dependent, helping them on their way to recovery. It is a residential, faith-based program that has helped save thousands of lives over the past 50 years.

"Teen Challenge has not only served so many men and women who are addicted to drugs or alcohol, but they also have served the city of Shafter in so many ways," said Alvarado. "They have helped out during Cinco de Mayo, the Christmas Parade, banquets, and many other events in the city. I believe the success you have enjoyed and keep having is the fact that you are a faith-based organization and we thank you for being a part of Shafter."



The Shafter Woman's Club provided a booth with cookies for the Police Night Out event held at Veterans Park.

WWII papers in display at Minter

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Minter Field Air Museum will have a new display in the near future, thanks to the daughter of a World War II veteran who wrote one of twelve documents that were used in the surrender of Japan, ending World War II.

Cheri Mudryk, a Bakersfield resident, brought a copy of the surrender documents that her father had a hand in writing.

Victor Wessel Jr. was a long-time employee of the old Coffee's Men's Store in Bakersfield when he decided to join the Army. He was assigned to Company E, 112th Infantry. Wessel was a sergeant at the time when he drew a map to show his men that he was training what type of terrain to expect.

One day, the camp commander came by and listened to Wessel and took a look at his drawings. The commander then asked Wessel if he could draw a map of the camp so they could make improvements. As a result of his efforts, Wessel was awarded a letter of commendation and was sent to Washington, D.C., as a draftsman.

Mudryk said that Wessel was working in the Pentagon, drawing maps that were used during briefings and meetings for the chiefs of staff.

Twelve of the country's 72 draftsmen were selected to work on the Instruments of Surrender, which were to be signed by the Japanese, Americans, Republic of China, United Kingdom, USSR, Australia, Canada, France, Netherlands and New Zealand.

Wessel told Mudryk "The State Department approved what was to go into it, then it was sent to us to do the first draft."



Victor Wessel's daughter, Cheri Mudryk, with Ronald Pierce of the Minter Field Air Museum, holding one of 12 copies of the surrender documents signed signifying the end of World War II.

The document was returned to the State Department for approval, then went back to the 12 draftsmen who each made an identical copy using a Leroy lettering pen.

The copies were signed on the battleship USS Missouri in Tokyo Harbor on Sept. 2, 1945. General Douglas MacArthur and Adm. Chester W. Nimitz signed for the United States. The U.S. copy was sent back to Washington, where duplicates were made by the War Department. Wessel was given one of the three-by-four feet copies.

Cheri said, "I didn't know anything about this until one day I was going through things and my dad men-

tioned that he had a copy of the surrender documents that were signed to end the war. I told him that this was probably something that he should have mentioned a long time ago."

Mudryk is getting a copy made of the documents to donate to the museum. "I think that a lot of people will be interested in seeing these documents that ended a World War," Mudryk said.

Pierce said that the documents will be on display very soon, so you can come out for a glimpse of an important part of our American history.

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The Wasco Tribune

A new store makes shopping easy right in town.

iHome Furniture in Wasco has now been open for three weeks, seven days a week, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

The store is located at 1425 Highway 46 (near the Highway 43 turnoff) and has an extra-large showroom to display its numerous furniture selections for living rooms, dining rooms, bedrooms and more. With its custom child beds, lamps and bookcases, the store has a large selection to please people with even the most particular taste. "There is something for everyone," owner Ali Alqudah said.

He and his brothers Zaid have owned the iHome Furniture store in Shafter for a year and the one in Wasco for just three weeks. The Shafter location is at 514 E. Lerdo Hwy., in the space that housed Shafco for years.

Before opening their business in Shafter, they owned another business in Bakersfield.

"We have a special going on right now," Zaid Alqudah said. "A four-piece queen-size bedroom set, which includes the frame (headboard and footboard) and a bedside table and dresser.



The store is located at 1425 Highway 46.

However, we can add a box spring and mattress for an additional \$200, which will be \$699."

The store charges \$45 for in-town delivery, a little more if you are out of the city.

The brothers offer specialized customer service. Once they meet the customer, terms and

conditions may be negotiated.

Promotional financing is currently available; if the purchase can be paid off within three months, there's no interest. If it's not paid off within three months, iHome has arranged for special financing.



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Playing it safe at Trunk or Treat

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Youth Center played host to two events last week for families looking for a safe way to celebrate the holiday season. The Shafter Lions Club, in partnership with the Shafter Youth Center, held a "Trunk or Treat" event Oct. 28 with over



P.J. Pergis – in a creepy costume – enjoyed the event.

two dozen cars and trucks decorated in a variety of themes, each giving away candy to trick-or-treaters.

The Shafter Police Department had a booth at the event, handing out treats and other fun items for the kids. Members of the Los Generales Car Club were on hand

with a couple of classic cars decorated with bright colors, spooky skeletons and spider webs. The children had a great time looking at all of the decorations on the vehicles. One truck was decorated beautifully with an altar celebrating the holiday Dia de los Muertos, complete with photos of family, their favorite foods and drinks and several decorative brightly painted skulls which are a mainstay of the holiday. "The cars are really cool, and everyone gives you candy," said Isaiah Mendez, who was there with his mom and sister. "My mom says that this is better than walking around the streets."

Along with all of the fun outside, families could go inside the gym for a "Safe and Sane Halloween" put on by the Shafter Youth Center in partnership with Assemblymember Rudy Salas. Salas was in attendance, and plenty of community friends to assist with the event. Several groups from throughout the county had booths set up in which children could play games to win prizes.

Among those in attendance were Omni



Mayor Gilbert Alvarado, Yuri Curiel, Jose Curiel and Assemblymember Rudy Salas.

Health, Greater Bakersfield Rural Legal Assistance, Shafter Animal Control and Shafter Learning Center. Shafter Animal Control was having a contest in which the kids had a chance to guess how many candy corns were in a jar to win a prize.

Another group was giving children a chance to go fishing. After casting their hook over the side, they would pull in a "catch"

containing a bag of candy and treats. Angie Nelson, director of the Shafter Youth Center, said it was the hard work of the Youth Center, as well as several community partners, that made the event such a success. "This is a great way for the kids to have a lot of fun, and the parents enjoy watching their children have fun in a safe environment."



The driver of this minivan was able to exit the vehicle before it was struck.

2 cars hit by trains

The driver of a minivan narrowly escaped injury when the vehicle was struck by a train on Tuesday evening.

Shafter police received a call at approximately 8 p.m. about a vehicle being struck by a train.

According to Shafter Police Sergeant Randy Mulligan, the driver of the vehicle was unfamiliar with the area and got his minivan stuck on the train tracks. "The driver, who was using his navigational system, entered the intersection at Beech Avenue and Highway 43, and turned onto the railroad tracks, becoming stuck on the tracks," Mulligan said.

Unable to get his vehicle off of the tracks, the driver, who wasn't named, was able to exit the vehicle before the train struck the vehicle, destroying the rear end of the minivan.

This is the second incident involving a train and vehicle in a week in the Shafter area. Last week, at the intersection of Highway 43 and Shafter Avenue, Enrique Garin, 31, the driver of a white Dodge sedan, fell asleep on the tracks with a train approaching. Police officers were able to get Garin out of the vehicle before impact, allowing Garin to escape injury.

—Jamie Stewart

PASTOR'S CORNER

Fear of the Unforgivable Sin

PASTOR SPENCER CARPENTER

Few passages have caused as much fear and anxiety as the verses where Jesus states that there is an unpardonable or unforgivable sin, which is mentioned in all three Synoptic Gospels (see Matthew 12:31-32; Mark 3:28-29; Luke 12:10). Many questions arise in the minds of concerned readers: What exactly is the unpardonable sin? Have I committed the unpardonable sin? Can the unpardonable sin still be committed today? Can we know if someone commits the unpardonable sin, and if so, is there absolutely no repentance from or forgiveness for this sin?

Here are the main verses from Matthew 12:31-32: *31 Because of this, I tell you, people will be forgiven every sin and blasphemy, but the blasphemy against the Spirit will not be forgiven. 32 Whoever speaks a word against the Son of Man, it will be forgiven him. But whoever speaks against the Holy Spirit, it will not be forgiven*

him, either in this age or in the one to come." This withering passage is too often taken by those with sensitive hearts as possibly applying to themselves. What terror there is to consider that there is an unforgivable sin! Yet, upon further examination of this passage and its context, it becomes clear that anyone who has the slightest fear or conviction of sin from this passage has not committed the unpardonable sin. Let's investigate.

The context of the passage involves the evil accusations of the Pharisees who were declaring that Jesus had an "evil spirit" and was empowered by "Beelzebub," which is another name for Satan (Matt 12:24). The Pharisees were a leading Jewish religious group of the day who prided themselves on strict adherence to the law of Moses. But they had become prideful, legalistic, self-righteous, hypocritical, and judgmental, adding laws and traditions to the Old Testament law that were not pleasing to God. The Phari-

sees were challenged and embarrassed by Jesus during several public episodes: their self-righteousness and superficial religiosity was condemned (5:20; 6:1-18); their judgmental attitude toward sinners was criticized (9:10-13); their extra-biblical rules and traditions were rejected (9:14-17).

Finally, things came to a breaking point over the Sabbath where Jesus declared Himself Lord of the Sabbath and healed a man (12:1-13). The Pharisees' hard hearts and burdensome additional laws were exposed as being evil, therefore they "went out and plotted against Him (Jesus), how they might destroy Him (v. 14). So, they sent a delegation that proclaimed, "This man does not cast out demons except by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons" (v. 24). Jesus then counters their charge as being completely wrong and irrational. He argues that kingdoms that are divided crumble, which would be the case if Satan and his demons were adversaries (vs.

25-26). Jesus explains that if Satan and his demons are being overpowered, then the logical conclusion is that it is the power of God, like a strong man in his house being overpowered by an even stronger man (vs. 27-30). Then the charge of blasphemy or speaking evil, sacrilegious, or profane things against the Holy Spirit is made, and it is said to be unforgivable (vs. 31-32).

With the details of the passage and context in mind, it is easier to get a clear definition of the unpardonable sin. The unpardonable sin appears to be the willful, hard-hearted rejection of the Holy Spirit and His working in Jesus Christ and equating the Holy Spirit's power and works to the power and works of evil and Satan. It is important to note that this sin 1) is willful, 2) is hard-hearted and stubborn, 3) occurs with a high degree of knowledge of the truth (Old Testament at the time) or clear supernatural evidence (miracles), 4) and directly equates the Holy Spirit's power of working good to Satan's power of working evil. This was the state of the

Pharisees. Thus, with insight only Jesus could possess, He declared that they had committed an unforgivable sin. Can the unpardonable sin be committed today? It is reasonable to think that this sin cannot be committed today because the exact historical situation cannot be repeated and could only happen during the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ as the Holy Spirit worked in and through Him. Whether it is true that the unpardonable sin is dependent on this historical situation or not, it is clear that the unforgivable sin can only occur in the most extreme situation. Additionally, since we do not have Jesus' divine authority and insight into the hearts and futures of others, it does not seem likely that any person other than Jesus Christ can declare that someone has committed an unforgivable sin. One thing is certain: it is impossible for a true Christian to commit the unpardonable sin, because they have already had the Holy Spirit work in their lives, testifying to the divine person and redemptive work of Jesus Christ and salvation in His name,

convicting them of the wickedness of their own sins, and bringing about regeneration and new spiritual life (John 15:26; 16:8; Titus 3:5-6).

Now on to the big personal question: have I committed the unpardonable sin? If you are worried that you have, the answer is definitely no. If you have any degree of sensitivity that you may have or are currently committing the unpardonable sin, you can be rest assured that you have not. Sensitivity about the unpardonable sin, or any sin, is the complete opposite of a darkened and hardened heart that willfully rejects God's truth, which, specifically in this case, is the Holy Spirit working to testify truthfully concerning the divine person and redemptive message of Jesus Christ. As a matter of fact, one of the ministries and working of the Holy Spirit is to convict people of sin! (John 16:8). Therefore, if you feel convicted or sensitive to your own sin, then the Holy Spirit is working in your life!

If committing the unpardonable sin is still a fear for you, you can trust that you have not committed this sin because of your sensitivity to sin. You can acknowledge that the Holy Spirit truly was working in Jesus Christ, that He is the divine Messiah from God, and that believing in His name and His sacrifice on the cross for your sins, you will be saved (John 3:16; Acts 3:19; 16:31; Rom 10:9-10; 1 Cor 15:3-4). Amazingly, this frightful passage may be used powerfully by the Holy Spirit to bring about conviction of sins, salvation, or assurance of salvation to those who hear it and work through the soul-searching questions it brings up. In the end, you can be assured that "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (1 John 1:9).

—Spencer Carpenter is a pastor of Congregational Bible Church in Shafter.

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Rivals play hard, then work hard in game

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leaders. At the end of the rally, Coach Jerald Pierucci spoke about the rivalry between the two schools and the special place the game has in every General's heart — no matter how long ago he or she attended.

Pierucci told the crowd that the team had been watching the Rocky anthology, soaking in the message of taking on your opponent — no matter the odds. With the Tigers' mascot on display, the coach declared that they were out to destroy the opponent in front of them. To the delight of the crowd, the team proceeded to dismember the tiger.

The week came to an end on Friday with the traditional breakfast and exchange rallies. Shafter hosted the

Wasco football players, cheerleaders and Associated Student Body students. After breakfast, the action was moved to the Shafter gym,

where the first rally took place. Each cheerleading squad performed, along



Devon Sundgren shakes hands with the Tigers' Austin Dobbs.

with the Shafter General mascot and a special performance by the Shafter High staff.

Students were encouraged to dress up like a Wasco Rose Queen, with an outlandish amount of makeup and glittery garb.

Next, the customary video was shown, this year with a Star Wars theme and very high production values. Traditional football team introductions were given as the players met at mid-

court, shaking hands until the entire team was named.

After the rally, the Shafter contingent of players, coaches, cheerleaders and ASB students traveled to Wasco for the next rally.

The week's events ended in a great game on Friday night, with both teams playing at a high level. The Generals took control of the game in the second half and ultimately came out on top, 28-21, earning bragging rights until rivalry year #94.



Future Shafter cheerleaders performed at the rally.



Minter Field's own Red Baron antique biplane.

At Minter event, not everything is in air

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by California Pinups and Patriots. This group of ladies appear at a variety of events and pay homage to our military and the brave men and women who serve our country. Dressed in outfits that harken back to the heydays of the USO Tours, they took pictures with attendees and helped organize the event.

A number of military groups and organizations were on hand, including the Wounded Warriors Project and Mission Fish. Mission Fish is a nonprofit organization from Ventura County that takes veterans on fishing trips for enjoyment and as a kind of therapy. It is free for veterans and includes fishing, equipment and lunch. Jessica Barber and her husband Brian, a US Marine Corps veteran, are the founders of the organization. They love bringing joy to the veterans and helping them in their civilian lives. "We are dedicated to serving and helping those

men and women who have sacrificed themselves for our country and might need a little help and maybe a relaxing time."

Also at the all-day event

museum and will be put on permanent display in the coming months.

Another featured attraction at the event was the Sikorsky UH-60 Black



The Golden Eagle electric airplane can fly up to one hour on a full charge.

was the all-electric Eagle airplane. This aircraft can fly up to one hour on a single charge of its battery.

A lot of people were also interested in the James Dean exhibit. The James Dean Museum, located in Fairmount, Indiana, sent several artifacts from the museum, including a trophy Dean had won at Minter Field when he raced there just months before his death. There was also a replica of the exact Porsche Spider that Dean was driving when he had his fatal accident. Ronald Pierce of the Minter Field Air Museum said the replica is being given to the

Hawk helicopter. Named after the Native American war leader Black Hawk, the UH-60A entered service with the U.S. Army in 1979 to replace the Bell UH-1 as the Army's tactical transport helicopter.

There was plenty of great music at the event, including performances by Three Bad Jaks and the local Shafter Big Band.

Pierce said the crowd exceeded their expectations and they were very happy with the amazing turnout. They are looking forward to the opportunity of making the event even bigger and better next year.

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Generals tame the Tigers, 28-21



Tough game sends SHS to playoffs

In the 93rd installment of one of the longest and fiercest rivalries in the county, the Shafter Generals held off a late charge by the Wasco Tigers and won bragging rights for an entire year, with a 28-21 victory.

The Generals have now won the "Big Game" two years in a row, with the latest game allowing the Generals to claim a share of the SSL title. The Tigers started Friday night on a dominant note when the junior varsity team from Wasco dismantled the Colonels in the early game by a score of 52-7.

The Tigers won the toss at the beginning of the game and elected to receive. Wasco wasted no time in asserting itself early when they scored on their first possession after a long drive that ate up the first six minutes of the quarter. The Generals answered right back with a good drive of their own, ending with an 8-yard touchdown score by quarterback Jackson Sanchez.

In what looked like was going to be a high-scoring battle, the Tigers retook the lead with a touchdown pass completion that gave them a 14-7 lead.

Such as in a heavyweight title bout, these two teams took turns punching each other in the mouth, with Shafter with a jab to tie the score 14-14 when Sanchez scored again, this time from three yards out.

With only a few minutes left in the half, the Generals

took their first lead of the game with a 62-yard touchdown pass from Sanchez to Felix Chaconc giving the locals a 21-14 halftime lead. Shafter scored first in the second half when Elijah Lucero took the ball in from the 25 yard line.

As in many games this season, the Generals defense, for the majority of the time, dominated the Tigers in the second half, allowing the Tigers to score only once in the second half, cutting the Generals lead to 28-21.

Shafter had a couple of opportunities to put the game away, but Shafter's offense was not allowed to do so when they lost a couple of fumbles in their own territory. The Tigers narrowed the gap to 28-21 with a touchdown pass. But, Shafter took the onside kick and ate up the clock. Letting them end the regular season with a win over their rivals is the highlight of the season, even if neither team is in the playoff hunt. But this year, both teams were in the thick of the league race.

With the win, the Generals are co-champions with Chavez, who defeated Kennedy on Friday night. The seeding meeting took place over the weekend, and Shafter received the #5 seed in Division V. They will host Arvin in a rematch of a game played three weeks ago in which Shafter beat them, 42-23. The game will be played on Friday night beginning at 7 p.m.

RIGHT: Sanchez chews up big yardage. BELOW: Chris Lindsey and his clan were one of the families celebrating Senior Night. BOTTOM: Joey Sanchez gets face-masked on this run – but no penalty.



SHAFTER HIGH FOOTBALL SCHEDULE/RESULTS

Friday	Aug. 30	Highland	H	L, 22-16
Friday	Sept. 6	North	H	L, 27-13
Friday	Sept. 13	Atascadero	T	L, 28-8
Friday	Sept. 20	Chavez	T	L, 24-13
Friday	Sept. 27	Taft	T	W, 48-15
Friday	Oct. 4	McFarland	H	W, 47-7
Friday	Oct. 11	Arvin	H	W, 43-22
Friday	Oct. 25	Kennedy	T	W, 27-21
Friday	Nov. 1	Wasco	H	W, 28-21

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OBITUARIES



"Ruth Ann" Weidenbach
June 28, 1930 – Oct. 26, 2019

In Memory of "Ruth Ann" Weidenbach (Roskam).

Ruth Ann was born to Meta and John Roskam on June 28, 1930, in Wasco. She was the 11th of 14 children. She attended Wasco schools and after graduation, went to work for Pacific Bell. She met and married Marvin Weidenbach of

Shafter on March 13, 1953. They had four children together, Deborah Ann, Jennifer Ruth, Mark Albert and Elizabeth Susan.

After her children were mature, she went to work for Shafter High School in several capacities. After her retirement, she and Marvin travelled extensively. Ruth is survived by her daughter, Jennifer Newkirk of Bakersfield, son Mark Weidenbach of Shafter, and daughter Beth Bollinger of Shafter and son in law, James Graddy of Shafter.

Also surviving her are sister in law LaVina Roskam of Shafter and Barbara Weidenbach of Bakersfield, along with a multitude of nieces and nephews that loved her dearly.

Ruth was preceded in death by her husband, Mar-

vin Weidenbach; her eldest daughter, Deborah Ann Weidenbach-Graddy; and all of her sisters and brothers that passed before her in age order: Homer, Norma, Gladys, Thora, Arlo, Lois, Phylis, Verda, Reva, Marlyn, Ruth Ann, John, Jr., Rex and Courtney.

Ruth Ann was known by many and loved by all who knew her.

A viewing will be held Monday, Nov. 4, from 4 to 8 p.m. at Peters Funeral Home in Shafter. A graveside service will be held Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 10 a.m. at Shafter Memorial Park followed by a memorial service at 11 a.m. at Shafter Congregational Bible Church.



Charles L. Patrick
Feb. 3, 1938 – Oct. 30, 2019

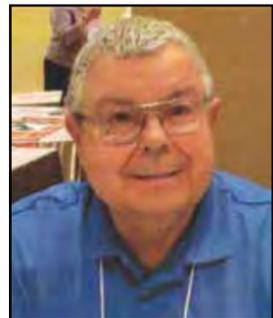
Charlie Patrick was born Feb. 3, 1938 in Altus, Okla. He was raised in Shafter and graduated from Shafter High School.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Carol; his daughter LeAnne and granddaughter Peyton; daughter Kelley Scott and husband Kip; grandchildren Jordan Scott, Kellen Scott (Alissa), Jeff

Scott (Timi), great grandchildren Chrissy (Steven), Brandon, Haiden, Coby, Truxton, Aerie and Ellie; brother Murphy Patrick (Florence); and nieces and nephews.

Charlie worked for Southern Pacific Railroad and later became a building contractor and real estate broker. He and Carol established Mid Valley Real Estate, where they worked together for many years. He loved anything with wheels, especially Corvettes. He loved to tinker in his garage and work on motors and antique telephones. He enjoyed vacations with family and friends at Bass Lake and Pismo Beach.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, Nov. 8, at Greenlawn Chapel, 3700 River Blvd., Bakersfield, at 2 p.m. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to your favorite charity.



Danny Howerton
Feb. 3, 1943 – Oct. 14, 2019

Danny Howerton, 76, of Wasco, passed away Oct. 14, 2019. A Celebration of Life will be held Sunday, Nov. 17 at Hodel's in Bakersfield from 1 to 3 p.m.

COUCH'S CORNER

Annual Civil Rights for Immigrants Conference

SUPERVISOR DAVID COUCH, DISTRICT 4

I got the chance to speak at the second Annual Civil Rights for Immigrants Conference recently in October at Hodel's. It was an honor to be invited by the host, the Greater Bakersfield Legal Assistance (GBLA), to welcome the attendees (about 280 people) from around the country. The following is the speech I prepared for that event.

"I wanted to thank you all for coming today to this very important conference. While immigration is a very divisive subject in our country right now, I contend it does not have to be in Kern County. I believe we agree more than we think. This conference is a great opportunity to learn.

Last year my staff and I attended this conference and I must admit it helped us in the District 4 Office to understand the complexity of issues and hopefully put us in a better

position to serve our community. We learned a lot. As a County Supervisor, it helped.

My experience with immigration has been limited. I contend we agree more than we realize. Several years ago, I had a teacher friend who had a student who had fallen into a situation with ICE and was at risk of being deported. He had done nothing wrong, was a good student/athlete, so I spoke with our Congressman and soon that individual was removed from ICE custody and was taken off the deportation list. He was not the kind of person ICE needs to focus on, in my opinion.

I believe we've done a lot in the last year to improve dialogue. For instance, in follow up to the initial conference last year, we met with GBLA, ACLU, UFWF and others - to discuss the TRUTH Forum - a new forum designed to get public input on Kern County Sheriff's Office interaction with ICE.

For my part, as the Chair of the Board this year, I wanted to make sure we had two TRUTH Forums, one during the day and one at night, to give more people a chance to share their concerns. Little steps. Our office worked hard to make sure that your Sheriff's Office and County Counsel met with these groups as well, and I am pleased to say the dialogue between our office, the County, the Sheriff's Office and the community improved as a result of those forums and meetings.

Recently, I met with Congressman Cox, and he explained to me a bill being pushed through Congress, called the "Blue Card Bill," that creates the framework for agricultural workers to enter and work in this country legally. It's a law Kern County needs, because we need farmworkers, and our workers need a legal framework to enter and to work. It's a little step - it's not com-

prehensive immigration reform. It's just one piece of the puzzle but in this day and age, taking little steps might be our best strategy toward broader immigration reform.

There's still a lot to do and more steps to take. We've learned that some folks in the community are frightened, they are afraid to call the Sheriff when a crime is being committed. We've tried to encourage Neighborhood Watch programs and they've even declined that. We understand folks are afraid to seek help that can assist them with hunger, education and health.

As your Supervisor, this concerns me greatly, as our actions today will determine to a large part what happens tomorrow. We have to keep working to build trust. We all have to be healthy for our community to be healthy.

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

OBITUARY

Billy Wayne "Bill" Grills**Died Oct. 30, 2019**

Billy Wayne (Bill) Grills, 84, husband of Nancy Ann (Goldsmith) Grills, went to be with the Lord on Wednesday, Oct. 30, 2019.

Billy was born in Senath, Mo., to the late Chester Lee Grills and Irene (Holt) Grills. He was a retired truck driver and loved telling stories, traveling the county in his RV and spending time with his kids and grandkids. He also loved spending time with friends at the local Red Wagon Café, where he and the local farmers spun their



many tales of days gone by and good deeds done.

Billy (Bill, as he was called by friends and his loving wife of 64 years, Nancy Ann) always made

a lasting impression on all those he spoke to and was greatly loved by all his long-time friends.

Bill moved with his family from Missouri to Shafter in 1942. He attended Richland Elementary and Junior High School and two years at Shafter High School before deciding to help the family "make ends meet" by "road-siding" hay. He thought that was more important than a formal education.

Bill worked the rest of his life as a truck driver. Driving the roads hauling alfalfa, freight and tankers was his calling that he

found hard to give up, but at the age of 80 he finally retired to spend his time at home and on several cross-country road trips in his RV with his wife - and many times - kids and grandkids.

Bill gave his life to our Lord Jesus as a teenager in Shafter and served God faithfully the rest of his life. Bill met the love of his life, Nancy Ann Goldsmith, in Visalia, and they married in 1955 and spent 64 wonderful years together.

On April 3 of this year, Bill and Nancy moved to their new home in Simpsonville, S.C., to live close

to their two oldest children, Kevin Grills and Deanna Rodriguez, and their families. Though the time there was short, the memories made there are everlasting and ever joyful. We will miss him greatly but his impression on our lives will never fade.

Surviving, in addition to his wife, are two sons, Kevin Grills (wife Christy) and Brian Grills (wife Krista); two daughters, Deanna Rodriguez (husband Mike) and Rhonda Meyer (husband Cliff); 11 grandchildren, Danielle Grills (wife Susy), Mindy Merriman, Justin Merriman, Nicole Pritchard,

Amanda Merriman, Chris Meyer, Cheri Meyer, Savannah Morrell Meyer, Dailyn Grills, Kendra Crum (husband Tyler) and Allyson Stolorow; nine great-grandchildren, Genesis Grills, Aiden, Grayson, Sophia, Emily, Noah, Braidyn, Elliana Mae and Elijah and his beloved dog, "Piper." He was predeceased by two brothers, Dennis Grills and Olen Grills, and a sister, Bernita Samples.

Graveside services will be 1 p.m. Friday, Nov. 8, at Cannon Memorial Park, Fountain Inn, S.C.

Fletcher Funeral Service, Fountain Inn, S.C.

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By: /s/J. Chaides
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Williamson Real Estate
2019-B6753**

533 James St.
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
533 James St.
Shafter, CA 93263
Donnie Gene Williamson
12618 Montbatten PL
Bakersfield, CA 93312
The business is conducted by: Individual

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/ Donnie Gene Williamson
Date Statement Filed: 10/23/2019
Date Statement Expires: 10/23/2024
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By: /s/N Franco
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Kern River Scale
2019-B6949**

5409 Signa St.
Bakersfield, CA 93307-6317
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
5409 Signa St.
Bakersfield, CA 93307-6317
Brian Holland Stephen Holland
5409 Signa St.
Bakersfield, CA 93307-6317
Tomasita Holland
5409 Signa St.
Bakersfield, CA 93307-6317

The business is conducted by: Married Couple

Date the business commenced: 10/11/1989
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/s/Brian Holland
Date Statement Filed: 11/01/2019
Date Statement Expires: 11/01/2024
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By: /s/E Del Villar
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
SECTION A
NOTICE (PUBLISHED VERSION)
SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT
Kern County, California
NOTICE INVITING BIDS****WILDWOOD SIPHON REPLACEMENT-CONCRETE LINER PROJECT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the **SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT** (hereinafter "District") **until 2:00 p.m. on December 6, 2019**, for construction of the Wildwood Siphon Replacement-Concrete Liner Project (Project"), including, but not limited to, the furnishing of all labor, services, materials, tools, equipment, supplies, and facilities necessary therefore, and transportation, utilities, and all other items as provided in the Contract Documents associated herewith, of which each and every document comprising the entirety of the Contract Documents are incorporated at length as if fully set forth herein. The Project is located within Kern County and in the vicinity of the City of Wasco. Bids will be received at the offices of the District, **1101 Central Avenue, Wasco, California 93280**, until the stated time and date, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

If a contract is awarded, it will be awarded to the responsible Bidder submitting the lowest responsive Bid Proposal on the basis of prices in the Base Bid in accordance with Public Contract Code Section 20103.8(a). The bidding requirements and the Work are fully described in the Plans and Specifications, which are available for inspection during normal business hours without charge at the offices of the District. Requests for Plans and Specifications will be honored at the office of the District, for the amount of \$100 per set (non-refundable). Payment shall be made with check or money order payable to "Semitropic Water Storage District". A mandatory pre-bid conference and tour will be held on **November 15, 2019 at 10:00 a.m.** commencing at the offices of the District.

While the Work to be performed with respect to the Project is more fully described and detailed in the Plans and Specifications, the principal components of Work to be performed includes the following:

1. Wildwood Siphon: At the Pond Poso Canal, construct approximately 202 linear feet of concrete canal liner, complete with all associated earthwork, including removal of riprap, regrading of canal section and siphon transitions to the final minimum grades, and regrading of embankment and access roads. The existing 96" siphon pipe, is to be removed and disposed of by District field staff, prior to the work.
2. Pond Poso Canal, Station 934+60: Remove temporary plug, consisting of a visqueen plastic and permanent abandonment of existing 18" RCP pipe penetrating southern canal embankment. Existing pipeline to be capped at both ends of canal embankment.
3. Replacement of broken canal liner panels, including removal of existing concrete liner panels, preparing the canal foundation, placement of new concrete canal liner, and final grading of canal embankment (as applicable). Concrete liner replacement shall be completed at the following locations:
 - a. Pond Poso Canal @ Station 79+22
 - b. Pond Poso Canal @ Station 84+09
 - c. Pond Poso Canal @ Station 135+96
 - d. Pond Poso Canal @ Station 146+44
 - e. Pond Poso Canal @ Station 317+92
 - f. Pond Poso Canal @ Station 320+77
 - g. Pond Poso Canal @ Station 501+16
 - h. Pond Poso Canal @ Station 975+04
 - i. P-1030 Canal @ Station 3298+42, West Bank
 - j. P-1030 Canal @ Station 3298+42, East Bank

At each location, approximately four (4) concrete liner panels, measuring approximately 11' x 11', 3-inch in width, are expected to be replaced.

The work must be completed during the period identified in the Specifications.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 6100(b), any contractor, subcontractor, and/or specialty contractor, as defined under Business and Professions Code Section 7026, submitting a proposal shall possess, at the time the contract is awarded, that classification of contractor's license required by law to enable the contractor to perform the Work contemplated under the Contract Documents, as more specifically set forth in the specifications. Specifically, a Class A

- General Engineering contractor's license is required for the project. Contractors shall provide the District with their Contractor's license number and expiration date as provided in the proposal. It is the District's intent that "plans," as used in Public Contract Code Section 3300, is defined as the construction contract documents, which include both the drawings and the specifications.

No contractor or subcontractor may be qualified to submit a Bid, be listed on a Bid proposal, or engage in the performance of any Work associated with this project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 et seq. [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)]. No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded the contract for the project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. The District reserves the right, after opening bids, to reject any or all bids, to waive or to make award to the lowest responsible bidder and reject all other bids.

This published notice does NOT reproduce all of the bidding requirements; accordingly, the above-referenced Plans and Specifications are hereby referred to and made a part of this Notice Inviting Bids. An acceptable bid can only be prepared by reading and following all of the instructions that are found in the Specifications, which includes Sections A and B thereof.

Each Bidder is required to sign a Noncollusion Affidavit and submit it with his bid.

The successful Bidder is required to furnish a Payment Bond in an amount of 100% of the contract and a Faithful Performance Bond in an amount of 100% of the contract; the bonds to be secured by a surety company or surety companies satisfactory to the District.

Bids shall be based on the payment of not less than the prevailing rate of wages for this locality and project as determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code Section 1770 et seq. Copies of the prevailing rates of per diem wages are on file at the office of the District and will be made available to any interested party on request. Prevailing wage schedules for Kern County are also available from the Department of Industrial Relations-Division of Labor Statistics & Research via the internet at www.dir.ca.gov and <https://www.wdol.gov/dba.aspx>.

This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. (See Labor Code section 1771.4(a)(1).) Each contractor and subcontractor shall furnish the records specified in Labor Code section 1776 directly to the Labor Commissions, in the manner set forth in Labor Code section 1771.4(a)(3)(A)-(B). Contractors shall be required to post job site notices, as prescribed by regulation. (See Labor Code section 1771.4(a)(2).)

Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300, equivalent securities may be substituted for monies withheld to ensure performance of the contract.

Date: November 8, 2019 Semitropic Water Storage District

By: /s/ Jason Gianquinto
General Manager

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