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There's good news in the city

Mayor sees a bright future

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Each year at the Shafter Chamber of Commerce Community Service Awards Banquet, the State of the City Address is given. This speech gives highlights of the previous year and tells of the projects that the city has planned and the progress that it has made. The address was given by Shafter Mayor Gilbert Alvarado, and is presented here:

Good evening. Congratulations to all who are being honored tonight. Because of you and all the good people of Shafter, the state of our city is strong!

Each year at this time, we look back and remember some of the highlights of the year and look for-

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ABOVE: Mayor Gilbert Alvarado delivers the State of the City Address. **LEFT:** Priscilla Barajas received the Student of the Year award. **BELOW:** Jackson Sanchez was named Young Person of the Year.



Annual dinner full of awards

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The Shafter Press

The Shafter Chamber of Commerce held their annual Community Awards Banquet for the 72nd year last Thursday night, honoring those in our community who have made an impact. Nominees are selected for their contributions in the past year or their lifetime contributions to the city.

Debbie Haley was the mistress of ceremonies for the event, which was held for the second year at Shafter's Ford Theater. The evening began with a silent auction and social hour. Gift baskets up for bid included a City of Shafter basket, complete with a Shafter T-Shirt, coffee mugs, glasses and assorted locally grown nuts, and a fireside pack-

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The cafeteria staff have made a big impact on the environment with a big reduction in organic waste produced by the two schools.

Cafeteria staff cleaning up

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The Shafter Press

The cafeteria staff at Redwood Elementary School and Richland Junior High were recognized recently for their efforts in helping clean the environment with a Special Recycle Award from the Shafter Chamber of Commerce.

Long gone are the days of seeing a trash can full of uneaten food, bound for the local landfill. With regulations and requirements being imposed by the state, schools are being challenged to find ways to clean up and reduce their waste, especially organics that make normally end up in a landfill.

Redwood and Richland Junior High

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This department keeps development on plan

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

There is always a lot of news about the actions of the Shafter City Council, the governing body of the city. Comparatively little is heard about the operating of the city behind the scenes when it comes to the inner workings of planning and developing.

The Shafter Planning Department is responsible for the land use of the city, and making sure it adheres to the city's General Plan. The General Plan includes the maps for Shafter, with areas zoned residential, commercial and industrial. The General Plan is the city's blueprint for future development. It describes the city's development goals and policies and forms the basis for land use decisions.

The department's re-



Wayne Clausen is the Planning Department director.

sponsibilities include overseeing updating of the General Plan, administration of site development reviews and public inquiries, administering city zoning requirements and processing land-

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Community Calendar

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

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW: Wellness Wednesday — Every Last Wed. of the Month 6-7:30 p.m., at Shafter SDA Church on 17898 Poplar Ave., Shafter. Come join in on recipe exchange featuring healthy plant based foods and healthy nutrition.

Free citizenship class — Open enrollment. Classes are Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.m., Room 302 at the Wasco Adult Education Center, 1445 Poso Drive. Call 661-758-7414 for more information, Monday-Thursday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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

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

MONDAY

After School Story — 3:30 p.m. at the Shafter Branch Library.

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

Free Zumba Gold (modified Zumba) — FREE to all ages. Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m., at 505 Sunset Ave., the Walker Senior Center. Call Shafter Recreation for information, 661-746-3303.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

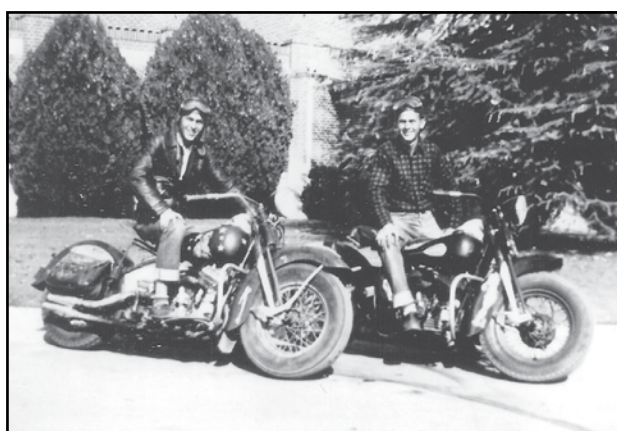
TUESDAY

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

Free Yoga — White Wolf Wellness Foundation offers a free yoga class Feb. 4, 18, 31 and Feb. 4 and 18 at the

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 mystery-photo@TheShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** Crowd gathers at a freight train upset on Central Ave in Shafter November 8, 1952. **CORRECTION:** The two girls pictured in the Jan. 9 featured photo from La Colonia were Lupe Sabedra Velarde and Dora Sabedra Gonzalez. Thanks to Erica Soriano for setting us right. The Press regrets the error.



Wasco Community Center, 1280 Poplar Ave. Yoga instructor Yani Valdez teaches stretching to help with pain, stress and anxiety. Provided by Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

NEW: Wellness Wednesdays — Every last Wednesday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m., at Shafter SDA Church, 17898 Poplar Ave., Shafter. Join in on recipe exchange featuring healthy plant-based foods and healthy nutrition.

Play Doh Party — 2:00 p.m. at the Shafter Branch Library.

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.

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

Youth program -- Awana Club program: Jr. high group (6th-8th grades) 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Awana Clubs (K-5th grades) 6-8 p.m. at Valley Bible Church, 350 Pine St.

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

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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

STEAM Activities Club — Join for wildly amazing science experiments Jan. 30 at 2 p.m. at the Shafter Branch Library.

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

CORRECTION

A player in a soccer photo in last week's paper was misidentified. She is Kimberley Esparza, not Ariana Gil. The corrected photo and caption is pictured below.



ARREST REPORT

As reported by the Shafter Police Department

JAN. 20

Christopher Ryan Parks, 32, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of Cedar Avenue on an active felony warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

JAN. 21

Sergio Acosta, 22, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of 7th Street and Palm Avenue for possession of a stolen vehicle and driving without a license. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Martin Alvarez, 55, of Wasco, was arrested in the 900 block of Poso Drive on two active misdemeanor warrants. He was cited and released at the scene.

Angela Nadine Antonio, 33, of Wasco, was arrested in the 300 block of Broadway Avenue on an active misdemeanor warrant. She was cited and released at the scene.

Isabel Cardenas, 38, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 2700 block of Spruce Avenue on an active misdemeanor warrant. She was cited and released at the scene.

Robert Charles Halvorson, 60, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Broadway and 13th Street on an active misdemeanor warrant and possession of unlawful paraphernalia. He was cited and released at the scene.

JAN. 22

Mario Alberto Acosta, 29, of Shafter, was arrested in the 300 block of Broadway for conspiracy to commit a crime, attempting to possess stolen property, possession of a controlled substance and possession of unlawful paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Oliver Corral, 38, of Wasco, was arrested in the 300 block of Broadway for conspiracy to commit a crime, attempting to possess stolen property and possession of unlawful paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Paulino Perez Hernandez, 66, was arrested in the

1900 block of Palm Avenue for violating a domestic violence restraining order. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Rodolfo Lopez, 37, of Wasco, was arrested in the 300 block of D Street for disobeying a court order, possession of burglary tools and possession of unlawful paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Juan Antonio Martinez, 28, of Wasco, was arrested in the 600 block of Poplar Avenue for driving without a license, driving without insurance and making an unsafe turn. He was cited and released at the scene.

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Carrington House staff receive the Business Award.



Shafter High Principal Russell Shipley.

Chamber honors top citizens, businesses

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age with including a fire pit, makings for Smores, chips and hot cocoa.

The dinner, accompanied by a no-host bar, was catered by Hodel's, with beef, chicken, salad and mashed potatoes on the menu.

Twelve awards recognized businesses and individuals that have made an impact on the city.

The Agriculture Award was accepted by Joe Lane of The Garlic Company. The business has grown into one of the biggest of its kind in the United States, selling over 40 million pounds of garlic nationwide last year.

The company was started by Lane and John Layous, who became acquainted while attending the same college. They worked for different garlic companies and built a friendship over the years and decided to farm their own business together. They farm thousands of acres, from California to Oregon. They operate a 35-acre facility here, offering year-round shipping of whole bulb, peeled and industrial garlic products to major retail, food service and industrial companies. They are a support the agriculture community by providing 180 full-time jobs locally, and over 450 jobs during peak season.

There were several education-related awards given out this year. One of those was the Education Support Staff Award, which went to Sherry Belluomini. Belluomini is a speech pathologist for the Richland School District and has been for the past 20 years.

Belluomini decided to go back to school at age 30 with the hope of learning sign language. She earned a masters degree in Communicative Science and Disorders from Fresno State University. She has been at Sequoia Elementary School for 10 years and is loved by her students and their parents. Her love for her students is evident and is seen daily by the way she relates to them.

Receiving the Education Award for 2019 was Rosa Romero. Romero is serving as interim superintendent for the Richland School District and has been working for Richland for the last 32 years. She has been a classroom teacher, assistant principal, elementary and junior high principal, director of student and family services, as well as director of curriculum and instruction.

Romero commented that she has done just about everything at Richland but drive a bus. "But that is next on my list and am looking forward to getting behind the wheel in the near future!"

Russell Shipley, principal at Shafter High School, received the Leadership Award. Shipley began his career at Shafter High as a chemistry teacher. He transitioned to dean of students at Frontier High and was then named the assistant principal of instruction at North High School before returning to Shafter High.

Since his return, Shipley has had a substantial impact at the school. He has implemented numerous programs, such as Early College program with Bakersfield College, Project Lead the Way lab and classrooms, a state of the art weight room and, beginning construction this summer, a new modern

stadium.

The cafeteria staff of Redwood Elementary and Richland Junior High was given a Special Recycle Award for its work in reducing the amount of waste produced. They start their days ensuring all meals are packed and ready for students. They serve about 1,800 lunches in a two-hour period. Along with American Refuse, they put together a program to help divert their organic waste and recyclable materials away from the landfill.

The Shafter Cinco de Mayo Committee received the Arts Group Award. Founded by Deanna Rodriguez-Root and her husband, Albert "Roy" Root, the festival's mission was to bring the community of Shafter together through cultural celebration and to commemorate the Mexican Army's victory over the French Empire at the Battle of Puebla in 1862.

After Roy passed away, their daughter, Brandi, stepped in and helped her mother

and culture. She had a great example of a good work ethic from her mother, who worked countless hours in the agricultural fields, supporting Priscilla in her quest for a better life. Because of this, Priscilla understands the importance of achieving a higher education.

Carrington House received the Business Award for 2019. Carrington of Shafter works alongside the community, striving to make their facility a loving, trusting, fun and homelike environment.

Each year they recruit Shafter High students as volunteers. Some of these have been hired for jobs after graduation. These former students have become some of the best resident care aides, Carrington staff says.

Carrington focuses on emphasizing the importance of learning by working around school schedules so their employees can further their education. Each year, Carrington invites local schools and churches to sing to their residents during the holidays. Carrington residents have also gone to the Fire Department, Police Department and Hall Ambulance, bringing lunch and snacks to the first responders of Shafter.

The residents of Carrington, through their Activity Department, give back to the community by putting together Thanksgiving food baskets and toy drives for needy families.

"We strive to make our residents stay with us a great one. We are not just a business, but we are a real home for them," says Director Kimberly McNally.

The Young Person of the Year award went to Shafter High senior Jackson Sanchez. Sanchez has a GPA that is over 3.8, and he is active in and out of the classroom. Sanchez has been on the Generals varsity football team for the past three years, leading them this past year as quarterback, into the Central Valley Section playoffs.

Sanchez leads by example, as he aspires to be the best that he can be at all times. This means starting his day at 5:45 a.m. in the gym, leading and mentoring his peers. He carries a full class load and is currently enrolled in AP college prep courses.



Sharon Wiebe received the Youth Development Award.

continue the festival in his memory. The committee works hard to raise the required funding to finance the event. Root said. "It is due to the generosity of the Shafter community, as well as the tireless work of the committee that makes this event such a special one. We draw people from all over the state, as well as attendees from as far away as Los Angeles and Phoenix."

She said that it has become a true destination and important date on families' calendars. They meet up to celebrate the holiday, as well as see old friends and family.

The Platinum Sponsor for the event, California Resources Corporation, highlighted the Student of the Year. This award went to Shafter High senior Priscilla Barajas. Priscilla's achievements are notable: She is taking AP courses, honors classes and GATE classes. She has maintained a 4.0+ GPA and in every sport she has participated in she has been named the Most Scholarly. She is a member of the California Scholarship Federation, as well as being a part of the Latinas Leaders of Kern County. Priscilla participates in soccer, track and cross country, too.

She and her family came to Shafter from Mexico, not knowing the language



Rosa Romero accepted the Education Award.

He also is Associated Student Body president, leading students in rallies and being the face of the school. He competes in football, basketball and track. According to his teachers, Sanchez handles himself with a class and selflessness that is unlike many young men, making him a truly outstanding young person.

Sharon Wiebe received the Young Person Development Award. Wiebe has been the face of the Distinguished Young Woman competition, formerly known as the Junior Miss program in Shafter, for the past 25 years.

In 1993, Wiebe was helping some friends with the Wasco Rose Queen Pageant. Kay Milwee was also helping Wasco at the time with their choreography when she met Sharon. Milwee then asked Wiebe if she would be interested in helping with the Shafter program.

Wiebe then began dedicating her time to the young women of Shafter. Sharon and her committee of volunteers have worked to grow the program, which combines the



Joe Lane accepted the Agriculture Award for The Garlic Company.

chance to win college scholarships along with life skills training, public speaking and building self-confidence. Wiebe is currently

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Mayor lists year's accomplishments

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ward to exciting things to come. As a city, we focus on our core responsibilities of economic development, public safety and education. There have been exciting developments in each of these areas.

We have been blessed over the years to have major companies choose to invest in Shafter. Thankfully that continues to be true. Last year at this time, Walmart had just started construction on a major cold storage facility. This spring they will be filling 400 new jobs. The facility will be running at full speed by the end of the year.

In addition, plans have been submitted for a new Wonderful Industrial Park office and training campus. It will be located at the corner of Seventh Standard Road and Zachary Avenue. This project will include 110,000 square feet of Wonderful Company corporate offices and a 37,000 square foot vocational training center. When it is complete, the project will include a restaurant and other amenities.

The training center will be used by various Wonderful Company business units as well as tenants within the Industrial Park, allowing companies and employees to meet the changing skills necessary in today's evolving work environment.

In housing, Gossamer Grove continues to build out. There are more than 600 occupied homes in the development today and another 200 under construction. There will be over 3,000 homes in Gossamer Grove when it is complete.

This has also been a year of growth at the Police Department. The city has hired eight police officers since this summer, with two more in process. The City Council approved the addition of a new canine team to the department. The team should complete basic training by the end of March. We are grateful to our police officers for keeping us safe.

Finally, education. In Shafter, we invest in the future of our people. I am pleased to report two major new developments in education. Last year, I men-

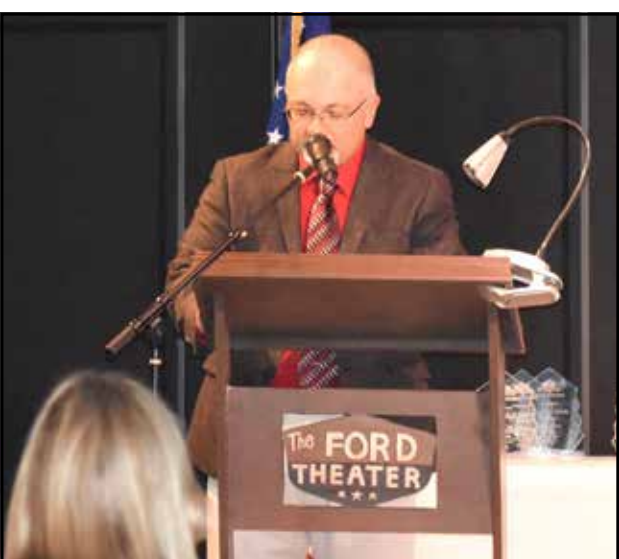
tioned our partnership with Bakersfield College to bring college classes to Shafter. That work continues, and we are giving it another boost this year. The City Council approved funding a new \$250 book scholarship for all Shafter High students who graduate with 2.5 GPA or higher and take a BC class in Shafter. We want to remove obstacles to college and also encourage our young people to consider putting down roots here in Shafter and help us build the community.

The other big news in education is our partner-

ship with GAF to expand the Shafter Learning Center and Library. GAF is investing in our community with this expansion, which will create new opportunities for students and create an exciting new public gathering space.

Shafter continues to grow and prosper. We are one of the fastest-growing cities in the state. And as we see in the awards tonight, we have many generous, hardworking people. I am confident in the future of Shafter, and I look forward to another great year.

Thank you!



Mayor Gilbert Alvarado

PET OF THE WEEK

Rosa is looking for a new home

Are you looking for someone to run with or even play with? My name is Rosa. I have been at the shelter since October. My shelter staff friends have listed me as mastiff mix that weighs about 65 lbs. and is approximately eight years old. I have passed my Safer test, and I am in search of my forever home. I'm a happy, bouncy, curious, energetic and a friendly girl. I enjoy getting my belly rubbed. I have never learned how to play with toys, and I need someone to teach me.

Also, I am curious toward cats, so my shelter staff recommend a watchful eye just in case.

I am located at the Shafter Animal Shelter. Please come and meet me; trust me, I won't disappoint. Thank you.

Thank you for inquiring about a pet from Shafter Animal Control. If you have not already, please view our home page at shaftercritters.petfinder.com. Our website will answer many questions you may have about adopting from us. We cannot recommend any dog as "good with children" since there is no way to be certain that they are safe for children. The age of the animal is an estimation that has been based on the knowledge and training of the shelter staff. If you have further questions you can email animalcontrol@shafter.com or call 661-746-2140. Email is not checked on Sundays or holidays. We are located at 18849 S. Shafter Ave.

—Shafter Animal Control



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The Shafter Press

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Shafter could become a movie star

By Jimmy Dierker

Shafter High School's new movie star is a movie star in the making. The school's new movie star is a movie star in the making. The school's new movie star is a movie star in the making.

The Shafter Press front page, Jan. 31, 1990

Chamber's salute to city's best

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rently director of the program, and also is involved in her church as a choir member, Worship Board member and the leader of a Women's Community Exercise Class for over 20 years John Basham partnered up with brothers Yeobani and Kevin Lara from Wasco, to open the Basham & Lara Funeral Care in Shafter in 2018. The men received the Commercial Remodel award for 2019 for their visionary work in making this facility a great addition to Shafter. They are a full service funeral home with a chapel, arrangement meeting room, visitation room, casket room, as well as a reception area that used to be the old Graddy's Lounge. These gentlemen had a vision and they chose this building that used to be a supermarket and transformed it into a perfect gathering place for families. They pride themselves on the ability to offer families an option, serving the community with outstanding and meaningful funeral services. "We have loved coming to Shafter



John Basham, center, and Yeobani and Kevin Lara of Basham & Lara Funeral Care accepted the Commercial Remodel Award.

and feel like a member of the Shafter community already," commented Basham.

The Shafter Kiwanis Club has been serving the Shafter community since 1938. They are a local community service club with thirty members. The Kiwanis received the Community Service award for 2019. Their objectives are simple: to give, to encourage, to promote, to develop, to provide, and to cooperate. The motto "WE BUILD" is the cornerstone

of Kiwanis.

Each month, the club recognizes "Terrific Kids" from the local schools, giving them a special T-Shirt, pencil, and certificate as well as lunch for the students and their families. Additionally, Shafter Kiwanis Club Foundation serves the Richland Trojan Band and the Shafter High Generals Band with financial services and an avenue for fundraising through two fireworks booths in town. The Shafter Kiwanis has

put on several well-known events every year, including their annual Pancake Breakfast, New Teachers Luncheon, Easter Sunrise Service, and the Circus at Mannel Park.

All of the honorees were spotlighted as they came up on stage to receive their awards. There to greet them was the Mayor of Shafter, Gilbert Alvarado, representatives from Melissa Hurtado's office and Congressman TJ Cox's office, as well as Supervisor of District 4, David Couch.

WHAT IS THE FUTURE OF THIS PLACE | DAVID FRANZ

Sinking into Shafter's roots

"I began a motion of the heart toward my origins." When I read this sentence in Wendell Berry's novel, Jayber Crow, I recognized the feeling. It was 2003. I was a third-generation Shafter native, living in Virginia and feeling increasingly out of place. A motion had begun back to my origins. In the book, Jayber is a promising student. His teachers tell him he could rise above his roots. He wasn't interested. "Far from rising above them, I was longing to sink into them until I would know the fundamental things."

It took a while, but I made it home. This is my 10th year back in Shafter. Wendell Berry was partly responsible for the move. Like Jayber Crow, Berry had given up an academic career to return to his family place, a farm in Kentucky. I long admired his loyalty and his writing. I have a copy of his Collected Poems and in my travelling twenties, I read that book in many faraway places thinking of Shafter. When I changed my Facebook profile location to "Shafter," a friend from Virginia teased me by commenting simply, "Wendell Berry."

A few years ago, City Manager John

Guinn, came into my office and told me that someone from The Economist magazine wanted to talk to us. This was completely unexpected and an ironic twist in my relationship with the magazine. In college at Fresno Pacific, The Economist had been my connection to the big world.

If Wendell Berry was partly responsible for the move home, The Economist was part of what drew me away in the first place. Sitting in the Fresno Pacific library, I was especially intrigued by the job ads. They would advertise corporate vice president and program director positions in places like London, Geneva and New York. What would a day be like in a job that required fluent French and English, an advanced degree and extensive experience with international finance? I had no idea. I guessed it happened in tall build-

ings, with dark wood paneling and people in dark suits sitting in leather chairs.

The Economist would be on a table in the lobby. In my travels, I never really saw that place. Instead, it was here, in the lobby of the Shafter City Hall, with no wood paneling or leather chairs, that I met The Economist. When it happened, the reporter set a copy of The Shafter Press down on a table and said, "Hello" in a British accent.

He was working on a story about the economic challenges facing the Central Valley. As the interview ended, I asked for a favor. "Please don't make us out to be victims, okay? Don't treat us like the Appalachia of the West." Unfortunately, he liked the phrase a little too much. Those four words remain my only contribution to The Economist.

Still, it was a fair and thoughtful story.



David Franz is director of the Shafter Learning Center. His column will appear the second and fourth weeks of the month.

Most of all, it ended with a good question. I might even count the fact that it ended with a question as a victory for my "don't make us victims" plea. He asked: "What is the future of this place?"

When I was asked to write for The Press, I remembered that question. If you read it with a personal stake in the answer, it sounds a lot like a question about loyalty and aspiration, roots and dreams, Wendell Berry and The Economist. It makes me think of the shop and restaurant owners around town who came from all over the world and have bet everything on building a business here. It makes me think of a boy in town who leaves books in barber shops because he wants to help other kids who love to read. It makes me think of the young people I know who are off becoming doctors and engineers in hopes of coming back and making a difference here. I don't know what the future of this place is, but I hope it will be like this. These stories connect with what I think is the best of Shafter's striving past. You might even say that these are the roots worth sinking into.

Planning Department shapes development

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subdivisions.

Director Wayne Clausen, along with Senior Planner Suzanne Forest, head up the department, which is overseen by a five-member Planning Commission. The commission consists of Peter Frantz, Jon Johnston, Kirk Mouser, Ron Nunlist and Bob Wiebe.

The commission reviews and acts on matters related to planning and development in the city.

Asked about the climate in Shafter as to the development phases of different projects, Clausen said that it all depends on the market. "It is very expensive to develop land for residential or commercial uses, so the market has to be in a place where it will support the building and developing of a tract."

One such tract is north of West Tulare, just north of North Park in Shafter. "I think that when this area is developed, the sales would be very good in the area. Also, Gos-samer Grove is continuing to build and are selling the lots at a great pace."

As far as commercial building, Clausen said that there has not been much action in

Shafter in developing land for commercial use. "But, there are businesses that have moved into existing buildings, which does not require a separate tract map, just a conditional use permit."

When developers purchase a lot, be it for residential or commercial, a tentative tract map is created and approved by the Commission and the City Council. If the developers do not develop the land in the time frame in which the map is valid for, they must go before the commission for an extension of time which will give them another two years to develop the land. This happens often with housing developments, in which the market is not right for the building of residential homes, allowing the developer to wait until the market is up enough to justify the building of the homes.

Clausen said that the city's General Plan

already includes what part of the city is zoned for residential, as well as commercial. "The majority of the department's duties is to make sure the developers adhere to the General Plan. If there is a question, it is the commission's job to address the issue and make a recommendation to the City Council. "For instance, True Value is looking to use the area in the back of their property to store equipment that cannot be stored inside the store. A notice is sent out to the nearby residents with the project details on it, giving them an opportunity to speak out for or against the project." Certain factors that go into the decision process when it comes to Conditional Use permits is deciding if limiting the hours of operation of a business that is located near a residential zone, or maybe building a wall to help sound-proof an area that will be operating near residents.

For instance, if a convenience store will be built near a residential area, this would go before the commission, which will then make a recommendation to the City Council. A Public Hearing Notice is sent out to nearby residents, detailing the plans that the developer has for the prospective business. With the Public Hearing, the residents have an opportunity to voice any concerns over the project. "Due process is a main key for the commission and the Planning Department," said Clausen. "Everyone has an opportunity to voice their opinion before anything is ruled on." One such instance occurred earlier last year. A water well was being drilled near the back of Dad's BBQ in Shafter. There were concerns from the nearby residents of the noise that would be created from the operation of the well. A retaining wall was built to help with the noise pollution created, giving the residents a buffer from the well, alleviating some of the disturbance.

If you ever wonder where the residential zones, or commercial zones are in the city of Shafter, the Planning Department is the place with the answers.

"The majority of the department's duties is to make sure the developers adhere to the General Plan."

—Wayne Clausen, Planning Department director

Cafeteria staff works improves environment

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have worked with Lynnda Martin of American Refuse to build a plan that has resulted in a substantial reduction in the organic waste generated.

Statewide, there is a big push with SB1383 for the reduction of greenhouse gases. Studies from Cal Recycle have shown that when items such as food waste are left in a landfill to rot on their own, they emit these gases into the atmosphere, causing harm to the environment.

The cafeteria staff, led by Angie Armstrong, work to make sure each child has a nutritious breakfast, lunch and snack. They serve about 1,800 students in a two-hour lunch period.

This is the first in a two-part series on the journey of food at Redwood Elementary School and Richland Junior High. This week is a look at what happens to the food that is left on the plate. Next week, it's the food itself and the program that brings meals to the schools and what kids think of what's on their plates.

The schools and American Refuse devised a plan to reduce the amount of organic waste that is produced. A waste audit was conducted to help them come up with a diversion plan.

Today, as a result of their plan, the amount of organics sent to the landfill is a great improvement.

There are two bins of material that are recycled and made into organics for natural farm fertilizer. Three

bins are recycled materials destined for a material recovery facility, where they are made into something new again; just one bin is for trash headed for the landfill.

"Redwood Elementary and Richland Junior High Schools have made a very progressive step in the community. They are an outstanding example to schools in Kern County and the state by showing what can be achieved," Martin said.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
SHAFTER PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 11, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, the Shafter Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider the projects described below; and

Tentative Tract 6467: A request for a two-year extension of time to record a final map for Phase 2 of Tentative Tract No. 6467 proposing to subdivide approximately 27 acres into 90 single-family residential lots and a drainage basin lot. The site is zoned R-1 (Low Density Residential) and is generally located on the south side of E. Fresno Ave. between Mannel Avenue and N. Beech Avenue and E. Tulare Ave., within the City of Shafter. The City of Shafter adopted a Negative Declaration for Tentative Tract No. 6467 on February 15, 2005 (Resolution No. 1717).

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

Dated: January 23, 2020
 /s/Yazmina Pallares
 Yazmina Pallares
 City Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
TXT FAST PASS TO 69922 OR CALL 2019-B7720

415 E. 19th St
 Bakersfield, CA 93305
 County: Kern
 Mailing address of business:
 211 S. Montclair St
 Bakersfield, CA 93309
 Michele Marie Fowler
 10908 Eagle Falls Dr
 Bakersfield, CA 93312
 The business is conducted by: Individual
 Date the business commenced:
 10/25/2019

A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
 /s/Michele Marie Fowler
 Date Statement Filed: 12/11/2019
 Date Statement Expires: 12/11/2024
 Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
 By: /s/R Roberts-Martin
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
TXT EASY PASS TO 31996 OR CALL 2019-B7735

415 E. 19th St
 Bakersfield, CA 93305
 County: Kern
 Mailing address of business:
 211 S. Montclair St
 Bakersfield, CA 93309
 Christina Inez Taber
 8515 Northshore Dr
 Bakersfield, CA 93312
 The business is conducted by: Individual
 Date the business commenced:
 10/22/2019

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 /s/Christina Inez Taber
 Date Statement Filed: 12/12/2019
 Date Statement Expires: 12/12/2024
 Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
 By: /s/M Hernandez
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
R. Owens Transport
2019-B7888

400 Carsen Way
 Shafter, CA 93263
 County: Kern
 Mailing address of business:
 400 Carsen Way
 Shafter, CA 93263
 Richard Alan Owens Jr.
 15344 Calistoga Ave
 Bakersfield, CA 93314
 The business is conducted by: Individual
 Date the business commenced:
 4/10/2008

A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
 /s/Richard Alaz Owens Jr

Date Statement Filed: 12/20/2019
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 Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
 By: /s/A Rangel Villaseor
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Truster: MARIA AGUIRRE, A MARRIED WOMAN AS HER SOLE AND SEPARATE PROPERTY
 Duly Appointed Trustee: ZBS Law, LLP
 Deed of Trust recorded 2/20/2007, as Instrument No. 0207039212, of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Kern County, California,
 Date of Sale: 2/7/2020 at 10:00 AM
 Place of Sale: At the front entrance to city hall at 1501 Truxtun Ave Bakersfield, CA 93301
 Estimated amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$136,867.83
 Note: Because the Beneficiary reserves the right to bid less than the total debt owed, it is possible that at the time of the sale the opening bid may be less than the total debt owed. Street Address or other common designation of real property:
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 SHAFTER, California 93263
 Described as follows:

As more fully described on said Deed of Trust
 A.P.N #: .026-202-18-01

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NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property.

NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (714) 848-9272 or visit this Internet Web site www.elitepostandpub.com, using the file number assigned to this case 19-58641. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale.

Dated: 1/8/2020 ZBS Law, LLP, as Trustee
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 Irvine, CA 92606
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
SOLO Dairy LLC
2020-B0269

Henry Vander Poel & Son Dairy
 2020-B0270
 11495 Jumper Ave
 Wasco, CA 93280
 County: Kern
 Mailing address of business:
 P.O. Box 8012
 Wasco, CA 93280
 SOLO Dairy, LLC
 11495 Jumper Ave
 Wasco, CA 93280
 State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
 The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
 Date the business commenced:
 10/12/2004

A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
 /s/Robert Vander Poel, Managing Member
 Date Statement Filed: 01/09/2020
 Date Statement Expires: 01/09/2025
 Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
 By: /s/R Roberts-Martin
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Olaguez Inc
2020-B0326
Olaguez Corp
2020-B0327
OC
2020-B0328
Olaguez Transport
2020-B0329

5433 White Wheat Ave
 Bakersfield, CA 93313
 County: Kern
 Mailing address of business:
 5433 White Wheat Ave
 Bakersfield, CA 93313
 Olaguez Inc
 5433 White Wheat Ave
 Bakersfield, CA 93313
 State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
 The business is conducted by: Corporation
 Date the business commenced:
 01/01/2020

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/Johnny Olaguez, President
 Date Statement Filed: 01/10/2020
 Date Statement Expires: 01/10/2025
 Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
 By: /s/A Rangel Villaseor
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Bio Ag Consulting, Inc
2020-B0367

2304 Nantes Way
 Bakersfield, CA 93311
 County: Kern
 Mailing address of business:
 2304 Nantes Way
 Bakersfield, CA 93311
 Bio Ag Consulting, Inc
 2304 Nantes Way
 Bakersfield, CA 93311
 State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
 The business is conducted by: Corporation
 Date the business commenced:
 10/1/83

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/Antoine Touma, President
 Date Statement Filed: 01/13/2020
 Date Statement Expires: 01/13/2025
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 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
 By: /s/R Roberts-Martin
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Adept Dental Shafter
2020-B0490
Adept Dental Group Shafter
2020-B0491
Dr Park's Adept Dental Group Shafter
2020-B0492

1110 E Lerdo Hwy Ste 200
 Shafter, CA 93263
 County: Kern
 Mailing address of business:
 1110 E Lerdo Hwy Ste 200
 Shafter, CA 93263
 Olivia Park Dental Corporation
 11205 Strathaven St
 Bakersfield, CA 93312
 State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
 The business is conducted by: Corporation
 Date the business commenced:
 01/01/2018

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/Olivia Park, President
 Date Statement Filed: 01/16/2020
 Date Statement Expires: 01/16/2025
 Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
 By: /s/R Roberts-Martin
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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF SHAFTER
NOTICE OF ORDINANCE SUMMARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 21, 2020, the Shafter City Council adopted Ordinance No. 715. The following is the official summary of the adopted ordinance:
 Summary of Ordinance No. 715: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Shafter, California Amending Title 15 of the Shafter Municipal Code by voiding Ordinance No.'s 634 & 673 and by Adopting the California Residential Code (2019), California Building Code (2019), California Green Building Standards Code (2019), California Mechanical Code (2019), Uniform Housing Code (1997), California Plumbing Code (2019), California Electrical Code (2019), California Fire Code (2019), Uniform Code for the Abatement of Dangerous Buildings (1997), and the California Energy Code (2019), to Provide a New Code of Building Regulations.
 A printed certified copy of Ordinance No. 715 is available for inspection by any person at the office of the Shafter City Clerk, City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California. The ordinance was passed by the City Council on January 21, 2020, with the following vote:
 AYES: Alvarado, Garcia, Givens, Lopez, and Prout.
 NOES: None
 ABSENT: None
 ABSTAINING: None
 Dated: January 22, 2020
 Publish Date: January 30, 2020
 /s/Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk
 Publish *Shafter* Press January 30, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE
SHAFTER PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, the Planning Commission of the City of Shafter will conduct a public hearing to consider the following project:
 Conditional Use Permit No. 20-111: A request to establish a church for approximately 50 people and a future daycare facility within an existing building located at 101 Beech Avenue, in the City of Shafter. The project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15301 of the CEQA Guidelines. A Categorical Exemption has been prepared for the proposal.

Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Any person wishing to be heard, wishing to provide input on the potential effect of this project on the environment, or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of said project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send/e-mail written comments to Suzanne Forrest, Senior Planner (sforrest@shafter.com) at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263. Should anyone challenge any proposed action which is the subject of a public hearing listed in this notice or otherwise, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at or prior to this public hearing.
 /s/Yazmina Pallares
 Yazmina Pallares
 City Clerk
 Dated: January 23, 2020
 Publish *Shafter* Press January 30, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE
SHAFTER PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 11, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, the Shafter Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider the project described below:
 Conditional Use Permit No. 20-110: A request by Shafter True Value, Inc., located at 113 N. Central Valley Hwy, to utilize the open rear area of the building, adjacent to the east side of North Wall Street, for storage of gardening and landscaping merchandise, install a six (6) foot high screened chain link fence, gate, partial roof covering for rear storage area, roll-up door, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) ramp. The project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15303 of the CEQA Guidelines. A Categorical Exemption has been prepared for the proposal.
 Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Copies of the documents related to the above project are on file and are available for review in the office of the Shafter Planning Department at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California. Any person wishing to be heard or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of said project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments to the Planning Director at

City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263. Should anyone challenge any proposed development entitlement listed in this notice in court may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission or City Clerk at or prior to this public hearing.
 Dated: January 24, 2020
 Publish Date: January 30, 2020
 /s/Yazmina Pallares
 Yazmina Pallares
 City Clerk
 Publish *Shafter* Press January 30, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE
Semitropic WATER STORAGE DISTRICT

Kern County, California
 NOTICE INVITING BIDS
 Well telemetry project, phase 2
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT (hereinafter "District") until 2:00 p.m. on February 28, 2020, for construction of the Well Telemetry Project, Phase 2 (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 February 14, 2020 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:
 The Work consists of construction of an Automatic Meter Infrastructure (AMI) system at approximately 196 privately-owned groundwater wells connected to the District's conveyance system, capable of calculating energy and water pumpage. The Work generally consists of the following at each groundwater well site:

1. Installation of District-furnished magnetic flowmeter and submeter(s), including retrofit of existing above-ground well discharge piping and/or District GW connections to accommodate the installation of new water meters.
2. Installation of District-furnished wireless Zenseio Remote Telemetry Unit (RTU), including Type 1 and Type 2 connection.
3. Type 1 connection consists of connection of Zenseio RTU to flowmeters, including strapping Zenseio RTU to side of discharge pipe with ½" SS hose clamps.
4. Type 2 connection consists of connection of Zenseio RTU to well pump starter, including procurement and connection of current transducer. Type 2 connections will include mounting Zenseio RTU to existing backboards or mounting system, as detailed.

The Work will be limited to furnishing and installing the equipment and hardware for the new AMI system and coordinating with REDtrac, LLC, the District's consultant for the system startup, testing and commissioning of each site.

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 Non-collusion 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 rates 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.

This project is being funded in part by a grant from the Ag Water Conservation and Efficiency Program, which is being administered by through the United States Department of the Interior Bureau of Reclamation (USBR). The Contractor, its Subcontractors and Suppliers will be required to comply with all applicable Federal requirements, including requirements in the Grant Agreement between the District and USBR.
 Date: January 30, 2020
 Semitropic Water Storage District
 By: /s/ Jason Gianquinto
 General Manager
 Publish *Shafter* Press January 30, February 6, 13, 20, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE
 Semitropic Water Storage District is the Lead Agency for the Cox Canal Pumping Plant and Intertie Project and has prepared an Initial Study as required under the California Environmental Quality Act. The Project is located in Kern County about 14 miles west of Wasco, on land owned by Semitropic between Main Drain Road and Interstate 5. As the Lead Agency, Semitropic Water Storage District has evaluated the environmental effects of the Project and concludes that the project would not have an impact on the environment which cannot be mitigated to a level of not significant. Therefore, an Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared and is available for inspection at the District office at Semitropic Water Storage District, 1101 Central Ave., Wasco, California.

Comments on the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration should be mailed to Jason Gianquinto, Semitropic Water Storage District, P.O. Box 8043, Wasco, CA 93280 or emailed to mail@semitropic.com. The 30-day review and comment period will start on January 30, 2020 and end on March 2, 2020.

Semitropic Water Storage District's Board of Directors will consider adoption of the Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration and approval of the Project, at a publicly scheduled meeting of the District's Board of Directors held at the District's office following the 30-day review and comment period.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Public Hearing
Shafter City Council

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 3, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., in the Council Chamber of the Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, the Shafter City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the Unmet Transit Needs for Fiscal Year 2020/2021. Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Any person wishing to be heard, or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of said project is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments to the City Clerk, City of Shafter, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. Should anyone challenge any proposed action which is the subject of a Public Hearing listed on this Notice, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the Public Hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at or prior to the Public Hearing.
 /s/Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk
 Dated: January 27, 2020
 Publish *Shafter* Press January 30, 2020

PASTOR'S CORNER

See what's in store for you

PASTOR FERNANDO SEGURA

And at the end of 10 days their features appeared better and fatter in flesh than all the young men who ate the portion of the king's delicacies. Thus, the steward took away their portion of delicacies and the wine that they were to drink and gave them vegetables.

Some time ago, I was driving in the backroad of Wasco heading toward Delano when all of a sudden I drove into an area covered in fog. It was getting late; the fog was so dense that I had to slow down to at least 20 mph. Being in the backroads of the country, late at night and with altered vision can be somewhat dangerous. I cannot lie — maybe I hesitated a little bit. The fog slowed me down.

Fog can alter our vision to see what is in front of us, what is ahead of us and what is coming our way.

At our church, we start every year with 21 days of fasting and prayer. At Canyon Hills Wasco, children, youth and adults all give up something. Some adopt the Daniel plan, others fast from social media, TV, etc. -- whatever it is, we incline our ears to hear the voice of God.

Daniel, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah demonstrated their devotion to God by rejecting the King's food (delicacies) and only consumed vegetables and water. God intervened in supernatural ways by giving them knowledge and skill in all literature

and wisdom; and Daniel had understanding in all visions and dream (Daniel 1:17). It wasn't their diet, but their devotion to God that made all the difference. They were seeking heavenly things!

Fasting slows us down, because life can sometimes get foggy. This is why every year we get rid of the fog in our lives, so that we can see what is in front of us. God wants us to live in the present, to bask in His goodness today — to embrace our family and catch every live moment. He also wants us to be aware of the direction in which we are heading.

The future is vital. People are stressed and fearful of what the future will bring. But if know His voice, we will follow His direction. Jesus invites us to rest in him. Although everything around us can be chaotic, we can be certain of where we are going. Finally, we need have clear vision, because "when," not "if," the winds come and beat on our house (Matthew 7-24-27), we know that our foundation is on the rock. That even in the difficult times of 2020, we have established good grips on God. You can start fasting today! Speak to the Lord about what you are giving up and for how long, adopt a Bible plan, pray without ceasing (pray with your eyes open), as you are driving, working, etc. -- and see the great things that God has planned for you and your loved ones.

Fernando Segura is pastor of Canyon Hills Church in Wasco.

OBITUARIES

Arnold Dave Kroeker Oct. 18, 1937 – Jan. 22, 2020

Funeral service for Arnold Dave Kroeker, age 82 of Wasco, will be Saturday, Feb. 1, 2020, at 2 p.m. at the Mennonite Brethren Church of Shafter. Pastor Pat Coyle will officiate. Burial will be private at Shafter Memorial Park.

Arnold passed away peacefully beside his loving wife, Eunice, and surrounded by family on Jan 22, 2020, at Bakersfield Memorial Hospital. He was born on Oct. 18, 1937, in Shafter to David and Fern Kroeker.

Arnold was an active member of Mennonite Brethren Church of Wasco, and then later the Mennonite Brethren Church of Shafter. He worked in agriculture all his life, raised on a farm west of Wasco. Arnold graduated in 1956 from Wasco Union High School, where he was active in FFA. He worked almost a quarter-century for Bidart Brothers and only retired when he was unable to continue due to an injury.

He faithfully support-



ed North Kern Christian School with many hours of labor. He thoroughly enjoyed helping NKCS's BBQ fundraiser, where he cooked chili beans in a 60-gallon kettle and would deep-pit meat in 2 large pits he had constructed. He also enjoyed cooking Borscht at the MCC sale in Fresno, usually cooking and serving 150 gallons over one weekend, with his family's help.

He is survived by his wife, Eunice Mae Kroeker

(Bartel). They were married April 1, 1960 (no foolin'), happily married just shy of 60 years. He is also survived by his son Galen, his wife Loree, granddaughter Ashley, (her husband Matthew Smith and great-granddaughter Ryland) and granddaughter Emily, daughter Shirila Willems, her husband Byron Dean Willems and granddaughters AnnMarie and Katherine "KD" and son Byron, his wife Kristen and grandsons Noah (his wife Natalie), Joseph, Isaiah and David.

Memorial gifts can be made to North Kern Christian School in honor of Arnold Kroeker, 710 Peters St., Wasco 93280, phone 661-758-5997.

He loved spending time with family and friends and had many stories & ideas to share.

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