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## Learning Center to expand



GAF's CCO Andy Hilton tells the audience of the exciting plans for the project.

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

The Shafter City Council voted to move forward on a project that will see the existing Shafter Learning Center and Library expand to include more classrooms and several areas that will make the center a complex suited for a variety of uses.

Just a few months ago, GAF Materials, a roofing materials manufacturer based in Cawelo, decided to reach out to the community and find out a need that the residents of Shafter had and try to fill that need.

CCO Andy Hilton met with Council-member Cathy Prout, as well as David Franz, the director of the Education Project and the Shafter Learning Center. They “threw some ideas around,” Hilton said.

When GAF found out that Franz and company had outgrown their existing building, an idea was born to expand the center. An event was held earlier in the year in which the community was invited to give their input on what they thought the biggest needs were at the center.

See **LEARNING** Page 5

## Change on water bills

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

If you are wondering why you have not received a water bill this month, it is not a mistake, but a change the city is making in their billing procedures for utility customers.

Currently, the city has been billing customers for their water in advance. Payments made at the beginning of November were for services provided in the month of November. For cus-

See **CHANGE** Page 3

## Golden Oak celebrates the holidays

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

The Golden Oak Tigers had a packed cafeteria on Tuesday morning as they held their annual Christmas program. Santa arrived and played emcee for the event as all of the classes had their turn on the stage.

Parents, friends and family filled the space up as the kids performed a variety of holiday songs, including Mrs. Lopez's class, who kicked things off with “Santa Claus is Coming to Town.” Santa told the kids after the song that he really could see if they were naughty or nice, and that he thought all of the Tigers had been nice this year.

Mrs. Lopez's class was joined by Mrs. Castillo's class for “Campana Sobre Campana.” It was then Mrs. Castillo's class' turn to take center stage with “Baby Jesus, We Love

See **CHRISTMAS** Page 5

## Candlelight service set

The First Southern Baptist Church in Shafter is inviting the community to their annual Candlelight Christmas Service that will be held on Sunday, Dec. 22.

The service will begin at 6 p.m. The service will have a special message in this holiday time and will also include music. Pastor Jim Neal will be delivering the message and is encouraging everyone to stick around after the service for a time of fellowship.

A cookie reception will be held afterward.

## Rudolph gets a break as Santa flies in



**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

To the delight of over 150 people awaiting his arrival, Minter Field played host to the jolly old fellow from the North Pole on Saturday.

The Minter Field Air Museum sponsored their annual Santa Fly-In, giving everyone a chance to meet St. Nick. Museum Director Ronald Pierce said he was glad the weather held out, allowing Santa to make a safe touchdown next to the main hangar.

Santa was accompanied by Mrs. Claus and a host of helpful elves. California Pinups for Patriots assisted Santa with the formation of a line, making sure all the kids got a turn to visit with Santa. CFPF has joined Minter Field for several events, and this event was a special one as they gave kids a big dose of holiday cheer.

The gates opened at 10 a.m. and a large line started to form in anticipation of his arrival. As his pilot neared, the crowd could hear the roar of the blades and see Santa waving as they circled the landing area a couple of times.



Leah and Angelo Perez were at the front of the line to see Santa.

Wind from the force of the blades gave everyone a blast of air in the face as Santa exited the chopper. The children had a look of amazement in their eyes as they saw the red and white clad figure step out.

Once set up, with Mrs. Claus by his side, Santa invited the first of many children to take a seat in the WWII-era jeep, inviting him to share what was on his wish list.

Every child received a visit with

Santa, as well as a stuffed animal. The stuffed animals were courtesy of PetSmart, who donated over 200 stuffed animals to the museum.

“I haven't been to the museum in two years. I can't believe how much more stuff they have than when I was here last. This is wonderful,” said Arnold Marquez, who attended the event with his two boys, Jose and Enrique. “I am having fun spending time with my boys.”

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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](mailto:calendar@TheShafterPress.com). Please include contact name, phone and email. Items may be edited for available space and content.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**NEW:** Santa at the Depot -- Santa will be at the Depot Museum Saturday, Dec. 21, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Bring your cameras and vote for your favorite Holiday Tree.

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

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

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

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

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

**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.

## MONDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**Kern County Library** -- Weekly events include trivia all

## 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](mailto:mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com). Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** Downtown Shafter Christmas decorations on Central Avenue in January 1978.



day, Knitting Club at 11:30 a.m., Scholar Hour at 2:30 p.m. at the Shafter branch, 236 James St.

## TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## WEDNESDAY

**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 Manel Park. On Instagram at [getfitwigi](https://www.instagram.com/getfitwigi).

**Youth program** -- Awana Club program: Jr. high group (6th-8th grades)

3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Awana Clubs (K-5th grades) 6-8 p.m.

at Valley Bible

Church, 350 Pine St.

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

**SWAT** -- Senior Wellness 55 years-plus at 5, 6 and 7 a.m. at Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset Ave.

**Folklorico** -- Dance classes are available Wednesday evenings at Golden Oak Cafeteria. Pee wee ages 5-8 at 4 p.m.; intermediate ages 9-12 at 5 p.m., advanced ages 13 to adult, 6 p.m. Information, 661-746-4352.

**Shafter Collaborative** -- Meets the third Wednesdays in the Shafter Police Department conference room at 9 a.m.

**Women's Club** --Shafter Women's Club meets the first Wednesday the Shafter Police Department Conference Room. at 11:30 a.m.

**Lions** --Shafter Lion's Club meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at China Cuisine Restaurant at 7 a.m.

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

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

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

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

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

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

## THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

## FRIDAY

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

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

**Karaoke potluck** -- Usually every second and fourth Friday starting at 5 p.m. at W.C. Walker Center.

## ARREST REPORT

As reported by the Shafter Police Department

### Dec. 9

Feddie Vincent Burnias, 32, of Shafter, was arrested in the 500 block of North Shafter Avenue on felony bench warrant.

### Dec. 10

Mario Alberto, 29, of Shafter, was arrested on the corner of Poplar Avenue and West Los Angeles on a misdemeanor bench warrant and outside agency warrant.

Vanessa Espinosa Oros, 33, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block of North Wall Street on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

### Dec. 12

Christopher Martinez, 24, of Shafter, was arrested on an outside agency warrant.

### Dec. 13

Fancisco Troncoso, 25,

of Delano, was arrested on W. 7th Standard Road for DUI, driving with a suspended license and no proof of financial responsibility.

Roberto Garcia, 34, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Nickel Street for battery on a person.

Sara Hobtom, 34, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 1100 block of East Lerdo Highway for possession of a controlled substance.

William Barnes, 18, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 200 block of East Lerdo Highway for disorderly conduct: alcohol and on an outside agency warrant.

Jose Arturo Medrano Jr., 22, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 of West Ash Avenue on an outside agency

warrant.

Juan Carlos Rios, 21, of Shafter, was arrested for vandalism, conspiracy to commit a crime and driving without a license.

Stephen Noe Gutierrez, 20, of Shafter, was arrested for vandalism, conspiracy to commit a crime and on an outside agency warrant.

Angelica Zamora, 25, of Shafter, was arrested for conspiracy to commit a crime, possession of controlled substance, and on an outside agency warrant and misdemeanor bench warrant.

Jesus Omar Ruiz Jaimes, 38, of Shafter, was arrested for DUI.

Armando Bernal Jr., 37, of Shafter, was arrested for possession of brass knuckles.

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#### Dec. 14

Joaquin Ortega, 28, of Lost Hills, was arrested in the 2300 block of High Street in Delano for false imprisonment with violence, criminal threats, child cruelty, vandalism, exhibit deadly weapon (not a firearm), battery, violation of a domestic violence restraining order and dissuading a victim/witness. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### Dec. 15

Robert Curtis Bertrand, 28, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 4300 block of Noble Street in Bakersfield on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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# Richland cleans up at speech festival



**Winners of the Oral Language Festival were Redwood students Jade Dimas, Savanna Lopez, Mariah Ayon, Ettezil Valenzuela, Samantha Bautista, Amy Betan, Genesis Escalera, Victoria Martinez and Desteny Flores.**

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

Richland Elementary School District shined at the recent Kern County Oral Language Regional competition held at Sequoia Elementary.

There were over 80 students competing for the opportunity to be a part of the countywide competition which will be held at Stone Creek Elementary in February 2020.

Over 36 volunteers, including judges, administrators, teachers and students helped the event be a success. There was competition in several different categories, and the competition pieces that the students performed had to have been published works that are on an approved list of stories and poems.

Redwood almost made a clean sweep in the competition, winning three out of the five categories that they were entered in. In the Humorous Solo competition, Jade Dimas will be the region's representative at the county event as she won the category performing "Really, Rapunzel needed a Haircut." Sequoia students Alyssa Munoz and Valentina Chavez won the Humorous Duo event with "Goldilocks and the Three Dinosaurs."

*The students now have a couple of months to fine-tune their performances before competing for the county titles.*

Wasco Elementary had one winner, when Jasline Martinez won the Serious Solo category with "The Little Match Girl."

In the Serious Duo competition, Redwood students Savanna Lopez and Mariah Ayon grabbed the county seat with a performance of "Madeline Finn and the Library Dog."

The Verse Choir team from Redwood won their category with an intricate piece that saw the students challenged on their rhythm and annunciation.

Members of the winning team were Ettezil Valenzuela, Samantha Bautista, Amy Betan, Genesis Escalera, Victoria Martinez and Desteny Flores.

The students now have a couple of months to fine-tune their performances before competing for the county titles.

# Change for water bills

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tomers on a water meter, more is involved. These customers receive a bill for the trash and sewer services for the upcoming month, but the water bill for the previous month.

With the new billing procedures, all customers will be billed for services provided in the previous month. So, residents who are not on a meter will not receive a bill at all in the month of December, because they have already been billed for the month in advance. Those customers will receive a bill in early January that is for the services provided in the month of December.

Acting City Manager Jim Zervis said this will be a better system with the new accounting and billing programs and software that are being im-

plemented. "Instead of billing customers for services they had not received yet, they will be billed for services they have actually received."

The new billing method will also save the city a lot of paperwork and adjustments that have to be made when a customer moves out of a residence. "For tenants who move in the middle of a month, we were having to pro-rate and adjust the bill, refunding the customer the amount paid that was not used in the month."

Under the new system, if a tenant moves out in the middle of the month, there will not have to be a refund issued. "If a resident moves - say, in the middle of December - they will just be billed for the time spent in the residence in the month of December."

Customers already on a water me-

ter likely noticed they received a small bill in December. This is because they were only billed for their water usage for the month of November. Starting in January, they will receive a bill for all services and their water usage for the month of December.

Required by the state of California, all customers will have to be on meters beginning in January 2021, so this billing procedure will be more in line with the change.

Thus, contrary to some customer fears, there will not be a large bill coming in January. It is just the adjustment being made so all services will be billed for the services rendered, instead of being billed in advance. Zervis asked that those with questions go to City Hall at 336 Pacific St. or call 661-746-5001.

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# Kiwanis honors December Terrific Kids

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Kiwanis Club held their monthly Terrific Kids luncheon at the Shafter Veterans Hall recently. Those students honored were singled out for their personal representation of the character trait for December, which was "respect."

The student recognized from Richland Junior High this month was Celina Encinas. Encinas was selected because of the respect she shows for her teachers, as well as her fellow students.

Manuel Pimentel was one of two students selected from Sequoia Elementary School. Pimentel, as well as the other students selected, received a t-shirt, bumper sticker, pencils and window decal, in addition to the luncheon. Pimentel was accompanied by his aunt Alyssa Pimentel.

The other student honored by Sequoia Elementary was Camila Lopez.

Lopez brought her mother, Maria Lopez, to mother her celebrate. Lopez and Pimentel were presented their awards by Sequoia Principal Frank Flores.



**Sequoia Principal Frank Flores introduced Manuel Pimentel, who was accompanied by his aunt Alyssa Pimentel.**



**Principal Monica Garza presented Celina Encinas with her award.**



**Principal Flores also presented an award to Camila Lopez, who was accompanied by her mother Maria Lopez.**



**Golden Oak Principal Anamarie Mendez and Assistant Principal Raymond Carr presented their Terrific Kid award to Deyanira Meza Perez. She was with her mother Maribel Perez and father Juan Meza.**

Deyanira Meza Perez was selected as the Terrific Kid for Golden Oak Elementary School. Principal Anamarie Mendez and Assistant Principal Raymond Carr presented her award.

Deyanira was accompanied by her mother Maribel Perez and her father Juan Meza.

The Kiwanis Club's Terrific Kids Program recognizes students who display

noteworthy traits that can help the students thrive in the classroom and outside of it.

It helps students build important social and emotional skills. It encourages students resolve relation-

ship conflicts respectfully, and make ethical and safe choices.

The five core categories of those skills are self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, respon-

sible decision making and self awareness. Organizers believe that building these skills help the students become responsible young boys and girls in the classroom and at home.

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# FOCUS ON SHAFTER HIGH SCHOOL

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## Keeping the campus green

### Recycling Club grows students, too



Students sort recyclables for delivery to Bakersfield BARC Center.

The Shafter High School Recycling Club has been in place for the last two years. The responsibilities of the club members are to collect the recyclable items in each classroom room around campus, sort the recyclables and deliver them to the BARC Recycling Center in Bakersfield. The students are also responsible for maintaining a garden of flowers and vegetables on campus located in the Ag Farm. They grow, pick and wash the goods, then they have the opportunity to make something with their products to send home for their families to enjoy.

Many of the students in the club struggle with common social skills. This club is an opportunity for the students to work on social skills and vocational job skills. For example, students that were once shy to enter a classroom are now able to exchange greetings with other students and teachers smoothly. The club advisor, Andrew Aldrete, enjoys “seeing the students go from shy, introverted students, and become more social.” He also “loves seeing students take pride in their responsibilities and their job.”

The growth in students



Club members collect recyclables.

through this club has been rewarding for other students on campus as well. Tristin Lopez, a senior at SHS, says he “likes seeing students take pride in keep-

ing a green campus.” The presence of this program on campus reminds the students to take pride in their campus, community, and world.

## Many ‘perks’ at the General Bean

The General Bean is a vocational program that runs a full coffee shop to serve the staff on campus during the morning hours of a school day. The program was established in March of 2009 as a way for students to make money to go on educational field trips. It has since expanded from serving simple black coffee to now serving specialty drinks and delicious treats.

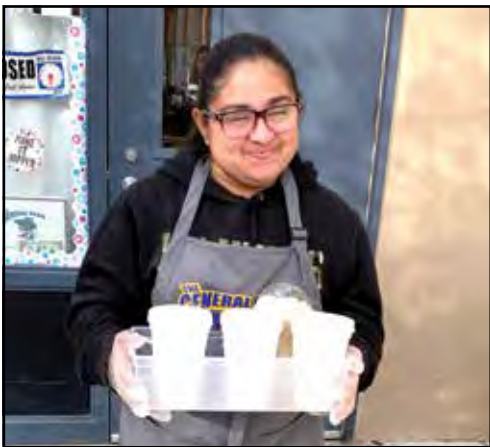
The purpose of the program is to provide students with job skills and job experience that will lead them to be hired in a job outside of school.

Students have many opportunities to learn different skills associated with a coffee shop. Students are responsible for purchasing the products, clocking-in each day, taking orders, preparing food and drink, and delivering to different

areas on campus. At the end of the week, students are “paid” for their hard work with “dollars” that mimic monetary value to teach students that hard work pays off.

Kathy Young, the program advisor, wants to see the students in the program to be as prepared for life after high school as possible. It is exciting for Kathy Young to see the students “become more confident in their skills.” She especially loves it when students tell her “I know” when given a task. To her, that shows students have grown! Young also mentions the program allows for students to become familiar with other students on campus they normally wouldn’t encounter. It is an opportunity for different groups on campus to mingle and get to know one another.

*The purpose of the program is to provide students with job skills and job experience that will lead them to be hired in a job outside of school.*



Students get a full work experience at General Bean, from “punching in,” to drink preparation and delivery.

### Student Spotlight: Stephania Ledezma

Stephania Ledezma is a senior at Shafter High School. Over the four years at SHS, she has participated in multiple sports: cross country (four years), track (four years), wrestling (three years) and basketball (one year). She enjoys pushing herself in athletics and has made it to the Valley Championship for three years as part of the cross country team. Stephania also takes on multiple leadership roles on campus. As the community outreach representative for the cross country, team she is responsible for finding community service opportunities for the team. Her desire to help others is also seen in her role as vice president for the Key Club on campus. Outside of leadership roles, Stephania participated in the Distinguished Young Woman competition as a junior, winning the Most Spirited award, and she plans to continue with this program as a big sister her senior year.

Not only is Stephania dedicated to her athletics, she is dedicated to her academics as well. She has been a part of the Advanced Placement program since she was a sophomore. Stephania has applied to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo and Cal State Fullerton in hopes to study psychology to become a genetics counselor.



### Faculty Spotlight: Kevin Morrison

Kevin Morrison is a history teacher at Shafter High School. Before entering teaching, he was in the U.S. military as a part of the Air Force branch for 10 years. Kevin has always known he wanted to go into teaching but wasn’t sure when the opportunity would arise. He knows now that “the years of work before entering the teaching profession have prepared [him] to be a teacher.”

Morrison is also a published author. He has four children’s books published and two young adult novels published. Kevin has always liked the emotion of stories and getting people connected to stories. He takes this approach in the way he teaches history; to get students connected to the stories throughout time.

According to Morrison, every decision made in history was based on emotion. He wants his students to understand the narrative of historical events. His hope for the future is to write a young adult historical fiction novel to boost literacy at the high school level. He wants to use literature as a tool in the history classroom.

Morrison is very involved with many programs on campus. He is the Fellowship of Christian Athletes advisor, helps with the swim and wrestling teams, and is a part of the advisory team of the National Alliance of Mental Health program. Morrison plans to establish a History Club and pair up with the Shafter Historical Society to give the students pride in their community, help to preserve local history, and to get hands on experience dealing with archives and artifacts. He wants students to not just be knowledgeable about History but to be caretakers of it.



Kevin enjoys working at Shafter High School. He says the students here are “extremely respectful.” He also loves seeing the “community involved with what occurs on campus and with the students.” He looks forward to seeing the successes of students and is always blown away when he has students come back and tell him what they have achieved.

## DID YOU KNOW?

### It wasn’t always blue and gold.

Shafter High School did not always have a General as their mascot. SHS used to be the Cardinals, with red and black as its school colors. The change to become the Generals with true blue and gold as its colors occurred the school year of 1937-38.

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Santa was the emcee for the event, along with his elf helper Bernard.

# Christmas program at Golden Oak

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You." This number had a lot of choreography and animal sounds made by the students.

Of course, the tried and true number "Jingle Bell Rock" was on the song list, with Mrs. Prater's class having the honors. There was also an old time swing song as Mrs. Starr's class performed "The Blitzen

Boogie." Mrs. Santer's class sang "Must Be Santa," with props and choreography to go with it.

Mrs. Starr's, Mrs. Prater's and Mrs. Voelkers' classes then joined together to perform "Silent Night," with singing and acting it out with sign language.

All of the classes joined together at the end of the

performance for a rowdy rendition of "Feliz Navidad," with a many parents joining in. "This is always a crowd pleaser," commented Principal Anamarie Mendez, while the kids were preparing for the final number.

After the program, the parents had an opportunity to have their child's picture be taken with Santa.



"Must Be Santa," performed by Regina Voelkers' class.



A jazzy number, "The Blitzen Boogie," was performed by Mrs. Starr's class.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Daniel Rodriguez**, 19, of Shafter, passed away Dec. 15 in Texoma, Texas. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

**Teodoro Lopez Wences**, 48, of Shafter, passed away

Dec. 9 in Shafter. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

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# Learning Center expansion set

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"We received a lot of valuable feedback on what the community would like to see in the center, and we retained a nationally known design firm to work with us on creating a new center," Hilton said.

The existing center has two classrooms, several computer stations and a study area. It shares the building with Kern County's Shafter Branch Library. The proposed center will contain, in addition to conventional classrooms, an outdoor flexible classroom that would be for a variety of subjects, such as vocational training and hands-on training that is challenging with the existing classrooms.

There will also be a kids play area next to the Learning Center Plaza, which will be an outdoor space with shading and tables to be used by parents waiting to pick their kids up from class, and by children waiting to be picked up.

Adjacent to that will be an area with seating and

a stage that can be used for a variety of activities and performances, such as when the library presents their magic shows or reptile shows.

"We are looking to make this center into a main hub for the community," Franz said.

The Learning Center has daily traffic during its summer months of over 500 people a day, and the majority of the classes offered fill up quickly. "We have become so busy that a lot of times it is challenging for those parents who want to spend some quiet time reading with their kids," commented Franz. "We need that extra space to accommodate those who wish to take classes, as well as those who need a place to study or work on a project."

The plant manager for GAF, Nigel Abraham, gave a proposed timeline for the project. In the first quarter of 2020, architects will finalize construction drawings, permits will be obtained, bids taken, contractors selected and

contracts negotiated. The construction should begin late in the first quarter. The second quarter of the year there will be ongoing construction, with perhaps chances for the community to come together for volunteer events to prepare for the opening.

The target opening is for the third quarter of 2020, with a full launch, ribbon-cutting and big public event. In other city action, a \$1.2-million budget amendment was unanimously approved to purchase approximately 34 acres of land located north of Tulare Avenue and east of Central Valley Highway. The property is currently owned Stan and Nancy Wilson. There is a vineyard and a well on the property currently. Part of the agreement is the moving of some irrigation equipment currently in service to other land owned by Wilson.

According to Acting City Manager Jim Zervis, it is not known at this time what the City will be us-

ing the land for, but Zervis said "with the proximity to the ongoing improvement projects involving the North Shafter area, this property will likely be helpful in providing a well for the improvement areas, or utilized in some other capacity.

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# A happy holiday for many – at a discount

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

For a lot of people, Christmas time is full of excitement, but for some the time is very stressful and is full of doubt, wondering if they will be able to give their children a nice Christ-

Store — an event that gives low-income families the opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for their children at a fraction of the department store cost.

Katie Wiebe, one of the organizers of the event, said, “A lot of giving events

Bergen talked about creating an event modeled after an event that was started in Atlanta, which allows parents to buy gifts for their children at a discounted price.

Toys and gifts are collected from the community and are then priced at 90% off of the retail price of the items. A store is then set up, where parents can shop and buy items for their children.

Shafter Healthy Start recommended families that would be a good fit for the program and those families were invited to shop for their holiday gifts. There were 52 families that were selected, with 160 children receiving gifts.

Neal-Soberanis said that there were 135 volunteers from throughout the community that gave of their time to help with the event. Some worked pricing items or setting up the wrapping station, while others helped run the cash registers and helped the families while they were shopping. In ad-

dition to the many individuals who volunteered, three companies -- Target, California Resources Corp. and Walmart -- sent a team of volunteers to help out.

There were a few high-ticket items to the event this year, with a couple of bikes and two Chromebooks available. Those families interested in those items had their names put into a drawing, and the names were picked. They had the opportunity to purchase the Chromebooks or bikes for \$10.

This unique event, which gives the parents the satisfaction of buying the gifts for their children, has helped many families in this holiday time. Mallory Maynard, who was shopping for her kids, said, “I am so grateful to have been able to be a part of this amazing event. I am a single mom and having this resource available to me helped make my kids’ Christmas amazing, and it took a thousand pounds off my shoulders. I feel extremely blessed.”

Neal-Soberanis said that one man was there shopping for his three daughters and didn’t know what to get them. There were a couple of young girls there as volunteers that were his daugh-



Names were drawn to receive a chance to buy one of the bikes or Chromebooks.



Captain Diana Burnett, Phil Yoshikawa and Chief Kevin Zimmerman of the Shafter Police Department were on hand to help out.

ters’ ages, so the girls went into the store with him and helped him pick the gifts out -- just one example of

the community spirit that this event evokes in the volunteers, as well as the participants.



A large group of volunteers, numbering over 130, helped out at the event.

mas this year.

On Saturday Dec. 7, the Shafter Veterans Hall was turned into a store that gave Shafter families a chance to give their kids that nice Christmas. The community of Shafter came together with over 130 volunteers to conduct the city’s third annual Shafter Christmas

around Christmas time have the volunteers of the event as the provider of the gifts, but we think that having the parents feel the joy of providing for their children makes the event a special one.”

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#### ORDINANCE NO. G-8875

AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF KERN, ADDING SECTION 10.04.195 TO CHAPTER 10.04, TITLE 10, KERN COUNTY ORDINANCE CODE, ESTABLISHING A 35 MILE PER HOUR SPEED LIMIT ON ORANGE STREET, SHAFTER

The following ordinance, consisting of 4 (four) sections, was duly passed and adopted by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California, at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors held on the 10th day of December, 2019, by the following vote:

AYES: Gleason, Scrivner, Maggard, Couch, Perez

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

/s/David Couch

Chairman of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern, State of California

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

KATHLEEN KRAUSE

Clerk of the Board of Supervisors

By /s/Theresa M. Derouchie, Deputy Clerk

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF KERN ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. This ordinance shall be published in accordance with Government Code section 25124 and it shall take effect and be in full force on and after the 10th day of January, 2020.

Section 2. The Board of Supervisors, upon the basis of a traffic engineering survey completed in accordance with Section 22358 of the California Vehicle Code, that the prima facie speed limit declared in the following Section is the most appropriate to facilitate the orderly movement of traffic and is safe and reasonable upon such designated street.

Section 3. Section 10.04.195 is added to Chapter 10.04 of the Kern County Ordinance Code as follows:

Section 10.04.195.

Orange Street.

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Section 4. The Road Commissioner shall cause to be placed and maintained appropriate signs giving adequate notice to the public of the regulations provided in Section 3 of this Ordinance.

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California City, CA 93504  
Jan Frank Labicki  
10633 Bay Avenue  
California City, CA 93505

Date the business commenced: 10/8/2019

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/s/Jan Frank Labicki, Owner  
Date Statement Filed: 10/30/2019  
Date Statement Expires: 10/30/2024  
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/E. Del Villar

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418 Real Rd.

Bakersfield, CA 93309

I declare that all the information in this Statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) Business was conducted by: General Partnership

/s/ Santino Margarito Lopez, owner  
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2019-B6691  
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 10/21/2019

This statement of Abandonment filed on: 11/25/2019  
MARY B. BEDARD, CPA  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/E Del Villar, Deputy

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County: Kern

Mailing address of business:

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Bakersfield, CA 93304

Santino Margarito Lopez

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The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: 10/21/2019

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/s/Santino Margarito Lopez  
Date Statement Filed: 11/25/2019  
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By: /s/E Del Villar

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### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Back to Herbs 2019-B7569

2425 Haley Street

Bakersfield, CA 93305

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:

10161 Park Run Drive Ste. 150

Las Vegas, NV 89145

V & J Enterprises, Inc which will do business in California as Back to Herbs

10161 Park Run Drive Ste. 150

Las Vegas, NV 89145

State of Incorporation or Organization: CA

The business is conducted by: Corporation

Date the business commenced: 05/04/2004

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/Michelle Morales, Secretary  
Date Statement Filed: 12/04/2019  
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By: /s/M Hernandez

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### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Avivableu 2019-B7562

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Bakersfield, CA 93305

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:

10161 Park Run Drive Suite 150

Las Vegas, NV 89145

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10161 Park Run Drive Ste. 150

Las Vegas, NV 89145

State of Incorporation or Organization: CA

The business is conducted by: Corporation

Date the business commenced: 05/04/2004

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/s/Tamatha Mae Engel  
Date Statement Filed: 12/09/2019  
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By: /s/R Padilla

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Date Statement Filed: 12/04/2019  
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By: /s/R Roberts-Martin  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Rudnick Fence Co. 2019-B7717

2810 Case

Bakersfield, CA 93308

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:

2810 Case

Bakersfield, CA 93308

Rudnick Fence Co.

2810 Case

Bakersfield, CA 93308

State of Incorporation or Organization: CA

The business is conducted by: Corporation

Date the business commenced: 12/11/2019

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/s/Joseph W. Rudnick, President  
Date Statement Filed: 12/11/2019  
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Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/A Rangel Villaseñor

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### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement So Let's Be Clear 2019-B7667

785 Tucker Rd #G243

Tehachapi, CA 93561

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:

785 Tucker Rd #G243

Tehachapi, CA 93561

Tamatha Mae Engel

785 Tucker Rd #G243

Tehachapi, CA 93561

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/Tamatha Mae Engel  
Date Statement Filed: 12/09/2019  
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# OBITUARY

**Walter W. Bergen**  
**May 15, 1933 – Dec. 5, 2019**  
Walter Bergen was greatly loved and respected as a husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather and friend. The oldest child of Pete and Ada Bergen, Walter was born in a small house on Sullivan Road west of Enos Lane. He attended Rio Bravo School, Shafter High and Cal Poly San Luis Obispo. Walter married Judith Nelson in 1953. They were blessed with four sons. Walter started his career



working for the Hollister family in Lompoc and retired as a sales manager for BW Implement Co. in Buttonwillow. Along the way he

showed us how to love God and love your neighbor in many positions and capacities in the church and in the community: school board, 4-H community leader, Active 20-30 Club, Far West Equipment Dealers Association, church moderator, deacon and fest committee, including providing coffee and doughnuts for some informal fellowship before the service; something he thoroughly enjoyed.

From Lompoc, Walter and Judith moved back

home to live and raise their four boys between the home they bought in Shafter, the Thompson/Peltier Ranch in Buttonwillow and the John and Jeanette Hernstedt farm in Wasco.

When the tractors came to idle, retirement found him a loving husband of 66 years, a huggable father, grandfather and great grandfather. He returned to woodworking, building furniture upon request for family and over 20 Little Free Libraries that stand in

Shafter as well as in Glenview, Fresno and Visalia.

Walter leaves his sisters, Deanna Nelson and Marilyn Reed; his wife of 66 years, Judith; and their four sons and their families: Stanley and Lee Ann (Howlett), Gregory and Ruth (Krueger, deceased), Phillip and Carol (Kliwer), Clinton and Carla (Lepp); grandchildren Sarah Bergdahl, Melissa Bergen, Laura Thiessen, Jacob Bergen, Emily Kate Chan Boeckh, Hillary Welsh, John-Mark Bergen, Maria

Marzullo, Hannah Bergen Ziyadinova, Gabrielle Bergen-Schmid, Nicolas Bergen; great grandchildren Luke, Seamus, Benjamin and Penelope Thiessen, Violet Bergen, Ezekiel and Zoey Marzullo, Ruthie and Asher Welsh and 1-year-old Walter Bergen.

A graveside service will be held Sunday, Dec. 22, beginning at 11 a.m. at Shafter Memorial Park. A funeral service will follow at Peters Funeral Home in Shafter, beginning at 2 p.m.

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