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"You're Never Fully Dressed Without a Smile" is a popular song in the production.

'Annie' coming Aug. 2-4

The Shafter Childrens Summer Theater program is preparing for opening night of Annie next Friday, Friday, Aug. 2.

The program is in its 24th year and this year's performance is the tale of the adorable little red-haired orphan who goes on a quest to find her real parents. The play will be staged at Shafter's own Ford Theater.

Cris Starrh created the Childrens Theater program back in 1995. She was wanting a project to keep her kids busy during the summer, and it has grown every year. For the first 18 years, the program was held at Shafter High School, with the venue changed to the Ford Theater six years ago. The kids practice twice a week during the summer, memorizing dialogue, learning blocking, choreography, singing and acting for their different parts.

There are 42 different roles in



Grace (Lauren Givens) hears the news about Annie's parents from FDR (Aaron Neufeld).

this production, with the majority of the cast having to sing and dance, in addition to acting.

The audience sees Little Annie

living at the orphanage run by evil Miss Hannigan. With famous songs in the show, such as "Tommorrow,"

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SYC gives kids a fun place

\$1.5M investment is paying off

ROCHELLE VANDERHELM
For The Shafter Press

At 8 in the morning, the doors open to offer a whisper of cool air. Inside, 30 or so kids patter around on the peeling floor of the gym. A few doors down, the little ones get ready to blow black paint all over their papers. Hopefully, in a couple of minutes the inky dots will turn into a beautiful, if lopsided, tree.

"Miss Angie" gives instructions, and the children begin to spread their paint. One is disappointed with the result of his huffing and puffing, and resorts to pushing the paint around with the straw instead.

Every day, the staff plans activities like these for the children at the Shafter Youth Center.

"One of the first things I tell the kids is, 'If you don't want your mom to find out you did something wrong, don't do it,'"
— Program Director Angie Nelson

Later, they have lunch and, oh glory, recess, free time, whatever you want to call it, one group of boys explains.

But first, everyone has to be quiet before we can be dismissed, one says.

The table falls silent and the boys all look over their shoulders at Miss Angie. She nods, and they all scuffle over and around chairs to the door.

The Community Action Partnership of Kern established the Shafter facility in December 2003 with a \$1.3-million investment.

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Concert celebrates the red, white and blue

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Community Band put on a free concert in Mannel Park on Sunday evening, drawing a crowd to listen to a variety of marches performed by the local musicians.

With the gazebo and walkways dotted with American flags, the site was awash in red, white and blue. Fittingly, the All-American sounds of John Phillip Souza rang out as the flags flapped in the light breeze, waving to the beat of the music.

There were several composers on the playlist in ad-

dition to the "March King" Souza. Edwin Bagley, Meredith Wilson, Charles Zimmerman and others had their music on display.

The Shafter Woman's Club provided free cookies, water and lemonade for the concertgoers. The attendees arrived with their lawn chairs, blankets -- some with their own awnings -- ready for a musical night. As the sun was going down, the park was filled with a patriotic vibe as the band showcasing their talents.

The Shafter Community Band is made up of local musicians who had rehearsed for the last few



Concertgoers were treated to some music and a show of red, white and blue.

weeks at the Shafter Congregational Church, led by conductor Stephen Penner.

Penner is also the conductor for the Shafter Symphony Orchestra, which gave sev-

eral performances during the Shafter Colours Festival as well as performing for

local schools, giving a lot of students their first taste of music.

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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: Stuff the Bus -- Assemblyman Rudy Salas and the Shafter Alliance Club are collecting school supplies, backpacks, paper, pencils, etc. Saturday, Aug. 3, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the Dollar General, 337 E. Lerdo Hwy., Shafter.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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.

Kern County Library -- Weekly events include trivia all day, Knitting Club at 11:30 a.m., Scholar Hour at 2:30 p.m. at the Shafter branch, 236 James St.

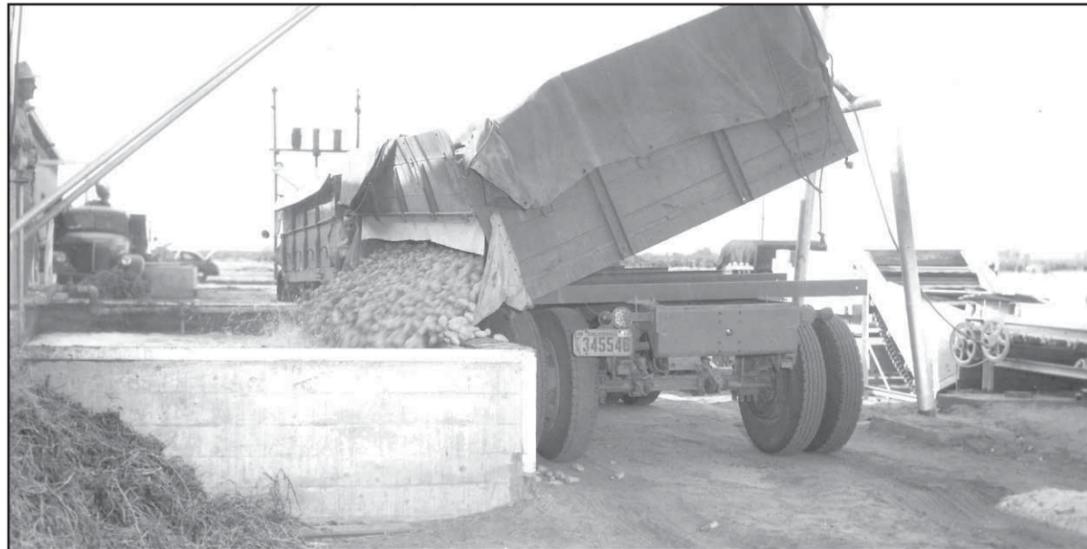
TUESDAY

Kids get crafty (Ninos se vuelven artistas) -- At the Shafter Branch Library Tuesdays at 2 p.m.

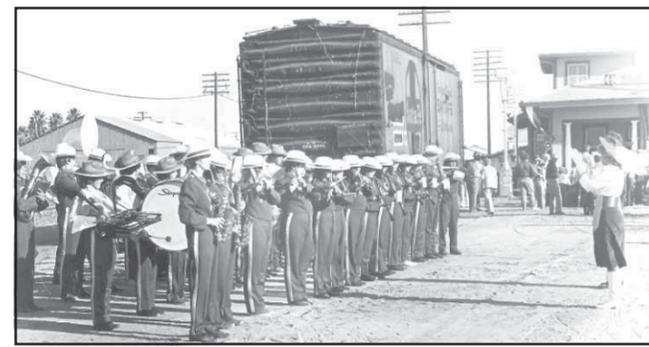
Zumba -- Classes Tuesdays and Wednesdays, 7:10-8:10 p.m. at the Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset Ave.

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

Mystery history



This week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. Send your educated (or semieducated) guess to *The Press*, 406 Central Ave., Shafter 93263, or e-mail it to mystery-photo@TheShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week, along with the facts behind this photo and a new one to challenge you. **LAST WEEK:** The Shafter Depot Museum Dedication, with the Shafter High School Band playing at the dedication of the Shafter Depot Museum. Jennifer Dobbs, band leader, and Mike Hutchinson, band teacher. Taken by the Shafter Press' Patty Messich on Oct. 9, 1982.



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

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

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

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

Youth program -- Awanas Club Program 6:15-8 p.m. at Valley Bible Church, 350 Pine St.

Shafter Community Task Force - Meets the second Wednesday, 9-10 a.m., at the Shafter Police 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, 1555 Redwood, at 7 p.m. or Home Fellowship Church, 520 California Ave., at 7 p.m.

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

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

SATURDAY

Hiking group --Shafter Christian Fellowship Church, 632 James St., hosts a hiking group every second Saturday.

Men's Fellowship -- High Vision Ministries welcomes all men for fellowship the third Saturday. Information, call Paul at 661-910-2317 or Art at 661-863-8565.

Drug and alcohol alternative program -- Seventh Day Adventist Church, Poplar and West Lerdo Hwy., 7-8 p.m. This program is nondenominational and encourages each participant to depend on the strength God provides to deal with issues related to addiction.

ARREST REPORT

As reported by the Shafter Police Department.

July 15
Ruvi Mateos, 37, was arrested for DUI and evading a peace officer.

Yazmin Abarca Hernandez, 35, of Shafter, was arrested on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

Carlos DeLeon, 40, of Shafter, was arrested on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

July 16
Megan Page, 36, of Shafter, was arrested for threatening a crime with intent.

Nicole Hampton, 33, of Shafter, on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

July 17

Catherine Gomez Medrano, 29, of Shafter, was arrested for battery with serious bodily injury.

Juan Geraldo Zamora, 39, of Shafter, was arrested for assault with deadly weapon not firearm, great bodily injury.

Juan Manuel Alfaro Velazo, 23, of Shafter, was arrested for obstruction of public office and on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

July 19
Whitney Reanne Heriford, 31, of Shafter, was arrested on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

Reginaldo Trujillo, 37, of Shafter, was arrested on a

misdemeanor bench warrant.

July 20

Edwin Hernandez, 20, of Shafter, was arrested for vandalism and damage to property.

July 21

Santos Gutierrez III, 28, of Shafter, was arrested on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

Joshua Ronnie McCullar, 31, of Wasco, was arrested for possession of controlled substance paraphernalia and possession of burglary tools.

Armando Flores, 32, of Shafter, was arrested for first degree burglary and threatening crime with intent.

BUTTONWILLOW

July 19

Zuceth Guadalupe Guerrero, 25, of Earlimart, was arrested at 325 Central Valley Highway in Shafter, for a felony warrant. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Nikole Clesceri, 43, of San Dimas, California was arrested in the 14000 block of Warren Street in Lost Hills for petty theft, battery on a peace officer or emergency personnel, obstructing, resisting or delaying a peace officer and being under the influence of a controlled substance. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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J.C. Atkinson a man of integrity

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Shafter has lost one of its pioneers with the passing of J.C. Atkinson. Atkinson was a businessman, public servant, husband, father, and son. He was the seventh of 11 children born to Elijah and Maggie Atkinson of Parker, Oklahoma. They moved to Wasco in 1942 and he eventually moved to Shafter after a stint in the U.S. Army, stationed in Fairbanks, Alaska.

With his wife Bernice, Atkinson raised three sons in Shafter, holding a variety of jobs on the way. Among his occupations, J.C. worked for Harold Weins at Shafco Lumber. He also owned Say Kern Plumbing and retired as the plumbing specialist for the Kern County Building Department. "He was my boss for a time," said

Woody Colvard, a former City Council member who also worked for the Kern County Building Department.

"He was a partner of my dad's in a variety of ventures through the years. J.C. was an honest man, full of integrity and a real gentleman and a good Christian," Colvard said.

In addition to his business ventures, Atkinson was a Shafter police officer when the department was just coming into its own as a full-service department. "He was technically a reserve officer, but in those days, the reserves worked actually as full-time officers. He was an integral part of the department and its growth into what is now the Shafter Police Department," said Shafter Police Chief Kevin Zimmermann. Zimmermann said

that he had the pleasure of visiting Atkinson when he was doing research for the Shafter Police Department's Historical Project. "He was really on the ground floor as the department was being formed, so he was involved in its formative years as the department grew.

By contacting city residents, a common thread ran throughout the entire conversations: integrity. Atkinson served on the City Council from 1966-1970 with a two-year stint as mayor. He left a lasting impression on the members, as well as those he dealt with as a straightforward, honest man to engage with.

Former Shafter Mayor and current City Councilmember Cathy Prout said that she owes her public service career in part to



Atkinson was on the ground floor of the Shafter Police Department as it was coming into its own as a full department. (Photo courtesy of the Shafter Police Department).

Atkinson. "J.C. Atkinson and Elmer Unruh came to me in 1981 and asked me if I had ever thought about running for City Council. I thought they were joking around. They came back to me later and said that they were serious," said Prout.

She went on to say that Atkinson told her that he saw how much she was involved in when it came to the schools and community.

He told her that she should really think about running, which she decided to do, and the rest is history.

Jay was a good Christian man according to all who knew him, spending many years on the Elder Board at Valley Bible Church, the Board of Youth for Christ, and the Richland School Board. Because of his involvement in his church outreach,

which started a group that put it upon themselves to help members of their congregation who were in need, according to Prout, Atkinson helped form what is now the Community Chest, which helps different residents who are in need.

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Teaching sign language at SLC

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Emily Lopez was the guest speaker at a recent Rotary meeting where she told the members of the opportunity she has to teach local children how to communicate using sign language.

Lopez is one of the teachers at the Shafter Learning Center, where children and adults have been filling classes this summer in a wide variety of subjects. Lopez will teach classes in American Sign Language at the SLC. The course will give the students a chance to learn basic sign language skills.

Topics covered will include the manual alphabet, numbers, people, food and drink, home, family, colors, activity and more. Students will practice receptive and expressive skills in small-group activities. The course is designed for students who

have little or no prior knowledge of sign language.

Lopez was born and raised in Shafter. Coming from a family with a deaf brother, Lopez chose to pursue a career in sign language interpreting. Lopez worked for the Kern County Superintendent of Schools as a staff interpreter for seven years before moving to Sacramento to continue her education.

She graduated from American River College, where she completed the Interpreting Preparation Program.

Lopez stayed up north for a total of 7 years, working for the Lodi Unified School District and Eaton Interpreting Services. When her contracts were up, she returned to Kern County to help establish a nonprofit ASL interpreting service agency. Once the agency was up and running, Lopez accepted a position with

the Kern Community College District as a sign language interpreter at Bakersfield College.

In addition to her staff position at BC, Lopez works as a freelance community interpreter. Her ASL interpreting experience includes K-12, postsecondary education, athletics, medical, mental health, political and performing arts interpreting. Lopez currently holds an educational signing skills evaluation certification and national interpreter certification. She is also a certified member of the Registry for Interpreters of the Deaf.

This is just one series of classes at the Shafter Learning Center in a curriculum that spans a multitude of subjects for all grade levels, as well as adults. All who are interested in any of the classes offered are encouraged to go online to the SLC website or visit the center at 236 James St.



LisaMarie Mendez, Shafter Rotary president, with guest speaker Emily Lopez.



Mattie Lemmons leads the creative writing activity.



Edgar Montoya helps the kids with their activity.

SYC programs keep children engaged

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grant from the California Youth Authority and an additional donation of \$249,000 and a plot of land from the City of Shafter.

"Since then, we're funded with a CSBG [Community Service Block Grant] from the State of California," said Program Manager Angie Nelson. "We've been privileged enough to be funded by a teen pregnancy prevention grant" and gang prevention grant as well, Nelson said.

During the school year, SYC serves the community with an after-school program. During break, the summer program kicks off at 8 in the morning and can go until 5 p.m. There are half-day programs for the morning and afternoon.

Nelson is happy with the services that SYC can offer. For parents who work all day and can't get a babysitter, SYC keeps them off the streets. Otherwise, "We have parents who just want the kids out of the house, off the Xbox, so they send their kids here," said Nelson.

The staff at SYC are always looking for new ways to keep the children engaged. Every week of the summer has a theme. One was beach week, and the kids were looking forward to a trip to the coast for a beach cleanup.

A bit ago, it was Shafter Week for the kids, and SYC had representatives from the Green Hotel, the Shafter Depot Museum and Minter Field Air Museum.

Once, Ron Pierce, of the Minter Field Air Museum, brought out the former Army base's fire truck to show the kids.

On the drive over, he was flooring it, hitting a full 30 miles per hour, he told the kids.

The kids asked if he had air conditioning.

"The windows," Pierce said.

Activity Specialist Cecelia "Miss Cece" Stewart is planning another theme week. She thinks she might choose cooking as her theme. "I do the food program... Sometimes I'm in charge of picking the activities during the week, but I'm more into the food," said Stewart.

The kids who come back every year know that they're going to have science and art and sports weeks. On the wall is a bulletin board showing the students who stood on one foot the longest, ran the fastest, and did the most cartwheels during sports week.

"I'm still working on a little bit of stuff ... so this week is a bit of a mystery for them," said Stewart.

After recess, the kids begin their creative writing time, and some of the afternoon volunteers and staff come in to help. Activity Specialist Mattie Lemmons describes the activity, and the children scribble in their journals. There are seventy-five children enrolled in the summer program when it is full. It's full most years.

Seventy-five children can be a handful. Organization is key. The staff go over all the rules at the beginning of the year, and the children choose the consequences for breaking them.

"One of the first things I tell the kids is, 'If you don't want your mom to find out you did something wrong, don't do it,'" Nelson said.

"Everything is planned out so they're not running wild all day," said Stewart. "I just like working with kids. Everyone has their own character and I like getting to know them."

At the end of the day, the children go home with a painting of a black tree with little red flowers on it and a day full of games, learning activities and other kids to play with.

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Man arrested after alleged crime spree

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

A suspect that had been at large for a month in a series of violent crimes was apprehended in Lake Isabella on last Sunday after a short pursuit, Shafter police said.

William Hopkins, 44, was located by Kern Valley deputies while riding on a stolen motorcycle. Hopkins fled on foot after crashing the motorcycle, but deputies caught up with him and took him into custody a short while later.

According to Shafter Police Chief Kevin Zimmermann, this suspect is wanted for

a series of crimes that took place in and around Shafter, including kidnapping, rape and carjacking, as well as a couple of vehicle thefts.

"We think there might be other crimes that he might be involved in, but the first crime that we can verify his involvement is on May 30, where Mr. Hopkins is suspected of a carjacking," Zimmermann said.

On June 13, there was a car theft, with displaying of a weapon that is being attributed to Hopkins. The very next day, on June 14, according to Zimmermann, Hopkins kidnapped and raped a victim, as well as

robbery.

The crime spree continued on June 22 with a robbery with a handgun. Zimmermann said that they collected evidence at each crime scene, including fingerprints, latent evidence that was found and turned it over to the Kern County District Attorney Crime Lab.

The crime lab put the case as a top priority and worked the evidence to get a conclusion as soon as possible. "The Crime Lab did an amazing job and we were very fortunate that they gave our case top priority, so instead of waiting for weeks for a result, we

had results very quickly."

On July 8, with their suspect now identified, it seemed the search was over. Hopkins was spotted in a stolen vehicle in Bakersfield on July 8. Hopkins then led officers on a chase and wrecked the vehicle. He ended up getting away from the scene.

Ultimately, on July 22, Hopkins was seen on the stolen motorcycle by Kern Valley deputies. Hopkins will be charged with series of crimes, including the car jacking, car thefts, kidnapping, rape, terrorist threats and robbery.

The investigation is ongoing.

Community Band plays red, white and blue

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of orchestral music. The Community Band plays at different events throughout the year, displaying what kind of talent exists in our community.

Some of the local musicians included, in addition to Penner, Randy Toews, Wendy Wilson, Ben Wilson, Kelly Bergen and Gary Ingle, among others.



Concertgoers were treated to patriotic music.



The Shafter Woman's club provided free cookies, water and lemonade.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable. Por favor hable con alguien que lo pueda traducir.

City of Shafter Has Levels of 1, 2, 3-TCP Above Drinking Water Standards

Our water system recently failed a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we are doing to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for the presence of drinking water contaminants. Testing results we received during the **second quarter of 2019** show that our system exceeds the standard, or maximum contaminant level (MCL), for 1,2,3-trichloropropane (1,2,3-TCP). The new standard for 1,2,3-TCP is 0.000005 mg/L (milligrams per liter) which is equivalent to 0.005 ug/L (micrograms per liter). The average level of 1,2,3-TCP for the fourth quarter was **0.00040 mg/L OR 0.040 ug/L**.

What should I do?

- You **do not** need to use an alternative (e.g., bottled) water supply.
- This is not an immediate risk. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. However, some people who drink water containing 1,2,3-trichloropropane in excess of the MCL over many years may have an increased risk of getting cancer.
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? What was done?

1,2,3-TCP (commonly referred to as "TCP") is a chlorinated hydrocarbon with high chemical stability. It is a manmade chemical found at industrial or hazardous waste sites. It has been used as a cleaning and degreasing solvent and is also associated with pesticides products.

It should be noted that TCP has been detected in groundwater throughout the Central Valley of California and Shafter is not alone in having to make plans to remove it to meet the new health standard. Long before the State set this standard, the City has been proactive at funding and constructing treatment systems that remove TCP and we anticipate that all our active wells with TCP detections will have treatment systems by December 2019.

For more information on TCP or this notice, please contact: Michael James, Public Works Director, (661) 746- 5002, 336 Pacific Ave, Shafter, CA 93263.

Secondary Notification Requirements

Upon receipt of notification from a person operating a public water system, the following notification must be given within 10 days [Health and Safety Code Section 116450(g)]:

- SCHOOLS:** Must notify school employees, students, and parents (if the students are minors).
- RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS OR MANAGERS** (including nursing homes and care facilities): Must notify tenants.
- BUSINESS PROPERTY OWNERS, MANAGERS, OR OPERATORS:** Must notify employees of businesses located on the property.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by the City of Shafter in compliance with California Domestic Water Quality and Monitoring Regulations as a means of keeping the public informed.

State Water System ID: 1510019 Date Distributed July 22, 2019



INFORMACIÓN IMPORTANTE SOBRE SU AGUA POTABLE

Este aviso contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable, por favor léalo bien

El agua de la Ciudad de Shafter tiene niveles de 1,2,3-Tricloropropano (1,2,3- TCP) en exceso del estándar para agua potable

Recientemente, nuestro sistema de agua excedió un estándar de contaminante para agua potable. Aunque esto no es una emergencia, como nuestros clientes, ustedes tienen el derecho a saber lo que deberían hacer, lo que pasó, y lo que estamos haciendo para corregir esta situación.

Hacemos monitoreo rutinario para detectar contaminantes en el agua potable. Los resultados de los análisis del agua que recibimos el **segundo cuarto del 2019** muestran que el nivel de 1,2,3-Tricloropropano (1,2,3- TCP) es **0.000040 mg/l o 0.040 ug/L**. Este nivel excede el estándar o MCL (Nivel Máximo de Contaminantes), el cual es 0.000005 miligramos por litro (5 nanogramos por litro, o 5 partes por trillón estadounidense).

¿Qué es lo que debo hacer?

- Usted no necesita usar una fuente alternativa de agua (por ejemplo, agua embotellada)
- Esto no es una emergencia. Si lo hubiera sido, le habrían notificado de inmediato. No obstante, algunas personas que por muchos años beben agua que contiene 1,2,3-TCP en exceso del nivel máximo establecido para contaminantes, pueden tener un mayor riesgo de contraer cáncer.
- Si tiene otros problemas de salud relacionados al consumo de esta agua, debería consultar a su médico.

¿Qué pasó? ¿Qué se está haciendo al respecto?

1,2,3-TCP (comúnmente referido como TCP) es un hidrocarburo clorado con alta estabilidad química. Es un producto químico creado por el hombre que se encuentra en sitios de desechos peligrosos o industriales. Se ha utilizado como disolvente de limpieza y desengrasante y también está asociado con productos de pesticidas.

Debe tener en cuenta que TCP ha sido detectado en aguas subterráneas en todo el valle central de California y Shafter no está solo en tener que hacer planes para removerlo para cumplir con el nuevo estándar de salud. Mucho antes de que el Estado estableciera este estándar, la Ciudad ha sido proactiva en la financiación y construcción de sistemas de tratamiento que eliminan TCP y anticipamos que todos nuestros pozos activos con detecciones del TCP tendrán sistemas de tratamiento para diciembre del 2019. Para más información, puede contactar a Michael James, Director de Obras Publicas, 661-746-5002, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263.

Por favor comparta esta información con todas las demás personas que tomen de esta agua, especialmente aquellos que no hayan recibido este aviso directamente (por ejemplo, las personas en apartamentos, asilos, escuelas, y negocios). Puede hacerlo poniendo este aviso en un lugar público o distribuyendo copias en persona o por correo.

Requisitos de Notificación Secundaria

Al recibir la notificación de alguien que opere un sistema de agua público, se tiene que dar la siguiente notificación dentro de 10 días conforme a la Sección 116450(g) del Código de Salud y Seguridad:

- **ESCUELAS:** Tienen que notificar a los empleados de la escuela, estudiantes, y a los padres (si los estudiantes son menores).
- **DUEÑOS O GERENTES DE PROPIEDAD PARA ALQUILER RESIDENCIAL** (incluyendo asilos e instituciones de cuidado): Tienen que notificar a sus inquilinos.
- **DUEÑOS DE PROPIEDAD DE NEGOCIOS, GERENTES, U OPERADORES:** Tienen que notificar a los empleados de los negocios situados en la propiedad.

Este aviso es enviado por la Ciudad de Shafter en cumplimiento de las normas de calidad del agua doméstica de California y las regulaciones de monitoreo como un medio para mantener al público informado.

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!



Josephine Martin finished with a second place in her butterfly event.



Sydnee Macias, Josephine Martin and Annemarie Piuser had a successful meet at the County Championships.

Stingrays waves at County

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Stingrays Swim Club concluded their regular season with an outstanding showing at the Kern County Swimming Championships on Saturday. The local club had 11 swimmers place in the top 10 in their respective divisions.

With over 20 teams competing, the meet had the best swimmers in the county vying for that elusive championship title. Leading the way for the Stingrays were Annemarie Piuser, Josephine Martin and Kaylee Batten, who continued their successful seasons with a strong meet. Piuser swam in three events and finished with two first places and a third place. She won the girls 11 100 final with a time of 1:23. In the girls 11 50-yard breaststroke, Piuser qualified first in the prelim and kept that seeding with a first-place finish in the final in 40.32. She added a third place in the 50-year butterfly event.

Josephine Martin won her heat in the girls 11 50-year butterfly and took second place in the final with a time of 33.95. Martin got a fifth place in the 50-year freestyle, but came back and

captured third place in the final, lowering her prelim time by over a second, finishing with a 32.65.

Competing in the girls 13 year old division, Kaylee Batten took second place in the 100 IM event with a time of 1:19.09. She won the prelim and the final in the 50-yard breaststroke. In the 50-yard butterfly event, Batten got third place in the prelim with a time of 34.01. Improving her time in the final by 1.25 seconds, finishing in second place.

Sydnee Macias also had a successful meet, getting a second place in the Girls 11 50 yd Freestyle and a fifth place in the 50 yd butterfly event, improving her placing from the prelim, where she qualified with the eighth fastest time.

Dean O'Neil placed in the top 10 in three events at the meet. He got an eighth place in the boys 9 50-yard freestyle, a fourth place in the 50-yard backstroke, and a fifth place in the 50-year

butterfly.

Sean O'Neil took two third places and a sixth place competing in the boys 12 division. O'Neil got third in the 50-yard butterfly and in the 50-yard breaststroke events. He added a sixth place in the 50-yard freestyle.

Lila Piuser, competing in the girls 8 division, placed fifth in the 100 IM finals. She placed fourth in the 25-year breaststroke, then broke out and took the championship in the final with a time of 25.45, 1.5 seconds faster than her prelim time.

Kate Valderrama added to the Stingray top-10 total with a seventh place in the girls 9 50-year breaststroke final. Mikayla Villagomez got fourth place in the girls 9 50-year breaststroke final.

Brighton Batten competed in the girls 10 division and captured third place in the final, a two-place improvement over her prelim finish in the 50-year breaststroke event.

'Annie' coming August 2-4

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"Hard Knock Life" and "Easy Street," the show teaches a lessons in dreaming dreams and how to make them come true.

The cast includes veterans from past productions, including Natalia Crane, who is portraying Miss Hannigan. Crane has played many characters in years past such as Mulan, Sebastian in "The Little Mermaid," and Jiminy Cricket in "Pinocchio." Lauren Givens plays Daddy Warbucks' faithful assistant Grace; she last portrayed Ariel in "The Little Mermaid."

This year's cast also includes Matthew Maldonado as Daddy Warbucks,

Daelyn Smith as Rooster and Emily McGuire as Lily.

Audiences will see a variety of acting, singing and dancing required for this challenging production. "The kids have been working diligently since the beginning of June and are very excited to present the show to the community," Starrh said.

She credits the support of many community members offering their time and talents as directing, set designing, choreography, musical direction, music, costume design and props and stage managing, and more of the things go into making a production a success.

She said that they are so grateful for the many sponsors who contribute funds to keep them operating. "When we formed this program back in 1995, we didn't even intend for it to reach 10 years, and at 24 years, the program is still going strong."

Additional performances of Annie are set for Saturday, Aug. 3, and Sunday Aug. 4. Friday and Saturday, the curtain goes up at 7 p.m., while the Sunday show will begin at 4 p.m.

Tickets are available at the box office during the week and prior to each performance; more information is available by calling 661-903-0443

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Take a hard look at Richland

After reading Stan Voth's "Letter to the Editor" in the June 27 *Shafter Press*, I feel compelled to state a few more facts. The Richland School District is in a sorry state of affairs, with approximately a half-a-million-dollar deficit. The Richland School Board trustees, with a 4-1 vote, just approved the second deficit spending budget in two years. This budget approval included the creation of two new nonteaching positions, shifting money away from classroom instruction.

As enrollment decreases each year, mainly because of the Grimmway charter school, the number of teachers also decreases. Despite these decreases, the Board of Trustees continues to approve the hiring of additional non-teaching District staff. The board has even appointed an interim Superintendent who advocates additional nonteaching positions, diverting more money away from the classrooms and those who work most closely with the students.

Ten years ago, the Kern County Grand Jury recommended that school districts eliminate district-paid health benefits of district trustees. I spoke to this at a Richland School District Board meeting in 2010, but it fell on deaf ears. Each trustee already has health benefits either from their

employer, spouse's employer or Medicare. The burden to the budget for additional free health benefits for the trustees this year is approximately \$100,000 (or half-a-million dollars over a five-year period). It seems hypocritical, because the Richland School District has some employees that work with the school's students every day yet receive no health benefits. The

trustees ignored the Kern County Grand Jury's recommendation and continue to take the health benefits which are a burden to the budget.

During the special board meeting on June 28, the board directed the administration not to replace aging student textbooks this upcoming school year. It's disappointing that the cuts the administration

and trustees are willing to make are those closest to the classroom. It appears some of the trustees are not there as advocates "for the students." The citizens of Shafter need to take a serious look at what is happening within the Richland School District.

- Mike Svilich
Shafter
Mike Svilich is a former Richland School District trustee.



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OBITUARIES

Letha Bean Nov. 15, 1945 — July 20, 2019



Letha Delane Bean was born on Nov. 15, 1945, in Maywood, Calif., to Dred Bean and Eva Tryon. She attended Western High School, which was a new high school at the time in Tulare. After she left school, she worked with other family members in the fields of Hollister, Eureka, Turlock, Tipton, and Pixley harvesting all kinds of California crops.

Letha met the first father of her children, Manual Johnny Berumen, through her sister's boyfriend at the time, Bobby Berumen; Manual's brother. With Manual, Letha had Johnny Berumen, and then Brenda Berumen.

Her next relationship with Billy Lloyd Gentry, produced three more children; Sandra Gentry, Timmy Gentry and Kenny Gentry. The seven of them would live in several locations, as Billy was hired as a farm hand in various locales. Letha kept close ties with Billy for the remainder of his life until early 2019, when he passed away.

Letha was a big fan of

the Los Angeles Dodgers, sporting her Dodgers jacket as she watched games avidly and never ceased to shout out during home runs as well as bad umpire calls. And in her younger days, she attended her brother, Johnny Bean's, karaoke parties, dancing through the night with family and friends.

She enjoyed going to second-hand stores with her daughter, Brenda, and her mother, Eva. The three of them would scour through several second-hand stores in a given day, looking for all of the hidden gems that they could.

Letha always enjoyed spending time with her sons and daughters, and she rev-

elled at seeing her grandchildren during holidays and family get-togethers. She was always amazed at how fast they had grown and how smart they had gotten each time she saw them. They would gather around her during Christmas mornings, tearing open their presents with wrapping flying everywhere.

And at family gatherings at her home, Letha and her sisters told nonstop stories of their youthful antics. Having shared a hard childhood together, the siblings all relied on each other's company and closeness as children to keep themselves safe and accounted for. And they also got into quite a bit of mischief.

Letha spent the remain-

der of her life in Wasco and passed away peacefully in Bakersfield, California, on Saturday, July 20, 2019.

Letha is survived by her siblings and their spouses, Jeanette Garrison and Darrell Smith, Mavis Knox and Angel Sandoval, John and Julie Bean, Richard and Gidget Bean, Cheryl Welch and D.J., and Chris Wells and Rose Levine; her children and spouses, Johnnie Berumen and Misty Graves, Brenda Berumen and Fred Herrman, Sandra Gentry and Mike Swanson, Timmy Gentry, and Kenny and Kelly Gentry; her nieces and nephews, Laura Wenn, Michael Williams, Raymond Williams, Sheldon Williams, Michelle Rush, Robert Berumen,

Sherry Underwood, James Cobb, Melissa Knox, Stacy Welch, Tony Welch, Bruce Bean, Shirley Hinslea and Jennifer Bean, Alex Bean, her grandchildren, Brittany Berumen, Johnny Lee Berumen, Austin Brakebill, Carson Gentry, Freddie Posey and Nellie Posey; and great-grandchildren, Alexis Berumen, Sydney Berumen, Addison Berumen, Brody Berumen, Brae Berumen, Bailey Berumen, Bree Brown and Rachel Rae Berumen, and her dog, Molly.

Services will be held Thursday, July 25, at Peters Funeral Home, 844 E. Lerdo Hwy., Shafter, at 1 p.m., followed by a graveside service at the Shafter Cemetery, 18662 Santa Fe Way.

J.C. Atkinson Dec. 25, 1923 — July 15, 2019



J.C. (Jay) Atkinson was born on Christmas Day in 1923 and passed peacefully into eternity on July 15, 2019. Jay was the 7th of 11 children born to Elijah and Maggie Atkinson of Parker, Okla.

Jay was still living at home in Oklahoma when his father, a Free Will Baptist preacher and sharecropper, passed away at a young age. Jay quit high school to help take care of the family. In 1942, and the family moved to Wasco, where his older siblings were already living and working. He obtained his high school diploma from Bakersfield Evening High School in 1956.

Jay served in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Fairbanks, Alaska, during World War II. When he returned home after the war, he met the love of his life, Bernice Mayberry. The couple married in 1948 and recently celebrated 71 years of marriage. Together they raised three sons in Shafter and enjoyed camping and trailering with friends and family all over the United States and Canada. Jay and Bernice were especially proud of their six grandchildren and rarely missed a game or special event in their lives.

Jay was an amazing man

who served as a Shafter police officer, worked for Harold Weins at Shafco Lumber, owned Say Kern Plumbing and retired in 1986 as the plumbing specialist for the Kern County Building Department.

Jay was a natural servant leader who served for many years on the elder board at Valley Bible Church in Shafter (First Baptist Church), the board of Youth for Christ, and the Richland School Board. He served the community of Shafter as a planning commissioner and chairman of the City of Shafter Planning Commission, as well as a city councilman and mayor of Shafter.

Jay is survived by his loving wife, Bernice; brother Tim Atkinson (Edna); brother-in-law Bob Hall; sisters-in-law Margaret Bynum and Jeanne Mayberry; three sons, Dennis Atkinson (Marlene), Melvin Atkinson and Darrell Atkinson (Susie); daughter in law Darci Atkinson; two grandsons, Ryan Atkinson and Jared Atkinson (Dziko); four

granddaughters, Melanie Whitaker (Coby), Brooke Ramirez (Eddie), Kelly Atkinson and Janie Slegers (Trevor); and two great grandchildren, Jane Slegers and Carson Whitaker.

Jay came to know Jesus as his Lord and Savior at an early age and lived his life accordingly. His Christian walk impacted everyone he met or knew. To know him was to love him. He earned the love and respect of his family as well as his community. We have no doubt he was welcomed into heaven with these words: "Well done, my good and faithful servant!"

We would like to thank Hoffmann Hospice for the compassionate care they provided to J.C. and our family. Everyone was so kind and helpful as they kept him comfortable and helped lift our burden during Jay's transition from this life to eternity in Heaven.

A celebration of Jay's life is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. on Wednesday, July 31, at Valley Bible Church, 350 Pine St. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to either Valley Bible Church of Shafter or Youth for Christ, P.O. Box 763, Bakersfield 93302.

Please send condolences to the family and sign the family's guestbook at PetersFuneralHomes.com.

Heriberto (Bert) Predez Alvear August 6, 1941— July 20, 2019



Heriberto (Bert) Predez Alvear, 77, passed away July 20, 2019, in Bakersfield.

Bert was born in Palestina, Coahuila, Mexico on Aug. 6, 1941 to Tiburcio and Isabel Alvear and was one of eight children. He is survived by his loving wife, Lillian, of 42 years; his children, Michael (Lucy), Mathew (Maricela) and Michelle (Daniel); five grandchildren; four great grandchildren; sisters Catalina Hernandez and Socorro Mendez; and numerous nieces, nephews and godchildren.

Bert came to Shafter with his family at the age of 5. He graduated from Shafter High School in 1960 and attended Bakersfield College. He married his first wife, Isabel, and

moved to Whittier, where he worked as a tool and die maker. After Isabel passed away, he relocated his family to Bakersfield. He worked in oil field maintenance and construction until his retirement. He was proud to become a naturalized citizen in 2015.

When his children were younger, Bert devoted his time as a Boy Scout leader, as well as coaching baseball, soccer and softball. He had a love for classic cars and collecting Hot Wheels, with a vast collection to show for it. He was an avid fisherman, hunter, camper

and family man, and relished the time he spent with his wife and grandchildren.

Visitation will be Friday, July 26, from 8:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., with Holy Rosary prayed at 9 a.m., at Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Mass will follow at 10:30 a.m. at St. Therese Church, Shafter. Interment will be at Shafter Memorial Park.

Please send condolences to the family and sign the family's guestbook at PetersFuneralHomes.com.

DEATH NOTICES

Jose Flores, 62, of Shafter, passed away July 22 in Shafter. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Wyman Ray Stark, 84, Shafter, passed away July 24. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Commercial Interior Design Concepts 2019-B4475

4800 Native Dancer Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93312
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
4800 Native Dancer Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93312
Dana Mar Miller
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
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PUBLIC NOTICE KERN-TULARE WATER DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 2019-05 A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DECLARING ITS INTENT TO ADOPT A BUDGET FOR 2020, TO FIX AND COLLECT 2020 STANDBY CHARGES AND WATER TOLLS, DECLARING NECESSITY FOR LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, AND CALLING AND NOTICING PUBLIC HEARING

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

1. The amount required to discharge all District obligations for the year 2020 is estimated to be \$18,236,352; and
2. The amount which should be obtained from standby charges is \$2,425,375 and standby charges should be levied on about 19,403

acres of land being offered water service by the District resulting in a toll of \$125 per acre; and
3. The amount which should be obtained from Water Tolls is \$15,263,617 based on the sale of 35,000 acre feet within the District's Service Area at an average toll of \$436 per acre foot; and
4. The amount which should be obtained by special assessments on developed land within the District is \$528,660 and such special assessments should be levied on about 19,580 acres of land resulting in a toll of \$27 per acre; and
5. The amount which should be obtained by special assessments on undeveloped land within the District is \$3,700 and such special assessments should be levied on about 185 acres of land resulting in a toll of \$20 per acre; and
6. The amount of funds available on the first day of the fiscal year and the amount of miscellaneous revenue estimated to be collected during the fiscal year is \$15,000; and
WHEREAS, Proposition 218 requires the District to hold a majority protest proceeding to adopt an increase in the District's Water Tolls; and
WHEREAS, on September 10, 2015 the Board held a Proposition 218 Majority Protest proceeding and set the District's water tolls at up to \$640 per acre foot. As there will be no increase in the water tolls, Proposition 218 procedures for the 2020 Water Tolls are unnecessary, and in future years the District reserves the option to increase the rate up to \$640 per acre foot without future Proposition 218 proceedings; and
WHEREAS, on August 10, 2017 the Board held a Proposition 218 proceeding and set the District's Standby Charge of up to \$125 per acre. As there will be no increase in the standby charges Proposition 218 procedures for the standby charges are unnecessary; and
WHEREAS, as there will be no increase in the special assessments, Proposition 218 procedures for those assessments are unnecessary; and
WHEREAS, the Board finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the District for the Board to declare its intention to adopt the budget, implement the recommendations of the General Manager, and call and notice

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a public hearing thereon.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of KERN-TULARE WATER DISTRICT as follows: Board Declarations Regarding District Water Tolls, Standby Charge and Special Assessment; Setting of Hearing Date
Each of the matters set forth above is true and correct and the Board so finds and determines.
The Board hereby declares its intention to (a) adopt the recommended budget for 2020 (b) fix and charge water tolls of up to \$436 per acre foot for water delivered by the District (c) levy and collect 2019 standby charges of \$125 per acre upon land being offered water service by the District, (d) levy a special assessment of \$27 per acre on developed land within the District, and (e) levy a special assessment of \$20 per acre on undeveloped land within the District.
The Board hereby declares its intention to continue its existing policy of refusing to deliver water for use upon lands as to which any levy of a standby charge, Water Toll or special assessment is delinquent.
The Board hereby calls a public hearing with respect to its declared intention to adopt the budget and to fix, levy and collect standby charges, special assessments for August 8, 2019 at 2:30 P.M., in the Conference Room of Pandol & Sons, Inc., 33150 Pond Road, Delano, California, at which time and place any person interested, including all persons owning land within the District, may appear and be heard.
The Secretary shall publish this resolution in the manner required by Government Code section 6066 and Water Code section 36601 in The Shafter Press and The Visalia Times-Delta, and mail a copy thereof postage prepaid, to each holder of title to land within the District as shown by the District's assessment roll.
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of KERN-TULARE WATER DISTRICT this 11th day of July, 2019 by the following vote:

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Antojitos Aguas Karen 2019-B4465

5306 Sunbird Ct
Bakersfield, CA 93313
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
5306 Sunbird Ct
Bakersfield, CA 93313
Elsa M Munguia
5306 Sunbird Ct
Bakersfield, CA 93313
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AYES: Kent H. Stephens
Andrew Pandol
Curt Holmes
NOES: None
ABSENT: John Zaninovich
Bruce Kelsey
ABSTAIN: None

CERTIFICATE OF RESOLUTION
We, the undersigned, hereby certify as follows:

1. That we are the President and Secretary of the KERN-TULARE WATER DISTRICT; and

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

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

Kent H. Stephens
President of the Board of Director

Steven C. Dalke
Assistant Secretary
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PASTOR'S CORNER

We can share some of our own grace

PASTOR JIM NEAL

"But Noah found grace in the eyes of the Lord." --Genesis 6:8

I am not going to bore you with how I happened upon this verse concerning the time of the great flood and righteousness of one man; however, what struck me was the concept of *grace*. That word is used in so many ways and situations today, the meaning can become quite convoluted and even watered down.

Many say "grace" before a meal, which means, of course, the giving of thanks. When it comes to bills or insurance policies, we are afforded a grace period before a service or policy is shut off or is cancelled, indicating an act of gratitude or pardoning, and, of course, many young girls/women are said to have "grace" and charm, point-

ing to their social decorum.

I looked up the word "grace" in my old college Webster's Dictionary (and I do mean old) and was amazed at the amount of literary attention that is given to this word. I was equally amazed at the various contexts in which this word is used in our society. But what is God saying of Noah when it says that he found "grace" in the eyes of the Lord?

Here as in most cases throughout Scripture, the broad theological meaning of the word grace means "God's unmerited love and favor." Although Noah was not a perfect man by any stretch, he was a man who

found favor in the eyes of God, and because of this unmerited favor, God was able to preserve His creation for which we all should be grateful.

It is easy to get all "theological" when we consider people like Noah, Abraham, David, Peter, Paul and others of Scripture when considering the grace of God; however, what about you and me and the millions of others around the world?

Aren't we also in need of that grace and unmerited favor? Absolutely. Ephesians 2:8 & 9 says, "For by Grace we are saved, through faith..."

I would like us to consider the human

side of grace for a moment. I believe that not only are we in need of God's unmerited love and favor today, but someone in all of our lives is in need of *OUR unmerited* love and favor. I have no idea who it is in your life, but I have a few in my life that are in that need, and it is my intention "by the grace of God" to give it to them unconditionally. This is one of those areas that it takes the *grace* of God to fulfill our human intentions.

Just as Noah found grace in the eyes of God; who is it that needs to see, sense and know *your grace* in their lives? Remember the words of Paul: "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." (Philippians 4:13)

Jim Neal is pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Shafter.

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