

VALLEY CHAMPS!



Coach Jerald Pierucci holds up the championship plaque.

Generals win crown 1st time in 65 years – move to regionals

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter High Generals, for the first time since 1955, are Valley Champs in football. The Generals pulled one more victory out in their incredible playoff run by beating Caruthers, 41-35, on Friday night. Freshman quarterback Ezekiel Osborn had another outstanding game, going 22-37 for 372 yards in passing, with three touchdowns. Maryon Sloan, just one of a slew of weapons for Osborn, led the corps of receivers with 199 yards with 10 receptions. This included a 65-yard touchdown pass play that tied the score at 35-35. The first half saw the teams trading scores to begin the game.

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Shafter went ahead 14-7 in the second quarter on a 1-yard touchdown run by Koa Rhodes, who returned after being out for three weeks with a knee injury. Caruthers tied the score midway through the second quarter. The Blue Raiders, coming into the game as the third seed, took a 21-14 lead on a 52-yard pass play, ending the half. Caruthers wasted no time in the second half, scoring on their first possession of the third quarter with another long pass play, making the score 28-14. Caruthers seemingly put the game away on Shafter's next

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The Generals' defense holds the Blue Raiders.

Race tightens for City Council

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

In the race for the two open seats on the Shafter City Council, Mayor Cathy Prout has kept her large lead in Nov. 8's election, gathering 34% of the vote for a total of 1,682 votes, easily outdistancing all of the other candidates. But, the race for the remaining seat has tightened since the last update. According to the Kern Elections Office, incumbent Cesar Lopez has closed the gap with Gustavo Olvera, with only 31 votes separating the two. After the previous update, Olvera had taken a 100-vote lead, but Lopez cut 69 votes into that lead with the new numbers. The election results are to be certified by the county on Dec. 16.

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Once a General, Always a General

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There is an adage that has been around Shafter High throughout its history, "Once a General, Always a General." This adage is no more evident this past week with the Shafter High Generals football team bringing the school's first Valley championship since 1955. The city is full of Generals, young and old, rejoicing the victory. From store clerks, students, teachers, business owners, everyone is a proud General. The win has touched the entire city in a very positive way, giving all SHS alumni a spring in their step. Principal Russell Shipley said, "Words cannot describe how proud we are as a school and community. It's almost unbelievable that it has been 67 years since we have gone this far with our program. This is once again an example of the hard work, grit, work ethic and determination that our students, school, coaches and community always possess and exemplify." This sentiment is echoed by other Shafter alumni. "I am so proud to be a General right now," said Elijah Hermes, who went to Shafter High over 50 years ago. "We are on top again, this is just a great feeling." Mando Perez, who has been following the team this season and taking pictures of the journey, said that he is so happy to be a part of this special experience. "I am so proud of their hard work, perseverance, and the willingness to push through every obstacle. I was able to capture the football season with my camera lens, video, or sitting in the stands cheering. Every Shafter JV football player, and Shafter Commander will work hard to continue this success."

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Carlie and Oscar Lopez before the championship game, with a sign supporting freshman Nick Rosette.

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Fleeing suspect shot by deputy in pursuit

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

A county deputy shot an armed suspect allegedly running from a car chase near Palm Avenue and Gromer Avenue Sunday night, according to the Kern County Sheriff's Office. The suspect, described as a 21-year-old male, was treated at a hospital. His identity and condition was not reported. The incident began at approximately 1:08 a.m., with deputies near the site said they heard gunshots nearby, the Sheriff's

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Office report said. While investigating the shots heard, deputies arrived and located four occupied vehicles. As deputies attempted to make contact the people within, the vehicles took off. Deputies pursued the suspect's vehicle, which became involved in a single-vehicle accident. The deputies said the occupant was armed with a handgun and fled on foot. The deputy fired at this point, wounding the sus-

pect, who was transported to a hospital for treatment. A spokesman for the Sheriff's Office said they have video recording of the incident, but won't release it – at least for now. "In regards to critical incidences, we will release a video with all of the pertinent information, including body-worn camera footage (if there is any), radio traffic, 911 calls, etc.," Public Information Officer Lori Meza said. When asked when the video would be made public, she stated, "It's truly hard to

tell this early on. Every case is so different. It could be weeks. "Critical incidences that involve use of force, such as officer-involved shootings, are not something that we can really comment on as it goes through a thorough investigation within and then with the [county] district attorney. When information is available, we will release it." Anyone with information is asked to contact the Sheriff's Office at 661-861-3110 or Secret Witness line at 661-322-4040.



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Community Calendar

As activities restart and businesses reopen, we will try to update readers on the status of events and activities throughout the area. Please contact Erica Soriano with additions and changes at esoriano@TheShafterPress.com or call 661-292-5100 by Monday at 4 p.m. for that week's paper.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shafter Lions Christmas Parade 2022 – Friday, Dec. 2, at Mannel Park at 4:30 p.m. Bounce houses, food, music, Christmas tree raffle tickets. Parade starts at 6:30 p.m. Pictures with Santa and fun continues at 7:30 p.m.

Wasco Downtown Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting Ceremony – Saturday, Dec. 3. Parade down Broadway to Poplar. Tree lighting at WHS auditorium. Vendor Fair begins at 4 p.m. Presented by the Orange Heart Foundation and Wasco Rose Festival.

Free Bookkeeping Training Program at MAOF, Mexican American Opportunity Foundation. 2130 Chester Ave., Suite 200, Bakersfield. Call 661-336-6821. Related occupations include accounts payable/accounts receivable clerks and payroll clerks. Entry requirements: At least 18 years of age, completed reading and math assessment, high school diploma or GED.

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MONDAY

North Kern 4H – Meeting will be held at Karl Clemens cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. every 2nd Monday of the month. For more information please contact Chris at (661) 809-2851.

Richland School Board – Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at Golden Oak Cafeteria, 195 S. Wall St.

Shafter City Council – Meetings are held at City Hall on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

TUESDAY

Shafter City Council – Meetings are held every first and third Tuesday of each month. At the council chamber, 336 Pacific Ave.

Wasco City Council – Meetings every first and third Tuesday of the month. Meetings

are held at 746 8th St. at 6 p.m.

Wasco Woman's Club – Meetings are at the clubhouse, 1601 7th St., on the second Tuesday of the month. There is a \$15 fee for the lunch meetings.

Senior lunch program – Every first and third Tuesday of the month: Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith St. Sack lunches for seniors will be given out at 11 a.m. Sponsored by Golden Gleaners.

WEDNESDAY

Shafter Rotary – Meeting at 7 a.m. at the Shafter Veterans Hall.

Shafter Kiwanis – Meeting Wednesdays at 12 p.m. at the Shafter Veterans Hall.

THURSDAY

Wasco High School Board – Meetings the second Thursday of the month at 1900 7th St. in Room 202, or alternatively in Library Room 1101. The agenda is on the WHS website.

Wasco Recreation and Park Board – Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Hall at Barker Park.

Food distribution – Shafter Recreation and the Gleaners have food distribution every first and third Thursday of each month at the W.C. Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset Ave.

FRIDAY

Food giveaway – The Impact Program is a weekly food giveaway provided to anyone in need, Fridays beginning at 7 a.m. first come, first served. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith St., Wasco.

Bulky waste pickup – American Refuse offers free bulky waste pick-up service Fridays to all City of Shafter core residents. To schedule a pickup, use the app or call 661-758-5316. No sabes que hacer con esos articulos de basura grande? Llame a American Refuse 661-758-5316 o use su aplicación para programar una recojida de estas articulos. Este servicio es gratis para todos los residentes de la ciudad de Shafter (ore residents).

SATURDAY

Depot Museum – The Shafter Depot Museum is open Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The museum is at 150 Central Valley Highway.

Green Hotel tours – Shafter Historic Green Hotel is open for tours on the first Saturday of the month from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information about renting the hotel for events, email thegreenhotel@gmail.com or phone 661-746-1913 and leave a message.

ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

NOV. 18

Ryan Glenn Hopkins, 31, of Shafter, was arrested on the West Lerdo Highway on an outside agency warrant.

NOV. 19

Juan Jose Flores, 47, of Shafter, was arrested on Gibson and Mettler on an outside agency warrant and bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

William Cody Jameson, 33, of Shafter, was arrested on the 500 block of State Avenue on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Quintin Lee Hurst, 37, of Shafter, was arrested at Central Avenue and Munzer Street for carrying a concealed dirk/dagger, disorderly conduct: intoxication, drug and alcohol, and consumption of alcohol in public and having an open container in public.

Sonia Melgarmartin, 59, was arrested at Lerdo Highway and Mannel Avenue for driving without a license.

NOV. 20

Griselle Manserrat Mar-

teinez, 21, of Shafter, was arrested in the 3900 block of Santa Fe Way for amplified sound.

Angel Molina Garcia, 33, of Shafter, was arrested in the 800 block of Shafter, for driving while having a suspended license for DUI.

Jared Dale Hanson, 39, of Shafter, was arrested at Pine Street and Lerdo Highway for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

Reginaldo Trujillo, 40, of Shafter, was arrested on South Shafter Avenue for possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

Gregory Gamboa, 48, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Central Avenue for disorderly conduct: alcohol, possession of a controlled substance, and on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

NOV. 21

Vincent Lopez, 28, of Shafter, was arrested in the 500 block of Munzer for possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

Reginaldo Trujillo, 40, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of East Euclid for contempt of court: disobey-

ing a court order.

Ruben Campos, 33, of Shafter, was arrested in the 600 block of Riverside on an outside agency warrant.

Luis Martimiano Chavez Hernandez, 21, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Central Valley Highway on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

NOV. 22

Stephanie Lorraine Saenz, 38, of Shafter, was arrested on the 300 block of Central Avenue for conspiracy to commit a crime, battery with serious bodily injury, and on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Sara Lucero, 18, of Shafter, was arrested in the 300 block of Central Avenue for battery: serious bodily injury and conspiracy to commit a crime.

Deon Ladell Duffey Jr., 22, of Shafter, was arrested on the 300 block of Central Avenue for battery with serious bodily injury and conspiracy to commit a crime.

Jesus Zamorano Hernandez, 24, was arrested at Highway 43 and Voth Lane for

Mystery history

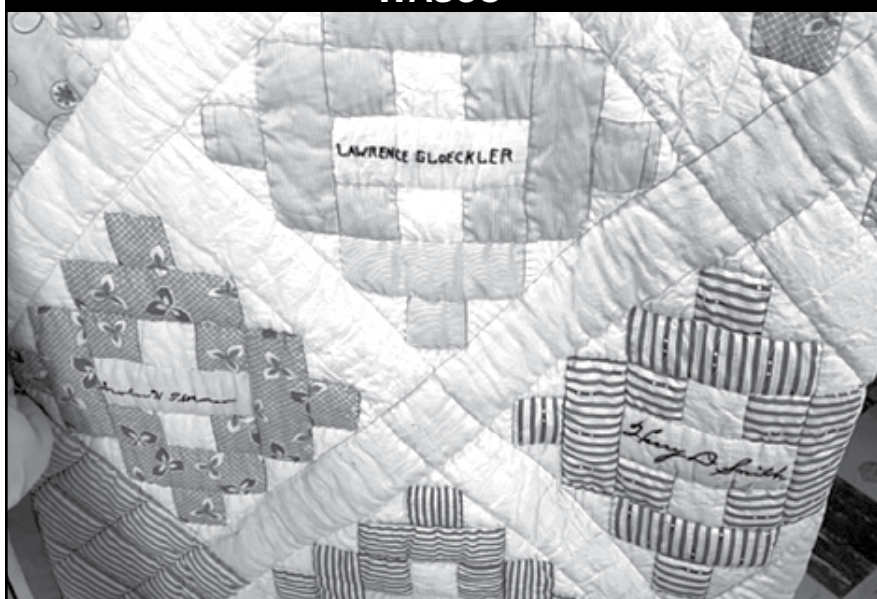
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driving without a license.

Eric Shane Jameson, 36, of Shafter, was arrested in the 500 block of East Lerdo Highway for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

Elizabeth Lara Renfro, 35, of Shafter, was arrested in the 6600 block of East Lerdo Highway for obstruction, resisting an officer/emergency technician, and possession of a controlled substance.

NOV. 23

Edward William Robertson, 39, of Shafter, was arrested at State and Central Valley Highway on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Rafael Espinoza Boytes, 31, was arrested on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Robert Matta, 52, of Shafter, was arrested on the 100 block of West Orange

Avenue on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

NOV. 25

Kareena Ramirez, 39, was arrested on S. Reiker and West Ash for obstruction and resisting a public emergency technician.

NOV. 26

Francisco Aldama, 19, was arrested in the 800 block of Marion Street for driving without a license, hit and run and evading a peace officer, disregarding safety.

Erika Lopez Garcia, 29, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Lerdo Highway for possession of unlawful paraphernalia, and failure to provide insurance at a hit and run.

Miguel Nava Rodriguez, 38, was arrested in the 200 block of Poso Avenue for driving without a license and

possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

Victor Rocha, 34, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Poso Avenue for possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

Everardo Gomez, 36, was arrested in the 800 block of North Central Valley Highway for disorderly conduct: under the influence of a drug.

NOV. 27

Matthew James Hart, 37, of Shafter, was arrested on Santa Fe Way on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

NOV. 28

Melissa Laybourn, 42, was arrested at 7th Standard and West Beltway for disorderly conduct: under the influence of a drug.

The Kern County Sheriff's Office did not report any arrests this week.

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Christmas dance production a treat for all

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Planet Dance Studio will host its annual December recital, "Sleigh Ride," on Saturday, Dec. 3, at the Shafter High School auditorium.

There will be 65 dancers ranging in age from 4 to 17 performing 19 dance routines made up of tap, ballet, jazz and hip-hop genres.

Studio director Jacob Hernandez said, "Dancing is not only an art but also a sport, and these young athletes train hard."

It is the studio's 20th anniversary, and the recital will be a celebration in honor of that.

"We have touched the lives and taught dance to thousands of students," Hernandez said.

The studio is run by Hernandez and his mother, Corine Matera. Hernandez has danced for 30 years.

"I love my career choice and the opportunities it has given me. Our dancers keep me motivated year after year," he said.

Hernandez hopes that the local community and surrounding areas will come out and support the dancers.

"Being that we are based in Wasco, we



Dancers display their trophies from a competition earlier this year.

service much of Kern County, including McFarland, Shafter, Bakersfield and Delano," Hernandez said. "We want to invite everyone to experience the longest-running dance studio that has been in our community for the last twenty years."

The dancers have practiced all year long with the December presentation, their season's final performance.

The dancers look forward to the recital.

"They absolutely love it because it is our largest event of the year, and they are ex-

cited about the costumes, choreography and getting on stage," Hernandez said.

He shared that teaching them a dance routine and then watching them execute it is very rewarding.

"It is such a joy to work with them. They are so happy to be here. We pride ourselves in bringing the best that we have to our students because we want them to have a fun time while improving their self-confidence and relationships with others."

He added, "Every year, we put on an amazing presentation showcasing our talented students."

A large crowd is anticipated; they usually have anywhere from 500 to 700 people attend to see these girls shine.

"As the year comes to an end, we extend a warm invitation to join us for an evening of entertainment and celebration. It will be a night to remember."

Doors open at 5:15 p.m., with the show beginning at 6 p.m. Pre-sale tickets for "Sleigh Ride" are \$25 and can be purchased at the Shafter High School auditorium from 6 to 8 p.m. Tickets are \$30 at the door the day of the performance. For more information, call 661-240-5924.

Let the Christmas festivities begin

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Orange Heart Foundation and the Rose Festival Group will present a Christmas parade, vendor fair and tree lighting on December 3. It will be full of enjoyment and fun for the whole family.

"It is just really exciting to bring it back the 2nd year. We thank our partners, Wasco High School and the City of Wasco. Nothing happens without them. We are thrilled to be able to do it again," Rose Festival Group member Sharon Sharp said.

The festivities kick off the holiday season.

"It's amazing and sets the tempo going from Thanksgiving to Christmas. It's a good time to get it going," RFG member Juan Gallardo said.

Sharp added, "This marks the first Christmas celebration in Wasco."

There are five Rose Festival Group members in addition to Gallardo and Sharp. Traci Mills-Clendenen, Camilo Vasquez and Orquidea Ocampo make up the rest of the team.

"A group of us came together and responded to the community's demand. We said let's do it," Sharp said.

The festivities will begin at 4 pm with a vendor fair at Seventh Street and Poplar Avenue. There will be original arts & crafts, holiday decorations, delicious food, drinks and treats.

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At 6 pm, the Wasco Christmas Parade will travel down Seventh Street beginning at Broadway Street.

"Last year, we had 26 entries registered and a total of 481 participants, which was wonderful. This year, I absolutely believe we will exceed that. We already have 327 participants registered," Sharp said.

The WHS marching band, first responders from the Kern County Fire Department, Wasco State Prison color guard, Cruzin' Oldies Car Club, the wrestling club and cheerleaders, to name a few, will join the parade.

Various churches and schools will participate, like Palm Avenue Middle School, John L. Prueitt Elementary School, and Karl F. Clemens Elementary School.

Miss Wasco Rose Queen Ensley Mehlberg and eight Ms. Kern County Pageant queens will also attend.

"Little girls always love seeing the queens," Sharp said.

Mayor Gilberto Reyna and members of the City Council will ride in the old fire engine as they traditionally do with Santa Claus riding along.

A highlight will be the golf cars.

"There will be about 12, all decorated in garland and Christmas tree lights," Sharp said. "That's always fun."

Community members get to the parade early.

"It's neat to see some people put their blankets and chairs out hours before," Gallardo said. "They like catching up with friends as they walk by."

The lighting of the Christmas tree will begin at 7:15 pm. It will take place in front of the historic Wasco High School Auditorium.

"Having it in front is a gift itself; it's the pinnacle of Wasco because it's been there for 100 years," Gallardo said.

The tree is 26 feet tall. It came from Oregon and was flown out with a helicopter.

Following the tree lighting, the block party will continue until 9 pm.

"It is a time of giving, sharing food and spending time with one another," Gallardo said. "We do it for Wasco."

He added that the planning committee is working hard to make it special for the city.

"Everybody is invited, even people from Bakersfield, Shafter, Delano and McFarland. "Everyone is welcome to come to be a part of the celebration," Sharp said.

Volunteers are still needed, and those interested can email Volunteers.WascoRF@gmail.com.

Parade on tap for Friday

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Lions Club will be holding their annual Shafter Christmas Parade on Friday December 3 at Mannel Park. The event will begin at 4:30p.m., with a Bounce House, food, music, and other activities for the kids. There will also be a Christmas Tree raffle. At 6:30p.m., the Christmas Parade will take center stage, full of floats, cars, trucks, and of course, a visit from Old St. Nick.

At 7:30p.m, the festivities at the park will continue, with the addition of Santa Claus, who will be there to take pictures with kids, young and old. Come join the fun and celebrate this Christmas season with an event full of fun and fellowship.

Santa landing in Shafter on Saturday

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Minter Field Air Museum will be getting a special visitor on Saturday morning, and they are preparing for the VIP.

Santa Claus will be landing at Minter Field in an airplane, giving his reindeer a

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rest, as they prepare for the long trek on New Year's Eve. Santa will be accompanied by Mrs. Claus and will be handing out stuffed animals to all children attending the event.

The stuffed animals are courtesy of Pets Smart on Ming Avenue in Bakersfield.

According to Minter Field Air Museum President Ronald Pierce, the event will include gifts for all of the kids, as well as refreshments available for those visiting the North Pole resident.

The event will be held from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., with Santa scheduled to touch down at Minter Field at 11 a.m.

Attendees are encouraged to arrive early enough to get a good vantage point for the arrival, as well as being toward the front of the line waiting to talk with Santa Claus.

Campaign to feed the needy

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Due to the pandemic, rising costs of living and other factors, hunger in areas such as Wasco is a challenge for some residents.

One young man, Joshua Cooley, is spearheading an initiative to address this problem.

Cooley is a Wasco High School senior and part of the Wonderful AG Prep Student Leadership Club. He is the activities and community coordinator for the club.

For several years, he has played an instrumental role in launching and executing a holiday food drive for the needy. Once again, he is asking for donations from the community.

"We hope to collect as many canned foods as possible and other essential items like hygiene and toiletry products, as well as socks, pajamas, scarfs and gently used jackets," Cooley said.

"We have done these drives for a few years now but not to the magnitude we ex-

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pect this year."

This year the club will distribute 150 food boxes to anyone that needs the help, on a first-come, first-serve basis.

He said the intention is to help those struggling to meet their financial needs. "It will benefit the needy by relieving some pressure of food insecurity and a need for basic essentials," he said.

Cooley believes together we can make a difference.

"We hope to gain this from the campaign, and we can do it by supporting one another and being there for each other during this holiday season."

He said these efforts are also a response to the recent violence in Wasco.

"The goal is to unite the community during these hard times within Wasco. It will just be nice to have some peace."

Cooley said the club's purpose is to train students to be outstanding leaders by

putting them in real-world situations and showing them how to communicate and work with community members.

There are almost 300 students that participate in the club, ranging from freshmen to seniors.

The campaign involves the whole Wonderful education program.

"None of this could be possible without our amazing team," Cooley said.

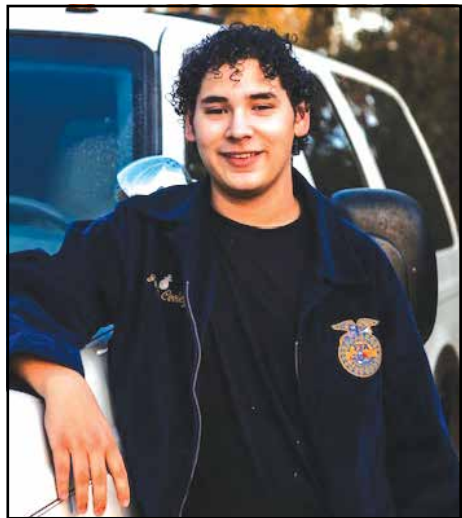
The club officers are President Emily Molehauer, Vice President Jhoana Martinez, Secretary Luvia Lopez, Publicity Manager Juana Martinez and Treasurer Esperanza Nieto.

"We also have an incredible club advisor, Ian Hunter."

Cooley added that they are looking forward to another successful year.

"Our mission is to change one life at a time and leave a legacy behind," he said.

The collection period will end on Monday, Dec. 12, and distribution will occur on Monday, Dec. 19, from 1 to 5 p.m. at the



Joshua Cooley is passionate about serving the community. (Photos courtesy of Joshua Cooley)

Wasco High School bus loading zone on the corner of Palm Avenue and 7th Street.

To make a donation, drop off the items at WHS or have them picked up. Contact Ian Hunter at 661-477-8340 to schedule either. For more information, email wonderfulaplc@gmail.com.

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Eliana Gonzales gets a takedown in her first match.

Wrestling tournament draws 160 competitors

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church held their annual Takedown Tournament recently, drawing 160 competitors, the largest field in the tournament’s history. Pastor Pat Coyle, along with a team of volunteers, put on the tournament, the season-opening event for most of the wrestlers. The tournament is affiliated with the Kern County Youth Wrestling Association, helping it draw wrestlers from all over the county and the Central Valley. Wrestlers came from as far as Selma, Fresno and Clovis, as well as most of Kern County. The local youth wrestling team, the Shafter Spartans, had 13 wrestlers competing in the event, with several placing in the top five in their weight divisions. According to Pastor Coyle, the tournament is especially good for novice wrestlers, helping them get accustomed to a tournament atmosphere and what to expect

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as the tournament season progresses. Coyle runs a wrestling camp every summer, attracting a large number of beginning wrestlers, teaching them basic technique and moves. Coyle sees a lot of the kids that go through his camp competing later in tournaments, which gives him great satisfaction. The Shafter wrestlers that finished in the top five were: Natalie Salinas – 1st place Nehemiah Salcido – 1st place Matthew Cortes – 1st place Brianna Jimenez – 1st place Angel Leon – 1st place Jayleen Jimenez – 1st place Aleena Leon – 3rd place Navian Jimenez – 3rd place Eliana Gonzalez– 3rd place Skylar Smith finished in 6th place and Jayleen Ibarra finished in 9 th place. Medals were awarded for the top finishers.



Natalie Salinas scores a takedown in her match.

Initiation highlights PEO meeting

BARBARA WARE
PEO

The local chapter of PEO recently gathered for an afternoon tea at the home of Carol Olsen. The meeting was conducted by Judy Proffitt, recently installed as president, assisted by her board members and committee chairs.

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Highlights of the meeting included the ceremony of initiation of two new members, Judy Myers and Anna Balentine. Karen Holtermann presented an informative and enlightening presentation entitled “The Gleaming American Flag” which included a lesson in the proper way to fold a flag. The program was in keeping with the current theme “Free to Sparkle” and in honor of Veterans’ Day. The main purpose of PEO is to provide encouragement and support to help women realize their potential primarily through education. The group is involved in a number of projects and fundraisers to generate funds for scholarships and awards. But this year a unique project has been undertaken by the local JT chapter to provide outreach to the community. Member Tina Newman connected the members with clients at CSO (Community Support Options) through a letter



New board members: Guard- Barbara Ware, Chaplain- Karen Holtermann, Treasurer- Priscilla Neufeld, Vice President- Nancy Neufeld, President- Judy Proffitt, Recording Secretary- Cheryl Woody.

exchange similar to pen pals. Tina, Program Specialist at CSO, had the clients write letters to PEO members. The project allowed the clients to connect with other adults in the community as well as practice communication skills. They also learned the correct forms of letter writing and how to ad-

dress envelopes. PEO members sent cards and letters in return... a mutually rewarding experience for all. Next month the members will have a holiday auction and fundraiser and will host the annual Christmas party for friends and family.



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Shafter's varsity coaching staff includes, back row, Derric Kirschenmann, Jaden Pierucci, Chase Mears, Sean Lozano, Lio Maino, Adam Clayton, Zach Clayton, Nathan DeJager, Fortino Valdivia, Roger Patterson, Acie George, Panch Marquez. Front row: Jerald Pierucci, Sal Maino

Generals win crown 1st time in 65 years – move to regionals

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possession, taking an interception of Osborn into the endzone for a pick-6, making the score 35-14.

But, these Generals, although one of the youngest varsity teams in school history, showed a strength that belies that youth. Coach Jerald Pierucci said that he credits the unity of this team, the chemistry between the players, for their ability to pull close games out throughout the season. "These guys really like each other. They hang out, on and off the field. This unity is a big reason for their success." This strength showed as the Generals came back to cut the score to 35-21 on their next possession, with Osborn connecting with Jesse Bernal on a 10-yard touchdown play. The Shafter defense, which had trouble

earlier in the game stopping the Blue Raiders, put on a show for the remainder of the game, thwarting drive after drive from the Caruthers offense.

After stopping the Blue Raiders, Osborn hooked up with Maryon Sloan on a 63 touchdown pass, making the score 35-28. After another outstanding series by the Generals' defense, forcing a punt from Caruthers, Rhodes scored on a short touchdown run, tying the score at 35-35.

With Caruthers looking to mount a drive, the Shafter defense came up big once again, as they recovered an errant snap in the end zone, stopping the drive. The Generals took the lead after Osborn connected with Sloan on a long pass play, giving the Generals the ball deep in Blue Raider territory. The drive resulted in a 25-yard field goal by Ernesto

Guererro, making the score 38-35. Guerrero added a 20-yard field goal, widening the lead to 41-35 with a minute left in the game. The Generals' defense finished the job, denying the Caruthers' offense again, giving the ball back to the Shafter offense, who were able to run out the clock, giving the Generals their first Valley championship in 55 years.

Rightt after the game, Pierrucci said, "So many teams would have quit after getting down by 21, but you guys came back, you didn't give up. I am proud of you guys."

Fans packed the Shafter side, with standing room only. "This was one of the best games I've ever watched," said fan Emelio Segura. "I played over 25 years ago, and I never thought that I would be able to see us playing for a Valley title. This is awesome!" It was an outstanding performance on



Koa Rhodes goes in for a score.

both sides of the ball for the Generals, with the defense coming up big when it counted, and an offense that racked up 670 total yards. The Generals will now compete in the Regional Playoffs, with a state title on the line for the last two teams standing.



Generals are Valley Champs.

Once a General, Always a General

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Mayor Cathy Prout congratulated the team on their success, as well as Shafter Recreation District Manager Philip Jimenez, who said, "Congratulations team, we are so proud of you! Champs Baby!"

The team overcame three one point losses in league play, as well as a devastating loss to rival Wasco to end the regular season. But, the squad never hung their heads and kept working, starting the playoffs without their leading rusher, who didn't get back in action until the championship game. The

other backs, receivers, and linemen stepped up their game, working as one unit, facing every obstacle head-on. Then, being down by 21 points in the title game, the team took the challenge and came all the way back, stunning the home team, giving their faithful fans that had packed the stands a moment that they will never forget. Thank you Generals for an amazing journey, which still continues this Saturday at Walnut High School. Walnut High School won the Southern Section Division 11 championship, going 11-3 for the season.

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Communication is key

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There is a key that will open many doors, like opening the way to new friends, a better marriage, helping your children and better work relationships. This is a key that everyone has, but it works better or worse for different people. Communication is the key. Everyone knows that life is ongoing communication. What is overlooked is that good and God-honoring communication is a skill that needs to be developed according to Biblical wisdom. The difference between wise righteous speech and wicked foolish speech are as night and day (Proverbs 10:31-32). The goal of Christian speech is to be wise with our words so that we communicate clearly, truthfully and edifyingly, representing the love and grace of Jesus Christ.

Speak truth. Honesty is still at a pre-

mium in our society, vital in our close relationships, and a direct command in the Bible (Col 3:9). Honesty will always be the best policy as we seek to use our words in ways that are pleasing to God (Proverbs 12:22). Nothing but dire consequences and heartache come from telling a lie (Proverbs 13:5). The righteous avoid, at all costs, speaking falsehoods. If you instantly want your close relationships to improve, start by being a truth teller; even when it is hard, speak the truth in love (Eph 4:15).

Speak to edify. The destructive power of speech is often on display in society as words are used as weapons to hurt and to tear others down (Proverbs 12:18). Christians aim to speak in a way that will build others up, not to tear anyone down; especially brothers and sisters in Christ, as our words can help build their faith and advance their maturity in the Lord (Eph-

sians 4:13-16, 29; 1 Thessalonians 5:11).

Speak to engage. Communication involves active involvement. One should listen first, determine what is appropriate to say, and then speak it persuasively for a quality conversation (Proverbs 18:13; James 1:19b). Words spoken in unengaging ways will have little impact (Ecclesiastes 6:11; 10:14). Wise speech means delivering our words in winsome ways. We want what we are saying to be heard, accepted, and to have a positive edifying impact. Our aim is edifying persuasion, telling the truth, and presenting our point with the well-being of the other person in mind (Proverbs 15:2; 16:23-24; 25:11).

Restrain speech. Restraint in speech is not something our culture or society values today, and this has been detrimental to all. Speech can be inappropriate, vulgar, demeaning, unhelpful, unnecessary, and unclear. The practice of saying every word,

thought, feeling, or new tidbit of news that pops into one's head will lead to ruin (Proverbs 10:19; 13:3; 17:28). Since we are held accountable by God for every word we speak, we must focus on quality over quantity, applying great care to our word selection (Matthew 12:36; James 3). There is much wisdom in stating your point, not saying too much and moving on. Christians are wise in not multiplying words, but rather choosing the best words so that others will value what you say at a premium (Proverbs 10:20; 15:23).

Share Wisdom. The most important words we can speak into the lives of others are truthful, wise, and gracious words. We continue to increase our storehouse of wisdom by regularly studying God's Word (Psalms 1:2; Proverbs 10:13-14). Let us be such Christians, wise in every word that we chose to speak (Psalms 19:14).

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

TSG No.: 220421350-CA-MSI TS No.: CA2200287581 APN: 026-102-16-00 Property Address: 159 RICHLAND DR SHAFTER, CA 93263 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 05/02/2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 01/04/2023 at 10:00 A.M., First American Title Insurance Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 05/04/2006, as Instrument No. 0206110466, in book , page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of KERN County, State of California. Executed by: PETE ALLEN DELUNA AND MARY DELUNA, SINGLE, UNMARRIED, 07/R/S, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/ CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) On the front steps of the City Hall South building at 1501 Truxtun Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93301 All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as:AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 026-102-16-00 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 159 RICHLAND DR, SHAFTER, CA 93263 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or war-

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PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER:
BCV-22 102187

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner: Aziah Lostaunau, Joshua Mejia filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name Xavier Andrew Mejia Proposed Name Xavier Andrew Mejia-Lostaunau 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: 12/12/22 Time: 8:30 AM Dept: L b. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF, 1215 TRUXTUN AVENUE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301 3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Shafter Press Date: 09/01/2022 /s/Gina Cervantes COMMISSIONER OF THE SUPERIOR COURT Publish Shafter Press November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 2022

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7000 Hooper Ave Bakersfield, CA 93308 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 7000 Hooper Ave Bakersfield, CA 93308 Taylor Zachary Bullard 7000 Hooper Ave Bakersfield, CA 93308 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/Taylor Zachary Bullard Date Statement Filed: 10/25/2022 Date Statement Expires: 10/25/2027 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Hernandez Publish Shafter Press November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE
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7708 Jensen Ave Bakersfield, CA 93308 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 7708 Jensen Ave Bakersfield, CA 93308 Juan Raul Trevino 7708 Jensen Ave Bakersfield, CA 93308 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/Juan Raul Trevino Date Statement Filed: 11/09/2022 Date Statement Expires: 11/09/2027 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: A Goodwin Publish Shafter Press November 17, 24, December 1, 8, 2022

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
All Credit Mortgage
2022-B7561

7702 Meany Ave Suite #104 Bakersfield, CA 93308 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 7207 Tallywood Dr Bakersfield, CA 93312 Johnny Iturriria Inc. 7207 Tallywood Dr Bakersfield, CA 93312 State of Incorporation or Organization: CA The business is conducted by: Corporation 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/Johanny Iturriria, President Date Statement Filed: 11/16/2022 Date Statement Expires: 11/16/2027 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: P Del Villar Publish Shafter Press November 24, December 1, 8, 15, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE
Statement of Abandonment Of All Credit Mortgage

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Original FBN Statement Filed on: 11/15/2022 This statement of Abandonment filed on: 11/16/2022 Mary B. Bedard, CPA Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/P Del Villar, Deputy Publish Shafter Press November 24, December 1, 8, 15, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE
ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER:
SCV-22-000027

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner: Josue Angel Morales filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name Josue Angel Morales Proposed Name Josue Angel Ruelas 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: 01/13/2023 Time: 8:30 AM Dept: B b. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF, 325 Central Valley Hwy, Shafter, CA 93263 3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Shafter Press Date: 11/10/22 /s/Marcos R. Camacho Judge of the Superior Court Publish Shafter Press November 24, December 1, 8, 15, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
JMS Composites
2022-B7613

608 Aviation Street Shafter, CA 93263 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 13502 Scaffell Pike St Bakersfield, CA 93314 Jason Martin Skiby 13502 Scaffell Pike St Bakersfield, CA 93314 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: 11/18/2022 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/Jason Martin Skiby Date Statement Filed: 11/18/2022 Date Statement Expires: 11/18/2027 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: A Goodwin Publish Shafter Press December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2022

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Statement of Abandonment Of JMS Aviation Services

13502 Scaffell Pike St. Bakersfield, CA 93314 County: KERN Mailing address of business: 13502 Scaffell Pike St. Bakersfield, CA 93314 Jason Martin Skiby 13502 Scaffell Pike St. Bakersfield, CA 93314 I declare that all 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: Individual /s/Jason Skiby, JMS Aviation Services Original FBN Statement File Number: 2022-B5454 Original FBN Statement Filed on: 08/05/2022 This statement of Abandonment filed on: 11/18/2022 Mary B. Bedard, CPA Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/A Goodwin, Deputy Publish Shafter Press December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE
Cawelo Water District
RESOLUTION NO. 708

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF CAWELO WATER DISTRICT ADOPTING BUDGET FOR YEAR 2023 AND FIXING AND LEVYING STANDBY CHARGES AND FIXING WATER TOLLS FOR 2023 AND PROVIDING FOR PENALTY AND INTEREST CHARGE ON ALL DELINQUENT STANDBY CHARGES AND WATER TOLLS

WHEREAS, this Board finds and determines that it is necessary and in the best interests of the Cawelo Water District ("District") at this time for the District to adopt its budget for the year 2023 and fix and levy 2023 Standby Charges and Water Tolls and collect the same, all as set forth following:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Cawelo Water District hereby adopts the District's Budget for the year 2023 so as to obtain the sum of \$37,714,653 for discharging all District obligations for said year, of which amount there shall be obtained from Standby Charges the total sum of \$13,452,353.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of Directors of Cawelo Water District hereby fixes and levies Standby Charges at the rates fixed at \$451.20 per acre in the Northern Service Area of the District, \$373.80 per acre in the Southern Service Area of the District, \$339.60 per acre in the Lerdo Canal Service Area of the District, and \$415.20 per acre in the Western Service Area of the District. Standby Charges consist of a \$255.00 per acre dry charge and water tolls at rates of \$109.00 per acre foot in the North Service Area, \$66.00 per acre foot in the South Service Area, \$47.00 per acre foot in the Lerdo Canal Service Area, and \$89.00 per acre foot in the Western Service Area.

Payment of billed Standby Charges at the aforementioned per acre rates shall entitle the Landowner to first priority for 1.8 acre feet of District water per acre, or prorated on an acreage basis in case of shortage of either water or capacity.

Standby Charges in the respective service areas shall be so levied and collected whether the District can supply the full 1.8 acre feet of priority water delivery to the respective Landowners, or whether, instead, there must be a pro rata per acre reduction in such delivery because of shortage of water or delivery capacity.

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that District water available in the year 2023 in addition to said 1.8 acre feet of water per acre allocated in said four service areas shall be ordered, prorated, delivered, used, charged for and collected for, all as provided by applicable law and the District's rules and regulations for the sale and distribution of water.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that notice of the fixing and levying of 2023 Standby Charges and Water Tolls by this resolution shall be published by the Assessor of this District in accordance with **California Water Code Section 36826**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a ten percent (10%) penalty shall be added to all Standby Charges and Water Tolls which become delinquent, and that the delinquent charges and penalties shall bear interest at the rate of one and one-half percent (1-1/2%) per month.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of Cawelo Water District this 10th day of November 2022, by the following roll call vote:

AYES: 3 (Watkins, Gaugel, Birch)

NOES:

ABSENT: 2 (Smith, Robbins)

ABSTAIN:

Keith Watkins

Keith Watkins, District President

Cawelo Water District

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

John Gaugel

John Gaugel, District Secretary

Cawelo Water District

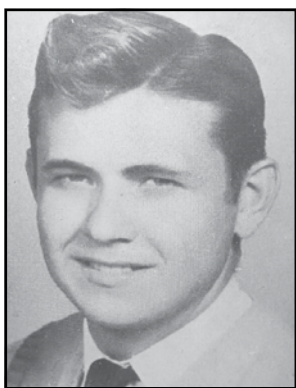
Publish Shafter Press November 24, December 1, 2022

OBITUARIES

Charles Loyd Guyton

Charles Loyd Guyton was the son of William Archie and Beatrice Flanagan Guyton. Due to his mother's untimely death when he was 28 days old, he was raised by his maternal grandparents, James Alexander and Nettie Flanagan, in Queen City, Texas, on a small farm.

Guyton graduated from Queen City High School in 1952. His paternal grandparents were Henry Grady



Guyton and Freda A. Harden.

He was preceded in death by his parents, grandparents and half-sister Janet G. Dial.

In 1955, Charles came to Wasco, to see his dad and stepmother, Cora Guyton. He was drafted into the Army in 1956, and retired as a master sergeant in 1984. He had tours of duty in Japan, Germany and Korea (twice). He was also stationed at Fort Carson, Colo., and Fort Ord, Calif.

In 1959, he married

Laurie Franklin of Wasco. After his retirement, they moved back to Wasco. They became members of the First United Methodist Church. Charles met high school tennis coaches Frank Thiessen and Joe Hively, and volunteered to help them, which included a year as coach of the girls team. He also gave private tennis lessons to children and adults until he was 77 years old.

On March 20, 2014,

Charles was especially proud and honored to be inducted into the Wasco Union High School Athletic Hall of Fame for his contribution to their tennis teams.

Charles is survived by his beloved wife, Laurie Guyton; their sons, Miles (Helen), Scott (Elaine) and Peter (Tara); grandchildren Shelley, Marissa, Ryan, Brennan, Deanna (Memis), Marilyn (Memis), Johnathan and Jeramiah.

The family acknowl-

edges and thanks Hoffmann Hospice for the care and comfort that they provided to Charles.

In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Charles L. Guyton's memory to Hoffmann Hospice at hoffmannhospice.org, or to a charity of your choice.

Services will be held at Peters Funeral Home, 1401 7th St., on Dec. 10 at 1 p.m., followed by inurnment at Wasco Cemetery at 2 p.m.

Louise Spears Patterson June 21, 1929 – Nov. 17, 2022

Louise Spears Patterson was born in Hervey, Ark., on June 21, 1929, to parents Hugh and Armittee Spears. Her early life was spent living on the family farm along with her 12 siblings. She had many fond memories of riding to church and town in their horse-drawn wagon.



Louise and Junior Patterson were married Dec. 7, 1946, in Hempstead, Ark. They moved their family to Shafter in 1950, where they both sought work on local farms. Over the years, they had six children.

In 1962, they purchased their own farm adjacent to the Shafter Cemetery. They raised cotton and, eventually, almonds.

Louise liked to farm and

garden, and enjoyed looking at her beautiful flowers. She loved to listen to country and old-time gospel music. She was a proud member of the American Legion Auxiliary. She loved to play skip-bo and dominoes and take trips to the casinos. She loved being surrounded by her big, beautiful family.

Louise passed away on Nov. 17, 2022. Louise was

preceded in death by her parents; her husband of 54 years; her 12 siblings; her daughter, Nelda Patrick; her granddaughters, Carol Smith and Stacy Estrada; her grandson, Joshua Scoggins; and great-grandson, Jeffrey Guenther.

She is survived by her children Kathryn Oshel, Jackie Melville, Bobby (Brenda) Patterson, Roger (Machalle) Patterson and

Melinda (Ronald) Cash; her grandchildren, Heath Scoggins, Cari Josue, Bobby Patterson, Jr., Penny Arviso, Jason Patterson, Roger Patterson, Jr., Brandon Patterson, Tiffany Cash, Amy Cash, Ashley Cash and Christa Cash; and 19 great-grandchildren.

Funeral service will be held at Peter's Funeral Home in Shafter on Dec. 3, at 1 p.m.

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Annual WHS girl flag football game returns

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Wasco High School will host their annual powder puff fundraiser on Thursday, December 8, at 7 pm. It promises to be a spirited celebration full of excitement and friendly rivalry.

“The event has been going on for as long as I can remember. I played back in 2002. I know my mom played back in the 80’s. It’s a fun tradition that has been around for many years,” class of 2023 advisor Amanda Rodriguez said.

The tradition of powder puff games was created in the 1940’s as women began filling in to play football games while men were gone fighting World War II. Generations later, it became a high school tradition and, over time, became what we know it as today.

The game of flag football will consist of junior and senior girls going head-to-head against each other. Approximately 80 girls for each class participate.

“It’s just like a regular football game but without the tackling,” Rodriguez said.

A unique component is that there will be almost 30 junior and senior boys cheerleading for the players. They will perform their show-stopping dance routine at the rally before the game.

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Rodriguez said the cheerleaders love coming out and having the best time.

There will be three senior football players coaching the girls, and there will also be professional referees.

An MVP for each team will be announced, and a powder puff prince and powder puff king will be crowned.

Rodriguez said it is a rivalry and both teams always want to win, but it is always a friendly game.

“All of the girl players and boy cheerleaders really get into the spirit to make the night special for all spectators,” Rodriguez said.

Any junior or senior girl can play.

“You don’t have to have a certain GPA or experience playing a sport,” Rodriguez said.

She added that they get all kinds of girls involved in the game.

“We get girls from all walks of life wanting to play. They want to be a part of something big. Those in their senior year get to go out with a bang.”

Rodriguez said it’s great to see these girls as amazing athletes in different settings.



The junior and senior boys cheerleaders for the 2021 game showed their school spirit. (photos courtesy of Amanda Rodriguez)

The players get a jersey and something they get to have forever.

It is a fundraiser, and tickets for adults and children are only \$3. There will also be a stacked concession stand with all the crowd favorites.

The money raised will be split between the juniors and seniors, with the senior funds to be used to support their class trip to the Six Flags amusement park for graduation night. The juniors will save their portion of the funds for their senior year.

With the money left over, the teams try to do what’s been done in the past and leave a class present.

“In 2011, they gifted a tiger statue, and the class of 2017 donated colorful tiger-themed flags on the light poles you can see in the parking lot,” Rodriguez said. “We want to leave something behind so the school can remember us by.”

Rodriguez said the game shows not only school spirit but town spirit as well, with the community coming to participate in the festivities.

“Everyone is invited to come out to see these incredible girls showcase their athletic talent while supporting the juniors and seniors so they can go on their senior class trip.”

OBITUARIES

A D Smith
Nov. 20, 1932 –
Nov. 21, 2022

A D Smith of Shafter was born on Nov. 20, 1932, and joined his wife and baby son in heaven one day after his 90th birthday on Nov. 21, 2022.

Smith, surnamed James David Rogers, was adopted and went to live with his new parents, John and Lil-lie Mae Smith, in Tippah County, Miss., as a small boy. His new parents named him A D Smith.

Smith grew up in Tippah County, where he learned farming and hard work. As a young man, he joined the Army and served his coun-try faithfully and was proud of his veteran status. After his discharge, he and his family lived in California, where he met his wife, Ina Mae Smith.

A D and Ina were married 57 years at her passing in 2018. He never stopped missing his “pumpkin” and talked to her in his dreams until his death.

Upon his marriage to Ina Mae, he inherited two children: Ruben Ray Clin-gan and Mary Diane Giv-ens (Clingan). Through the years he became lovingly



known by his new family as “Pop.” A D and Ina Mae had one son together, Jesse Carr Smith, who was born in 1961 but only lived four days before his passing on to Heaven.

Through the years A D would see his family grow to five grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren and one great great grand-daughter, Alice Rodriguez, born in 2022. He loved his grandchildren more than anything! He and Ina Mae could always be seen at ball games or at home play-ing dominoes with any of them that came and visited.

The grandkids knew that at Grandpa’s house they would get lots of treats and have a blast!

After Ina Mae’s passing, A D lived independently at



his little ranch house out-side of Shafter. He was the garden/mowing/watering king.

At one point he had three garden lawnmower tractors, two sheds full of tools, seeds, weed eaters, shovels, rakes, water hoses and much more. He loved being outside taking care of the flowers and yard. When the work of the day was ended, you would find him on his porch sitting in his chair near the hummingbird feeder watching his favorite hummingbird come to eat, or talking with his neigh-bors.

In early 2022, A D had to make the hard transition from independence to his new home at Carrington of Shafter. Once there he in-sisted that they knew noth-



ing about watering plants and taking care of a garden so he was given the job of making sure the plants and garden never lacked for water and tender care. You would find him outside ev-ery day taking care of the things he loved and then sit-ting on his new front porch talking to his new friends or just enjoying the sunshine.

At Carrington, A D gained the love of many, and it was evident in the last days of his life as each would come by even if not working to check on him. He was opinionated and didn’t mind telling the girls up front how they should do things. But Alicia, Brittney, Amanda, Teresa and “that boy” Shawn never let him get the best of them. They always knew how to get

Grandpa or Dad as they called him fired up, and they would have a good laugh. Many times you would find him with the caretakers playing checkers or just having a chit-chat.

“Pop” A D’s favorite pastime of all was going out to eat. He especially enjoyed going to China Cui-sine, where he and his wife spent a lot of time before her passing telling Scotty about their latest adventure in Lemoore. Scotty, Joy, Stephanie and Jeffrey were their extended family, and to the end they would al-ways send him home with a little extra soup or a little pie. They would say “we want him to eat.”

Smith is survived by his daughter Diane Givens (Tony) and son Ruben Clin-gan (Debbie); granddaugh-ters Rebecca Miller (Roy), Candie Springer (Steve) and grandson Chad Givens (Venessa); granddaughters Amber Tracy (Carl Robin-son) and Heather Eldredge (Justin); 15 great-grand-children; and 1 great great granddaughter, brother in law Leeman Parker (Oli Mae) and many nieces, nephews and friends.

Services were held Nov. 26 and military internment will be Friday, Dec. 2, at 10 a.m. at Bakersfield Na-tional Cemetery. Peters Fu-neral Home, Shafter, was in charge of the service and Pastor Jim Glasco offici-ated.

We want to say a special thank you to Rick for helping us with all the preparations and Pastor Jim for coming by and visiting “Pop” and praying with him.

The family would like to thank the managers, caretakers and workers at Carrington of Shafter. Es-pecially Alicia, Brittany, Teresa, Amanda, Desiree, Matilde, Delores, Kimber-ly, Victoria, Julian and Elsie (lashes). We appreciate the love, friendship and care that you showed our “Pop.” And, of course, to Scotty, Joy, Jeffrey and Step-hanie, we say thank you for always treating our “Pop” like family; we love you! To all who sent cards, flowers, made food and especially prayed, we thank you and say God Bless.

“Pop” A D will be missed but now he is enjoy-ing Heaven’s Garden with his sweetheart and son. Matthew 9:7: “He got up and went home.”

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of:
Wilma Jean Kyle aka Wilma J Kyle aka Wilma Kyle
Case Number: BPB-22-003188

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Wilma Jean Kyle, Wilma J. Kyle, Wilma Kyle

2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Katrina Leigh Wilson in the Superior Court of California, County of Kern

3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Katrina Leigh Wilson be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

4. The petition requests the decedent’s will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

5. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Es-tates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the per-sonal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration au-thority will be granted unless an in-terested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

a. Date: February 9, 2023 Time: 8:30am Dept.: J1

b. Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Kern, 2100 College Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93305. Juvenile Justice Center

7. If you object to the granting of the petition you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representa-tive appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from

the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person in-terested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

10. Petitioner: Katrina Leigh Wilson 4215 Kaytlin Ave Bakersfield, CA 93313 661-303-0607 Publish Wasco Tribune December 1, 8, 15, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of:
Gertrude Mullins
Case Number: BPB-22-003211

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Gertrude Mullins

2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Angela Mullins in the Superi-or Court of California, County of Kern

3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Angela Mullins be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

5. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Es-tates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the per-sonal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration au-thority will be granted unless an in-terested person files an objection to

the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

a. Date: 03/23/2023 Time: 8:30AM Dept.: J-1

b. Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Kern, 1415 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA, Probate Court

7. If you object to the granting of the petition you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representa-tive appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal deliv-ery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person in-terested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

10. Attorney for petitioner: Philip M. Flanigan 4082 N. Cedar Ave., Ste. 104 Fresno, CA 93726 559-435-0455 Publish Wasco Tribune December 1, 8, 15, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
Boot City
2022-B7404

441 F St. Wasco, CA 93280 County: Kern Mailing address of business:

441 F St. Wasco, CA 93280 Mario Aguilar 30376 Orange St. Shafter, CA 93263 The business is conducted by: Indi-vidual Date the business commenced: N/A A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this state-ment 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/Mario Aguilar Date Statement Filed: 11/07/2022 Date Statement Expires: 11/07/2027 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Hernandez Publish Wasco Tribune November 10, 17, 24, December 1, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
Los Gueros Taqueria
2022-B7485

11697 Rowlee Road Wasco, CA 93280 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 11697 Rowlee Road Wasco, CA 93280 J Jesus Huerta Cervantes 11697 Rowlee Road Wasco, C 93280 The business is conducted by: Indi-vidual Date the business commenced: N/A A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this state-ment 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/J Jesus Huerta Cervantes Date Statement Filed: 11/10/2022 Date Statement Expires: 11/10/2027 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: P Del Villar Publish Wasco Tribune November 17, 24, December 1, 8, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE
AMENDED ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: SCV-22-000025

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: Tara Shugart and Evan Johnson filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present Name
Jermaine Deon Shugart

Proposed Name
Jermaine Deon Johnson

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all per-sons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing in-dicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes de-scribed above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the pe-tition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING

a. Date: 01/20/2023 Time: 8:30 AM Dept: B

b. The address of the court is: SU-PERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF, 325 Central Valley Hwy, Shafter, CA 93263

3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hear-ing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Wasco Tribune Date: 11/15/22 /s/Marcos R. Camacho JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT Publish Wasco November 24, De-cember 1, 8, 15, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
Ambitious Designs
2022-B7651

2024 Poso Drive Wasco, CA 93280 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 2024 Poso Drive

Wasco, CA 93280 Ernie Sanchez 2024 Poso Drive Wasco, CA 93280 Patricia Sanchez 2024 Poso Drive Wasco, CA 93280 The business is conducted by: Mar-ried Couple Date the business commenced: N/A A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this state-ment does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Busi-ness Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or com-mon law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.) /s/Ernie Sanchez Date Statement Filed: 11/21/2022 Date Statement Expires: 11/21/2027 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: P Del Villar Publish Wasco Tribune December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
Golden Empire Home Inspections
2022-B7640

224 Industrial St McFarland, CA 93250 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 224 Industrial St McFarland, CA 93250 Robert Delira 224 Industrial St McFarland, CA 93250 The business is conducted by: Indi-vidual Date the business commenced: N/A A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this state-ment does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Busi-ness Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or com-mon law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.) /s/Robert Delira Date Statement Filed: 11/21/2022 Date Statement Expires: 11/21/2027 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: J Lozano Publish Wasco Tribune December 1, 8, 15, 22, 2022