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Manager Shakira Willis says that the Tin Cup is a coffeehouse and so much more.

More than a cup of Joe Tin Cup is truly local, in food and atmosphere

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Shafter may be a small city, but it boasts a local coffee shop that rivals any you might find in a city ten times its size. With a warm, unique atmosphere, locally roasted coffee, artistically swirled lattes, deliciously on-trend food offerings, live music and Americanos with enough crema to satisfy even the snobbiest of coffee snobs, Tin Cup is a place you want to be.

Located at the corner of Beech Avenue and Lerdo Highway, attached to the Ford Theater, Tin Cup is so much more than just a place for great coffee. Tin Cup opened in August 2017 when the previous proprietors, Covenant Coffee, gave up the space. Manager Shakira Willis said that the name Tin Cup brings to mind sitting by a campfire, with a warm tin cup of coffee in your hand. The décor matches that vision, with rustic wood tables, corrugated metal walls, and stools made out of antique seed hoppers. The food is even served in big tin dishes. It's a nod to simple country life, with coffee and food offerings for modern people.

With the transition to Tin Cup came an extensive (and cleverly named) food menu that includes sandwiches,

soups, breakfast items and fresh pastries made daily by Marcie Starrh. A customer favorite is the Okie Dokie Artichokie Salad, with mixed greens, feta, artichokes, onions, tomatoes, pepperoncinis and chipotle and ranch dressing. You could also try a Spicy Oinker Sandwich -- turkey, bacon, mixed greens and chipotle sauce on ciabatta bread. Or indulge in a current food trend and new item to the menu, one of the acai bowls, with fresh fruit and tasty toppings.

Tin Cup takes pride in using local growers and distributors where possible.

Owner Michelle Starrh said that business has been amazing since the transition and the community has really supported the business. They have a loyal following, as well as new customers daily. Willis shared, "We have our regular groups that come in, such as the Mennonite Church, who take up a big table, as well as the Shafter group that comes together every Saturday morning and brings their classic cars and has coffee and fellowship."

Tin Cup takes pride in using local growers and distributors where possible. They continue to use local roasters, Covenant Coffee. The pepper is produced locally, and the honey comes from local farmer Mike Mulligan. They also have partnered with Grimmway Academy of Shafter to grow all of the salad lettuces. "When the trouble came with the romaine lettuce being taken off shelves and off menus, it didn't affect us, because Grimmway actually grows our romaine in their edible garden," stated Willis. "We even named a side salad 'The Grimmway' in honor of them."

Tin Cup is open Monday through Friday 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on Saturdays from 7 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. If you just need that quick cup of coffee and maybe a Pesto Change-O Caprese Pannini to go, they also have a convenient drive-thru window. And free wi-fi makes it the perfect place for a lunch business meeting, or a spot to fuel up on caffeine, hunker down, and get some work done.

A corner of the space is marked for live performances and they have hosted music nights, highlighting local musicians who want a chance to showcase their talent.

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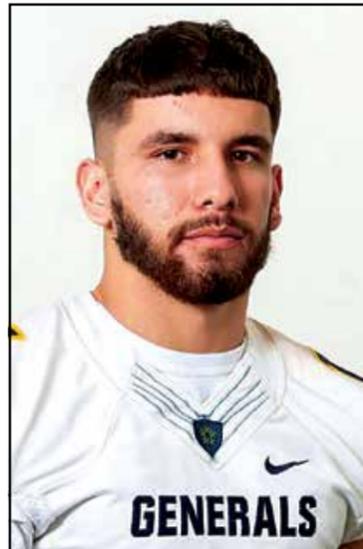
Generals on top of top team

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The BVarsity All Area Football Team was released recently, and the High Generals were well-represented in the list, taking spots on the All Area Offensive and Defensive teams

Alex Aguilar, who led the Generals to their most productive season in school history, was named the Offensive Player of the Year. Alex, the quarterback of the team that went undefeated until the Central Section Valley title game, ended the season with 3,436 yards passing and 1,178 yards, as well as 66 tackles on defense. Aguilar broke the county record for touchdowns in a season with 44 passing, 20 rushing, and one interception that he ran back for a touchdown, bringing his total to 65

touchdowns. Alex ended his football career at Shafter High as the top quarterback in Kern County history, at



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least by the numbers. According to Section historian Bob Barnett, Aguilar set career records with 140 total touchdowns. He had 88 touchdowns passing and

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Press on the web



The Shafter Press is now online, too.

TheShafterPress.com, a freshly designed web and mobile site including all the features of the print edition -- as well as some content exclusive to the web -- went live for

Christmas.

And we're looking for feedback on how to make it better. Readers are asked to email the publisher, Michael Schroeder, with any comments or ideas. His email is mschroeder@TheShafterPress.com

EDITOR'S NOTE | Jamie Stewart

To TJ, goodbye for now

I have had a really bad holiday season this year, one of the worst in a very long time. We had to put our dog down the day after Christmas. TJ was more than just a pet, but was a true member of our family, and I miss him so much already.

I remember first seeing TJ at the Wasco Animal Shelter, shy and timid, not jumping up and down like a lot of the dogs who were fighting for attention, looking for that new home. He

just looked at me with those big brown eyes, a little frightened and shaking a little bit. He was really quiet until we got out to the play yard. Once there, he perked up and by the time we left that play yard, he was ours.

It didn't take long for TJ to become a member of our family. He started out being an outside dog, but before too long, he had made it into the house, our hearts and our beds at nighttime. I remember our walks every day, sometimes



TJ was a member of the family.

two or three in a day, depending on my schedule. I remember him as I got off

work and headed home. He would be there scratching on the door, waiting for me to open it. He would than race to one of his toys and head to the back door, waiting for a little play session. He would then give me that look when we got back inside and that tail would curl up and twitch, his signal that he was ready for another walk.

Some people say that you really can't compare the loss of a dog to a human part of the family. I agree that it is a different loss, but it still doesn't ease the pain of it. The bond we had was a

special one and his love was an unconditional one. It was a love that was free of any baggage or conditions that a lot of love in this world comes with. It is a different kind of loss, but it still hurts you down to your soul.

I actually had to rewrite this editorial. I was halfway through the first attempt. Tears were flowing, and they were bitter, angry tears, wondering why this had happened, and also full of guilt. At the hospital they

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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.

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

Zumba -- 5:30 a.m. at the Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset 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

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.

Zumba -- 5:30 a.m. at 505 Sunset Ave.

WEDNESDAY

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.

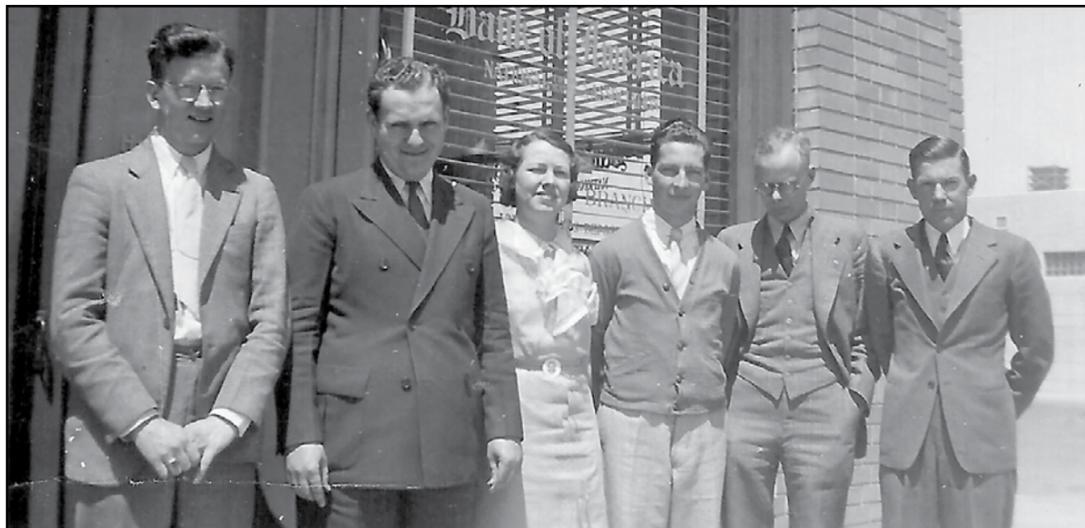
Shafter Collaborative -- Meets the third Wednesdays in the Shafter Police Department conference room at 9 a.m.

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

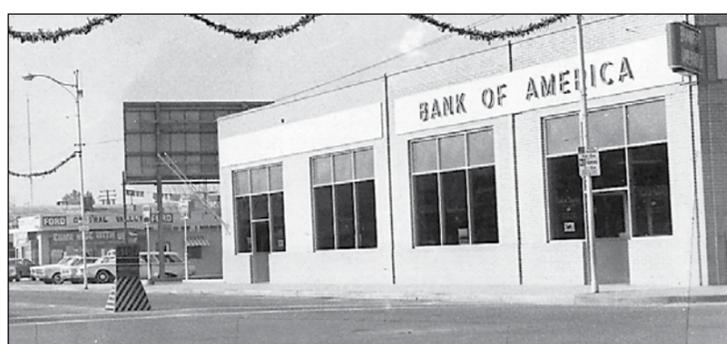
Lions --Shafter Lion's Club meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at China Cuisine Restaurant at 7 a.m.

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

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 mysteryphoto@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:** Christmas decorations downtown on Central Avenue in an undated photo.



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

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

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

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

Zumba -- 5:30 a.m. at Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset Ave

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

Zumba -- 5:30 a.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.

Minter Field Air Museum -- Open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tours on other days are by appointment. Call 661-393-0291 for more information. Admission is free.

Shafter Depot Museum -- Open every Saturday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tours on other days by appointment. For information call 661-746-4423. Admission free.

For updates of above notices or to submit additional information about a club, organization or meeting listed in this public service announcement call The Shafter Press at 661-292-5100, or email calendar@TheShafterPress.com.

PET OF THE WEEK



Hailey is a 1-year-old pit bull mix.

Hailey needs a home

Are you looking for someone to run with or even play with? Well, then I am your girl. My name is Hailey. I have been at the shelter since August. My shelter friends have listed me as pit bull mix weighing about 53 pounds and approximately 1 year old. I have passed my Safer test, and I am in search of a home. I'm a happy, bouncy, curious and energetic, and a friendly girl. I enjoy getting my belly rubbed. One thing about me is that I have never learned how to play with toys, and I need someone to teach me. I am located at the Shafter Animal Shelter. Please come and meet me, trust me, I won't disappoint.

More information from Shafter Animal Control is available on the website, shaftercritters.petfinder.com. Our website will answer many questions that you may have about adopting from us. We cannot recommend any dog as "good with children" since there is no way to be certain that they are safe for children. The age of the animal is an estimation that has been based on the knowledge and training of the shelter staff. If you have further questions you can email animalcontrol@shafter.com or call 661-746-2140.

ARREST REPORT

As reported by the Shafter Police Department.

Dec. 28

Reynaldo Catalan Vilalobos, 29, of Shafter, was arrested for violation of felony parole.

Juan Carlos Rios, 20, of Shafter, was arrested for second-degree burglary, possession of controlled substance and controlled substance paraphernalia.

Dec. 31

Nathan Alberto Quiñonez Loureiro, 22, of Shafter, was arrested on a misdemeanor bench warrant, outside agency warrant.

Jan 1

Omar Baustista Mora, 23, of Canyon Country, was arrested for driving

under the influence of alcohol and driving without a license.

Abraham Cervantes, 44, of Shafter, was arrested for obstruction of a public officer and disorderly conduct: alcohol.

Osvaldo Garcia, 21, was arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol.

Jan. 2

Eugene Rayvon Goodman III, 20, of Sacramento was arrested for bringing alcohol/drugs into a prison.

Jan. 3

John Paul Barriente, 20, of Shafter, was arrested for driving under the influence of drugs and avoiding basic speeding laws.

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Grimmway student honored

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A local third-grader has been selected to attend a national leadership forum this summer. Ezra Munoz, a fourth-generation Shafterite, is a student at Grimmway Academy in Shafter. He was nominated by his teacher, Adriana Salazar, because of his love of learning and leadership skills. He already reads at a high school level.

The National Youth Leadership Forum is an Envision program at Occidental College in Los Angeles. Salazar said that he was selected because Ezra "already demonstrates exceptional maturity, scholastic merit and

leadership potential at his young age."

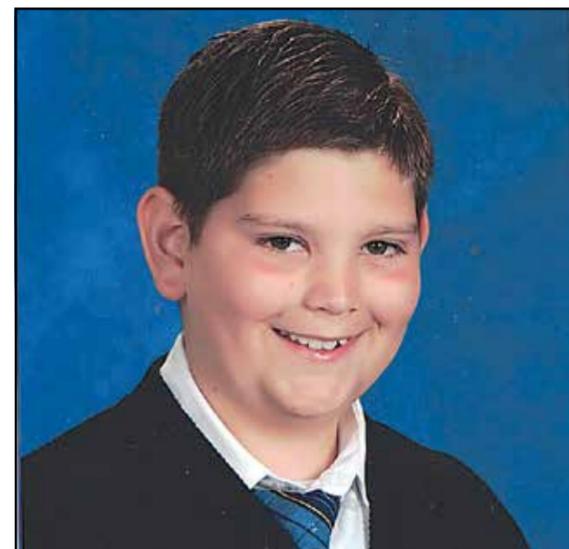
This program is the only one of its kind for outstanding students. The program is a forum where students learn leadership, communication, time management, and career choices.

NYLF is a unique learning experience for bright, forward-thinking students who are expected mature into the next generation of innovators, scientists and leaders. During the intensive six-day immersive experience, students learn by doing as they take part in hands-on simulations, workshops and competitions, while making new friends and having adventures as they navigate their way through a se-

ries of challenges.

Ezra's family and friends are excited and have begun to fundraise to meet the tuition needed for him to attend the program this summer. His father, Victor, and mother, Chantell, said that they want Ezra to excel in all he does, in addition to encourage his love of learning so he can continue to thrive. "This experience will help him to become a future leader in his school, church, and community," Ezra's grandfather, Victor Munoz, said,

Individuals, businesses, or groups that would like to help sponsor Ezra or donate are asked to contact Maria Munoz at 661-304-6720.



Ezra is a fourth-generation Shafter resident and is a third grader at Grimmway Academy.

Local musician headed to Japan

AMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

A musician who is a Shafter High graduate will be traveling to Japan in the spring with the Bakersfield Youth Symphony.

The Japan trip is made possible by a Sister City program with Wakayama, Japan.

Juan began music in the fourth grade under the guidance of Band Director Ken Gross. He plays the trumpet and has received several honors throughout the years. Juan was in the Honor Band, Honor Choir, and many other achievements. One of the highlights of his musical experience was the time he spent playing in the Santa Clara Vanguard Drum and Bugle Corps.

Vanguard is a nationally ranked team that has won the national championship and spends the summer months touring the United States to different competitions. During Juan's time there, they marched in the 2017 Rose Parade in Pasadena.

"When he qualified to play with Vanguard Juan was only 14 years old. He was one of the youngest members there so I traveled with them," Juan's mother, Sandra, said.

The team would spend almost 14 hours at a time in rehearsal. "I saw those kids sweating, crying, working so hard, but when they have those championship rings on their fingers," added Sandra Buenrostro.

"I am so excited for Juan that he gets this awesome opportunity. This will be something that he will remember for the rest of his life."

The BYSO tour will be April 12-20, during spring break, and cost approximately \$2,800 per student.

The Sister City program grew out of a "People to People" project started in 1956 by President Dwight Eisenhower. He reflected on his military background and came to the conclusion that there must be a better way to settle disputes between nations than going to war. He called a meeting of people from across the United States and charged them the job of finding a way to search for world peace through a cultural exchange program. Out of that challenge came the Sister City Program. Today, around the world, there are hundreds of Sister City affiliations bringing people together where friendships are formed, cultural understanding takes place, and long-term community partnerships are formed.

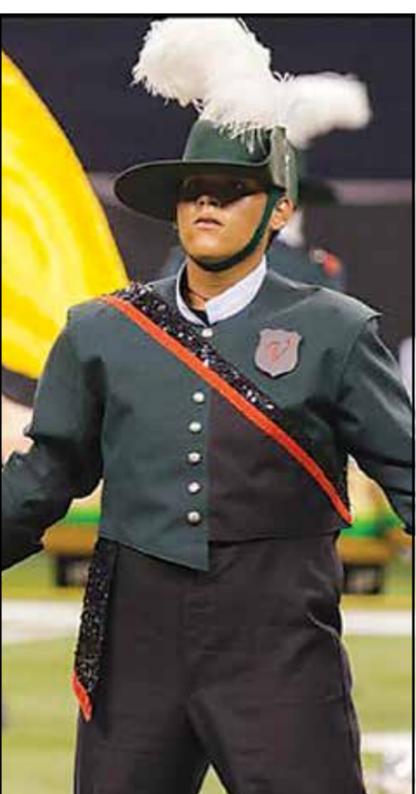
The relations between Bakersfield and Wakayama officially began in 1961, when the Bakersfield City Council adopted a resolution establishing a friendship with the City of Wakayama, Japan. This action was shortly followed by Bakersfield Mayor Gene Winer appointing a



Juan is flanked by his two brothers Alex and Samuel who are also musicians.

People-to-People Steering Committee to oversee the Bakersfield-Wakayama Sister City relationship. Later, the Bakersfield Sister City Project Corporation was created. Very soon Bakersfield officials and citizens were traveling to the new Sister City, where they were overwhelmed by the friendly reception. In return, delegations from Wakayama began to visit Bakersfield, forming lasting friendships that continue to the present day.

Over the years, every mayor of Bakersfield since 1964 has visited Wakayama, while very Mayor of Wakayama has visited Bakersfield.



Juan performing with Vanguard Drum and Bugle Corps.

Kiwanis Club honors Terrific Kids at lunch

The Shafter Kiwanis Club had the honored a special group of students at their monthly Terrific Kids Luncheon held at the Shafter Veterans Hall.

Each month, the principals and assistant principals from each elementary school bring students who have been selected as deserving of recognition because of their accomplishments and their adherence to the core character goals that exemplify an outstanding student.

Terrific Kids is a program that recognizes outstanding students that demonstrate characteristics that embody the values of the program. The program promotes character development, self-esteem and perseverance. "Terrific" is an acronym for thoughtful, enthusiastic, respectful, inclusive, friendly, inquisitive and capable.

This month, the highlighted quality was "responsible."

Students work with their classroom teachers to establish goals to improve behavior, peer relationships, attendance and school work. Students benefit from this program by building character, develop

leadership skills, and attain important life skills known as developmental assets that help them make smart choices.

Golden Oak Elementary School Principal Anamarie Mendez introduced Gizelle Ariel Zamora. Gizelle was recognized for her quality of being responsible. She is "super responsible," always using good manners. She gives up free time to tutor first graders. Gizelle has perfect attendance, never missing even a single minute of school.

Sequoia Elementary School Principal Frank Flores and Assistant Principal Jennifer Painter introduced Hector Cruz as their Terrific Kid. Hector, a sixth-grader, is always well organized and has lots of friends on the playground. He completes all of his work on time and has tremendous respect for school rules.

Richland Junior High English teacher/Counselor Angelica Martinez introduced Mariela Reyes and Ethan Jimenez as the school's Terrific Kids. Martinez informed the Kiwanis group that Mariela always has a smile on her face and that Ethan exhibits dedication hard work in class.



From left, Golden Oak Elementary School Principal Anamarie Mendez, Gizelle Ariel Zamora, Veronica Zamora (Gizelle's mother), Vivianne Zamora (Gizelle's sister) and Raul Zamora (Gizelle's father).



From left, Richland Junior High School teacher/counselor Angelica Martinez, Guadalupe Jimenez (Ethan's mother), Ethan Jimenez, Maria Reyes (Mariela's mother), Mariela Reyes, Silvestre Reyes (Mariela's father).



From left, Sequoia Elementary School Assistant Principal Jennifer Painter, Principal Frank Flores, and Hector Cruz and his parent, Hector and Elissa Cruz.

Successful fund-raiser for PEO Chapter JT



Nancy Neufeld was the auctioneer for the event.

With Nancy Neufeld as the auctioneer, bidding was lively at the PEO Chapter JT's annual fundraiser. Everyone was in a festive mood and the coffers are once again full.

The fundraiser was held at the decorated home of Priscilla Neufeld, who had each of her 60 precise sets in its special place, setting the tone for the luncheon. Co-hostess was Barbara Ware. President Barbara Funk conducted the meeting, leading up to the auction.

The club's theme this year is "Life is a Song. Love the Lyrics." Cheryl Woody presented the first program with "Life is a Song. Let's Sing it Together," at the home of Pat Ketcherside, following a 4 o'clock tea. The next program was Frances Sinclair and Ione Lollar sharing "A Few of My Favorite Things" following a luncheon at the home of Sharon Nicol, with co-hostess Alice Annin.

Laura Wolfe revealed "For Once in My Life" following dessert at the home of Carol Olsen, with Carol Janzen as co-hostess.

Coming in the New Year are "You Light Up My Life" by Penny Skeels, "I Am a Woman" by Priscilla Neufeld and "Inch by Inch, Row by Row, I'm Gonna Make My Garden Grow" by Pat Ketcherside.

The next major event will be the evening BIL Christmas Party at the home of Mike and Tami Hankins -- the Husband's Meeting -- and another festive occasion.

PEO is a philanthropic and educational organization dedicated to the advancement of women and girls. Chapter JT contributes to the Women's and Girls' Fund, also has its own scholarship, awarded annually to an outstanding Shafter or Wasco High School graduate. It was first awarded last year. — PEO, Chapter JT

OUR AREA'S HISTORY

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Summer of the bulker

The money was good, but the work was hard

By Linda McMahon

Growing up and being a teen was not always easy back in the early '60s. I happened to live in the small agricultural town of Shafter, just 18 miles from Bakersfield. Our family budget seemed to be forever challenged and stretched to its maximum, but I always received whatever I needed.

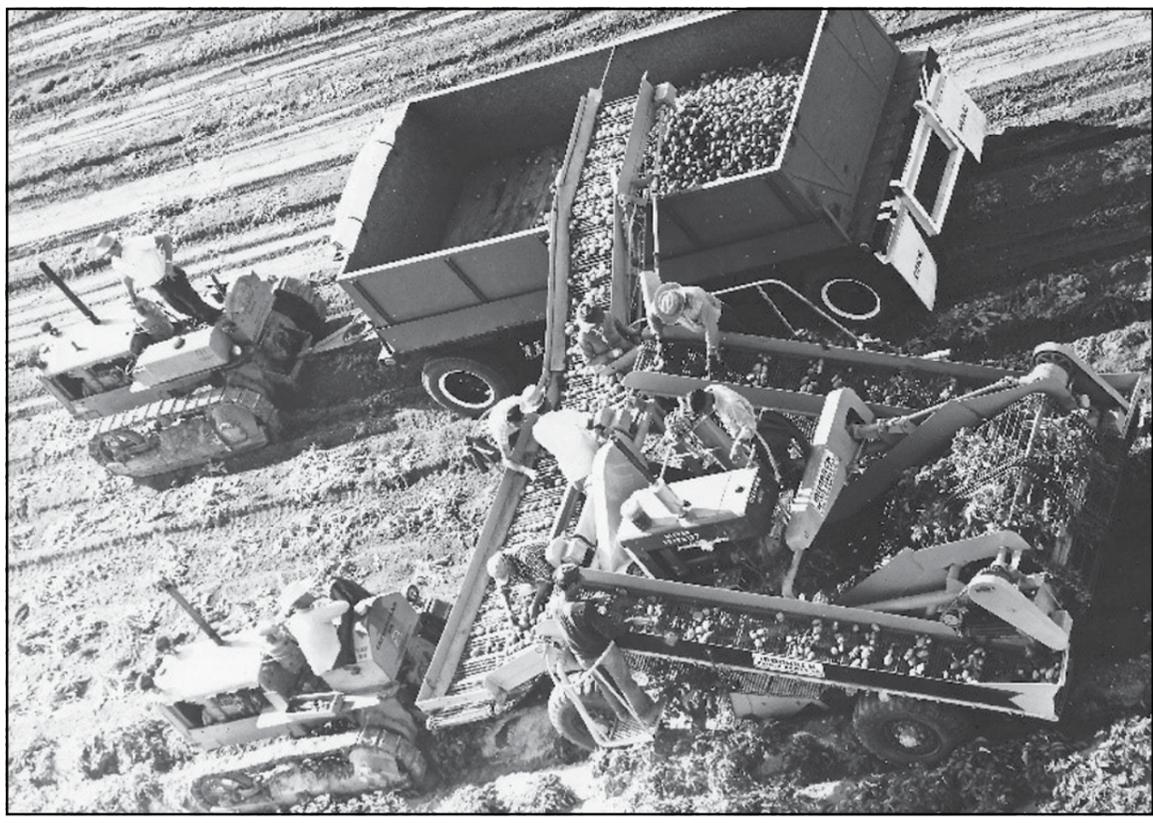
My first employment turned out to be a summer job grading potatoes in a local potato shed, Em. H. Mettler & Sons. I looked forward greatly to earning my own money. Teenagers in the Kern County area during these years got summer jobs in the potato sheds if they could. Jobs consisted of not just grading potatoes, but doing anything and everything to get the potatoes to market. It was a good way for students to earn money. Everyone I knew was eager to acquire employment in the sheds. If they were hired they felt privileged indeed.

Every summer while I was in high school I worked grading potatoes or something associated with potatoes. It was our belief that grading potatoes was really

hard work until that one particular summer. Janet, my younger sister of two years, and I laughingly referred to it as the "Summer of the Bulker" for many years to come. That summer Janet and I had a choice: We could work in a shed, or we could make more money working on the *bulker* in the potato fields of Em. H. Mettler & Sons. It was our decision. Of course, we chose the *bulker*. Why not? It only made good sense to make more money. Little did we know at the time! Mom decided to work on the harvester that year to provide us with transportation.

Let me back up and tell you more about the *bulker*. As a footnote, I believe its name was eventually changed to a harvester. This particular summer was one of the first times it was to be used by the company where we were employed. I guess you could say we were sort of like guinea pigs. In later years they would improve it significantly, but not that year.

The bulker was a large mobile apparatus on wheels that dug potatoes out of the field and rotated them onto a moving



A potato harvester in operation in the field.

belt. The belt passed potatoes and dirt clods down to six or eight women located on each side of the belt. One man was placed at the front of the vehicle to keep everything running smoothly. The women threw out dirt clods and bad potatoes, leaving the good potatoes to be transferred along the rotating belt to the truck.

To say it was a dirty job

would be an understatement. We were located right in the middle of all the dust in the field. As a matter of fact, the *bulker* was the source of all the dust. In my opinion, the *bulker* was the first line of defense for the "lucky" women grading potatoes in the sheds. That being the case, the three of us were on the front line of battle that summer.

The *bulker* was supposed to bring automation to the processing of potatoes in the fields. In the next few years it did make some field jobs obsolete. Mom, Janet and I paid the high price for progress that summer by working on the *bulker*.

The three of us got up around 4 a.m. each morning, drove to work in the dark and usually worked until 5 or 6 p.m.. We worked until noon on Saturdays, sometimes later. That was not the worst part. The summer heat in Shafter was seemingly unbearable.

By the end of the season we were throwing out rotten, smelly old potatoes from morning until night. We even had some summer rain that year that made the work even more miserable. Dirt, dust and rotten potatoes covered us from head to toe each day. We

came home exhausted to the bone every night. We would eat and go to bed, so we could start the next day at 4 a.m. and do it all over again.

Daddy had not realized how dirty, tiring and despicable the work would be as this was the first trial year for the *bulker* for our employer, or he would have never allowed it. At the beginning of the summer season, each morning Daddy would tease us at breakfast regarding getting up so early and looking so tired. He said, "Well girls, Mom being included, 'are you ready to throw in the towel today?'" Then he would laugh and laugh. He was used to early and hard work. Taking this to be a challenge, we would reply, "Not today!"

Toward the end of the season he realized how appalling it had become. At that time he really encouraged us to quit, but he would not demand that we surrender. Now each morning he would say, "I think you girls should throw in the towel today." There was no more teasing in his voice. The hard labor was definitely taking a toll on all three of us, and it showed.

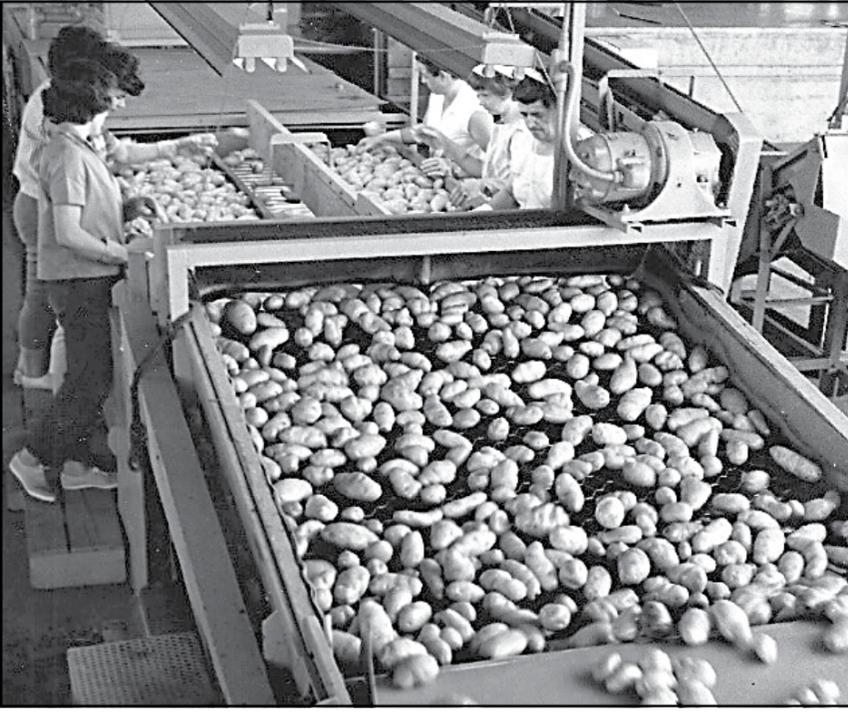
Every day we would

continue to say "Not today," even though we really (and I emphasize *really*) wanted to quit. To this day, that was the hardest physical labor I ever encountered during any time of employment.

We finished out the season, but never again worked on the *bulker*. Janet and I earned more money than we had during any previous time, and also came away with a new respect for hard work. Hard work and money went hand in hand that year.

All of us received quite an education during the Summer of the Bulker. Mom and Daddy knew now their daughters were not only listening to their instruction, but we were acting upon what they had been teaching us our entire lives. Janet and I learned a priceless lesson; a person must be determined and persevere. Once a challenge is accepted, never quit even though quitting would be the easy way out. Our stubbornness and tenacity served us well through the following years.

Linda (Helm) McMahon is a 1965 graduate of Shafter High School and currently lives in Bakersfield.



Potatoes are processed in a packing shed.

The luxury telephone

BY FLORA (LOWE) YOUNG

Alexander Graham Bell invented the telephone in March 1876. The first transcontinental telephone wire was connected from New York to San Francisco on June 17, 1914. The first call was not made until July 29, 1914. By the mid-1950s, a lot of the general population were enjoying this wonderful invention. But, for my family in the late 1950s, that may as well have happened on the moon. To say they were not interested in this latest "luxury" would be an understatement.

To give my parents credit, though, financially things were not easy. They had been following the crops between Arizona, California and Oregon. We were rarely in one place very long -- and never in a regular house. Then one day [in the fall of 1956] that changed! One of my older brothers got my dad a job in Shafter. Floyd, my twin brother, and I were just going into high school. In fact, we had attended about six weeks in Porterville when my dad learned about the job in Shafter. It meant we would be a little better off. So away we went!

ence" was a group of cabins that had been used for migrant farm workers. We didn't live in those long until we were able to move to what was termed "garden homes" in the same area. This was about 4 or 5 miles outside of Shafter (the North Shafter Farm Labor Camp). The term "garden homes" meant that each little white house had an area large enough for a good-sized garden. My parents loved that! Through the following years they raised enough vegetables to feed their family and many more from their garden and fruit trees!

We enrolled in Shafter High School. That is when we first became aware of the "luxury" called a telephone. Our niece -- who was very close to our age -- lived in Shafter and had a telephone. We desperately wanted to be able to talk to her at any time and plan how she might come out and spend the night with us.

We finally convinced our parents that a telephone in our home would be a really good idea. We played the old "in case of an emergency" card and it worked!

How we anticipated the installation! Then came the day it was hooked up and ready to be used -- but



Rotary Phone on display in the Annabel Thompson rooms upstairs in the Depot Museum in Shafter.

wait -- Someone else was already talking on the line! How could that be? Reality set in! Yes, we had a telephone -- but -- it was a "party line." We soon found out what that meant! We would actually receive two rings -- one would be for us -- the

other for one of the other "parties." Our ring was two short rings and a long ring. Theirs was two long rings. But, if that was not enough, there would be two other parties to share the line; however, we would not get their rings.



The Lowe Family in the garden, Christmas 1958: From left, Floyd, Henry, M.C., Clarence, Dad Wilburn, Mom Ora, Gladys Helm, Inez Lilly, and the writer, Flora.

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All in all, this meant that using the telephone would require us to obey a recently acquired "rule." If we ever picked up the receiver and heard someone else on the line, we were to hang our receiver up immediately and give them privacy!

WOW! What an eye opener! Our line seemed to be constantly busy -- but *not* with our calls. Floyd and I often compared notes -- we never listened very long -- most especially when our mother was around -- but we were curious as to who we were sharing the line with. Could it be that "they" were planning a murder, a robbery -- or some other intriguing idea? Or could it be a teacher that we would benefit from knowing what they were thinking about? Or, perhaps it could be a neighbor and they were spreading malicious gossip about us -- of all people!? Our imaginations ran wild -- until they overheard us and *completely* squashed

our wild ideas!

Soon the party line was cut to only two parties, and that made it somewhat easier to live with. We were never able to find out who the other parties were, however.

As time went along, the party line was done away with and real "privacy" became possible. What a turn in the road that was! The only thing you had to worry about was other family members standing around waiting for their turn. That brought up a rule 2 -- sharing. A certain amount of time was to be allotted if someone else wanted to use the telephone. We learned to adjust to that one, though. After that we never lived anywhere that we didn't have a telephone installed, if we could.

I treasure my cell phone today and think back to the days before it was even a glimmer in anyone's eye! How could we have existed without this "luxury"?

SHS grapplers bring home tourney medals

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter High Generals wrestling teams were busy bringing home medals over the holiday break.

They competed in several tournaments in the two-week span, bringing home over 25 medals.

The junior varsity and freshman teams started the period off with a big showing at their own Coyote Classic tourney. They had 12 wrestlers place, with two claiming first place in their divisions. Nick Garza won the 120 lb. division and Alex Ruiz went undefeated in the 195 lb. division, winning the title.

Second-place finishers were Jesse Abernathy at 160 lb., Abelino Rivera in the 106 lb., Fernando Carreno in 132 lb. and Santiago Hernandez in 195 lb.

Freshmen. Adan Vil-

legas won fourth place in the tourney, along with a third-place medal won by Oscar Valdez and a third by Emilio Mendez. Julian Navarro rounded out the medals for the Generals with a fourth place in the 220 lb. division.

The Generals followed that performance with two medalists in the BASH tournament held on Dec. 29 in Santa Maria. Sending six wrestlers to the tournament, Shafter saw Keith Vasquez capture fifth place in the 132 lb. division. Vasquez made it to the semifinals before losing to eventual runner-up Jude Miranda of Hanford. Vasquez beat Aaron Ibarra of Ernest Righetti High in the fifth-place match 5-0. In the 120 lb. division, Florentino Olivas wrestled his way to the third-place match, but lost in a tie-



Florentino Olivas captured fourth place at the prestigious BASH tourney in Santa Maria.

breaker to Coleman Hubert of Arroyo Grande.

The Generals went to the Dinuba Invitational, which attracts some of the top wrestlers in the state. SHS was unable to get any wrestlers into the later rounds of the Jan. 5 tournament, with Christian Garza the top General competitor, going 1-2 in the tourney with a 16-0 win over Francisco Lope of Mission Oak before going against the third-seeded wrestler from Frontier, Luke Combs. Combs

would go on to capture third place in the tournament.

On the girls side, the Lady Generals shined at the Coyote Classic held at East High School in late December. Shafter had nine medalists, including a championship win by Esmeralda Torres in the 131 lb. division. They also had two second-place medalists in Stephania Ledezma at 116 lb. and Fabiola Morales at 126 lb. Areyal Hernandez won third place at the tourney, with Iztlali Serrano

getting fourth place. April Sanchez and Natalie Carrillo brought home fifth-place medals to round out the collection.

The Lady Generals ended the tournament with a fifth-place team finish. They followed that performance up with a strong showing at the Born Vicious tourney at Ridgeview High School in Bakersfield. Several wrestlers got into the later rounds but came up just short of medals. The Lady Generals did

come home with two medals: Iztlali captured fourth place in the 126 lb. division and Esmeralda Torres made it two titles in a row with a championship win at 131 lbs.

The Generals will be back in action this weekend when the Boys team will compete in the Kern County Invitational at Centennial High School on Saturday. The Lady Generals will be at Foothill High competing in a tournament there on Saturday.

Generals on B Varsity's top team

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52 rushing, while also having two touchdowns scored on the defensive side of the ball. Aguilar, for his career, had 11,645 total yards, with 8,209 coming through the air, another county record.

Aguilar had plenty of firepower, evidenced by the appearance of Jackson Sanchez, one of his favorite receivers, on the BVarsity All Area First Team Offense. Sanchez led the county with 1,351 receiving yards and 16 catches for touchdowns.

He also had four games in which he had over 100 yards receiving, including

a three-touchdown game against Arvin that saw him have 227 receiving yards.

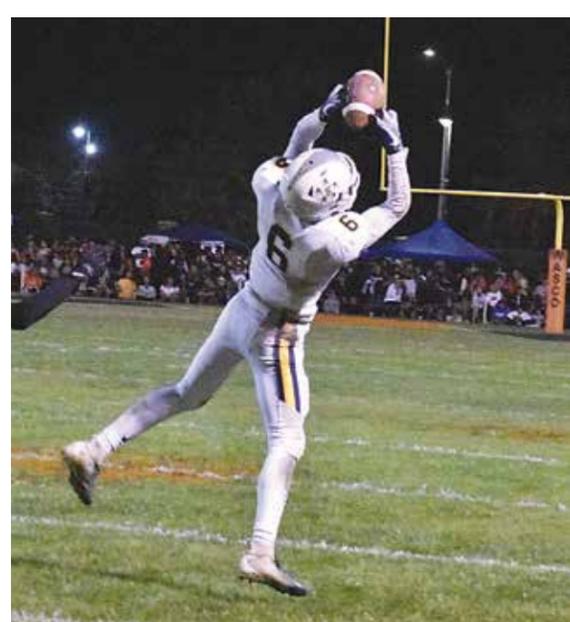
Also included on the BVarsity All Area teams were running back Pedro Avila, who was named to the Second Team Offense and Will Waterhouse on the offensive line. Honorable mentions for the Generals were Issac Enriquez, Joel Herrera, Colby Miller, Jose Ortiz, Marco Rodriguez and Rafael Zamudio.

The Generals ended the year as the most successful team in school history, outscoring their opponents by a margin of 674- 67.

This number was with the majority of their games being played with a running clock in the second half - which means limiting the scoring opportunities. The offense had a number of weapons at Aguilar's disposal, which is why they are mentioned in the All Area Teams. Issac Enriquez and Marco Rodriguez each had games with multiple touchdowns and over 100 receiving yards.

Add to this attack the bullishness of Pedro Avila, who ran for over 1,000 yards this season, and the Generals were a true dual

threat that could score in a variety of ways. With the explosiveness of the offense, the defense was often overlooked. The Generals defense had three shutouts on the year, and only gave up more than 14 points twice this season. They had one of the county's best points against average, and gave the Shafter offense great field position and many turnovers. The coaching staff, led by Jerald Pierucci, led the Generals into the realm of the elite, shown by the number of players on the All Area team.



Jackson Sanchez was named to the First Team Offense.

A sad farewell to TJ

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gave me a choice of taking him home, having to help him go to the bathroom for the rest of his life, him unable to do it on his own. They also said that he would never be able to walk again.

For just a second, I thought that just having him home, it would be better than letting him go. Having him there to hold and love would be better than not having him there at all. My wife helped me realize that this wouldn't be something that TJ would want. It was selfish of me, but I just couldn't let go of him. I finally signed the paper, and my son and I were able to say goodbye to him before they released him from this world.

Midway through writing the original version of this piece, through bitter tears, I was shocked by an intense feeling that totally changed my mindset. Instead of just bitter tears, there was a sense of peace and comfort that I really needed. Instead of remembering the final moments I had with him as an act of betrayal, I allowed myself to see the look of love in those big brown

eyes.

I brought my face to his, and he gave me a bunch of kisses on my nose. I then allowed myself to feel the love in those kisses instead of the sense of impending loss. There are still days where I just start crying.

When we are shopping, I automatically head toward the pet toy section, then realize what I am doing. Also, when I think of taking a power nap, I expect to see him trotting down the hall ready to curl up on my feet or beside me on the pillow.

I know that there is a heaven, and I believe that TJ is with his namesake, my father-in-law right now. I know that there will be plenty more tears to come. But, I promise you TJ that mixed in with the tears of sadness and loss, there will also be tears of comfort and joy, knowing that you are happy and that we will have an amazing reunion someday. Thank you for being such an amazing companion and one of the best friends I have ever had. Until we see each other again, I love you so much my little baby boy.



Barista Nolan Long is a longtime employee of the Tin Cup.

Tin Cup a first-class shop

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In addition, Willis shared, "We have the Ford Theater in our backyard with an amazing stage, so we would love to have more events that would combine the two." Starrh mentioned, "We have had a few events at the theater where we would partner with them and keep our place open during the show and it has worked out great.

We would love to do more of that in the future."

According to Willis, the Tin Cup is foremost a top-notch coffeehouse, but with its eyes and ears open, ready to listen to the needs of the community. Stop by and see them at 1101 E. Lerdo Avenue, and find them on Facebook and Instagram @tincup-coffeehafter.

OBITUARIES

Gary Lee Worsham
June 6, 1953 –
Dec. 29, 2018

Gary Worsham, the son of the late Owen Lee and Pauline Worsham, passed away December 29, 2018 in Visalia. He was 65 years old. Gary was born June 6,

1953 in Bakersfield. He grew up in the Buttonwillow and Shafter area, moving to Tulare about 10 years ago.

Gary leaves behind his children, Jessica and Josh, three stepchildren, his grandchildren, and his sis-

ters Brenda (Jim), Sharon (Jerry) and Beverly.

Services were held at Peers Funeral Home, 1322 W. Kern Ave. in Tulare on Jan. 9, 2019. A brief memorial will be held Friday, Jan. 11 at 1 p.m. at Shafter Memorial Park, Shafter.

DEATH NOTICES

James Love, 94, passed away Jan. 1 in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Randy Rosales, 49, passed away Dec. 28 in Ventura. Services pending. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of the Richland School District, Shafter, California, here after

referred to as "OWNER", acting by and through its governing board and representatives, in accordance with Public Contract Code 20118.2, is requesting sealed bids, for the furnishing of a Priority One Erate Bundled Internet and Fiber Service under a Request for Proposal (RFP) #464 18A5b IA with Fiber Transport for the Richland School District. All bids shall be delivered to Infinity Communications & Consulting, Inc. 4909 Calloway Dr. Suite 102, Bakersfield, CA 93312. by February 7, 2019 up to, but no later than, 1:00 P.M. Proposals received after the specified due date, time or other than at the location shown will be considered non-responsive. Each bid must conform to the RFP and bid documents. Copies of the RFP and bid documents are available and must be obtained from the following website: http://www.infinity-comm.com/projects. The services requested depend on partial funding from the School and Libraries Division's E-rate Program and California Public Utility Commission's California Teleconnect Fund (CTF). All contracts entered into as a result of this advertisement shall be contingent upon the approval of discounts from the Universal Services Administrative Company (USAC) and CTF and the OWNER's acceptance of the discounts. The Contractor shall be responsible to invoice and collect payment of the discounted contract amount from USAC and CTF. The undiscounted contract amount will be the maximum amount that the OWNER is liable. On the day of the bid the Contractor shall supply their Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) and must certify that their SPIN is "current", to have their proposal considered. OWNER is requesting a three (3) year contract with two one (1) year voluntary contract extensions starting on July 1, 2019. The District reserves the right to reject

any and all bids and to waive any irregularities or informalities in any bids or in the bidding. No bidder may withdraw his bid for a period of 60 days after the date set for the opening of bids. For information or questions regarding bidding, please email Sarah Storey at p1bids@infinitycomm.com Board of Education of the Richland School District Project #464 18A5b IA & Fiber Transport Publish Shafter Press January 10, 17, 2019

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF VACANCY Interested persons are hereby notified that pursuant to Government Code 1780 there is a vacancy at the Shafter Recreation & Park District Board of Directors. The position to be filled is a 2-year term ending December 2020. The seat will go up for election on February 11, 2019 for the final two years of the term. Applications are available at the Shafter Recreation & Park District Office located at 700 E. Tulare Shafter, CA 93263 Phone #: (661) 746-3303 Website: ShafterRecreation.com Applications are due by: January 25, 2019 This district board has 60 days from the date the board is notified of the vacancy or the effective date of the vacancy, whichever is later, to fill the vacancy by appointment or call a special election. Gov. Code 1780. Pursuant to Government Code 1780, this notice will be posted for 15 days at the Shafter Recreation & Park District Office, The Shafter W.C Walker Senior Center, The Shafter City Hall and the Shafter Press Newspaper from dates January 10, 2019 to January 24, 2019. Publish Shafter Press January 10, 17, 24, 2019

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Alvarado is new mayor Council splits on leadership



New Mayor Gilbert Alvarado takes his new seat on the panel.



Councilmembers Cesar Lopez and Cathy Prout are sworn in.

Councilmembers Givens and Prout voted for Prout, but Councilmembers Alvarado, Manual Garcia and Lopez voted for Alvarado.

The Press celebrates return

TOMI DEROSA The Shafter Press Christmas cheer was in the air in Shafter Friday afternoon as Shafter-Wasco Publishing held an official ribbon cutting ceremony celebrating the new ownership...



The official ribbon cutting: Cameron Hunter, Phillip Jimenez, Judy Goad, Distinguished Young Woman Karly Cleveland, Bharpur Singh Brar, Anton Labrentz, Scott Harbert, Stan Wilson and Michael Schroeder.

"I used to sell The Shafter Press when I was a kid for ten cents apiece. It was always a dream of mine to own the Shafter Press." -Publisher Michael Schroeder



Owner Stan Wilson, local reader Sylvia Schoonover, and Nancy Wilson showcase the two newspapers.

Print production supervisor Kathy Smithee. The group worked together to reopen the office that day and put out a paper the next week. The first issues of The Press and Tribune under the new publishing company were printed on Feb. 15. It only made sense to revitalize the Tribune at the same time due to economies of scale, and as Schroeder later said, "They need a paper, too."

He noted that his father's family had grown up there. See RIBBON Page 5



Yussif Hussein was last year's recipient of the Young Person Award.

Chamber awards set for Jan. 24 The 71st Annual Shafter Chamber of Commerce Awards Banquet is set for Jan. 24, where those citizens and businesses who have made a difference will be honored. There are several different categories and awards to be given. The evening will start with a no-host hors d'oeuvre and cocktail hour, followed by dinner. Also at the banquet, Mayor Cathy Prout will present the State of the City Address. Awards will be given in a number of categories, each person or business nominated by another community member. Past winners have included Mayor Cathy Prout, Stan Wilson, Ronald Pierce, and Jon Johnston. Companies who have been honored include Target, Express Pharmacy, Bakersfield Pipe and Supply. This year's award winners include the Agriculture Award winner South Valley Farms and Distilled Lumber as the Business Award winner. The recipient of the Commercial Remodel award this year is McDonalds. Phillip Jimenez, the Shafter Recreation and Parks District Manager, is the recipient of this year's Community Service Award. See CHAMBER Page 5

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RECYCLE SHOUTOUT



Highlighted Recycler: Shafter High School!

This fall, Shafter High School started an organics diversion program with their lunch program. We just wanted to say -- You guys are doing awesome! The students put a media presentation together, for all the students, highlighting the new program and why it's important to divert organics out of our landfills and to a proper facility to further reduce the effects of greenhouse gases. We just

wanted to thank the students and staff for your dedication to putting the right items in the right bins. You are making a huge difference in diversion! Pictured are all organics; at right is the small amount of trash. The organics material goes to an area compost facility, where the material is then spread on our ag lands. Thank you for letting us be a part of your school.

PASTOR'S CORNER

JIM NEAL

Ever seen the candy bar commercial on TV where the "biker dude" is getting a new tattoo, which is supposed to read *NO REGRETS*? Instead because the tattoo artist is a little famished and in need of a sugar fix, she tattoos his arm with the words *NO REGERTS*. How about that for a permanent *NO REGRET*?

Regrets -- have any? Of course you do -- everyone has them, even those who claim to not have any have them -- to really have no regrets in life would indicate a life lived to total selfishness in a world surrounded by hedonistic desires and void of any conscience at all, wouldn't it? It is what the Scripture would call a self-deceived man/woman. Oh, to be fair, to those who claim to have no regrets, I think they have simply learned to redefine their regrets as hurts, mistakes and hiccups along the way -- or perhaps they are like the American celebrity Nicole Polizzi, they couch them as something else, she who says, "I don't have regrets, there are only lessons. You learn from them, and you become a better person."

You see it is not whether we have experienced regrets in our life -- the bet-

ter question is how we make sure they do not paralyze us to the point that they rob our future successes that await. How then can we make sure we turn regrets into positives and not negative energy? Here are a few ideas using the regret as our guide:

R = refuse to allow any regret to continually "re-hash" itself in our psyche -- we do that by remembering this thought "whatever we focus on becomes our controlling factor" whatever we focus on looms largest -- so focus on who you really are, to whom you belong and where you intend to go. Philippians 3: "...Forget that which is past..."

E = develop Eagle's mentality -- that is, use the winds of adversity as the eagle uses the winds of the atmosphere to push him higher and higher until the problems of this world look strangely dim. Isaiah 40:3: "...mount up with wings like eagles;"

G = Grow from the process -- properly deduce to regret, to view each challenge as a life lesson one from which if viewed properly there will come from its seed growth, maturity and victory. Galatians 6:9: "And let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due season

we will reap, if we do not give up."

R = Reap the rewards of the aforementioned lessons learned -- bearing in mind the Eternal Universal Law placed in our universe by a loving Creator that of "seed time and harvest" -- what you sow that also shall you reap -- sow good seeds and reap a bountiful harvest of blessings and rewards Galatians 9:6: "...whatever one sows, that will he also reap."

E = Encourage others in their plight as you gain strength through your adversity (regret). As is spoken in wedding ceremonies, sorrows are halved and joys are doubled when shared with another. I Thessalonians 4:18: "...encourage one another with these words."

T = Think on the goodness received from the challenge. As Paul exhorts in Philippians 4:8: "whatever things are true, noble, just, pure, lovely, are of good report, virtuous, and praiseworthy meditate on these things." Always remember you are and become what you think about. Romans 2:4 "...not knowing that God's goodness is meant to lead you to repentance..."

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

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