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## STATE OF EMERGENCY

### Schools, businesses closed in wake of pandemic



**Gilbert Alvarado**  
MAYOR

Mayor Gilbert Alvarado begins special City Council meeting Tuesday night.

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

In a special meeting held on Tuesday night, the Shafter City Council unanimously ratified a declaration of a local state of emergency as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. The action's main goals, according to new City Manager Gabriel Gonzalez, are to allow him, in the position he began just that day, to activate and direct the efforts of the city's emergency response and to coordinate efforts with other agencies and partners with responsibilities for the health and safety of the city's residents. It also allows the city to be eligible for reimbursements if the city has to use its finances or resources during this critical time.

Under the resolution, the city is modifying services to protect the health and safety of their employees as well as the residents.

Effective Wednesday, March 18, until April 14, all city offices which have direct contact with the public will be closed to the public or limited to visits by appointment for essential services.

The city also will be discontinuing all Dial-A-Ride services. The city manager department lobby, finance customer service windows, Shafter Learning Center and Shafter Animal Control will all be closed to the public. Animal adoptions will be temporarily suspended.

The Police Department lobby will be open to provide limited services on a reduced schedule. City employees will continue to provide service to the public via phone or email when possible or by appointment if deemed necessary.

Residents may contact the city by phone. They welcome the public to visit their website ([shafter.com](http://shafter.com)) to find the phone number for the appropriate department for additional information on the status of specific services by department.

The city is continuing to seek guidance from the Kern County Public Health as the lead agency for the novel coronavirus.

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## Stores run out of staples

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

Consumers in Shafter have made it difficult to find staples that are normally readily available. With the residents' growing concern over the COVID-19 pandemic, local stores are working to keep shelves stocked.

A trip to Apple Market found no regular bread on the shelves, leaving only some packages of buns and rolls. It was the same result in the aisles containing cases of water. There were no cases of water left, just a very few single bottles available.

One customer, Maria Milaga, said she could not believe the reaction of the public to the situation. "I think every-

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Residents bought out the bread section, leaving the aisles empty at Apple Market, but the store was working to get another delivery.

## Coronavirus bringing cities to a halt

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

The risk of exposure to the coronavirus, or COVID-19, has closed the vast majority of schools, offices and businesses in town.

The Kern County Superintendent of Schools Mary C. Barlow released a statement saying that they were following the recommendations of the Kern County Office of Public Health and are recommending the temporary closures of all county schools as officials continue to step up the fight against the spread of the disease.

This applies to all public schools, as well as charter schools and preschools, in Kern County.

Schools will remain open until Wednesday, March 18, but will be closed at least until April 13.

Restaurants in town are still open and operating normal business hours, as well as the gas stations, fast food places and the stores in downtown Shafter.

Several of the stores are seeing increased volume, with consumers looking to stock up on essentials.

Gov. Gavin Newsom also mandated that all nightclubs and bars will be temporarily closed as well. Churches in Shafter will also be closing their doors in line with the recommendations of the federal Center for Disease Control, which says to suspend any gathering of 50 people or more.

Rosie Medlock, whose husband, Justin, is pastor of Shafter Christian Fellowship, said that they would be suspending services until the mandate is lifted. "We had church on Sunday, when the recommendation was for 250 people or more. But, with it dropped to 50, we decided to follow them and stop services until it is safe to resume.

"We have a lot of elderly in our congregation, and we want to keep them safe and healthy." Medlock did say that Justin would be taping sermons on Youtube and giving their

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Therese Church in Shafter, along with the other churches in town will be closed until the coronavirus threat is over.

## DYW postponed until ?

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

Due to the COVID-19 virus pandemic that Shafter and the rest of the country are facing, Toni Frantz of the Distinguished Young Women of Shafter program has announced a postponing of the program that had been scheduled for Friday, March 20.

"After weighing the options and going back and forth, we are postponing the DYW program," she said Monday.

Frantz said they are following state and local guidelines and will be re-scheduling the program in May or June. "We are working on finalizing a future date."

For over 45 years in Shafter, the pro-

gram has provided local high school girls with college scholarships and valuable life skills. "We are so thankful for the support of our community and their commitment to our youth and hope to put on a great program soon."

The program was to change its location this year. It was to take place at Shafter's Ford Theater.

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# Community Calendar

Due to the rapidly changing environment, be aware that scheduled activities may change on a moment's notice. Check out [TheShafterPress.com](http://TheShafterPress.com) for updates, and contact event organizers for current status.

Event organizers: E-mail [esoriano@TheShafterPress.com](mailto:esoriano@TheShafterPress.com) or call The Press at 661-292-5100 with changes to your activities.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CANCELLED: Family Craft Night** — Dia del Nino at the Shafter Learning Center Thursday, March 12, from 5:30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

**CANCELLED: Coffee with a Cop** — Coffee and conversation Saturday, March 21, 7-9 a.m. at Flight Park, Gossamer Grove.

**La Colonia History Night** — Tuesday, March 17 from 6 to 7 p.m. at the Shafter Learning Center, 236 James St.

**VITA free tax filing** — United Way of Kern County is offering free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance services to help file 2019 tax returns March, 13, 27 and April 10. Contact the city at 661-746-5001 for more details.

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

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

**NEW: Shafter Learning Center** -- Closed until further notice.

**NEW: Spring Clean-Up** — Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Shafter Aquatic Center, 269 Poso Ave. Free bulk item drop off. Fridges, mattresses, stoves, couches, washer and dryers, water heaters, tables and chairs, and appliances. Electronic waste: TVs, flat screens, computers and cell phones. NOT accepted: light bulbs, batteries, tires, hazardous material and construction/demolition waste.

## MONDAY

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

Adult Book Club — March 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the Shafter Branch Library.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Mystery history

Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to [The Press, 406 Central Ave., Shafter 93263](mailto:ThePress,406CentralAve.,Shafter93263), or e-mail it to [mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com](mailto:mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com). Winners will be revealed here next week.



## TUESDAY

Free yoga — White Wolf Wellness Foundation offers a free yoga class March 3, 17 and 31 at the Wasco Community Center, 1280 Poplar Ave. Yoga instructor Yani Valdez teaches stretching to help with pain, stress and anxiety. Provided by Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

## THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

## FRIDAY

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

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

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

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

## SATURDAY

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

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

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

## ARREST REPORT

As reported by the Shafter Police Department

### MARCH 15

Fernando Ortega, 19, was arrested for possession of narcotics for sell/transport and carrying loaded firearm, not in lawful possession.

### MARCH 14

Jesus Martinez, 38, of Shafter, was arrested on a misdemeanor bench warrant and possession of open container.

### MARCH 13

Johnny Lopez Garcia, 32, of Shafter, was arrested

for false ID, DUI, driving without lights during darkness and driving without a driver's license.

### MARCH 12

Ivan Garcia, 35, of Shafter, was arrested for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

### MARCH 11

Carmela Margarita Fernandez, 40, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and misdemeanor bench warrant.

Carlos Fimbres, 38, was arrested for controlled sub-

stance and outside agency warrant.

Rogelio Barajas, 31, of Shafter, was arrested on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

### MARCH 8

Jose Manuel Jaramillo, 32, was arrested on North Shafter Ave for DUI and failing to drive on the right side of the road.

### MARCH 7

Benjamin Perez Jr., 36, of Shafter, was arrested for violating basic speed law,

obstruction of a public officer and on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

Abel Cruz Garza, 43, was arrested in the 600 block of James Street for DUI.

Octavio Loeza Vargas, 38, of Shafter, was arrested on East Lerdo Highway for DUI.

### MARCH 6

Jose Reyes Soto, 37, of Shafter, was arrested for possession of controlled substance paraphernalia and destroying evidence.

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**Gabriel Gonzalez is looking forward to serving the city of Shafter.**

# City manager runs hard

## In first days, Gonzalez manages emergency

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

“It has been a very eventful first two days.”

This could be seen as a major understatement by Shafter’s new city manager, Gabriel Gonzalez. Gonzalez began his tenure with the city on Monday. Just one day into his service, he was having to help plan a state of emergency plan with city staff and the City Council. “I am thankful for the wonderful staff that is here and I know that after this situation is resolved, we will work on keeping Shafter a great city.”

Gonzalez began his municipal career in the city of Arvin, serving as finance director from 1995 to 2001. Gonzalez has over 15 years experience in the role of city manager and is excited about this opportunity in Shafter. “Shafter has always been on my radar. Even when I worked for Arvin, when John Guinn was city anager for Shafter, I knew that Shafter was going in the right direction and thought that it would be a great opportunity.”

Gonzalez stepped into his new role and led the Council in creating an action plan to deal with the current COVID-19 situation. “I hate having to

restrict our residents from contacting our staff and cutting or reducing some services here in town, but it is necessary for the health and well-being of our staff and the residents of Shafter.”

Gonzalez was scheduled to have a welcome reception before the City Council meeting on Tuesday night, but that had to be postponed due to the recommendations from the CDC and Public Health Department.

“I have felt welcome since I arrived and can’t wait to help the city of Shafter remain a city that is a model for other cities to be when they grow up.”

# Coronavirus fears limit city services

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navirus (COVID-19). Residents are also encouraged to follow recommended hygiene practices, including good handwashing, social distancing and self-isolation if you feel ill.

The Police Department will still be responding to all calls from residents. They will be taking initial reports over the phone, but, according to Chief Kevin Zimmermann, if they deem it necessary, they will come

to contact the caller in person. Every call will still be priority and will be investigated.

Hours and days will be limited for some services. For instance, LiveScan, fingerprinting services,

and concealed weapon permit applications are temporarily suspended. Requests for copies of crime reports will be filled on Tuesdays and Thursdays only during the hours of 7 a.m. to 3 p.m. Im-

pounded vehicle releases and repossessions will be handled on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well, during regular business hours, 7 a.m. to 3 p.m.

All registrant requirements will continue as

required. Animal Control will be closed to the public.

All parks will continue to be open to the public. Residents with questions may contact the city at 661-746-5000.

# Empty shelves at grocery stores

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one is going crazy over this. I couldn’t even find anything I needed for my house.” She added that she had been to several stores in Bakersfield, too, with the same luck. “Everyone is out of water, toilet paper, bread – stuff that we didn’t even worry about before.”

There has also been increased business at the area’s gas stations, as residents fill up to be safe. Greg Hilado, who was filling up at Big Stop, said, “I’m not panicking or

anything, but it doesn’t hurt to be prepared because you never know.”

Lovedeep Joshan, of Big Stop, said on Tuesday, “We have seen more business in the last few days, and we are having trouble getting stocked because the vendors are running low on products.”

Residents are loading up on canned goods and staples such as bread, toilet paper, water and cleaners. Many people are concerned they will end up quarantined in their house, with no means to get to grocer-

ies or gasoline.

The stores in Shafter seem to have been able to replenish product to their shelves at a higher rate than their counterparts in Bakersfield. One reason for this, according to Apple Market Manager Carlos Obaid, is that the store has a contract with certain companies such as Crystal Geyser Water, which allows them to deal with the company directly, alleviating the need to go through a vendor. “We really care about our community and are doing everything we can to take care of their needs. I wish we could say that we would never run out of anything, but we will do our best to fulfill our customers’ needs.”

When asked if the store will be utilizing the growing policy in Bakersfield stores of limiting the number of customers that can be in their stores at one time, Obaid said they are not doing that.

“Our doors are open from 7 a.m. to 10



**The Wasco Walmart store had no water on the shelves, a growing trend in stores throughout Wasco, Shafter and the rest of Kern County.**

p.m. seven days a week,” said Obaid. “We will not keep our customers waiting in a line outside. We will stay open and take care of our customers the best we can. We are working hard to serve this community which has been so good to us.”



**Students of the Month are nominated by their respective teachers. (Photo courtesy of Shafter High yearbook)**



**Students who are selected to the Principal’s List get to have a special lunch with Principal Russell Shipley. Those students were Steven Heredia, Arlette Bojorquez, Jonathan Valenzuela and Frijido Garcia. (Photo courtesy of Shafter High yearbook)**

# Students of the Month at Shafter High

Shafter High School recognized their Students of the Month recently, with those students named receiving a free lunch and bumper sticker for their vehicles. For a select few, out of this list, they are chosen to be on the Principal’s List, which entitles them to a special lunch with Principal Russell Shipley.

Students are nominated by their respective teachers who have noticed the students

display outstanding work and work ethic for that month.

Students who were selected are Elijah Marin, Jaquelin Pena Sanchez, Abbie Gallardo, Blythe Barton, Anthony Carillo, Victoria Garza, Faith Bazaldua, Guadalupe Feria, Ashley Hernandez, Maria Juarez, Saray Sanchez, Caitlin Valenzuela, Jacqueline Canales, Addasyn Sylvester, Jonathan Mu-

noz, Alan Rodriguez, Isaac Ortiz, Yaneysse Mejia, Jasmin Zubiata, Vicente Iniguez, Michael Arellano, Fernando Garcia, Jonathan Valenzuela, Kimberly Esparza Veth, Jose Ibarra, Monique Gomez, Olaniyan Tatum, Faustino Jimenez and Jesus Lopez.

Those selected to the Principal’s List were Steven Heredia, Arlette Bojorquez, Jonathan Valenzuela and Frijido Garcia.

Not only are the students recognized for their performance on tests, homework and participation in class, but they also are recognized for their outstanding attitudes outside of the classroom. General Pride is something that has become a mainstay in the culture at Shafter High, and these students embody that spirit of living life as a Shafter General.

—Jamie Stewart

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# The virtue of humility

## First of two parts

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One distinctly Christian characteristic is the virtue of humility. No one naturally likes to be humble, a word that is rooted in ideas of lowliness, poverty, submission or subjugation, and debasement (Prov 22:22-23; Amos 2:7; Zech. 7:10). Everyone wants to be thought of as great, exalted, in charge, answering to no one; this, of course, is pride, which is rightly regarded as the opposite of humility (it comes from a sinful heart; Mark 7:21-23).

Humility became a virtue in the Old Testament, focusing on one's submission and devotion to God (Ps 119:67, 71, 75; Prov 15:33; 22:4). Jesus' teaching on humility was revolutionary in the New Testament. He pointed out that leaders in the world sought to lord their authority over others in domineering ways (such as the Romans over Israel), and that certainly was not a virtue or something that Christ's disciples wanted to emulate.

Instead, those who wanted to be first must be everyone's slave, "just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life as a ransom for many" (Matt 20:20-28). Therefore, Christian humility is the mindset and heart attitude of lowliness in light of the measureless unmerited love God has shown all sinners in Christ, leading to loving and sacrificial acts of service for brothers and sisters in Christ.

Pride and humility are continually contrasted through the Bible. First, humility is pleasing to God, while God hates sinful pride. James 4:6 says, "But He gives more grace. Therefore it says, 'God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble'" (see Prov 3:34; 6:16-17; 8:13; 16:5; Psalm 138:6). What a stunning statement! The

God of the universe positively opposes those who are proud, sovereignly planning to orchestrate situations to humble them.

One of the main reasons pride is so displeasing to God is that it is self-worship that draws that individual and others into false human-centered worship. Who can forget the story of Nebuchadnezzar, the king of Babylon, who at one time made a great idol to himself and wanted to force all to bow down to it? (Dan 3:1-7) Or later when he was glorying in the splendor of his kingdom, that he was driven insane until he confessed: "Those who walk in pride He [God] is able to put down" (v. 36; 4:28-36). In the end, the proud appear to excel on their own strength, ambitions, and achievements, but they are in a precarious position with God against them; instead, the humble are strengthened by the grace of God.

Second, sinful pride will only bring about negative results. Pride in the Bible brings about conflict, destruction, losing what pride has garnered, and judgment by God. Proverbs 16:18 says, "Pride goes before destruction, and haughtiness before a fall" (see Prov 13:10; Ps 18:27; Isa 2:11). How many lives, careers, reputations, teams, projects, countries, companies, families, relationships, and even churches and ministries have you seen ruined by pride? How many Titanics need to sink before the dangers of pride are clear in everyone's mind? Pride brings about division, destruction, and ultimately God's judgment, which will happen every time. Humility though

will bring about the opposite: unity, conflict resolution, peace, constructive compromise, edification, and blessing by God. The benefits of humility are great indeed.

Third, there is a type of boasting that pleases God, namely boasting in the Lord. Now at first, we might think that boasting is bad, and if the boasting is about ourselves, then we are right. The definition of boasting about ourselves is to "talk with excessive pride and self-satisfaction about one's achievements, possessions, or abilities." But when we are boasting not in ourselves but instead about God, then we are praising and worshipping, now we are exalting God, His achievements, His character, His abilities. The root of the Hebrew word for "boast" is actually the root in "Halleluiah," which means "praise Yahweh," one of the most common expressions of praise. Jeremiah writes, "Thus says the LORD: 'Let not the wise man boast in his wisdom, let not the mighty man boast in his might, let not the rich man boast in his riches, 24but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows me, that I am the LORD who practices steadfast love, justice, and righteousness in the earth. For in these things I delight, declares the LORD' (Jer 9:23-24; see also Ps 44:8). This is the kind of boasting approved by God that is not about ourselves, but about our great and glorious God.

Fourth, we have nothing to show off as our own, because God is the giver of all our possessions and talents. Paul wrote, "Now

these things, brethren, I have figuratively applied to myself and Apollos for your sakes, so that in us you may learn not to exceed what is written, so that no one of you will become arrogant in behalf of one against the other. 7 For who regards you as superior? What do you have that you did not receive? And if you did receive it, why do you boast as if you had not received it?" (1 Cor 4:6-7). Paul is teaching here that we deserve only derived honor and that all true honor goes to God. Our upbringing and early opportunities were from the Lord; our education is from the Lord; the jobs we have are from the Lord; our resources are from the Lord; our talents and abilities are from the Lord; our successes are from the Lord. Where is boasting about ourselves? Absent. But boasting about the Lord? That is when boasting in the Bible is considered praise to our great God from whose hand comes every good and perfect gift (Ps 34:2; Jas 1:17).

Fifth, pride must be replaced with humility as a lifestyle as we all grow to be like Christ. It is easy to forget that being humble is not just a suggestion or a desirable Christ-like character quality. Consider the following verses: "3 Doing nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves" (Phil 2:3); "5 You younger men, likewise, be subject to your elders; and all of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, for God is opposed to the proud, but gives grace to the humble" (1 Pet 5:5; see also Rom 12:3). It is a command, therefore a failure to be humble is a sin.

Next week: Looking at our own lives. Spencer Carpenter is youth pastor of Congregational Bible Church in Shafter.

*Sinful pride will only bring about negative results.*

## Signs of the times



With the schools, libraries, Learning Center and the majority of gatherings being cancelled, restaurants in Shafter are still open for business. There have been a few modifications, as the fast food restaurants, includ-

ing McDonalds, Taco Bell and Del Taco, have closed their dining areas and have only their drive-thrus open. This situation is a fluid one, as is the majority of the circumstances in town are, and will be updated weekly.



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# All spring sports suspended

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

All of the Spring Sports in Kern County High Schools have been suspended at least until April 14. The California Interscholastic Federation says that there is still a possibility of the sports programs saving the remainder of their seasons if it is deemed safe to do so according to the federal Centers for Disease Control and the Kern County Public Health Department.

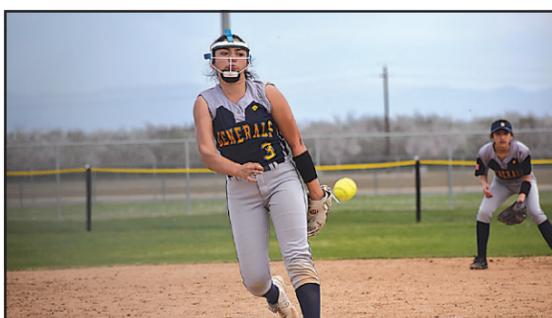
Principal Russell Shipley said that they are still waiting on word from the CIF of any updates to the situation. The CIF, as of March 18, put out a statement that they had not ruled out the possibility of programs having a shortened season and the possibility

of the post-season in the different sports.

Until that time, no programs at any of the schools is allowed to practice on or off the fields.

The spring season for the schools had just began to kick into high gear, with the majority of the programs preparing for league play. Shipley said that it is sad to see the sports teams not being able to play but thinks that it is the best thing for all involved. "We are waiting on word and will be following the recommendations of the CIF, who are ruling on this matter."

The Lady Generals softball team had opened up their season in promising fashion, capturing the championship in their own tournament to open the sea-



**Serenity Angulo and the Lady Generals's softball team are hoping they will have a chance to get back on the field.**

son. They beat such powerhouses as Bakersfield High and Stockdale High on their way to the title.

Alicia Pompa, shortstop for the Lady Generals said, was disappointed. "We are truly devastated. We wanted this year to be our year and unfortunately it's not going as planned."

The girls are still hopeful that they will get that chance "Not being able to work with one another and build each other up as the season goes along is heart-breaking. Hopefully, this virus can be put under control so we can get back on our field, playing the game we love soon," Pompa said.

# Coronavirus bringing cities to a halt

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congregation the link to it so they can view them online.

That is also the case with the Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church, pastored by Pat Coyle. He said that they would be livestreaming the services until Easter. "We have quite a

few people that livestream the services anyway because they are not able to attend. So, we will keep doing the livestreaming, just with nobody in the pews."

All of those contacted said that they thought it was in their congregation's best interest to keep them safe and healthy.

## OBITUARY

Doris Miller was involved in the school PTA and a member of the Shafter Methodist Church. She loved and cared for her grandchildren all the time.

Survived by daughter Dianne Marie Stewart (Robert Lee Stewart) and grandchildren

Phillip Wolff, Sara Wolff, Teresa Wolff (deceased), Bobby Stewart,



Krystal Stewart, Taylor Stewart and Brody Stewart; son Michael Miller (deceased); daughter Jeanne Cathaway; grandchildren Jason Jarrett, Rebecca Jarrett, Megan Jarrett, Zachary Douglas and Mathew Jarrett.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Doris Miller's memory to the Bakersfield Homeless Shelter.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Eloy Delgado Arismendez**, 66, of Shafter, passed away March 11 in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

**Maria Guadalupe Sanchez**, 55, of Shafter, passed away March 6 in Shafter. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

**Clinton Carr**, 59, of Shafter, passed away in March 12. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

**Naomi Eckels**, 79, of Shafter, passed away March 12 in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

**Kenneth L. Lockling**, 88, of Shafter, passed away

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# Schools shut down amid virus pandemic

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

Kern County Superintendent of Schools Mary Barlow announced that all public schools in Kern County will be closed beginning Wednesday, March 18, following recommendations of the federal Centers for Disease Control and Kern County Public Health Department. Shafter High Shafter High Principal Russell Shipley said that the move makes sense and is the best action to keep our students and staff safe and healthy. "This is something that we have never had to deal with before, but this is the right move, and we as a staff are handling the situation and are looking forward to opening the school back up once it is safe to do so." Essential programs, such as the school

food program that provides free lunches and dinners to students, will still be operating, as well as the same programs for the Richland School District.

"There will be a portable cart right outside the school by the garage in the parking lot from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. to hand out a bag which will contain a lunch for that day and a breakfast for the following day," Shipley said.

Richland Interim Superintendent Rosa Romero said that it has been an overwhelming time but the staff, teachers and students are doing well and are working to make this situation a smooth one. "We are taking our directive from the KCSOS office and the Public Health Department.

Richland School District is making sure that their students have their work to take



**Shafter High, along with the rest of the schools in Shafter, will be closed at least until April 14.**

with them as they begin this imposed break." Students were sent home with a packet that contained school work, as well as supplies that they might need. They also were told to let the school know if they needed

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Date Statement Filed: 03/13/2020  
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**Gracian's Grill**

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I declare that all the information in this Statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be

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/s/Rodrigo Gracian, Partner  
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2019-B7933  
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 12/23/2019  
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By: /s/M Hernandez, Deputy  
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**Gracian's Grill**  
**2020-B1923**

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/s/Jose Gracian, Vice President  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CAWELO WATER DISTRICT**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**Board Resolution 681**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Cawelo Water District will hold a public hearing on April 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m., or as soon thereafter as may be heard, at the District office located at 17207 Industrial Farm Road, Bakersfield CA. 93308, for the exclusive purpose of Adopting and Passing Resolution No. 681 – Declaring Necessity for Levying Special Assessments, and providing the public with the opportunity to comment.  
NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that all interested persons desiring to be heard or present evidence on Adopting and Passing Resolution No. 681 – Declaring Necessity for Levying Special Assessments, may appear at said meeting.  
Written comments should be directed to Mr. David Ansolabehere, General Manager.  
Cawelo Water District, 17207 Industrial Farm Road, Bakersfield, CA. 93308  
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# Schools say free meals to continue in crisis

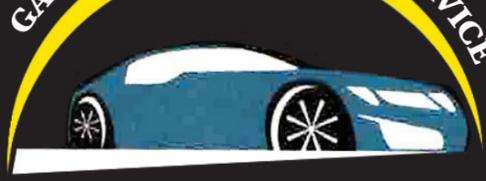
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 the use of a Chromebook computer while the school session was out.  
 In their food program, each school will be handing out lunches from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. They will be available at each school located at their va-

let area or bus turnarounds. They also will be delivering lunches to La Colonia and the Smith's Corner areas. From 11:15 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. in Smith's Corner in front of the Church of God will be the drop-off location. At La Colonia, the location is at the bus stop on

the dirt lot on the no-name street between Rodriguez Street and Martinez Street. They will be able to pick up their lunches from 12 p.m. to 12:30p.m. Lunch or breakfast will not be provided from March 19 to April 3, which is the normal schools' spring break.

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