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Kids get up close with reptiles



Savannah Young enjoyed holding the star of the show, Midnight.

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

The Shafter Branch of the Kern County Library hosted Brandon Fowler and his friends from Roaming Reptiles on Tuesday at the Shafter Veterans Hall. The reptile show was such a hit last year that this year, they moved the show from the library to the Vets Hall.

Almost 100 kids, of the young and old variety, were on hand to meet a number of creepy crawlies in person. Roaming Reptiles has been entertaining schools, clubs, birthday parties, and other events for years, showing the public that reptiles are not the scary and foreboding creatures that they are portrayed

See GETTING Page 3



Brandon Fowler shows the audience why this lizard is called the Blue Tongued Skink.



Shafter FFA members taught the kids how to show lambs, and brought a few other furry friends such as chickens and quail.

SYC hosts Animal Week

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

The Shafter Youth Center was full of wildlife last week as they presented their ever-famous Animal Week. Among the week's visitors was Shafter Animal Control, who gave the kids tips on how to be responsible pet owners, such as getting them licensed, spayed or neutered, and how a pet can

become an important part of the family.

Also on tap was the Wind Wolves Preserve, who came and talked about the special non-profit preserve that houses a group of over 30 Tule Elk. It also has among its residents the endangered San Joaquin Kit Fox, as well as one of the largest stands of the endangered Bakersfield Cactus.

The Shafter FFA Club brought a variety of animal friends with them to share with the children. Exhibitors taught the kids how they show their fair projects, demonstrating how to show a lamb properly. They also brought with them some chickens and quail.

During the week, the children were also visited by the Kern County Sheriff's Office. See ANIMAL Page 5

Medical group celebrates 5 years in city

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

The Vanguard Medical Group recently celebrated five years of service with an open house which for residents, with refreshments served as well as a variety of information and gifts. Several members of the City of Shafter staff were on hand at the event, including City Council members, the city manager and other prominent business owners in town.

Headed up by Dr. Novira Sunner, administrator of the Vanguard Medical Management Co., the business was opened back in 2014 with a goal of giving the communi-

ty of Shafter a better option for its personal health care.

"We wanted to give the community a service that makes the patients feel more like they are visiting a private practice, instead of going to a big corporation that doesn't give that personalized service," Sunner said.

She explained that Park put together the practice with doctors including those is worked with at National Health Services, now known as Omni Health Corp. "We wanted to form a group that would keep the community healthy while giving them the entire menu of options without having to go to a big company."

Vanguard Medical Corp. offers general practice medicine and chiropractic services. They also have an OBGYN on staff.

Tours were given to anyone who wanted to see what the facility had to offer, providing a chance to see the waiting room and examination rooms, as well as the lab.

Being a part of a small town community has been

a pleasure for the group and its members, according to Sunner.

"We love the community and think that they deserve the best care available to them without losing that personal touch that we can give them."

Vanguard takes all major medical insurance, including Blue Cross, Blue Shield, Kern Family Health Care and many others. They take appointments, but they also welcome walk-ins.

Some familiar faces have been major parts of the group's growth.

They acquired the practice of Dr. Jae Kim, another longtime physician in Shafter. "Dr. Kim wanted to keep treating his patients, but didn't want to deal with the daily paperwork and business side of the practice. So, we took over this aspect of the practice, allowing Dr. Kim to concentrate on his patients without the hassle of the business side of it," commented Sunner.

Dr. Jong C. Moon, who has served the community for 34 years, started with the



Owner Dr. Chan Park, with Dr. Jae Kim, receive a proclamation from Shafter Mayor Gilbert Alvarado.

group this month.

Vanguard is located on Kern Street and, in 2018, they added a location in Wasco, which offers all of the same services as the Shafter office.

The community appreciates the company and the personal care that goes into the practice. "I just love the doctors and staff here at Vanguard. I used to go to other clinics around the area, but you can't beat this place for its care and the people who work in the office," said Yolonda Murree, who, along with her son, has been going to Vanguard for the past three years.



The Vanguard team gave out a variety of gifts in addition to the food, refreshments and tours of the facility.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW: Worship hours -- Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church will be starting new worship time Sunday, Aug. 18 at 10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages will begin at 9:30 a.m. as well.

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

MONDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Folklorico -- Dance classes are available Wednesday evenings at Golden Oak Cafeteria. Pee wee ages 5-8 at 4

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:** Dumping potatoes for wash at the Em. H. Mettler & Sons potato shed around 1950.



p.m.; intermediate ages 9-12 at 5 p.m., advanced ages 13 to adult, 6 p.m. Information, 661-746-4352.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

Karaoke potluck -- Usually every second and fourth Fri-

day 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.

SUNDAY

Food pantry -- Food giveaway the third Sunday of each month at Shafter Christian Fellowship, 632 James St., starting at 1 p.m. First come first served.

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ARREST REPORT

As reported by the Shafter Police Department.

July 23

James Edward Bice, 55, of Shafter, was arrested for possession of controlled substance paraphernalia and on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

substance, riding a bike on wrong side of road, on a misdemeanor bench warrant and property safe keeping.

July 25

Juan Martin Barraza, 39, of Shafter, was arrested for possession of a controlled

Richard Garcia Jr, 35, of Shafter, was arrested on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

Andy Martinez, 23, of Shafter, was arrested for possession of controlled substance paraphernalia.

July 27

Robert Hernandez, 28, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and paraphernalia.

Natashia Lynett Wat-

kins, 25, of Shafter, was arrested for possession of controlled substance paraphernalia.

July 28

Carlos Deleon, 40, of Shafter, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance and on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

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City OKs repairs for correctional facility

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

In a special meeting held on Thursday, July 25, the Shafter City Council approved a resolution to authorize the completion of repairs to a wall at the Shafter Modified Community Correctional Facility on Ash Avenue.

Recently, water intrusion was discovered in a wall in the Modified Community Correctional Facility kitchen. Further inspection showed damage.

Although the damage did not present an "emergency," there is a level of urgency to make the repairs. Staff reached out to a number of construction contractors for prevailing wage bids. The best overall quote in terms of price, schedule, and proposed materials was provided by Pyramid Construction.

Until the damaged material is removed, the full extent of the repairs will not be known, so a budget of \$50,000 was recom-

mended, which included a bid of \$40,090 submitted by Pyramid Construction.

The repairs were not anticipated in the adopted 2019-2020 operating budget. It was recommended that the funds for the repairs be appropriated from the Corrections Building Replacement Fund which has a projected June 30, 2020 ending balance of \$113,744. The budget amendment is needed to transfer funds from the Replacement Fund to the Corrections Operations Fund.

This action is on the heels of another issue involving the Shafter Community Correctional Facility. The facility had been without one of eight air conditioners during the recent heat wave. With the high projected temperatures, one inmate's spouse alerted *The Press* of the situation.

When contacted on Tuesday, Shafter Police Chief Kevin Zimmermann looked into the matter and responded later the same day. Zimmermann said that there was an air



The Shafter Community Correctional Facility on Ash Avenue.

conditioning unit out, and the unit was being replaced the following morning.

"We are required to have regulators inspect the operations of the facility and at no time was the facility found to be violating

any rights of the occupants of the facility," he said.

The air conditioning unit was replaced and all of the facility's units are fully functional, he later confirmed.

Getting up close with reptiles

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to be in movies and on television.

Fowler explained to the kids how important the different species are to nature, such as certain kinds of snakes taking care of rodent problems, and other species helping to control insect problems. These creatures were on display for the kids, parents and friends to look at and let them learn more about their different habitats, diets, personalities and purposes.

One of the main attractions of the show was an amazing red-tailed boa. Fowler said that it was one of his favorite friends, not only because she is a beautiful specimen, but also because of how he got her.

A family had left the snake in their attic in a pillowcase when they moved from the house. The snake lived up there for nine months, until the builder went in to do some work on their purchase. They found

the snake and Fowler was contacted to see if he would take her. When Fowler took possession of her, Fowler said, "You could see her ribs, she was so thin. It was a very sad situation. When you have a pet, it becomes part of your family, and it should be treated like one."

Fowler nursed the snake back to health and today she is plump, healthy and one of the most popular stars of the show.

In addition to the boa, Fowler had a number of other snakes, including a California king snake and a milk snake. Milk snakes, Fowler said, are very tame and docile, and make excellent pets. "If your child is wanting to own a snake and you have never dealt with them before, the milk snake is their perfect snake for a first-time snake owner. They are very tame, like to be held, eat good and have wonderful personalities."

The audience got the opportunity to hold some of the animals, with the kids

and adults alike delighted with the feel of the animals' skin as they held them. "I got to hold one of the lizards, and it was awesome," said Mariah, who didn't like them before today. "I used to be scared of them, but they are really cute and not scary at all."

The star of the show was a large black tegu from Argentina named Midnight. She seemed to love all of the attention, and took in all of the love as one by one, the attendees took their turn holding and touching her. There was one drawback to the show this year, compared to years passed. Fowler said that in the library shows, attendees are no longer able to handle or touch the snakes. "Once you get lawyers involved, they usually screw things up," commented Fowler.

He said that he really loved having the kids touch and handle the snakes, especially because of the negative way they are por-



This red-tailed boa loves hanging out with Brandon Fowler, comfortable with the crowds and attention.

trayed in media and society. "The opportunity to hold and touch them lets the kids see that they are not scary, fearsome creatures. It really changes the way that they perceive the animals." He said that maybe if enough parents and community

members speak out, they might change the policy and let them be held and handled again during the shows.

Fowler said that this was the last show he would present personally in Shafter, and he had one last show

in Wasco on Wednesday before heading out to the Midwest. Fowler will be in charge of the Roaming Reptiles organization back there, leaving a legacy of great entertainment and valuable lessons for his replacement to follow.



A group cheer ends the session.



Jordan Perez plays defense. She says she loves basketball and has played in leagues at the Recreation Department.

Lessons on and off court

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church is holding a basketball camp this week for children from kindergarten through eighth grade, teaching the kids the basics of the game, plus a few tidbits that they can use off the court as well.

According to Brent Cummings, the youth pastor and camp director, this is the first year of the basketball camp in years. "We did do a basketball camp a few years back, but this is the first one we have had that is tied in with the annual wrestling camp and volleyball camp.

They had over 30 participants learning different basketball skills.

There were several different stations for the kids to go to, each with its own focus. At one station, the kids were taught the proper way to dribble the basketball, and in another, shooting technique was gone over. Coach Cummings showed the campers the

proper way to play defense, a part of the game that is sometimes neglected at basketball camps. While the offensive side of the game focuses on how to score, defense is an equally important part of the skills needed to play.

With a number of volunteer coaches on hand, the camp had the ability to teach the kids a great variety of phases of the game in each session. Some of the kids were new to the game, while others had experience either in school or in the Shafter Recreation Department leagues. "My daughter loves basketball. She plays in the Shafter recreation leagues and is having a lot of fun at the camp. She just loves the game so much," said Angie Perez, whose daughter Jordan was busy at work, guarding her charge with skill that showed her experience.

Another camper said that he was having a great time at the camp. "I love basketball, and this is a lot of fun," said Brian Salcedo, who sank a basket as the clock wound down.

The camp runs Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to noon, with a special event planned for Friday. As with the wrestling camp, on Friday night there will be an exhibition game for parents and friends of the participants, giving them a chance to display all of the skills and techniques that they have learned throughout the week. There will also be dessert served for the attendees and campers, giving them an opportunity to fellowship with the other parents and participants.

Along with the variety of skills being taught on the court, there are also some Bible-based lessons being taught that kids can utilize in their lives off the court, in school and at home. This combination makes this camp unique from other camps. "This is a great experience for us as well as the kids, letting us make a difference in these kids' lives, if only for a week. But this week will give them tools that they can use well beyond that."

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SL Payne built on a solid foundation

A good reputation builds construction business

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press /
Wasco Tribune

SL Payne, Inc., has built a flourishing business on a solid foundation of personal care and service.

Steve Payne has been in the construction business for decades, serving the communities of Shafter, Wasco, Bakersfield, Delano, and all of the surrounding

during the housing crash that meant the end for a lot of construction companies. At the time, Payne had hung up his tool belt for the most part, taking the reins of the projects in a supervisory role. But, during the crash, it sometimes became necessary for Payne to strap on the belt again and help with the bigger jobs. "We had to do a

lot of the building ourselves during this time, allowing us to weather the storm," he said.

The office is now located at the complex that houses Tin Cup Coffee and the Shafter Ford

Theater. One of the big jobs of the past few years for Payne was the building of their current location. The Starrh family decided to open a theater on the property, which was the old Ford car dealership. Payne took on the challenge, and the result is a beautiful complex containing the coffee house, offices (including his own), and a modern theater venue.

With the market on the rise again, Payne has hung his belt back up for the time being, with his daughter Stephanie as his partner in the business. When asked what has



The Ford Theater/Tin Cup Coffee complex on Lerdo Highway was a special project for the Paynes.

changed in the business since his start all those years ago, Payne said, "Well, the regulations are a lot more stringent now, making it more of a challenge to get a job done in a timely manner, making it necessary to plan more carefully."

The company has seen five generations work to keep the business a healthy mainstay in the community of Shafter.

When asked what influenced him when starting in the business, Payne said, "I learned from some of the best in the business. Bud Cashen, who was one of the founders of Century 21 Real Estate, was a major early influence. Bud would give me a list of things to do while he was gone. When he returned, he would check to see how I had done on the list of duties I had."



Silos highlight the design of the Ford Theater complex, the home of SL Payne.

If he did not get the items done as fast as he thought appropriate, Cashen would take Payne's tool belt from him and say, "This is not the way you are going to make a living. This is how you will make it," and gave Payne a pen, meaning that he was going to make his name

on the managerial side of the business. Cashen was right, as Payne has shown a special gift in managing projects and getting them done on time and on budget, realizing his customers' vision.

Payne is also involved in the community and in giving back

with trips to Mexico, where he helps build different structures with some greenhands as his crew.

With Stephanie on board as a partner in the business, the family legacy is living on and will keep growing for many years to come.



areas in Kern County. Payne got his feet wet in the business back in 1978. He started at the bottom and worked his way up. This gave Payne the opportunity to get experienced in all facets of the business, aiding him tremendously when it came time for him to venture out on his own.

Payne said that a good reputation is an important part of this business. Profiting from good word of mouth can help a business grow and stay strong, even through trying times. SL Payne, Inc., managed to thrive

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Animal week at SYC

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Audubon Society. They talked to the kids about owls, wingspans of different kinds of birds, their habitats, and about the hobby of bird watching.

Rounding out the week was a visit from California Department of Fish

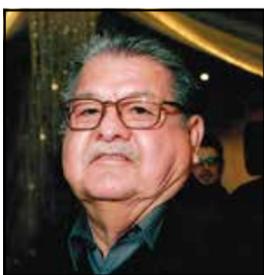
and Game. They brought with them some stuffed animals, including some of the less popular animals in the wild, such as mountain lions, bears, and lizards. They talked about the different features of each animal and how they survive in the wild. They also told the children what their diets consist of,

as well as how each hunts its prey to survive.

The kids had a blast, according to Director Angie Nelson. They saw an array of animals – alive, stuffed, and in pictures – and learned a great deal about the creatures they share the planet with.

OBITUARIES

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



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

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

Bert came to Shafter with his family at the age of 5. He graduated from

Shafter High School in 1960 and attended Bakersfield College. He married his first wife, Isabel, and moved to Whittier, where he worked as a tool and die maker. After Isabel passed away, he relocated his family to Bakersfield. He worked in oil field maintenance and construction until his retirement. He was proud to become a naturalized citizen in 2015.

When his children were younger, Bert devoted his

time as a Boy Scout leader, as well as coaching baseball, soccer and softball. He had a love for classic cars and collecting Hot Wheels, with a vast collection to show for it. He was an avid fisherman, hunter, camper and family man, and relished the time he spent with his wife and grandchildren.

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

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

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

Wyman Stark April 6, 1935 – July 24, 2019



Wyman Ray Stark born to William Henry and Laura Rose (Thoene) Stark on April 6, 1935, and passed on July 24, 2019.

Wyman worked for Camp & Mebane Cattle Co. for 15 years after he served in the Army and owned Foster Freeze/Generals Headquarters for 27 years. He was married to Leoda Sherrill Stark for 42 years before she passed.

He has two children, Russell Stark and Denise McCaslin; four grandchildren; and seven great grandchildren. He has been married to Mary (Cartnal) Stark for 17 years, and she has two children, Ryan Cartnal (Joelle) and Carin Cathey (Jason); six grandchildren; and one great granddaughter. They all called him "Pop."

Wyman was a man of his word -- you could always count on him for anything. He said he could fix anything but a broken heart.

Wyman received the Chamber of Commerce Business Person of the Year award in 1992.

He will be missed by all who had the honor of knowing him. Special thanks to Hoffmann Hospice & Peters Funeral

Home for all they did for Wyman.

Services for Wyman will be held on Saturday, July 27, at Shafter Memorial Park.

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Jose De Jesus "Pepe" Flores Romo March 17, 1957 — July 22, 2019



Jose De Jesus "Pepe" Flores Romo self-proclaimed cowboy, rodeo master, tequila enthusiast, hardworking man, died peacefully at home while holding his fiancé's hand at the age of 62 on July 22, 2019, after a 9-month-long battle with cancer. He leaves behind five children and nine grandchildren.

Pepe was born on March

17, 1957, in Jalpa, Zacatecas, Mexico to Jose Flores and Maria Guadalupe Romo.

Pepe spent much of his adult life participating in rodeos and working at his shop, Pacific Coast Tires.

His favorite pastime was working on his ranch and traveling to new places. He was a good father who always took care of his children and did the best he could to teach and guide them, and he was a loving grandfather.

A wake will be held at Basham & Lara Funeral Care in Shafter on Aug. 2, 2019. Visitation will be held 5 p.m.-10 p.m. at the funeral home. Flowers can be sent to 343 State Ave., Shafter, the morning of the wake.

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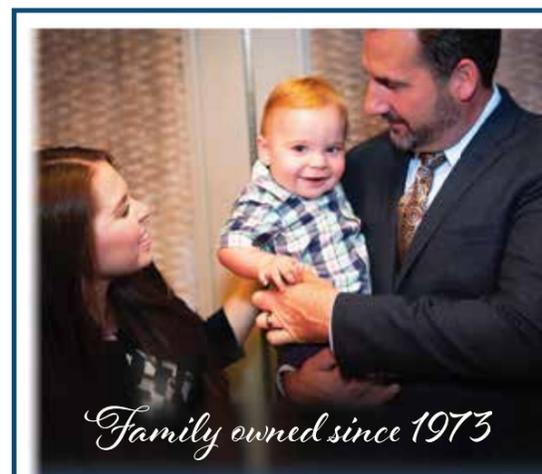
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