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Nonprofit leader Osborne aims for counci

FOCUS ON THE COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Third in a series profiling candidates for the Shafter City Council, to be elected Tuesday, Nov. 5. Other articles can be found on TheShafterPress.com.

VERONICA JACUINDE

The Press and Tribune

James Osborne is originally from Nashville, Tenn., and came to Shafter in 2019. Along with his wife, Cur'Neisha, he runs a nonprofit called Villagers Inc., which serves underprivileged youth by offering educational study trips, life skills training, leadership development, and food and home resources to the parents.

Osborne is running for one of three

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seats to be filled on the Shafter City Council, against incumbents Mayor Chad Givens, Gilberto Alvarado and Pete Espinoza, and Rafael Zamudio.

"Through Villagers Inc., we have partnerships with Toys for Tots, Ikea Furniture, Burlington Coat Factory and Good360. Through these partnerships, we are able to offer toys, furniture, clothing, household supplies, school supplies, and pretty much anything that a family would need. We also have a partnership with CAPK, where we get our food from them, which we distribute as well. We service the communities of Shafter, Wasco, Bakersfield, Arvin and Lamont. We do an annual toy giveaway in all five of those cities, where we go to neighborhoods, honk our horn and pass out toys."

In Shafter, he works with the Shafter Youth Center. "For them, we do 'Operation Letters for Santa.' We had a mailbox designed with Santa on it that we placed in the center. Teachers have kids write letters to Santa, and then we get and fulfill the letters. It's something the kids look forward to."

Also, in Shafter, he hosts the Gossamer Grove Trunk or Treat. "We design it, run it and do the whole nine yards. Our first one was in 2020. We started with about 50 kids, and this past year, in 2023, we did just over 200 kids. What I enjoy most about it is the

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The Osborne Family Christmas photo 2023: James Osborne, wife Cur'Neisha Osborne, 10-year-old daughter Khori Sawyer, godson Messiah Carrillo and infant daughter Arabella Salazar.



Aviation team guides student in emergency

VERONICA JACUINDE

The Press and Tribune

An emergency was averted by the Wonderful Aviation team at Meadows Field on Friday when a pilot on a King Air 90 flight from Hender-

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son, Nev., to Monterey Bay, became unconscious. A student pilot found herself flying the aircraft alone for the first time. Wonderful Aviation's pilots played a crucial role in guiding the student pilot who had zero experience — through the crisis, helping her safely land the plane in Bakersfield. Chief Pilot Nick McLean said it was a matter of being in the right place at the right time. "Air traffic control had called the Wonderful Aviation office because they knew we flew a similar aircraft. Wonderful Aviation is at the Bakersfield Meadows Field Airport and operates many flights every day. Once I received the phone call, I knew we had to jump in and help because, at the company, one of our core values is being a Wonderful Neighbor. My personal value is to do to others what you want done to you. I thought, what if that was someone I knew in the airplane? I would want someone to jump into action and help as well." He explained that to prepare mentally for the tense situation, "The first thing I did was grab two other pilots from our department with years of aviation experience and who train other pilots as instructors. The next thought was, how do you explain years of training and experience in flying in minutes of radio transmissions to someone with no experience? It was then off to getting ourselves to air traffic control and being prepared for anything." The operation was a team effort by Chief Pilot Nick McLean, Assistant Chief Pilot John Hess and experienced pilot Del Kienholz. "It helped that another aircraft in the area had gotten on the same frequency as the plane in danger and was See WONDERFUL Page 7



The Lions Club's vision to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood camaraderie came to life at the Shafter National Night Out.

Law enforcement connects with Shafter community

VERONICA JACUINDE

The Press and Tribune

The Shafter community came together Tuesday evening to celebrate National Night Out, an event designed to foster stronger connections between law enforcement agencies and residents. Hosted by the Shafter Lions Club and the Shafter Police Department, the gathering offered a chance for community members to interact with officers in a relaxed, friendly setting, with the goal of promoting trust and collaboration.

"It was a team effort between me and the Lions Club," Councilmember Gilbert Alvarado, president of the Shafter Lions Club, said. "We reached out to the chief of police and city manager to see what they thought about the Lions Club doing a National Night Out. They agreed to do it, and we said we would work with the PD and chief on the project.

"The concept behind it was we did it years back, but it was just our agency. We had about five officers, a police car, cornhole games and a canopy for giveaways. That was the extent of the National Night Out. So now the vision for the Lions Club was to have what you see today, for a small town to experience a National Night Out like a big city such as Bakersfield or the county would have."

Among the agencies represent-



Sandra Cabrera with Arvin Police Department Sergeant Brandon Snyder and his K9 partner.

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ed at the event were the Shafter Police, Delano Police, McFarland Police, Arvin Police, Kern County Sheriff's Office Bomb Squad, California Highway Patrol, Kern County Sheriff Crime Prevention Unit, CDCR SWAT & K9, the Federal DEA, Kern County Probation Department, Kern High School District Police, California Department of Fish & Game, Kern County EMS, ABC, Kern County Fire Department, Kern County District Attorney, CDCR Wasco State Prison, Hall Ambulance and Kern County Park Rangers.

Shafter Police Department Chief Randy Milligan shared, "This is a national event that promotes our community to our law enforcement officers. This event is See LAW Page 6

Alexia Ramirez named Homecoming Queen



Alexia Ramirez Friday night. (SEE STORY PAGE 6)

Community Calendar

The Shafter Press and Wasco Tribune encourage local organizations to let the public know about coming events and activities through this column. Drop off or mail items at the office, 455 Kern St., Suite E, in Shafter, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Monday-Friday, call 661-292-5100 or email esoriano@TheShafterPress.com. Deadline is 4 p.m. Thursday prior to publication. Updates will be on TheShafterPress.com and WascoTrib.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shafter Historical Society - Annual meeting Thursday, Oct. 24, 7 p.m. at the Shafter Police Station Conference Room, 201 Central Valley Hwy. Speaker is Dr. Mike McCoy, director of the Kern County Museum.

Halloween fun - Shafter Trunk or Treat Saturday, Oct. 26, 4 p.m. at Community Park. Free candy while supplies last.

Shafter Harvests Shafter - Shafter Lions Club's trunk 'n' treat, 1150 E. Ash Ave., at the old Correctional Holding Facilities, at 6:30 p.m.

Park ribbon cutting - Veterans Memorial Park cel; ebration Thursday, Nov. 7, at 749 7th St., Wasco, at 10 a.m. Refreshments and project tours following the ceremony at the new downtown plaza.

16th Annual Christmas Tree Display -Shafter Depot Museum presents "The Lights of Christmas!" If you want to set up a tree or know of anyone who does, contact Stephanie 661-330-8769 or Stan 661-747-0324 for more information. We love community involvement and accept last minute entries. Setup for the display will be the first week of December. Trees will be on display Saturdays, Dec. 14, 21, 28 and Jan. 2, 10 a.m.-3p.m.

ONGOING

Wardrobe for Wildcats — Semitropic School is seeking donations to provide two full uniforms, school t-shirt and school sweatshirt to each Semitropic School student for the 2024-25 school year. All donations will directly benefit students at the school and are tax deductible.Bring a donation directly by the school at 25300 Hwy. 46 in Wasco or contact Melody Gebhardt at 661-746-4439.

PRIDE Pantry donations needed - Help hurting families at Shafter High through donations of personal hygiene items, clothing, household items and nonperishable food. Drop off at the school office, 526 Mannel Ave. Call Katie Young at on-campus intervention, 661-746-4961.

MONDAY

North Kern 4H - Meetings are held at Karl Clemens cafeteria at 7 p.m. the second Monday of the month. For more information, contact Chris at 661-809-2851.

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

Senior Sack Program - First and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. at the Griffith Avenue Baptist Church in Wasco.

Shafter Recreation and Parks District -Meetings the second Tuesday of the month at 505 Sunset Ave., the Shafter Senior Center.

Shafter City Council - Meetings the first and third Tuesday of the month at City Hall, 336 Pacific Ave.

Wasco City Council - Meetings first and third Tuesday of the month. Meetings are held at 746 8th St. at 6 p.m.

Wasco Woman's Club - Meetings at the

clubhouse, 1601 7th St., on the second Tuesday of the month. There is a \$15 fee for the lunch meetings.

Senior Food giveaway - Westside Family Fellowship hosts free senior food giveaway every fourth Tuesday of the month, 9-10 a.m., 60 or older (ID required). 2150 Palm Ave., Wasco. WEDNESDAY

Shafter Rotary - Meetings at 7 a.m. at the Shafter Veterans Hall.

Shafter Kiwanis - Meetings Wednesdays at 12 p.m. at the Shafter Veterans Hall.

Shafter Woman's Club – Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month, September through May, starting at 11 a.m. at the Shafter Youth Center, 455 Euclid Ave.

THURSDAY Wasco High School Board – Meetings the

second Thursday of the month at 1900 7th St. in Room 202, or alternatively in Library Room 1101. Visit wuhs.wascouhsd.org for agenda information.

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

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

Free farmers market - Westside Family Fellowship hosts fourth Thursday of the month, 8-10 a.m. 2150 Palm Ave., Wasco.

FRIDAY

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

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

SATURDAY

Depot Museum - Shafter Historical Society presents the city's history. Free admittance. 150 Central Valley Highway. Open Saturdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

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

Minter Field Air Museum - Open Fridays and Saturdays 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at 401 Vultee, Shafter. Admission free, donations accepted.

Wasco Museum - Open every second Saturday of the month, 1-3 p.m., at 918 6th St. Free to the public. Wasco High School artifacts from over the last 100 years are featured.

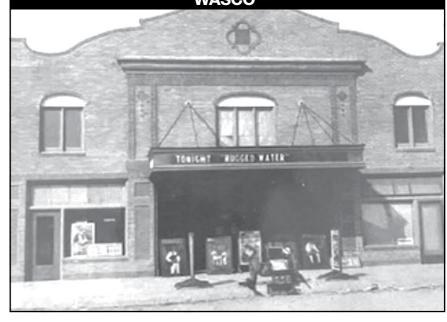
Mystery history



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, 455 Kern St., Suite E, Shafter, CA 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@The ShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. LAST WEEK: Graddy's Goal Busters battle it out in a Shafter AYSO soccer match Oct. 3, 1984.



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Avenue

Shafter for driving without

a license and speeding. He

was cited and released at the

Tracy Ann Broderick, 43,

Avenue for possession of a

warrant. She was booked

Justin Anthony Sloat, 31,

Avenue on three misde-

Miguel Ramos Ortega, 38,

Wasco for possession of a

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of Frazier Park, was arrested

meanor warrants and a felony

warrant. He was booked into

of Wasco, was arrested in the

stolen vehicle. He was booked

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into the Kern County Jail.

the Kern County Jail.

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of Frazier Park, was arrested

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into the Kern County Jail.

in



ARREST REPORT

Magnolia

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scene.

felony

As reported by the Shafter Police Department

SÉPT. 29

Teoduia Lopez, 57, of Shafter, was arrested at Blake Avenue and Elm Street for DUI and driving an unregistered vehicle.

Miguel Angel Zamora Medina, 40, of Shafter, was arrested at South Shafter Avenue and West Ash Avenue on an outside warrant and a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Victor Urrea Sandoval, was arrested in the 800 block of North Central Valley Highway for DUI and outside agency warrant.

SEPT. 30

Christopher Rojas, 24, of Shafter, was arrested on Scaroni Avenue and West Lerdo Highway for possession of a controlled substance, disorderly conduct: alcohol and on an outside agency warrant.

OCT.1

Armando Joe Macias, 30, of Shafter, was arrested at North Central Valley Highway and English Lane for bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge and for possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

Sergio Acosta Prieto, 64, of Shafter, was arrested on the 300 block of South Shafter Avenue on a bench warrant/ failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Andres Bacilio Gonzalez, 37, of Shafter, was arrested at 7th Standard and Broken Court on an outside warrant and driving without a license.

Alberto Perez, 38, of Shafter, was arrested in the 800 block of Clarence Street for causing injury onto an elder, possession of a controlled substance and bringing drugs into a jail or prison.

OCT.2

Miguel Angel Romero Lopez, 33, of Shafter, was arrested in Buttonwillow for inflicting corporal injury onto a person

Erik Llamas, 28, of Shafter, was arrested in the 700 block of Sinatra Way for threatening

with intent to terrorize.

Alexander Israel Lopez, 27, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of Pine Street for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

OCT. 3

Juan Alberto Campos Galindo, 33, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of West Los Angeles for trespassing, disorderly conduct: under the influence and on an outside warrant.

OCT.4

Bruce Lee Payne, 73, of Shafter, was arrested at South Shafter and Elizabeth avenues on an outside warrant.

Juan Jose Martinez Pelayo, 41, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Central Valley Highway on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a felony.

Omar Avelar, 30, of Shafter, was arrested at Central Valley Highway and Sunset Avenue for giving false ID and on an outside agency warrant.

OCT.5

Micah Ruth Hults, 40, of Shafter, was arrested at Cross Street and East Tulare Avenue on an outside agency warrant.

OCT.6

Ivan Hernandez, 25, of Shafter, was arrested in the 300 block of Rodriguez Avenue on a bench/warrant to appear for a felony.

Francis Garett, 30, of Shafter, was arrested in the 700 block East Lerdo Highway for disorderly conduct: under the influence of narcot-

Leovigildo Garcia, 61, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Orange Avenue for inflicting corporal

injury onto a person. BUTTONWILLOW

As reported by the Kern County Sheriff's Department, Buttonwillow substation:

SEPT. 30

Jerady Eugene Hernandez, 41, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 20600 block of

Tracy Avenue on a felony out of county warrant and presenting false ID to a peace officer He was booked into Highway and the Kern County Jail.

OCT.1

Miguel Angel Lopez-Romero, 33, of Shafter, was arrested at the intersection of Main Drain Road and Lerdo Highway on a felony warrant and a

warrant. misdemeanor He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Leonel Gonzalez Jr., 41, of Shafter, was arrested at the intersection of Main Drain Road and Lerdo Highway in Buttonwillow on a misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Harvey Lee Joe Watkins, 48, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 34300 block of

Stockdale Highway on a felony warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Iail.

Ali Alnajar, 19, of Bakersfield, was arrested at Lerdo



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12000 block of B Street in

Wasco for possession of a stolen vehicle and prohibited person in possession of

ammunition. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

OCT. 4

Jesus Contreras, 31, of Bakersfield, was arrested at the intersection of Twisselman Road and Shelco Road in

Lost Hills on six felony warrants and two misdemeanor warrants. He was booked

into the Kern County Jail.

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As reported by the Wasco Police Department:

SEPT. 30

Roman Manuel Olvera, 35, was arrested at the intersection of Filburn Street and Highway 43 for driving with a suspended license and driving at an unsafe speed. He was cited and released at the scene.

Moises Galvan, 28, was

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Filburn Street and D Street

for driving with a suspended license. He was cited and released at the scene.

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Deshawn King, 41, was arrested at the intersection of Appletree Ln and Central Avenue for two counts of felony vandalism. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Alyssa Gonzalez, 28, was arrested at the intersection of Filburn Street and Griffith Avenue for driving under the influence of alcohol. She was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Milton Ramirez, 40, was arrested at the intersection of 7th and F streets for a felony and misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Bryona Tidwell, 31, was arrested in the 1000 block of Highway 46 for possession of a controlled substance

A disco mystery at Ford tickets on sale



The Shafter Ford Theater Young Adults Program actors from the 2023 murder mystery show, "Romanian Uranium." (Photo courtesy of Joshua Cooley)

VERONICA JACUINDE

The Press and Tribune

The Young Adults Theater of Shafter will perform "Drop Dead Disco," a captivating murder mystery dinner with audience participation that showcases the ttalent of its actors.

The event will raise funds for the Shafter Children's Summer Theater and Young Adults Theater of Shafter productions, said Joshua Cooley, the show's director.

The evening promises to be packed with entertainment, with dinner and desserts served while a sibling trio gains ownership of a discotheque. Mysteriously, one of the siblings is murdered, and the audience is left to figure out who did it. Cooley said the night will be filled with mystery, mayhem, melodrama and plenty of ex-

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citement, all set to the best '70s disco hits. The actors will be dressed in '70s-inspired fashion, and guests are highly encouraged to join the fun by dressing in theme.

'Dust off your '70s wardrobe – a deadly case of boogie fever is about to hit Shafter!" Cooley said. "Our actors have been training hard for this show, and we're excited to keep the audience on the edge of their seats, guessing if they can solve the murder."

"Drop Dead Disco" plays Saturday, Oct. 26, at 5:30 p.m. at the Shafter Ford Theater, 1101 E. Lerdo Hwy. Tickets are \$55 per plate or \$300 for a table of six. Tickets can be purchased online at shafterfordtheater.com or by calling 661-630-4059. For updates, visit the Young Adults Theater Program's Instagram page @YAT_Shafter.

Strata to celebrate past and present

VERONICA JACUINDE

The Press and Tribune

Strata Credit Union will celebrate Día de los Muertos with a member appreciation event, on Friday, Nov. 1, at their Wasco branch. The gathering will include activities such as face painting, pastries, exciting raffles and giveaways, including a chance to take home a limited-edition tumbler.

"We established the Día de los Muertos Member Appreciation Event to celebrate and honor both past and present family members, embodying the rich cultural traditions that resonate deeply within our community," explained Nicolas Caver, marketing officer for the credit union. "This gathering not only allows us to pay tribute to those we've lost but also creates a warm space for members to come together in love and remembrance, celebrating the bonds that unite us all."

Caver emphasized the credit union's commitment to community engagement. "We also wanted to do this because we feel that there are too many people that are underserved and underbanked within this community. We care about the community and its members. We attend some events here and there, but we don't host many events at our branch, so people may not always know where to find us other than through our billboards. That's why we saw this as a great opportunity to con-



The Strata Credit Union Wasco branch team of Gary Gonzalez, Flor Arreola, Leslie Rodriguez, Elizabeth Lagunas, Samantha Bravo, Beatriz Rosas Cadena and Paulina Raya Puente.

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nect with people in Wasco and reach out to the broader community."

Gutierrez outlined the credit union's mission: "Our key goal is to empower our community with the essential tools for financial success. We understand that indi-Community Outreach Specialist Jai viduals from lower socioeconomic groups often face challenges such as lower credit scores, higher debt and limited savings. By addressing these issues head-on, we aim to create a supportive environment that fosters financial literacy and resilience, helping everyone achieve their financial dreams."

In addition to celebrating the cultural heritage of Día de los Muertos, the event aims to encourage community members to visit the credit union and discover the services available to them. "To encourage people in the community to come into the bank and see how great it is and learn about some of the services we have to offer. Something notable for a community like Wasco, where there are many immigrants, is that we offer ITIN lending for members who don't have a social security number. So, if they have an ITIN number, they can use the services at the bank. We'll have information on hand about that," Caver explained.

Gutierrez also highlighted the credit union's commitment to inclusivity: "In addition, we have bilingual staff to help Spanish speakers. All our staff comes highly trained. They are friendly and always willing to go above and beyond to deliver excellent customer service."

The event will be held from 4 to 6 p.m. at 2830 Hwy 46, in the Walmart shopping center. For more information, call 661-327-9461.

WHS Class of '74 celebrates 50th

VERONICA JACUINDE The Press and Tribune

The Wasco Union High School Class of 1974 gathered on Saturday to celebrate their milestone 50th reunion. Classmates traveled from as far as Florida, Texas, Idaho, Nevada, Washington and Arizona to reconnect with old friends, relive memories from the past and catch up on the last five decades of each other's lives. For Jann Hill, it was a special opportunity to see John Herrick. "We were close friends in high school, and he was in my wedding. The last time I saw him was 40 years ago. He went up north, and I stayed in California, and we lost touch."

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er, and we've been apart for a long time 50 years since high school, as many of them moved far away. Fifty years is a big milestone. It doesn't feel like it could be 50 years."

It's a lot bigger, and it's growing. Tonight, I got to see a friend I went to grade school with, and there's a few I studied with



Anita Bell Harris expressed her excitement about reuniting with old high school girlfriends, saying, "We shared a lot of memories and good times togeth-

"Some people haven't aged at all," Carol Rankin Terry said. "Some people, it takes them giving me their names, and then I recognize them. It's nice to see so many people that look so healthy and great. I saw my friend Carol, whom I've known since 4th grade, and Janet, with whom I went to kindergarten. It's just incredible happiness and very joyful to be here."

Dirk Craig made the trip from Seaside, Calif. "It's good to see how everybody is doing and get back in touch. I left Wasco after I graduated. It's different to be back. through elementary and high school.'

Before the reunion reception, there was a Wasco Historical Society Museum tour, and Craig visited for the first time with his wife, Jessica. "It was interesting. I watched a video with Wasco history, and our yearbook was there."

Denise Hamlin, who spearheaded the event, said, "I'm just so happy we got the turnout we did. We have 56 graduates."

Les Laughlin praised her efforts. "Denise put in a lot of hard work and is a good organizer. It's really neat."

Penny Hall Skeels also played a role in planning. "I'm smiling. At our first pre-planning meeting, we had over twenty people. We met once a month for a year, and we're going to continue."

Penny Hall Skeels, Al Vento and Anita Bell Harris reunite as Penny and Al reminisce about working together at Nelson's Apparel during high school.

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and driving without a valid license. She was cited and released at the scene.

Isaac Gutierrez, 46, was arrested in the 1500 block of Highway 46 for possession of burglary tools, possession of unlawful paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled substance. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Nancy Edith Anaya, 49, was arrested in the 1500 block of Highway 46 for possession of unlawful paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, and on a misdemeanor bench warrant. She was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Lionel Lopez, 39, was arrested in the 1500 block of

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Highway 46 for participating in a criminal street gang, possession of a controlled substance for sale and possession of a controlled substance, He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

OCT. 2 Richard Leroy Floyd, 58, was arrested at the intersection of Poso Drive and Birch Avenue for transporting marijuana, resisting a peace officer, and on a felony bench warrant and a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Rodney Eugene Thomas, 65, was arrested in the 1900 block of F Street on a felony arrest warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Cindy Chavez, 29, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on a misdemeanor bench warrant. She was cited and released at the scene.

Antônio Vasquez Rios, 50, was arrested in the 1400 block of 7th Street for resisting a peace officer, first-degree burglary, and on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility

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Deshawn King, 41, was arrested in the 2600 block of Via Morocco Boulevard for assault with a deadly weapon with great bodily injury, first-degree burglary and trespassing. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

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Brandon Velasquez, 28, was arrested at Griffith Avenue and Lily Street on a

misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

Christopher Martinez, 29, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

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Michael C James Smith, 34, was arrested in the 1500 block of G Street for possession of a controlled substance, and on a felony bench warrant and a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Epifanio Fierro Rodríguez, 54, was arrested at the

1110 E Lerdo Hwy, Shafter

intersection of 7th Street and Palm Avenue for possession of a controlled substance while armed and loaded, possession of a controlled substance, altering or removing identification marks on a firearm, possession of a large capacity magazine, carrying a concealed weapon in a vehicle and carrying a loaded firearm on person. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

OCT. 5 Isidro Larralde Jr, 28, was arrested at 16th Street and Highway 43 for driving under the influence of alcohol. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Ervey Guerra Martinez, 37, was arrested in the 1300 block of Palm Avenue for obstructing or resisting a peace officer and carrying a concealed dirk or dagger. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility

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Gerardo Osorio Antonio, 27, was arrested at the intersection of D and 12th streets for driving under the influence of alcohol. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Francisco Javier Martinez, 42, was arrested at the intersection of Palm Avenue and Highway 46 for driving at an unsafe speed, reckless driving and transporting a child without proper seat restraint. He was cited and released at the scene.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING | Shafter Library and Learning Center

SLLC welcomes new Community Services Supervisor Rebecca Bernal

BILL WOLFE For the Shafter Library and Learning Center

The Shafter Library & Learning Center is pleased to welcome the new community services supervisor, Rebecca Bernal. The position has been redesignated from SLLC manager because in addition to leading the team at the SLLC, Bernal will be involved in planning and organizing the city's downtown events. Her first day was Sept. 23.

Bernal is returning to work in Shafter after a few years with the Wonderful Company's College Prep Academy in Delano and Lost Hills. She graduated from Shafter High School and went on to earn a bachelor's degree in economics at UCLA. While in college, she was a peer learning facilitator for the Academic Advancement Program, leading small group discussions to support students in their economics courses. During the summers, she returned to Shafter for an internship in the City Services Department.

"After I graduated, I returned to Shafter and became a substitute teacher, working for the Kern High School District, primarily here at Shafter High, as well as at Wasco High School. Sorry!" she says, laughing about teaching at Shafter High's archrival.

Most recently, she was a manager for the GEAR UP program at Wonderful College Prep Academy. "My position allowed me to lead our teams in Delano and Lost Hills as we followed a cohort of current 9th and 10th grade students and helped prepare students and their families for postsecondary education." GEAR UP is an acronym for Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs, a federally funded program.

Bernal was intrigued when she learned of the Community Services Supervisor job opening. "I decided to apply to this position because it was the perfect opportunity to utilize the program management skills I gained from my previous position and tie it into my knowledge about our community. Growing up in Shafter, as well as my internship with the city, has given me personal insight into how the city government operates and the resources avail-



Rebecca Bernal, right and SLLC staff member Estrella Ramirez.

able to our community. I'm excited to be able to utilize those skills, as well as some of my economics background, as we continue to improve our efforts at expanding community resources."

Bernal knows the SLLC well and believes it's an invaluable part of the city's resources and culture. "I think the SLLC is incredibly special to our community. It's important to invest in our community and allow everyone to receive enriching educational opportunities. The SLLC has evolved a great deal from when I was a student. One of the projects in the junior high summer program I participated in was to design the Learning Center! I also remember utilizing this space as we prepared for AP exams in high school."

"I am most excited to be back in Shafter and to work alongside a great team," she says in her usual enthusiastic manner. "There are a lot of new projects in the works, and I am excited to be able to brainstorm and continue reviewing community feedback on how we can best improve."

In her free time, Bernal enjoys reading thrillers and dystopian novels, but she also loves a good rom-com (romantic comedy). "Unfortunately, I have not been as on top of my reading as I would like to be, so I hope to receive some great recommendations from the librarians here at the SLLC!"

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A special box for flags ready for retirement.

Lions Club donates flag retirement box to SLLC By David Franz

The Lions Club of Shafter has purchased a flag retirement box and is lending it to the SLLC so that we can help educate the public about how to retire U.S. flags. We are honored by this opportunity and happy to help residents learn about respect for the flag and what it represents.

The U.S. Flag Code states that when an American flag is worn, torn, faded or badly soiled, it should be retired with dignity. Proper disposal ensures our national symbol is treated with respect even at the end of its service. After the flags are collected, the Lions Club will be working with veterans groups to handle their retirement.



"Greetings from Shafter" postcards are for sale at the library.

Friends of Library offering postcards and stickers of "Greetings from Shafter" mural By Katie Wiebe,

Friends of Shafter Library president

The Friends of the Shafter Library are very excited that we now have postcards and stickers of our vintage postcard mural available for purchase at the Shafter Library and Learning Center! The "Greetings from Shafter" postcards are 5.25" x 4" and the stickers are 3.5" x 2". We are also offering a "My Hometown" postcard featuring Shafter landmarks (5.5" x 8.5") drawn by Deanna Nelson.

These items can be purchased at the library desk for \$1 each, or six for \$5.

When the Friends of the Shafter Library group began to think about a mural for the GAF classroom wall that faces the parking lot, we knew we wanted to create something that we could use on promotional items to raise funds and spread the word about our wonderful Shafter community, and of course, our beloved library. Similar vintage postcard designs are popular across the country and are often used to promote cities and to build pride of place in those locations. We thought this would be the perfect inspiration for our mural project.

Happily, local muralist Lorena Castillo was up for the challenge and created a stunning mural that celebrates our town and the wonderful things going on here. Our postcard mural has provided countless photo opportunities for those in Shafter. It is also a welcoming and inviting sight to those who drive by the library.



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Canvas to community: A Chicana artist

VERONICA JACUINDE

The Press and Tribune

Irma Ceja is a Chicana artist and muralist. She paints anime characters on tote bags, clothing, and shoes, which she sells online, at pop-ups, special events and galleries. Her artwork often depicts females, such as the Virgin Mary and other feminine influences. She is currently working on a large scale, colorful mosaic mural commissioned by the Urbanist Collective, representing the rich agricultural community of Delano.

"I love that my art can be used to help beautify a community and unite other artists to work towards social change," Ceja said in an interview last week. "That is something I want to be a part of."

She describes her artistic style as bold, colorful, imaginative and very bright. "It leaves a different impression on each audience – some may find it sad, while others see it as almost unrealistic or somewhat sur-

Irma said that she has always loved to paint and that her artwork reflects her culture and childhood. "Everything I've loved—my childhood memories, favorite colors, and sources of inspiration—comes through in my work. The colors I choose and how I bring my imagination to life are all part of my creative process. What I love most about being an artist is bringing my



Artist Irma Ceja with her painting of the Virgen de Guadalupe, a collaborative art piece with her fiancé, Johnny Garza.

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imagination into existence and sharing it with others. My work is also a way of holding onto the joy and wonder of childhood. In essence, I've never let go of my inner child. My art is a nostalgic experience, blending who I was as a child with who I am today.'

As for becoming an artist, she initially wanted to be an animator. "Cartoons and anime were a big part of my childhood. I spent weekends watching them at my grandparents', and I dreamed of working for Disney or Pixar one day. That dream really sparked my passion for art."

She is a self-taught artist and believes she inherited that gift from her father. "My father, especially, was a hands-on learner who would figure things out by doing them over and over until he mastered them – that's how he was able to start his own business. That mentality definitely influenced me."

A daughter of immigrants, she saw the sacrifices her parents made chasing the American dream, hoping for a better life. "They worked in the fields and held multiple jobs, always striving to improve things for our family. Even though my dad owned his own business, we went through a lot of struggles as immigrants because there weren't many opportunities. Watching them work so hard, no matter how tedious the jobs, really shaped my drive and hustle to pursue a better future."

It's that drive that has sparked a profound force within her to create. She finds joy in the process. "Everything I've learned and taught myself is reflected in my paintings. Just like my dad, I'm a visual learner. To this day, I'm still figuring things out, constantly learning something new as an artist over time."

Her aspiration is to continue honing her craft to inspire the next generation of artists and create more opportunities for them in smaller communities. "I want to see my community grow through the beautification process, with art playing a central role. My ultimate goal is to open doors for aspiring artists, allowing creativity to flow freely and encouraging them to explore their full potential."

To learn more, follow her on Facebook @ I.C Illustrations and Instagram #artbyic. For questions or inquiries, email: ic_illustration@yahoo.com.

Elks car show salutes Blaine Willard

VERONICA JACUINDE

The Press and Tribune

The annual Blaine Willard Memorial Car Show, held on Saturday and presented by the Wasco Elks Lodge #2419, drew a record crowd of car enthusiasts. The event was a tribute to Blaine Willard, who served the lodge and the community for many years. The large turnout demonstrated just how much Blaine was admired, with attendees coming from near and far to honor his memory.

Ballengee Linda thought it was a great show. Her husband, Mark Ballengee, brought his 1933 Victory, and she liked seeing the other cars. The best part for her was reconnecting with old friends. Speaking about Willard, she said, "He was an awesome guy, a friend to everyone. If you needed anything, he was always there to help. This event is a fitting tribute to him because he loved the Elks. Everyone knew he was a huge part of it." Mark, a member for over 20 years, added, "I met him in my teens. He was a tough guy, but he had the softest heart around. Blaine was a Buttonwillow Lions Club member and later joined the Elks, where he spent a lot of time. He loved coming to the Elks Club and playing cards. He was a close friend. Attending this car show brings back good memories, and it's a way to continue supporting his family. His daughter, Cindy, is still



Jerry McGuire, Randy Poe and Kenny Oliver hold trophies celebrating Oliver's standout vehicles from the show.

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verv close to us."

have each other's backs, and you can tell from age 13 all the way up to 75. Friends traveled from That is what is so special it's a big accomplishment -- everyone is so close, you can't tell the difference, that they're not family. They are extremely kind and hospitable. I didn't mind the day trip to hang out with good people and see beautiful cars." There were many stunning vehicles, and Kenny Oliver took 1st place for his 1965 Chevelle and 1st place for his 2021 Challenger Hellcat Widebody SRT. "It's pretty cool to come back and get recognized with all the other great cars here with my Wasco friends. It's always great with the Elks."

am still working. I've won 1st for the second year in a row. It feels good because starting out as nothing, being able to build something and being able to drive it. I enjoyed the show. There are a lot of nice cars out here and a lot of work."

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afar to attend the annual event. Another Elks member of 40 years, Geary Anderson, came from Pismo Beach. "Blaine was a good guy. He'd give you the shirt off his back if he liked you. I was sad to see him go when he passed. He was a good friend and supported every club event. If it wasn't monetarily, it was physically. He participated in events, setting up—he did everything. He always had a smile on his face. He had a passion for cars, which is why this car show is so fitting. It was his dream."

Jessica Smart visited from Bakersfield. "I think it's such a small town that rallies together, and everyone is so close-knit. They

Brian Enns won 1st place for his 1955 Pontiac Chieftain. "I've worked on it for the last six years and

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Aaron Jimenez brings down a runner for a loss. RIGHT: Christopher Espinoza crosses the goal line for a TD.

Generals tame the Wildcats, 28-0

JAMIE STEWART For The Shafter Press

The Shafter High Generals football team didn't play their best game on Friday night, but they played well enough to take a 28-0 win over the Taft Wildcats on Homecoming night for the locals.

Mariyon Sloan, at quarterback, accounted for three of the Generals' four scores on the night.

The first score for Shafter was a 34yard run by Sloan, giving the Generals a 7-0 lead. The Generals' defense kept the Wildcats' offense out of the red zone for the majority of the game.

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Sloan ended the game with 206 yards rushing and three touchdowns. Sloan was joined by teammate Christopher Espinoza, who gained over 100 yards rushing on the night, on only 11 carries.

For the third game this season, the Generals generated over 300 yards on the ground. Shafter's defense, in addition to stopping the Wildcats for most of the game, also gave the Shafter offense the ball in good field position when Aaron Jimenez picked off a Taft pass and ran it the other way for a good gain, leading to one of the Generals' touchdowns.

At halftime, the Shafter High Homecoming Queen and King were crowned. Alexia Ramirez, daughter of Eduardo Ramirez and Marlene Martinez, was named the Queen. Ramirez is involved in ASB, girls basketball, student advocacy, College Bound, FFA and HQTV. She plans to leave for college and play basketball, major in psychology and minor in kinesiology, and become a sports psychologist.

Alan Fierzo Gomez, the son of Edgar Fierro and Perla Gomez, was named Shafter High's Homecoming King. Alan is in ASB, cross country, color guard, link crew, Listos, Every 15 Minutes and College Bound. He plans to pursue a position in leadership or go explore the wonders of the world.

The juniors were the big winners in the skit competition. They gave the crowd a peek into the 1980s, complete with '80s music, hair styles and clothes.

The second half of the game featured two more scores for the Generals, who could not be stopped on offense or defense.

Shafter will have to step up their game a notch this Friday night when they travel to Delano to play the Tigers. Delano has a 4-2 record, coming off a loss to Kennedy High School. Kickoff is slated for 7:30 p.m.

Tigers rout Titans, 57-7, in SSL opener

JAMIE STEWART

For the Wasco Tribune

The Wasco High Tigers opened their SSL schedule with a dominating win over the Chavez Titans on Friday night, 57-7

The Tigers scored early and often in this game, having a 27-0 lead before the end of the first quarter. The star of the show was Hammie Lopez, who had four touchdowns on the night, running for

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over 300 yards. Lopez ended the game with 306 yards rushing, with freshman Aiden Hulsey gaining 104 yards on the ground.

Wasco had a total of 546 yards gained for the night, making it the most productive game for the Tigers in recent history.

Wasco will try to keep their SSL record unblemished when they take on the

Thunderbirds of Kennedy High School. The game will be played in Wasco and will kickoff at 7:30 p.m. Friday night.

Kennedy has been playing better lately, with a really tough nonleague schedule leading to a couple losses to begin the season.

Head Coach Chad Martinez and the Tigers are hitting on all cylinders now and have been showing a new offense that is more productive than in previous years, giving the team more options when it comes to running and passing the ball.

This Friday's contest will go a long way to determining the champions of the SSL, with both teams still having to play the other serious contender, the Shafter Generals.

The winner of Friday's game will have a big advantage for the league championship.

Law enforcement connects with residents

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ficers because a safe community requires a strong relationship with its community and its officers.

"The Shafter PD already has a great relationship with its community, but it gives them an opportuni-

ty to engage with officers where they have time to listen and understand the concerns of the community. It also gives them a great opportunity to look at all the equipment that we use to protect them."

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just for our protection but

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Officer Enrique Ibarra

community together and making sure that the comnect our residents and our munity sees the great in first responders and build law enforcement is very relationships. Our first important, and today's event accomplishes that. I'm here with my team fingerprinting children and giving them ID cards so if they are lost, it makes it easier to identify who the child is." The Arvin Police Department also participated, with Sergeant Brandon Snyder attending alongside his K-9. He remarked, "This event helps build trust between law enforcement and the community because it gives people the chance to ask questions they might be afraid to ask an officer on the street. Normally, when they see us, they might think we're too busy or feel intimidated. But here, they know we're here specifically for the event, and they can ask us anything. They get to see that we're just regular people who happen to work in law enforcement." emphasized Snyder that community engagement is central to the department's mission. "It's important because we aren't there to witness many of the crimes, so we need the community to trust us and feel comfortable coming forward to share what they've seen. Solving these crimes is a partnership and a team effort." Many community partners contributed to the evening, helping build neighborhood camaraderie. Some of the supporters included the Shafter Recreation & Parks District, Assemblymember Dr. Jasmeet Bains, California Resources Corporation, Strata Credit Union, Shafter Transmission & Smog, Shafter AG Solution, and Glam Salon & Spa.

2025 Shafter Generals football

Friday, 8/23	at Exeter	7:30 p.m.	W, 22-14
Thursday, 8/29	Arvin	7:30 p.m.	W, 56-13
Friday, 9/13	at Dos Palos	7:30 p.m.	W, 41-38
Friday, 9/20	Edison	7:30 p.m.	W, 50-12
Friday, 9/27	at St. Joseph	7:30 p.m.	L, 30-28
Friday, 10/4	Taft*	7:30 p.m.	W, 28-0
Friday, 10/11	at Delano*	7:30 p.m.	
Thursday, 10/17	Kennedy*	7:30 p.m.	
Friday, 10/25	Chavez*	7:30 p.m.	
Friday, 11/1	at Wasco*	7:30 p.m.	
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2025 Wasco Tigers football

Friday, 8/23	at Porterville	7:30 p.m.	L, 40-17
Friday, 8/30	Ridgeview	7:30 p.m.	W, 22-14
Friday, 9/6	at Morro Bay	7 p.m.	W, 32-28
Thursday, 9/12	Tehachapi	7:30 p.m.	L, 36-8
Friday, 9/27	at Tulare Western	7:30 p.m.	L, 23-15
Friday, 10/4	at Chavez*	7:30 p.m.	W, 57-7
Friday, 10/11	Kennedy*	7:30 p.m.	
Friday, 10/18	at Taft*	7:30 p.m.	
Friday, 10/25	Delano*	7:30 p.m.	
Friday, 11/1	Shafter*	7:30 p.m.	
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Mayor Chad Givens highlighted the significance of the event, stating, "If we can get our police officers in the public spotlight in a positive

badge."

The City Council seeks public interest to serve on the Shafter Planning Commission

The Shafter City Council is seeking three individuals for appointment to each serve 4-year terms on the Shafter Planning Commission beginning January 2024.

The Shafter Planning Commission is a 5-member board appointed by the City Council whose primary objective is to review and act on matters related to planning and development such as conditional use permits, lot line adjustments, general plan, zoning, housing element, and variances.

Board meetings are held the second Tuesday monthly at 6 p.m. Planning Commissioners serve with compensation. Upon assuming office, commissioners must file an Oath of Office, and a Disclosure Statement of Economic Interests (FPPC Form 700); Completion of a FPPC ethics training course within first year of appointment is required; and maintain residency within the City of Shafter throughout the term.

Individuals interested in being considered, must be an elector of the City of Shafter (a resident within the incorporated city limits and registered to vote upon appointment); and must submit Shafter Planning Commission Application, to the Shafter City Council, 336 Pacific Ave., Shafter CA 93263 by 5 p.m., Tuesday, October 29, 2024. Application can be found at: https:// www.shafter.com/DocumentCenter/View/6143/ Planning-Commissioner-Application-FINAL-2024. Contact City Clerk Yazmina Pallares for more information at CityClerk@ shafter.com.



The Wonderful Aviation team at Bakersfield Meadows Field Airport.

Wonderful Aviation guides student through emergency

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following her. They were talking to her before us and guided her towards the airport. At that time, John Hess, the assistant chief pilot, got on the radio and introduced himself to guide her through the hardest part of flying: the landing. What typically takes years of skill and precision was spoken softly through the radio to the co-pilot, helping her bring the plane safely to the ground for a careful and calculated landing."

Chief McLean said there was no time for fear, only action. When it was over, there were cheers from inside the air traffic control tower. "And once the aircraft came to a stop, everyone was high-fiving and shaking hands. Knowing that you helped save someone's life was a huge sense of relief. The alternative could have been so

much worse, and there was also a sense of accomplishment knowing we could put our skills to use."

When asked about the student pilot's performance, he added, "We only got to hear short bursts from her on the radio frequency. The biggest surprise was how well she eventually landed on the runway, but she did seem fairly calm from the short transmissions on the radio, even with someone passed out next to her. She did a great job."

About being considered a hero, he responded, "I think it's just something that you should do if you have the skills to help. If you're a mechanic, you should help someone with their car. We just happened to have the right skill set to help her out of the sky."

PASTOR'S CORNER Our 'mind filter'

PASTOR PAT COYLE Shafter Mennonite **Brethren Church**

When our mail came recently, there was a flyer for a product I've seen on TV quite a bit, "Leaf Filter." It's designed to fit over rain gutters to keep leaves and other debris from clogging up the gut-

ters and downspouts on a home. Although we don't need it for our home, the flyer did spark a thought: How is the filter doing that that keeps my mind, and life, from being clogged with thoughts that can be destructive?

The Bible is very clear that we are faced with three distinct enemies of our souls; the world, the flesh and the devil. Each of these enemies begin their assault by attacking our thought life, and if left "unfiltered," can cause a lot of destruction in our lives. The Apostle Paul provides us with at least three passages that work like a filter on our minds:

II Corinthians 10:3-5. In this passage, Paul instructs us to "take captive



every thought to make it obedient to Christ." In other word, we're responsible to identify thoughts that are contrary to God's will.

Ephesians 6:16. While describing the Armor of God that each believer is to "put on" each day, Paul tells us to "take up the shield of faith"

so that the "flaming arrows of the evil one" can be extinguished. Many Bible scholars identity the "flaming arrows" as evil thoughts from Satan that try to intimidate us against the Lord.

Philippians 4:8. The apostle gives us a list of what I'd describe as "healthy Biblical thoughts" that we are to think about, rather than the evil or unhealthy thoughts that come from our three enemies.

Healthy thinking is critical for followers of Jesus to live well for Him in this world. I hope you're learning to do just that, and the next time you see the "Leaf Filter" ad on TV, take some time to consider how your "mind filter" is doing.

DEATH NOTICES

Margarita Lopez, 60, of McFarland, passed away Sept. 26, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

Ricardo Ramirez Llanas, 62, of Hollister, passed away Oct. 1, in Hollister. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Ann Sill Hayes Sept. 24, 1934 -Sept. 20, 2024

Ann Sill Hayes, 89, passed away on Sept. 20, 2024, in Shafter. Born on Sept. 24, 1934, in Bakersfield, she was a lifelong resident and grew up in the Sill family, a Kern County pioneer family in farming and ranching. She had fond memories of the Sill family and growing up on the ranch in Shafter and later moving to Bakersfield. She was the daughter of Benjamin and Frances Sill, and sister to Ben Sill.

Ann attended St. Francis Elementary School and graduated from Garces High School in 1953. After



graduation, she continued her education at Dominican College in San Rafael. She married Robert Hayes and had four children. She considered herself a wife, homemaker and grandmother. She was proud of that part of her life and

considered it an honor and privilege. Ann was employed at the Shafter Drug Store for 30 years. Her favorite part of the job was seeing and talking to the shoppers and residents of Shafter.

During her life, she was active with the Republican Central Committee and Republican Party. Spending time as a volunteer for the Shafter Police Department was her way of serving the Shafter community. Her duties included night patrol with a fellow officer, overseeing a high school football game and delivering important documents to county agencies in Bakersfield. She was proud to serve with

the Shafter Police Department.

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Ann was an involved volunteer at St. Theresa Catholic Church in Shafter and later in life with Christ the King Catholic Church. Her strong bonds with the members of the Ladies Guild, serving as a eucharistic minister and visiting the sick spoke to her love of the Catholic faith, which served as the anchor in her life. God was her loving friend, confessor and reason for knowing and loving the Catholic faith.

Ann is survived by her children, Kellie Hayes, Katie and her husband Doug Thompson, Tim and his wife Natasha Hayes, Ann Hayes-Stern (daughterin-law); seven grandchildren, Leanne (Anthony), Jack (Analy), Gretchen (Mick), Traci (Jeff), Alex (Erin), Makenna (David) and Madelynn; 11 great grandchildren, Bethany, Julia, Christian, Grace, Fernanda, Ezri, Lincoln, Sage, Betty, Charlie and one on the way; niece Jennie; and nephews Ben and Scott. She was preceded in death by her son Gregory, parents, brother, and sisterin-law, Irene Sill.

Doughty-O'Meara of Bakersfield is assisting the family with arrangements. The viewing and rosary will be held on Friday, Oct. 11, at Christ the King Catholic Church beginning at 9 a.m., with the Mass of Christian Burial at 10 a.m. followed by burial at Union Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Christ the King Catholic Church, adding the note: Restricted for Religious Education program.

Ann will be missed and remembered by her family as a loving and generous mom and Nana/Nani. She left us with many fond memories and funny stories to share from family gatherings, opinions on world happenings, living a wholesome life, sharing the Sunday homily, a secret recipe, baked goods for the neighbors and local police station, and always reminding us "Remember to say your prayers."

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Nonprofit leader Osborne aims for council

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residents' involvement and the kids' enjoyment. They love the designs of the cars, and the residents put a lot of effort into designing them. We even have one of our Villagers Inc. volunteers put on a mini petting zoo with cats, rabbits, and all sorts of animals."

Osborne said he is running for the council "to give our residents a voice. I'm not a politician. I'm a community activist. I'm a father, and I'm a nonprofit owner. Part of it is that I felt a disconnect has always been between Gossamer Grove and the core City of Shafter. Many of the decisions that the City Council was making for Gossamer Grove weren't being found out by the residents unless they attended the meetings. And so, I thought we need someone from Gossamer Grove on the council who knows what the residents are dealing with and can stay in the loop with what is happening with our city."

Among the issues he most cares about is citizenship. "A lot of our residents don't have access to services like food stamps, WIC and childcare due to the fear of their status as an undocumented citizen. They are afraid that applying for these services will compromise their eligibility, and I want to bridge the gap between our undocumented citizens and the services they can access and receive. I want the residents of Shafter to know just how many services are available to them, regardless

of their status or income, and that there is no risk to getting those services."

He said he wants to be a councilmember the people feel they can come to. "I want to be transparent, open and easily accessible. I want residents to feel that when they come to me with a situation, it is being heard, considered and handled. Like I said, I am not a politician. I am a father, I am a husband and I am that for the community. At the heart of it, it's who I am."

PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business** Name Statement **Backyard Games 2 Go** 2024-B5695

10014 Silverthorne Drive Bakersfield, CA 93314 County: Kern 10014 Silverthorne Drive Bakersfield, CA 93314 Shawn Christopher Pennel 10014 Silverthorne Drive Bakersfield, CA 93314 Lesley Ann Pennel 10014 Silverthorne Drive Bakersfield, CA 93314 The business is conducted by: Married Couple Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Leslev Pennel Date Statement Filed: 09/16/2024 Date Statement Expires: 09/16/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Torralba Publish Shafter Press October 10, 17, 24.31.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business** Name Statement MW Welding 2024-B6074

2913 Loch Fern Ct Bakersfield, CA 93306 County: Kern 2913 Loch Fern Ct Bakersfield, CA 93306 MWWelding LLC 2913 Loch Fern Ct Bakersfield, CA 93306 State of incorp. or org.: CA The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company* Date the business commenced: 02/22/2024 /s/Michael Wade, President Date Statement Filed: 10/03/2024 Date Statement Expires: 10/03/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Honesto Publish Shafter Press October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2024

> PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business** Name Statement **Orion Transportation** 2024-B5399

457 Mark Ave Shafter, CA 93263 County: Kern 457 Mark Ave Shafter, CA 93263 Ernan Roman Sanchez 457 Mark Ave Shafter, CA 93263 The business is conducted by:

Bakersfield, CA 93309 County: Kern 4600 American Ave W Ste 201 Bakersfield, CA 93309 Donald Uhler Paulino 4600 American Ave W Ste 201 Bakersfield, CA 93309 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: 08/01/2024 /s/Donald Uhler Paulino Date Statement Filed: 09/30/2024 Date Statement Expires: 09/30/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Cedeno Publish Shafter Press October 3, 10, 17.24.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Abandonment Statement Light Mortgages

4600 American Ave W Suite 201 Bakersfield, CA 93309 County: KERN Mailing address of business: 407 N Maple Dr Ground 1 Beverly Hills, CA 90210 Uhler Mortgage Solutions Inc 4600 American Ave W Suite 201 Bakersfield, CA 93309 Business was conducted by: Corporation /s/Donald U Paulino, President Original FBN Statement File Number: 2024-B4977 Original FBN Statement Filed on: 08/12/2024 This statement of Abandonment filed on: 09/30/2024 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk Bv: /s/M Cedeno Publish Shafter Press October 3, 10, 17.24.2024

PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business Name** Abandonment Statement EMORTGAGELOCK.COM

4600 American Ave W Suite 201 Bakersfield, CA 93309 County: KERN Mailing address of business: 4600 American Ave W Ste 201 Bakersfield, CA 93309 Donald Uhler Paulino 4600 American Ave W Ste 201 Bakersfield, CA 93309 Business was conducted Individual /s/Donald Uhler Paulino. Owner Original FBN Statement File Number: 2024-B5150 Original FBN Statement Filed on: 08/19/2024 This statement of Abandonment filed on: 09/30/2024 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk Bv: /s/M Cedeno Publish Shafter Press October 3, 10, 17.24.2024 PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Navi Boutique 2024-B5899 Navi New Beginnings Boutique 2024-B5900 Navi Wellness Studio 2024-B5901 17837 Brimhall Rd Bakersfield, CA 93314 County: Kern 17837 Brimhall Rd Bakersfield, CA 93314 Jasmine Christina Garcia 17837 Brimhall Rd Bakersfield, CA 93314 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: 09/24/2024 /s/Jasmine Christina Garcia Date Statement Filed: 09/25/2024 Date Statement Expires: 09/25/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk Bv: M Honesto Publish Shafter Press October 3, 10, 17.24.2024 PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business** Name Statement Stealthyue Investigations 2024-B5806 5329 Office Park Center Ct., Ste130 Bakersfield, CA 93309 County: Kern 5329 Office Park Center Ct., Ste 130 Bakersfield, CA 93309 BPL Security, Inc. 5329 Office Park Center Ct., Ste 130 Bakersfield, CA 93309 State of incorp. or org.: CA The business is conducted by: Corporation* Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Brandon Long, CEO Date Statement Filed: 09/19/2024 Date Statement Expires: 09/19/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Torralba Publish Shafter Press October 3, 10, 17.24.2024

County: Kern 2663 Victoria Dr Bakersfield, CA 93307 Oscar Lopez Jr 2663 Victoria Dr Bakersfield, CA 93307 The business is conducted by: Indvidual Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Oscar Lopez Jr Date Statement Filed: 09/10/2024 Date Statement Expires: 09/10/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk Bv: M Cedeno Publish Shafter Press September 19, 26, October 3, 10, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business Name** Abandonment Statement Ironman Mobile Truck Tire Service 29541 W Tulare Ave Shafter, CA 93263 County: KERN Mailing address of business: 29541 W Tulare Ave Shafter, CA 93263 Jose Juan Solis Saldana 29541 W Tulare Ave Shafter, CA 93263 Business was conducted by: Individual /s/Jose Juan Solis Saldana. Owner Original FBN Statement File Number: 2024-B4949 Original FBN Statement Filed on: 08/08/2024 This statement of Abandonment filed on: 09/06/2024 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/M Torralba

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> PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business** Name Statement Ironman Mobile Truck **Tire Service LLC** 2024-B5558

29541 W Tulare Ave Shafter, CA 93263 County: Kern 29541 W Tulare Ave Shafter, CA 93263 Ironman Mobile Truck Tire Service, IIC 29541 W Tulare Ave Shafter, CA 93263 State of incorp. or org.: CA The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company* Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Jose Juan Solis Saldana, Manager Date Statement Filed: 09/06/2024 Statement Date Expires: 09/06/2029

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DEED OF TRUST APN: 026-131-05-00 TS No.: 24-07416CA

TSG Order No.: 240054254-CA-VOI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED OCTOBER 19, 2006. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. Affinia Default Services, LLC, as the duly appointed Trustee, under and pursuant to the power of sale contained in that certain Deed of Trust Recorded October 27, 2006 as Document No.: 0206266850 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Kern County, California, executed by: Victor Guzman and Carolina Vazquez Guzman husband and wife as joint tenants, as Trustor, will be sold AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER for cash (payable in full at time of sale by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union. or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said deed of trust in the property situated in said county and state, and as more fully described in the above referenced deed of trust. Sale Date: October 23. 2024 Sale Time: 10:00 AM Sale Location: On the front steps

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Individual Date the business commenced: 06/13/2018 /s/Ernan Roman Sanchez Date Statement Filed: 08/30/2024 Statement Date Expires: 08/30/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Honesto Publish Shafter Press October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business** Name Statement **General Testing Services** 2024-B5883

28905 W. Lerdo Hev Shafter, CA 93263 County: Kern 1605 Glacier Way Wasco, CA 93280 Higinio C Barraza 1605 Glacier Way Wasco, CA 93280 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: 11/07/2007 /s/Higinio C Barraza Date Statement Filed: 09/24/2024 Date Statement Expires: 09/24/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Cedeno Publish Shafter Press October 10, 17, 24, 31, 2024

> PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business** Name Statement Light Mortgages 2024-B5990

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PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business** Name Statement EMORTGAGELOCK.COM 2024-B5989 4600 American Ave W Ste 201

PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business** Name Statement Maximum Transportation 2024-B5601 2663 Victoria Dr Bakersfield, CA 93307

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PUBLIC NOTICE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MEETINGS AND CITIZEN SURVEY **COUNTY OF KERN PLANNING AND NATURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT**

The Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department (PLNR) Community Development Division invites all residents, non-profit agencies, and special districts of unincorporated areas of Kern County and the program Co-operative cities of California City, Ridgecrest, Shafter, and Tehachapi (collectively referred to as Program Area) to participate in one or more community meetings to be held in the second full week of the month of November, 2024. Meeting participants will have the opportunity to discuss housing and community development needs that may affect their communities. In preparation for the County's upcoming FYs 2025-2026 through 2029-2030 Five-Year Consolidated Plan and 2025-2026 Annual Action Plan, information concerning the following U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development programs, which principally benefit low and moderate income persons, will also be provided:

Community Development Block Grant Program - provides grant and loan funds to improve living environments and expand economic opportunities (estimated at \$4.31 million for FY 2025-2026).

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federal grant funds the County receives annually from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Community Needs Survey for the current Consolidated Plan cycle will be available at the website address listed below under Eligible Projects. Please complete and submit all community surveys by December 13, 2024, either online, email or postmark via U.S. mail.

Eligible Projects: Examples of projects which may be eligible for these federal funds include: handicap accessibility improvements; owneroccupied housing rehabilitation; affordable rental housing construction/rehabilitation; parks and recreation facilities; drainage improvements; curbs and gutters; water and sewer improvements; streets; emergency shelters; and business development and job creation activities. Beginning October 14, 2024, applications, eligibility information and the Community Needs Survey will be available at the web address: https://kernplanning.com/community-development-2-2 and will also be available at the community meetings listed below.

> SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS (All meetings to begin at 6:00 p.m.)

Bakersfield Tuesday November 12, 2024 Public Services Building 2700 "M" Street Bakersfield, CA 93301

<u>Mojave</u> Wednesday November 13, 2024 Mojave Veterans Building 15580 O Street Mojave, CA 93501

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