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Alvarado wants to continue the work

FOCUS ON THE COUNCIL CANDIDATES

Second in a series of profiles of Shafter City Council candidates running for three open seats on Tuesday, Nov. 5. Other articles can be found on TheShafterPress.com.

VERONICA JACUINDE
The Press and Tribune

Gilbert Alvarado has served Shafter for almost two decades as a city councilman, including one term as mayor. He hopes to be re-elected to the council to see the city continue to thrive and to play a role in that process. As a committed public servant, he has demonstrated a passion for public service and wishes to continue the work he has already set in motion.

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He believes he is the right candidate: "It is my heart, my testimony, my fruits. I am a very approachable person, and I am honest and fair." His vision for Shafter is to cultivate economic development, expand public safety and education, support small businesses and grow housing. "Because growing housing is all connected. Without housing, you don't get the brand-name businesses like a Walmart or a Home Depot. My vision is to develop housing, support small businesses and attract more big businesses to town."

What he enjoys most about being a councilman is his ability to help oth-

ers. "I am able to do that, and I can help everyone, especially the underdogs. Unfortunately, the underdogs don't get treated the same, but because of my position, I can help the underdogs. And I have people even coming to my house for help. And I do thank the Lord I can help them."

Alvarado was raised in Oxnard and moved to Shafter in the late 1990s. He works for the Semitropic Water Storage District and has been there for 18 years. Before that, he spent about eight years in the oil industry with McJunkin. Alvarado first became involved in politics as a coach for the Shafter Recreation and Parks District. When his wife started working full-time, he became more engaged in his children's education,

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Gilbert and Martha Alvarado have enjoyed the close-knit community of Shafter for more than 25 years.



Members of North Kern Chapter, Líderes Campesinas Comité Norte, with Councilmember Gilberto Reyna, Mayor Pro Tem Eddie Saldaña, Mayor Valentin Medina and Councilmember Miguel Raya.

Council approves PAL coordinator position

VERONICA JACUINDE
The Press and Tribune

The Wasco City Council Tuesday night approved a new Police Activities League coordinator position to establish and manage the program, as well as oversee the development, execution and delivery of youth programming and initiatives.

"This person will assist with all police department grants, particularly those focused on youth, and manage the day-to-day operations of the PAL building, including the calendar, property maintenance

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and facility use," Assistant City Manager Maria Lara explained. "Parents and kids can stop by to learn about the programs and resources available through the PAL program."

She emphasized the importance of the role, saying, "For our youth and the future of this community. We want to invest in our youth and their future."

The PAL building is currently undergoing remodeling. City Manager Scott Hurlbert provided an update, "They'll be starting on

the drywall soon, and the electrical is mostly done. There are still a couple of months' worth of work before it's finished."

With the position's approval, Hurlbert said, "We will open up the recruitment within the next week or two, accept applications and conduct interviews until we find the right candidate."

October was proclaimed National Domestic Violence Awareness Month, and the local North Kern Chapter, Líderes Campesinas Comité Norte, was recognized for the significant impact it has

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Shafter PD gets approval for Drone Program

JAMIE STEWART
For The Shafter Press

Shafter will be expanding the Police Department's drone capabilities in the near future after a vote by the City Council Tuesday night.

The council approved the department's Drone Program after a presentation from Sergeant Storm Kincade, the certified drone pilot for the Shafter police, to do the presentation for the council on the program.

Kincade said that the department has purchased a DJ Mavic 3T drone, which is a multiuse drone that will benefit the safety of police and the public. According to Kincade, the drone has a 4K video and still camera, as well as heat-seeking capabilities. It has a thermal camera, which has heat signatures, as well as a loudspeaker that can make announcements when needed.

The department is also looking into acquiring two smaller drones that would be used for indoors, such as clearing houses, relieving the need of an officer to enter the building or residence first, putting him or her in danger.

The drone also has the capability of transmitting the data it is recording to other locations, such as headquarters, or officers' vehicles. The \$13,900 program includes the drone, batteries and chargers.

The council applauded the program, and Mayor Chad Givens said that this is a much-needed program. "I have been pushing for the Drone Program for a year now, so I am very excited to see it realized," he said. "I would like to have more than one, but due to the licensing, I understand that it may take some time."

Kincade mentioned that he is the only licensed pilot of the drone in the department, but he said that there are other members of the department who are interested in becoming involved in the program, but Kincade did say that the Federal Aviation Administration process is lengthy.

In other council action, the council discussed a resolution that would give each council member \$4,000 that they could allocate to a community event that is considered as a public event.

Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Prout and Councilmember
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Career ed, gym would benefit from bond

VERONICA JACUINDE
The Press and Tribune

This Nov. 5, the Wasco community will have the opportunity to vote on Measure D, a bond that would bring significant changes to the Wasco Union High School District. The measure has garnered support from many educators and residents.

"School safety is one of the primary focuses of this bond measure," Wasco Union High School District Superintendent Kevin Tallon explained. "There are various areas that are unsafe when it comes to temperature and ventilation due to a lack of air conditioning. The bond would allow the district to build a new gymnasium

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with air conditioning, ventilation and safer locker rooms."

The Wasco High School gymnasium, which is over 70 years old, has never had air conditioning. With Wasco's temperature exceeding 90 degrees for more than a third of the year.

The bond also would provide funds to upgrade Career Technical Education classrooms and secure the west side of the campus with fencing. The ag farm does not have restrooms or a classroom, and a successful bond would help relocate it to a recently purchased parcel of land closer

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The Career Technical Education construction classroom would be modernized with funds from Measure D.

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

Ground-breaking ceremony – Shafter Recreation and Park District having a celebratory ground-breaking ceremony for the new Community Sports Complex on Thursday, Oct. 24, beginning at 10 a.m. at East Ash and Golds Avenue.

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.

Harvest Festival – Shafter Lions Club's trunk 'n' treat Wednesday, Oct. 30, 1150 E. Ash Ave., at the old Correctional Holding Facilities, at 6:30 p.m.

Harvest Festival – Shafter Church of God, 18473 S. Shafter Ave. Saturday, Oct. 19, 3-7 p.m. Everything is free: food, candy, games, popcorn and prizes. For info, contact Pastor Sandra Dunlap 661-910-4745

Park ribbon cutting – Veterans Memorial Park celebration 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.-3 p.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.wascohuhsd.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.

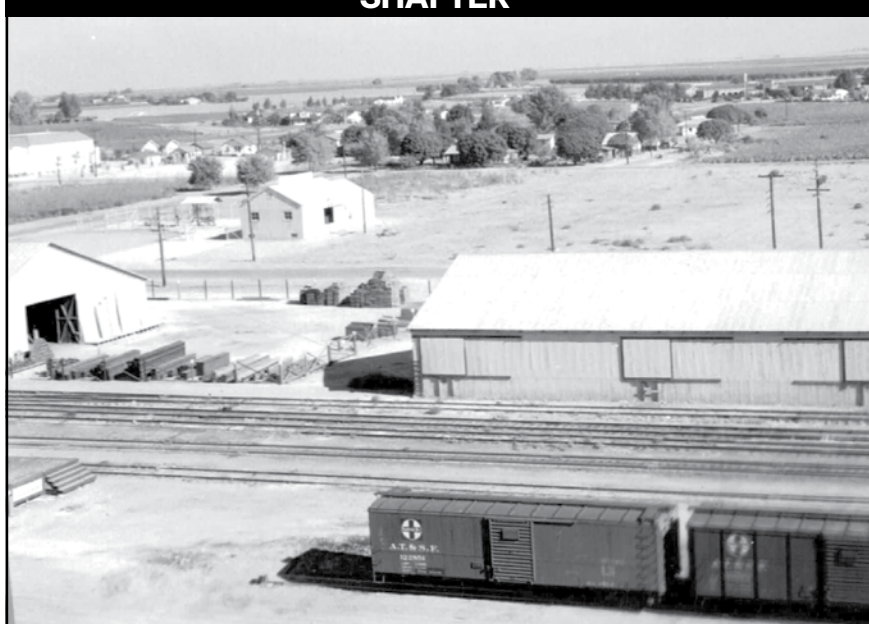
Green Hotel tours – Shafter Historic Green Hotel is open to tours on the first Saturday of each month from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information about renting the hotel for events, email thegreenhotel@gmail.com or phone 661-746-1913 and leave a message.

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

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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@TheShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** The original Shafter Depot location on Central Avenue and Central Valley Highway.



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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

OCT. 7

Luz Veronica Perez, 49, of Shafter, was arrested at 7th Standard Road and Zachary Avenue on an outside agency warrant.

Travis Dean Marchant, 42, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Lerdo Highway for failing to provide to car insurance and on an outside warrant.

OCT. 8

Daniel Monterrosa, 20, of Shafter, was arrested in the 500 block of Martha Avenue driving without a license, evading a peace officer with wantonness and wrong-way driving.

OCT. 9

Marc Anthony Ayala, 30, of Shafter, was arrested at Mannel and Merced avenues on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Christopher Alexander Estrada, 19, of Shafter, was arrested in Taft for a lewd act with a child, fondling and lewd acts with a child under 14 years of age.

BUTTONWILLOW

As reported by the Kern County Sheriff's Office, Button-willow substation:

OCT. 8

Jose Jonathan Rodriguez Carranza, 39, of Bakersfield, was arrested at the intersection of Milan Road and Imperial Street for possession of narcotics for sale, possession of a controlled substance, petty theft, driving without a license and application of transparent material to windows. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Adalberto Garcia Ramirez, 47, of Wasco, was arrested in the 16000 block of Magnolia Avenue in Wasco for making criminal threats, negligent discharge of a firearm, resist-

ing/obstructing an officer by force, brandishing a firearm, resisting/delaying a peace officer, possession of a loaded firearm not by owner and possession of high-capacity magazines. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

OCT. 9

Geovanny Quevedo Garcia, 34, of Bakersfield, was arrested at Twisselman and Shelco roads in Lost Hills for grand theft of fruit and conspiracy to commit a crime. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Cesar Ramos, 38, of Bakersfield, was arrested at Twisselman and Shelco roads in Lost Hills for grand theft of fruit and conspiracy to commit a crime. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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As reported by the Wasco Police Department:

OCT. 7

Elyssa Santillano, 26, was

arrested in the 2000 block of Highway 46 for battery on a peace officer, battery on a person and obstructing or resisting a peace officer. She was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Steven Andrew Martinez, 21, was arrested in the 1900 block of Shamrock Court for second-degree burglary, carrying a concealed dirk or dagger, vehicle theft, obstructing or resisting a peace officer, disorderly conduct, possession of burglary tools, and on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

OCT. 8

Roberto Bonilla Jr, 21, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released on the scene.

Daniel Alejandro Martinez, 31, was arrested in the 1200 block of 1224 Lily Street

for possession of unlawful paraphernalia. He was cited and released on the scene.

Brice Patterson, 36, was arrested at the intersection of 8th and F streets on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released on the scene.

Oscar Leon Jaramillo, 32, was arrested in the 900 block of 9th Street for possession of unlawful paraphernalia. He was cited and released on the scene.

Kaneasha Renee Sharp, 41, was arrested in the 300 block of Poplar Avenue for possession of a controlled substance and possession of unlawful paraphernalia. She was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

OCT. 9

Juan Domingo Rodriguez-Patino, 29, was arrested in the 1000 block of Lily Street for driving under the influence of alcohol. He was

booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Troy Butler Jr, 31, was arrested in the 900 block of Oak Avenue for felony parole violation. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Victor Adame, 21, was arrested in the 1900 block of Highway 46 on a felony bench warrant, a misdemeanor bench warrant and possession of unlawful paraphernalia. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Sandra Ann Castillo, 59, was arrested in the 1000 block of Poso Drive for possession of a controlled substance. She was cited and released on the scene.

OCT. 10

Lizandro Duarte Leon, 26, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released on the scene.

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Join the fun at church's Kid Zone

VERONICA JACUINDE
The Press and Tribune

Grace Community Church offers an engaging weekly program, "Kid Zone," on Wednesday nights from 6 to 7 p.m. The program features a meal, games, singing and a Bible story, all free for kids in transitional kindergarten through 5th grade.

Judy Bocker, who helps run the program, said, "We love being active with the kids and keeping them busy playing hockey, spending time on the playground, and enjoying the hula hoop, basketball and relays."

The church has organized Kid Zone for the past six years. "This year, we have Loren Grant leading the Bible stories. He was previously involved with the AWANA program and uses PowerPoint to make the stories memorable. It's really exciting to hear the Bible stories from his perspective. This year, the children are learning about God's plan for us through the Bible." Special events are planned, including a

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"Glow Night" on Oct. 30, with glow sticks, glow-in-the-dark paint and fun crafts. Bocker encourages all children from the community to attend, regardless of their faith. "The children that have been coming enjoy the interaction with other children and the adults who give them a lot of attention and love. Kids come from different schools and get to know other kids, play with them and make new friends."

She added that the Kid Zone program benefits children in various ways. "Kids benefit because they learn that they have been created for a special purpose, that no matter what, God loves them and has a plan for them, and they learn how they can be a part of God's plan."

Children also develop valuable skills through their participation. "One thing they develop is their interactional skills and how to communicate with others. Some who come may be English learners and will become more confident in inter-



A group of girls hang out in the Kid Zone playground after their meal.

acting with people and building on their English skills. They learn responsibility after meals when they must clean up after themselves and the skills of being respect-

ful towards one another and adults."

Parents express gratitude for the program. "They are very thankful for it and feel their children benefit from it by learning these Bible stories and bonding with these other kids."

Bocker highlights success stories: "There are two kids in particular who have been coming for at least five years. I've watched them grow from being very shy to confident, talkative and truly outgoing. I've seen them blossom over the years. This speaks to the profound impact the program can have on the children."

Students can enroll anytime. "We have kids that come every week and others that come in and out because of other activities, but kids are always welcome. Registration is easy and only requires filling out an emergency contact information form. There is no fee, and there are no prerequisites for enrollment."

Grace Community Church is located at 1544 7th St. For more information, call Bocker at 661-747-3364.

Music, food, fun set for Harvest Festival

VERONICA JACUINDE
The Press and Tribune

St. John the Evangelist Parish is gearing up to host its 2024 Harvest Festival

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on Sunday, Oct. 20. The annual event has become a staple in the community, offering a festive gathering for families and friends to enjoy. Organized by Councilmember Gilberto Reyna, who has served as event chairman since 2015, the festival has been a significant fundraiser for the church for more than two decades. "It is an opportunity to come together, and it's a fun afternoon for everyone," Reyna said.

The festival consistently draws large crowds, and this year promises to be no different. Attendees can look forward to performances by popular bands Los Rebeldes del Ritmo, Edición Reservada and singer Jessica Alberto. In addition,



Last year's musical group was a big hit with the attendees.

members from the W.C. Walker Senior Center in Shafter and Líderes Campesinas

will entertain with enthusiastic dance routines, while DJ Sound Guys will spin a

mix of popular music genres in both Spanish and English, along with country tunes. "With such a selection of lively music, you will want to hit the dance floor and show off your best moves," Reyna said.

As always, food will be a major highlight, with an array of dishes on offer. Options will include traditional favorites such as pozole, menudo, tacos de carne asada and al pastor, and tamales. Guests can also indulge in treats such as chili cheese fries and grilled chicken, corn on the cob, aguas frescas, buñuelos, fruit cocktails, tostilocos, flautas, enchiladas and a variety of desserts. "There will be something for everyone to delight their culinary senses," Reyna promised.

The Harvest Festival will be on the St. John's school grounds across from the church at the corner of Sunset Street and Griffith Avenue from 12 to 6 p.m. For more information, contact Reyna at 661-565-6956.

Rotary to host Shafter's first Ghost Tour

VERONICA JACUINDE
The Press and Tribune

The Shafter Rotary Club will host a Ghost Tour on Sunday, Oct. 27, offering a fresh take on local legends and stories never before shared. This unique event, designed for a 21-and-over crowd, promises to blend spooky tales with a touch of humor, ensuring an entertaining experience.

Blake Goehring, a Rotarian of 18 years and one of the event's tour guides, brings a special flair to the role. Having previously worked at Disneyland's Jungle Cruise in Anaheim, he developed a love for leading expeditions and showing people a good time. Goehring is also part of the planning committee. "We wanted to do something

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fun," he said. "We'll start at 6 p.m. at The Green Hotel with a social hour – appetizers and drinks – followed by a hotel tour. At 7 p.m., we'll board a Maple School bus, which we'll have dressed up, and head into town to visit historical locations like the Shafter Depot, the Shafter Cemetery and a few other undisclosed spots where you'll hear ghost stories – some true, some fictional. By 8:30 p.m., we'll be back at the hotel, wrapping up by 9 p.m."

With only 50 tickets available, the event will offer an intimate atmosphere. Tickets are \$30, and all proceeds will benefit the Shafter Rotary Club. They can be purchased through any Rotarian.

The tour also will shed light on the

town's darker history. "There will be some history on real-life events that happened in Shafter," Goehring explained. "It's going to be both entertaining and educational."

Goehring noted that ghost tours are popular in other cities and offer a unique twist on history.

He encourages the community to participate. "It's going to be worth people's time. It'll be entertaining and informative, giving people a chance to see Shafter in a different light. It's unique to Shafter, bringing a sense of community and engagement. We're really excited about it. If you've ever been on a ghost tour, you know it's a good time—it's another fun way to enjoy the community."

For more information, email Goehring at blakegoehring@gmail.com.



Shafter Rotary Club and Ghost Tour committee member Blake Goehring aimed to organize a memorable event for the community.

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made in the community to help end domestic violence. The organization, made up of farmworkers, has spent the last thirty years supporting farmworker women.

Outreach Worker Yesenia Acosta said, "I am happy to be recognized by the city, and together we will stop domestic violence. Many of the women here tonight are survivors of domestic violence. If they could overcome it, you can too. We are here to be the bridge that guides you with programs and resources to help you regain

the confidence and strength to live a life free of violence."

Mayor Valentin Medina added, "Tonight's proclamation is a recognition of the great work Líderes Campesinas do throughout our community. They are advocates for vulnerable groups. They made a strong and loud presence tonight by wearing aprons telling stories of local women who survived domestic violence. Each one telling their unique story with visual representation, which spoke louder than words. I commend them for the work

they do in being a safe space for those that need it most."

Acosta said the group will have a march and vigil on Tuesday, Oct. 29, at 5 p.m. in Shafter at St. Therese Catholic Church, 300 W. Lerdo Hwy. There will be hot chocolate, pan dulce and a play. "We invite you to join us in the fight against domestic violence," she said. More information is available by calling 661-438-6254.

Lieutenant Alecio Mora reported on the Wasco Police Department. "From October 1 to October 15, officers generated

81% of the department's activity, staying active in the streets. They are making positive contacts and trying to curb behavior through education and enforcement. Over the last two weeks, they conducted 139 traffic stops but issued only 29 citations."

He also shared a recent investigation update: "While investigating a commercial burglary, we recovered \$25,000 in stolen goods from two previous burglaries. This shows that officers are following leads and ensuring thorough investigations."

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As reported by the Wasco Police Department:

Armando Chavez Villaseca, 29, was arrested at the intersection of Highway 43 and Kimberlina Road for driving with a suspended license. He was cited and released on the scene.

Jose Garnica, 35, was arrested in the 25700 block of Riverside Street for obstructing or resisting a peace officer, evading a peace officer, and on a felony arrest warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Tanya Fraticelli Jimenez, 35, was arrested in the 25700 block of Riverside Street for obstructing or resisting a peace officer. She was booked

into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

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Mauricio Antonio Alcalá, 19, was arrested in the 800 block of E Street for reckless driving. He was cited and released on the scene.

Jacob Felix-Noriega, 23, was arrested at Highway 46 and Famoso Road for participating in an illegal speed contest, reckless driving and

excessive speed. He was cited and released on the scene.

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Daniel Alejandro Martínez, 31, was arrested in the 1200 block of Lily Street for possession of unlawful paraphernalia. He was cited and released on the scene.

Stephan John Smith, 31, was arrested at 7th Street and Griffith Avenue for driving

without a valid license and under an expired registration. He was cited and released on the scene.

Abel Araujo Jr, 34, was arrested at D and 8th streets on a felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Jose Juan Reyes, 26, was arrested in the 900 block of D Street for disorderly conduct:

alcohol. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

OCT. 13

Marcos Villagran Cabrera, 31, was arrested in the 1200 block of 1200 G Street for driving under the influence of alcohol, obstructing or resisting a peace officer and evading a peace officer. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

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Woman's Club fights domestic violence

VERONICA JACUINDE
The Press and Tribune

SHAFTER

October is Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Month, and the Shafter Woman's Club is raising awareness through its "White Ribbon" campaign. These ribbons, displayed around Shafter, symbolize the city's support for eliminating domestic violence against all individuals. The club is dedicated to shedding light on domestic abuse, promoting advocacy, and fostering support for survivors.

forts is its outreach at Shafter High School. "During lunchtime, we set up a booth encouraging students to stop by and take the pledge. We provide resources for them. Many students know someone who has been a victim of abuse. Given the high statistics, chances are they will know someone, so it's important they understand not to stay silent and to tell someone. Students get a sticker and a white ribbon if they take the pledge."

Their presence on campus also serves as a platform to distribute valuable educational resources to counselors, forming a partnership that has been established over the years and has undoubtedly made an impact.

A highlight of the campaign was a proclamation they received from the city on Tuesday when the City Council took the pledge and officially recognized October as Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Month. "I thank the council. They are taking a stand against domestic violence in our community. I'm proud of our city council for doing that. It's spreading the word, which is what this month is about."

Gladden emphasized the significance of Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Month to the Woman's Club. "Because abuse is never ok. A lot of us are moms, and the effect it has on children

in abusive homes cannot be ignored. One in 15 children is exposed to intimate partner violence each year, and 90% of these children are eyewitnesses to what is happening. So, they are not only exposed, but they also see it. You can imagine the impact it has on these kids."

"Also, often, this violence goes unreported, but the woman feels stuck like there is nothing she can do or nowhere she can go."

She added that in rural communities, there are fewer resources available.



Priscilla Neufeld and Maria Faveraux participated in the Shafter Woman's Club's White Ribbon campaign, advocating against domestic violence.

Barbara Gladden, the club's recording secretary, has led this project for five years. "We put white ribbons downtown on the trees to raise awareness that it is Domestic Violence Awareness & Prevention Month. In a couple of places, we have signs that say, 'Stand Up Against Domestic Violence.'"

The campaign also encourages people to take a pledge to never to commit, excuse, or stay silent about sexual harassment, sexual abuse or domestic violence against others.

Another crucial part of the club's ef-

"In Shafter, the only accessible resource is calling the Police Department. Some families don't call the police out of fear it will make the problem worse, so they stay silent. In Bakersfield, they have more resources. They have the Justice Center and The Open Door Network, and both are equipped to work with victims of domestic violence."

tic violence."

If you are the victim of domestic violence or know someone who is, call the National Domestic Violence Hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or TTY 1-800-787-3224 anytime. Calls are free and confidential, and the hotline has access to interpreters who speak over 200 different languages.

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Cash Gutierrez dives over the goal line for a TD.



Andrew Avila puts the PAT through.

Delano takes a beating from SHS, 41-13

JAMIE STEWART
For The Shafter Press

SHAFTER

The Shafter High Generals football team improved to 2-0 in SSL play with a rout of Delano High 41-13 on Friday night in Delano. The Generals started a little slowly, with one touchdown in the first quarter, with quarterback Maryion Sloan getting a 42-yard touchdown run to make the score 7-0.

from Sloan to go up 14-0. The Generals' defense, which put up a shutout last week against Taft, allowed the Tigers to score just once in the first half, and once in the second half, after the game was already out of reach.

Shafter took a 21-7 lead into the locker room at the half. In the third quarter, the Generals scored another 20 points, giving them their second SSL victory. This week also saw the emergence of Cash Gutierrez, who was key in Shafter's successful season

last year, chewing up yardage, complementing the passing game, along with Christopher Espinoza. On Friday night, Gutierrez got two touchdowns, with a 12-yard run and a six-yard touchdown run, to go along with a couple of big runs for first downs.

Another receiver that is picking up some yardage was Dylon Hatton, who had a key reception for a first down on one of the Generals' scoring drives. This is the second straight week that Hatton has had a key reception.

Sloan didn't need to pass in the game

that much in the game, with the Generals piling up over 300 yards rushing on the night, including Sloan's 205 yards on the ground, with three touchdowns.

A game that will go a long way in determining the SSL championship will take place this Thursday night, when the Generals face off against the Kennedy Thunderbirds. Kennedy is coming off a 35-14 win at Wasco, making Friday's game a pivotal one. The winner of that game will be in the driver's seat in the South Sequoia League race. Kickoff is slated for 7:30 p.m.

Tigers fall to Thunderbirds, 35-14

JAMIE STEWART
For the Wasco Tribune

WASCO

The Wasco High Tigers faced the Kennedy Thunderbirds on Friday night, fighting for a leg up in the SSL race. They fell short, though, with Kennedy scoring 21 points in the second half, beating the Tigers, 35-14.

night for the Tigers at the start of the game, as Hammie Lopez took a handoff on the first play on offense for Wasco and ran 72 yards for a touchdown and a quick 7-0 lead.

The TBirds' star running back, Jace Demacabalin, answered back with a 47-yard touchdown run for Kennedy, tying

the score. Lopez added more points before halftime, giving the Tigers a tie at the half, 14-14. But the Thunderbirds came out in the third quarter and put up another 14 points in the third quarter, taking control of the game, despite outstanding work on the ground for Lopez, who ended the game with 174 yards on 21 carries, also accounting for both of the Tigers' touchdowns.

The Tiger defense couldn't find an answer for Demacabalin, who ran for 196 yards on just 16 carries on the night. The win keeps the Thunderbirds unbeaten in the SSL, setting up a battle for the top spot up to this point with Shafter on Thursday night.

Wasco travels to Taft on Friday night, taking on the Wildcats with kickoff scheduled for 7:30 p.m.

Council expands Shafter PD Drone Program

From Page 1

Pete Espinoza thought that with something like this, it might make the organizations in town expect help, instead of having to raise funds for their own events, putting more responsibility on the city

that should not be there.

Mayor Givens disagreed, saying that he does not think that the service clubs or organizations would not use the funds as a crutch, but just as a helping hand to their hard work.

The resolution would make it unnecessary for different requests for council support to be brought to the council in meetings, so they would not have to go through the whole process for each request before them.

In the end, the council decided to table

the discussion and see what happens during the year, and maybe revisit the issue later in the year. They said that they were going to review what the city is spending on different events throughout the year and may decide on the policy at a later date.

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.	W, 41-13
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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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.	L, 35-14
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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MWWelding LLC
2913 Loch Fern Ct
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02/22/2024
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General Testing Services
2024-B5883

28905 W. Lerdo Hwy
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1605 Glacier Way
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Higinio C Barraza
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Date the business commenced:
11/07/2007
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/s/Donald Uhler Paulino
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Business was conducted by: Individual
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2024-B5806

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Bakersfield, CA 93309
BPL Security, Inc.
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Bakersfield, CA 93309

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Shawn Christopher Pennel
10014 Silverthorne Drive
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Married Couple
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Shafter, CA 93263
Ernan Roman Sanchez
457 Mark Ave
Shafter, CA 93263

The business is conducted by:
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06/13/2018
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Light Mortgages
2024-B5990

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407 N Maple Dr Ground 1
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Uhler Mortgage Solutions Inc
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Bakersfield, CA 93309

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The business is conducted by:
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01/05/2016
/s/Donald U Paulino, President
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Navi Boutique
2024-B5899

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17837 Brimhall Rd
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Jasmine Christina Garcia
17837 Brimhall Rd
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Homesiles-Bakersfield
2024-B5481

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County: Kern
2700 San Emidio St
Bakersfield, CA 93304
Vigorelli Sorrisi Di Casa, Inc.
2700 San Emidio St
Bakersfield, CA 93304

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Encouragement for all

PASTOR CHAD GIVENS
Canyon Hills Shafter



Your ability to encourage others is the support and hope that they need. Paul spent a lot of his time doing just that, encouraging his fellow believers through the places he visited and where he was headed to. In fact, Paul tells us in Hebrews 10:25 (New Living Translation), "And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near."

Church is a critical component to the encouragement of believers; however, it goes well beyond the walls of a church. Paul tells us in Romans 1:9 that he prayed for the people daily, bringing their needs to God, and continued to spread the good news about God's son, Jesus. What I find interesting here is that Paul spent his time encouraging others, lifting them up

through prayer, and talking about their faith to others.

Paul was in his community encouraging others to fight the good fight, to persevere. Church is not meant to be held within the confinement of walls, but rather, God's word is intended to reach the com-

munity around us, through prayer and faith, encouraging all to know that God has a plan for their lives!

I know the power of encouragement through my children. The ability we have as parents to speak life into their situation and ensure that they know they are loved and have the opportunity afforded to them through our voice – that is powerful. Daily we encourage our children in all the things they put their hands to that they have God-given talent, and that they have a future, because after all, that is exactly what the Bible teaches us.

But it goes beyond this. We encourage their friends, their parents, their friend's friends and so on. Furthermore, we share this with our community daily, that they have a hope and a future in Christ as well (Jeremiah 29:11).

Taking the time to encourage others is a way to uplift someone who may very

well be down and out. Your words of gratitude and love could be exactly what may be missing in someone's life, the thing that keeps people moving in a forward direction. Words of affirmation are powerful in that they bring to light the qualities of a person in a positive manner to let them know that others do indeed care. Imagine a world that speaks positive life into others instead of tearing each other down. The future looks brighter when we are working together for an outcome that speaks of life and not death.

Take a little time out of your day to call that person who is on your heart and encourage them to keep running the race, to keep their head up. Speak words of affirmation, of life, into dark situations, and work with one another for the betterment of our community. Be the light in a dark place, a light that is needed to see where we are going.

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Gilbert Alvarado wants to continue the work

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attending PTA meetings and school conferences and taking on leadership roles. Other parents encouraged him to run for the City Council, which became the impetus for his decision. From there, he never looked back – he says it was the best decision he ever made.

He is the president of the Lions Club, and a man of faith as a member of La Rosa de Saron Church. He has three daughters – Alexis Neri, Jessica Hamill and Hannah Garza – who all live in Shafter, and he is an enthusiastic grandfather of six. He has been happily married to his wife, Martha, for 35 years.

Alvarado is an out-of-the-box thinker. When he started as a councilman in 2008,

he was told it would cost \$80,000 to repair the restroom at Rodriguez Park, which was boarded up because it had been vandalized. He reached out to a local pastor. "Pastor Seymore got ahold of Teen Challenge, and they did all of the labor, and the city bought the parts. To get that restroom up and running was one of my personal goals, and we did it. It's an accomplishment as a councilman that I am proud of."

Another accomplishment he can point to is spearheading the creation of Veteran's Park and moving the Gladiators football team from Kirschenmann Park, where they trained; it wasn't a proper place for them to practice, so that pushed him more to have the park be a place for soccer teams to play

and a place for the Gladiators to practice and store their equipment. The city bought half of the land, while the other half belonged to the Richland School District. Soccer players playing on dirt fields at the park approached him, knowing he was on the council and aware of what he had done at Rodriguez Park, and asked him to create a new park. Although delayed initially because of funding and an issue about splitting costs between the city and the school district, he persistently pushed the issue.

Eventually, grants were secured, a house on the site was demolished and new storage was built, moving the Gladiators to what is now Veterans Park. He takes satisfaction in enhancing the quality of life

for Shafter residents by providing spaces for families to gather for recreation and healthy living.

He can also point to the city's skate park: "I want to thank the current mayor [Chad Givens] for acknowledging me for getting it done. It's something I wanted to do years back, but the council then didn't agree. As years went by, we finally got the skate park. And now, after all the time that has gone by, he acknowledged that I was the one that spearheaded that at the ribbon cutting."

His message to the people of Shafter: "I want to thank you for the opportunity for allowing me to serve the community because Shafter is a great place to live."

Career ed, gym would benefit from bond

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to town. Bond funds would also allow for new classrooms that support CTE pathways such as construction, public safety and public health.

Tallon acknowledges that any increased tax burden to a homeowner should be carefully considered. "It is a \$35.4 million bond that will cost a homeowner \$30 per \$100,000 of assessed value. So, for a homeowner who purchased a home for \$300,000, the bond would cost \$7.50 per month."

"This bond, if passed, would allow us to offer Wasco students the same types of facilities you see almost everywhere else throughout the county."

Tallon also highlighted the positive im-

pact of a previous bond measure in 2008 that allowed for the transformation of about 70% of the campus. The district believes Measure D would have a similar effect. "The Board of Trustees passed a resolution to run this bond after gathering extensive community feedback through surveys, including input from parents," he said.

Wasco High School Principal Rusvel Prado shared his excitement about the potential changes, saying, "If Measure D is passed, it will be a game-changer for Wasco High School. I am incredibly excited about the potential improvements it will bring to enhance student safety, provide access to resources and prepare our students for successful careers. This bond represents a significant investment in the



The girls locker room in the Washhigh High gym is showing its age – over 70 years old.

future of our school, ensuring that our students and staff have the support they need to thrive in a safe, modern and dynamic learning environment."

Tallon emphasized, "It's a need, and we want to share that need with the commu-

nity. Ultimately, it's their decision, but this would greatly enhance the educational experience for Wasco students for decades."

The last day to register to vote for the Nov. 5 election is Monday, Oct. 21. To register, visit registertovote.ca.gov.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS
Invitation to Bid For:
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LABORATORY SERVICES
Bids will be accepted at the Office of
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California, from October 17, 2024,
until November 20, 2024, at 2:00 pm.
The bids will be publicly opened and
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pm.
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The submission period starts on
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