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Trees for Toys for Tigers



Lighting up the holidays

The City of Wasco float in last week's was a lit carriage filled with council members, Mr. and Mrs. Claus and some elves. FULL PAGE OF PICTURES ON PAGE 3.

A generous start to the holidays

TONI DEROSA Wasco Tribune

The Christmas season has officially begun, with the Christmas parade last week and last week's Toys for Tigers Christmas tree event.

Different Wasco organizations, businesses and schools – such as the Knights of Columbus, Wasco High School, Department of Recreation and Parks, Wasco High FFA and the Orange Heart Foundation – either had a decorated tree on display or a table with activities for the family to participate in at the city recreation center on Thursday.

One of the most popular tables was the cookie-decorating table created by the Wasco Bengals' cheer group. Youngsters gravitated to it in order to decorate their own sugar cookie. The table was set up with several bowls of different color frosting, along with holiday decorations to top off the cookies. "This was our first year doing this," Ruth Loza said.



North Kern Christian School displayed their tree during the Toys for Tigers event.



A flock of flamingos was displayed on the Toys for Tigers tree.

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Santa arrives early for some Party for Special Ed students

TONI DEROSA Wasco Tribune

On Friday morning, Mr. and Mrs. Claus attended the sixth-annual WHS Special Education Christmas party hosted by the Wasco Woman's Club. "This project is near and dear to my heart," said District President Jill Drescher.

The Woman's Club goes all out for these students by decorating a tree, and setting up tables around the room so students, friends and family can sit and visit with friends and family.

With a donation from Wasco State Prison, the Woman's Club provided a gift specially chosen for



Another group of students at the party.

each student and also sent everyone home with a goody bag filled with cook-

ies. As soon as the students arrived, Woman's Club

President Marlene Swan welcomed everyone to the See SANTA Page 4

Biz leader tells how to get on track – financially

TONI DEROSA Wasco Tribune

A local business leader gave a workshop on financial planning goals to start off 2020. Ruth Yazmin Ramos of State Farm held a workshop at the Wasco branch library Saturday and walked participants through a worksheet with advice on how to begin financial planning for the upcoming year. Ramos's first words emphasized how important it is to set goals. Goal setting encompasses three stages. They are

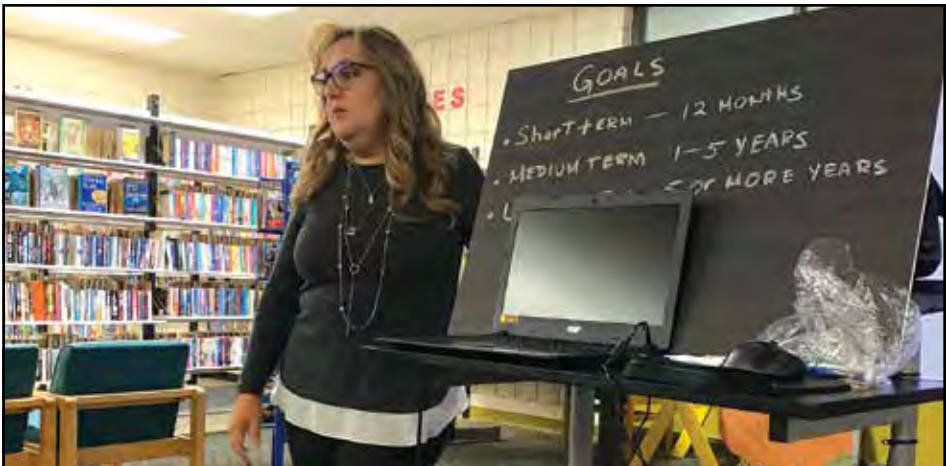
- Short-term goals (purchases within the next 12 months),
- Medium-term goals (future purchases within 1-5 years)

- Long-term goals (future purchases in 5 or more years)

Short-term goals could be for the purchase of a new appliance, pay off or pay down a debt or save money for something coming up in the near future (such as vacation, car repair, etc.). A medium-term goal could include saving for a new car, and saving for retirement. Ramos stated that a long-term goal could also be used as methods to save for retirement (depending on your age), purchasing CDs or joining a money market account at financial institution or bank.

"You should not have your medium-

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Ruth Ramos, Financial Foundation workshop presenter.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW: Elks' New Year's Eve party — Open to the public at 16694 Wasco Ave., Wasco. Doors open at 5 p.m. Call Annie for tickets and more information, 661-203-7328.

NEW: Libraries closed — All Kern County libraries will be closed Dec. 24 through Jan. 1, 2020.

NEW: Wasco Animal Shelter — Donations are welcomed: nonplumping cat litter,

kitten/puppy chow and stainless steel buckets. Drop off donations at the shelter, 5409 7th St. Open Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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

Santa is coming — Santa Claus is flying in! Stuffed animal giveaway courtesy of Ming Avenue PetSmart. Santa arrives Saturday, Dec. 14 at 11 a.m. Open house 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Minter Field Air Museum, 401 Vultee Ave., Shafter.

Social media training -- Kern Citizens for Energy will be hosting a FREE social media training on Dec. 9, 5:30-8 p.m., at the Wasco Public Library, Partnering with the Downtown Business Association. Dinner will be provided. Call 661-327-1698 for reservations, or email info@kern-citizenforenergy.com. Ask for Rachel G.

Toys for Tigers — Thursday, Dec. 5, 5:30-8:30 p.m. Christmas trees will be on display at the Wasco Parks and Recreation building. Anyone interested in decorating a tree should email Candy Wilson at wpaacoach@hotmail.com

Free rides for students -- Kern Transit will be offering free rides to all enrolled in Bakersfield College with valid student ID. Through finals week, Saturday, Dec. 24.

Class of 1969 —Wasco High School Class of 1969 is looking for members for its 50th reunion. The classes of 1966-1972 also are invited. Contact Earl Grizzell or email grizzell@comcast.net or 550-300-4410.

Mystery history

Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Wasco 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 Tribune*, 406 Central Ave., Shafter 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@WascoTrib.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** A Thomas Jefferson Elementary School student council in the 1940s.



ONGOING

Senior lunch – Senior center serving meal Monday-Friday at 11:25 a.m., 1280 Poplar St.

MONDAY

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

North Kern 4H -- Meetings 7 p.m. second Monday of each month at Karl Clemens Elementary School cafeteria, 523 Broadway St.

Mayor's office hours -- Mayor Alex Garcia holds office hours on the second Monday, 3-6 p.m., at 810 8th St.

Rotary Club -- Wasco Rotary Club meets every Monday at the Wasco Recreation Center at noon.

Fishes & Loaves -- Free dinner every first Monday 5-7 p.m. at 408 Griffith Ave.

Adult education -- Enroll for classes at 1445 Poso Drive.



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TUESDAY

NEW: FREE Yoga in Wasco — White Wolf Wellness Foundation offers a free Yoga class starting Jan. 7 and continuing Jan. 21, Feb. 4 and Feb. 18 at the Wasco Community Center, 1280 Poplar Ave. Yoga instructor Yani Valdez teaches stretching to help with pain, stress and anxiety. Provided by Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services.

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

Woman's Club -- Meeting second Tuesday at noon until May at clubhouse, 1601 7th St.

WUESD -- Wasco Union Elementary School District meets second Tuesday in the board room at 6:30 p.m.

City Council -- Meets first and third Tuesdays at 6 p.m. on 8th Street.

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THURSDAY

ACTS Class —Alcohol and chemical treatment series meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the Sounds of Pentecost, 2000 Palm Ave. Rides are available.

FRIDAY

NEW: Museum on the Move (Museo En Movimiento) — Come a join in for some in a Christmas ornament activity at the Wasco Branch Library, Dec. 20 at 4 p.m.

Storytime and craft — At 3:30 p.m. at the Wasco Library. Seniors exercise -- Wasco Senior Center exercise class, starting at 10 a.m. 1280 Poplar St.

Family Storytime & Crafts -- 3:30-5 p.m. at the Wasco Library.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Meet a beautiful German shepherd

Come into the Wasco Animal Shelter and meet Barbie. She is a young, female German shepherd with a medium coat length. Barbie came in as a stray alongside Ken. Barbie is approximately 2 years old and female. She was scanned for microchip and nothing was found. She is great with staff and other dogs. Barbie will be available for adoption on Dec. 10. If you are interested in her, please come by the shelter and give her a visit!

Our intakes have a holding period for six business days not including the day of impoundment, weekends or alternative Fridays. The holding period allows owners who have lost their pets enough time to contact the shelter and reclaim their missing pets. If no one reclaims their pets during the holding period, they will be available for adoption.

Animals cannot be adopted or placed on "hold" during their stray hold. It is a first come, first serve on the day the animal is available for adoption. If you have any questions, make sure to give us a call 661-758-7240.

—Wasco Animal Control



Barbie is about 2 years old.

ARREST LOG

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

Dec. 2
Andrew Noguez, 22, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 600 block of 6th Street for trespassing. He was cited and released at the scene.

Beverly Noguez, 44, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 700 block of H Street for trespassing. She was cited and released at the scene.

Dec. 3
Simon Jaime, 24, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of 9th Street and Griffith Avenue for driving without a license and failure to stop at a stop sign. He was cited and released at the scene.

Dec. 4
Florentino Lopez, 25, of Wasco, was arrested in the 800 block of Almond Court on an active misdemeanor warrant and inflicting corporal injury on a spouse. He

was booked into the Kern County Jail.

George Rodriguez, 39, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of 10th Street and G Street on an active misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Dec. 5
Christopher Ryan Parks, 32, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of 5th Street and Griffith Avenue on an active felony warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Dec. 6
Ebonisha Thomas, 36, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Palm Avenue and Poso Drive for forging/altering vehicle registration, disobeying a court order, driving without a license, possession of a controlled substance, pos-

session of paraphernalia, failure to prove financial responsibility for vehicle and no vehicle registration. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Dec. 7
Craig D. Lewis, 28, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of 15th Street for possession of a controlled substance paraphernalia and on a misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Raphael Boytes, 28, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of H Street for resisting arrest, trespassing and on a misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Dec. 8
Marcela Rosales, 21, of Wasco, was arrested in the 600 block of D Street on a

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

Guillermo Rosales, 30, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of 6th and Broadway for convicted felon in possession of ammunition. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Eliseo Contreras, 28, of Wasco, was arrested in the 600 block of Maple Avenue for illegally modifying an assault weapon. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Christopher Hawkins, 37, of Wasco, was arrested in the 900 block of 7th Street for possession of a controlled substance paraphernalia and giving false information to a peace officer. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Alejandro Aleman, 20, of

Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of 13th Street and Broadway for driving

without a license. He was cited and released at the scene.

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Also part of the nativity is the Three Wise Men, also displayed by St. John's Catholic Church.



The Grace Community Church Kidz Zone's float.

Wasco welcomes Christmas with parade



Enjoying the parade were from left Ana Vigil, Alex Garcia and Orquidea Ocampo.

TONI DEROSA

Wasco Tribune

Wasco opened December -- and the holiday season -- with its Christmas parade.

The third annual Christmas parade was held Dec. 2 and 7th Street was lined with people waiting to see the magic of Christmas unfurl before their eyes.

This was the third year the Downtown Business Association has sponsored the Christmas parade. People began arriving to pick their favorite viewing spot an hour before the parade started.

Many of the local shops had wreaths on their doors, while others remained open



Caught on camera was council members Gilberto Reyna, Mayor Pro Tem Tilo Cortez and John Pallares.

for those customers wishing to pick up a little something last minute.

Attendees wandered from one end of 7th Street to the other, where the Christmas tree was officially lit after the parade was over.

The holiday spirit was prevalent as many wished others around them a Merry Christmas. The crowd focused on the brightly lit floats as they swept by. Excited young children were spotted running around enjoying the colorful displays of lights. Many parents thought ahead and brought something warm to drink.

St. John's Evangelist Church presented a float



Councilmembers John Pallares, Gilberto Reyna, Mr. and Mrs. Claus and Traci Mills-Clendenen and Orquidea Ocampo and some elves took a moment to for a photograph by the tree.



Enjoying the parade were the KCSO deputies, the Sergeant and KCSO Explorers.



Orange Heart's Orquidea Ocampo is with 2019 Rose Queen Elisa Flores at the parade.

with the nativity scene. "I thought the float was beautifully done," Councilmember Gilberto Reyna said.

According to Reyna, the adults and kids lining the parade route were enthusiastic as they cheered and shouted, "Hi Santa!" and "Merry Christmas" as Santa's sled passed by.

As the school bands marched by, the crowd offered loud applause with cheers.

At the end of the parade, the crowd began moving

toward the Christmas tree for the official lighting, led by Santa. Many families lined up to take pictures with Santa, Mrs. Claus and



Donna Ward was with her grandchildren Cooper and Hattie and Marin and Wayne Ward.

the elves. "There were lots of happy kids and lots of smiles," Reyna added.

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Santa arrives early for some

Party for Special Ed students

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party. Upon entering the room, they wandered around gazing at the colorful decorations and the tree and watched DJ Boomdogg (Joe Acevedo) set up his turntable. The colorful cookie table drew a lot of the students.

Once the music began, students couldn't ignore the beat and began showing off their latest dance moves.

Wasco State Prison Warden John Sutton spent some time watching the students as they entered the room. "This is the first time I've been to this party," Sutton said. "I've heard about it and wanted to get the prison involved."

"We used to hold these Christmas parties in the separate classrooms for years," Kern County Superintendent of Schools

Special Education Principal Gaylene Roberts said. "When it got too big, we decided to hold one large party, and the Woman's Club took it on as a project. We've had the last six parties at Grace Community Church."

There was a bit of sadness at the administration table as they talked about some of the kids aging out of the program.

Roberts added that some of the students have been attending the parties since grammar school.



Mr. and Mrs. Claus joined in the dancing.



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Orquidea Ocampo Calderon and Traci Mills-Cledenon of the Orange Heart Foundation were offering face painting, too.

There was a raffle table, with prizes including a poinsettia purchased from

the FFA, wine glasses, gift cards and a large teddy bear.

Tina Newman took home a gift card for Catrina's Restaurant, and Verlene Henry won the teddy bear.

Connie Hively won the wine glasses and Reba Sill took home poinsettias.



RIGHT: Orange Heart's Orquidea Ocampo Calderon finished painting Ryan Dickson's face. BELOW: Santa was available for pictures.



From left, family members Love Serna, Lauren Vargas, Zoey Maldonado, Ruth Loza and Victoria Loza enjoyed the evening together.

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Owner Patricia Guerrero, daughter Denise Guerrero and her husband, Jesus Salas.



Work shoes.

They hear how To handle finances

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term or long-term goal money where you can take it out on a regular basis by using a debit card, Ramos suggests. "That money should not be available for easy removal. It's meant as a savings tool."

Ramos stated that setting goals is an important first step because goals are the basis for spending and savings plan (i.e. your budget).

The second part of the workshop was to build a budget. "Everyone should have a budget and know what they bring in each month and pay out each month," she added. "Building a budget will put you in control of your money by telling your money where you want it to go, rather than wondering where it went."

Under a budget there are fixed expenses such as mortgage or rent, phone, cable/internet, utilities, home insurance, renters insurance, life insurance, gardener, car loan and student loan, as well as any monthly credit cards you have to pay.

The next category is variable expenses such as groceries (where the amount changes each month), entertainment, dining out, clothing and laundry.

The last category included nonmonthly expenses such as car maintenance, home maintenance, gifts and holidays.

She had everyone add up their fixed expenses, variable expenses and nonmonthly expenses and add up their total income, then subtract their total expenses to come up with disposable income.

Part 3 of the workshop was about saving money. "Your disposable income (the money you have left over each month is what you'll use to put towards your savings goals," Ramos stated.

She also said that since it can be tempting to dip into your savings if it's directly connected to your main checking account, consider opening a separate savings account with another agency to help prevent that temptation.

Savings for an emergency fund and retirement goal 1 (short-term goals) and goal 2 (medium to long-term goals) is how the disposable income should be divided.

"Everyone should save at least 10 percent of their gross income each month," Ramos said.

The fourth area she discussed was managing debt. "Managing debt is all about finding a balance between building your savings and paying down your debt," Ramos said. "The best way to start prioritizing your debt is to write them all down along with their balance and interest rates."

Ramos described two kinds of debt -- good debt and bad debt. Good debt has generally lower interest rates, grows in value or generates long-term income (i.e., mortgages, etc., and in some cases purchasing a vehicle).

"Even though once a new vehicle is driven off the lot [and] it depreciates in value immediately, if you use the vehicle to get to a job where you earn money to live, that could be considered a good debt," Ramos said. "On the other hand, if you purchase a vehicle and you are retired and don't drive much, that could be considered a bad debt."

A bad debt is one that has higher interest rates and doesn't provide any future value (i.e. credit cards, private loans, etc.)

She also stated that one of the more important factors in debt is how regularly you pay your debt back. If you are regular on your payments and pay more than the minimum due, your debt will dissolve quicker than if you pay the minimum amount due.

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- 15%: Length of credit history. Have you been building your credit for a long time or did you just start?
- 10%: Credit mix. Do you have both types of credit including installment (this has an end date) and revolving (has no end date).
- 10%: Credit inquiries: Have you recently applied for credit or has it been a while?

Anyone interested in a financial foundation workshop is invited to contact Ramos at 661-758-5164. She also is available for individual consultations.

El Campesino offers tools of the ag trade

TONI DEROSA

Wasco Tribune

There is another startup business in town.

El Campesino opened after owners Marcos and Patricia Guerrero decided to stop working outdoors and concentrate on opening a new store.

The couple has owned the little shop at 933 7th St. for a little over seven months. Their daughter Denise also helps out in the store.

For the past 14 years, Marcos worked selling ag tools and Patricia worked at Suarez Farms. Before opening the store, Marcos had spent years selling the same tools now available in his store at the flea market on Ming Avenue in Bakersfield.

El Campesino caters to the local gardener and ag worker. The store provides the tools and safety gear needed to rake, hoe, chop and protect field workers.

"Many workers come in and say they don't like the quality of the equipment their boss gives them to work with. So, many replace the tools with items from our store," Denise said.

The shop offers rubber boots for those muddy fields and orchards, sharp tools to cut grapes and sheers to chop off branches.

It also offers an assortment of safety gear, including bright orange and yellow florescent jackets on display at the front of the store.

"The best-selling tools are the grape shears," Denise said. "You can purchase the smaller ones for \$6. The big shears are used



Safety jackets.

for pistachios."

"My dad continues to work as a supervisor in the cotton fields at Suarez Farms in Buttonwillow," Denise shared. "He's been doing that for about 18 or 19 years."

Denise is a graduate of Shafter High, and her husband, Jesus Salas, is a Wasco High School graduate.

Originally from Buttonwillow, the family moved to Wasco, where Denise went through Wasco schools from first grade to eighth grade. They then had a house built in Shafter.

Customer service and friendliness is a priority for the family. Upon entering the store, the customer is greeted with a huge smile and a warm welcome.

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Rick and Amy Woody,
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Elizabeth Holtermann Dec. 2, 1984 – Dec. 7, 2019

Elizabeth Ann Holtermann went to be with the Lord on Dec. 7, 2019 after a three-year battle with cancer. Elizabeth, lovingly referred to as Beth, was born on Dec. 2, 1984, to Tim H. and Karen (O'Brien) Holtermann of Wasco.

Beth was an outstanding student athlete. She was awarded varsity letters in golf, basketball, and volleyball at Wasco Union High School. She



attended California State University, Long Beach, on a golf scholarship. While

at Long Beach, she earned her Bachelor of Science in business management, as well as her masters in sports management.

Beth worked for the Big West Conference for 12 years. The Big West was excellent to Beth before, during and after her battle with cancer. The family would like to thank Big West, especially Commissioner Dennis Farrell, for all the support through the years.

During her time at Big West, Beth lived in Anaheim and Costa Mesa. This

was perfect, as she had a special love for all things Disney, a love she passed on to her four nieces and nephews.

Beth enjoyed traveling and took many trips throughout the years. She cherished the family's annual trips to Pismo Beach, where she developed a fondness for the ocean. Family, especially her four nieces and nephews, was the most important thing to Beth, second only to her faith. She was able to spend her final days enjoying time

with family and her final moments on earth spent in prayer.

Beth is survived in life by her parents; her brothers, Tim S. Holtermann (Jenny) of Wasco and Robert Holtermann (Kristina) of Wasco; her nephews and nieces, Henry (5), Hazel (2), Hunter (4), and Haley (20 months); and best friend, Kay Hoey of Costa Mesa. She was preceded in death by her grandparents, Hubert and Ethel Holtermann and Robert and Frances O'Brien.

A Rosary will be held

at Peters Funeral Home in Wasco on Thursday, Dec. 12, at 6:30 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church in Wasco at 10 a.m. Friday, Dec. 13, followed by graveside services at Wasco Memorial Park with a reception to follow.

In lieu of flowers the family is asking that donations be made in Beth's name to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Carmel of St. Teresa, 215 E. Alhambra Road, Alhambra, CA 91801.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Don't be afraid of mistakes

PASTOR JIM NEAL

George Bernard Shaw once wrote, "A life spent making mistakes is not only more honorable but more useful than a life spent doing nothing." Wouldn't life be easier to "swallow" if we could just remember these words?

I often wonder why we worry so much about making mistakes -- sometimes so much so that it paralyzes our creativity and even dulls our ability to dream. Life would be so much more exciting if we would revert to our childhood; yes, way

back to the time where if we could think it, we would try it -- again and again, if necessary.

Somewhere along the way we began to equate "hiccups" in life as absolute failures instead of as what they were, just small snafus. We find it impossible to hail the words of the Apostle Paul to "forget the things that are behind." Think of two statements: 1) I have failed hundreds of times and 2) I am a failure. Both could have been spoken by the same person after surveying the exact situation. Now I ask

you: Which one carries the most weight and power? Thomas Edison, the greatest inventor of all time, could have said both; however, thankfully he looked at each mistake as a *way that did* not work instead of looking at himself as a failure.

Paul Galvin at the young age of 33 had failed in business twice already. He was attending a public auction of the leftovers of his most recent business failure a storage battery business. He had only \$750 left to his name. Mustering up all the gumption he could, he took

that money and won the bid to buy back the battery eliminator portion of his failed business. That portion of his old business became the cornerstone of a business that everyone reading these words has heard of -- it became *Motorola*.

The Great Apostles Peter and Paul could have viewed themselves as total failures. Peter denied the Lord at the time when Christ needed him most. Paul, after meeting the resurrected Lord on the road to Damascus, could have surveyed his life of persecuting the young

church and his participation as utter failures. However, both these men rose from the ashes of despair and discouragement, received the power of the Holy Spirit in their lives and proceeded to become supreme witnesses to the Lord of Lord and King of Kings.

The only way to combat the feeling of crippling failure is to replace it with the only known antidote, which works 100% of the time when applied, and that is the concept of *faith*. The writer of Hebrews defines faith as. "...faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen." Paul Galvin, Thomas Edison,

Peter and Paul, and a myriad of other unknown believers applied this definition either knowingly or unknowingly -- why can't you?

I read recently that the saddest commentary of life contains three descriptive phrases -- could have been, might have been and should have been. Is

your life being defined and governed by any of these three? If so, apply to the fraternity of *faith* and change all that. It was Ben Franklin who admonished, "Do not fear mistakes. You will know failure. Contin-

PASTOR JIM NEAL



"...forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus..."
--Philippians 3:13, 14

COUCH'S CORNER

A week in the life

As I met with my staff to discuss this week's Couch's Corner, we found it hard to pick a subject to write about, not because so little had happened, but because so much was happening. So we decided to quickly touch on some of the things that happened this week. You may get dizzy because we've been to a lot of places.

For instance, Friday night you may have seen me at the Delano Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting. Art Armendariz of my staff joined me for this Christmas celebration. I love these events because the community comes together, I get to talk to all kinds of people, and I get to hear from you.

While Art and I attended the Delano event, Sal Moretti and Zack Wakefield of my staff filled in for me at the Buttonwillow Christmas Parade and Tree Lighting. While I can't be everywhere at once, as a team, we can be more than one place at a time, and we try.

Caring for the less fortunate is a signature trait of District 4. This past week, staff and I were in Weedpatch distributing clothes we've collected from our

District 4 Clothing Drive to needy families. We're working with state Sen. Melissa Hurtado on a baby food drive, and while we're at it, we've supported Rep. TJ Cox on his Immigrant Ag Labor Bill, called the "Blue Card" bill, that was in the news lately, that can help farmers and farmworkers alike in Kern County.

In Wasco and Lamont, we worked with Sheriff's Activity League to make sure they had additional funding (from our office) to help develop the cooperative relationships between the deputies and the youths that bodes well for all of our futures. We also met with the Boys and Girls Club of Kern County to find ways to build those programs for our youth in District 4. And we met with McFarland's mayor to discuss cooperative efforts to improve McFarland, including some issues with the water bill that I heard of when I recently met with a group of McFarland residents.

We've also scheduled the next Delano Homeless Collaborative meeting for Thursday, Dec. 19, to discuss state funding we're working hard to secure that

will allow Delano to provide improvements to their homeless problem. We're doing this without the fanfare and controversy you may have heard of in Bakersfield, because we, as a community, are working together.

On Dec. 2, I also sent staff to Lost Hills to discuss community improvements that we're actively engaged in supporting and funding. That same night I was in Arvin at their Christmas Parade. Also during that same day, we were evaluating a potential property acquisition that we initiated that is

part of an effort to build a community center in Mexican Colony, near Shafter.

All this while checking in with county departments to make sure potholes, illegal dumping, stray animals and other problems our constituents report are being fixed. We meet regularly with these departments to check in of these referrals.

There is so much more. I told you you'd get dizzy. I do. It's an around-the-clock, seven-days-a-week challenge to be at all the places where we need to be and to work on all the things our district needs. But it's a labor of love, and I look forward to this type of schedule each and every week.

PUBLIC NOTICE

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We'll be reporting more in the future on another initiative this week that is, trying to get grant funding to improve the Veterans' Memorial at the entrance to Delano Memorial Park. We'll also be reporting soon on the latest Keep Kern Beautiful developments. Volunteer groups and community partners are being trained and organized as we speak. This initiative is a District 4 initiative that will help all of us in District 4 and Kern County as a whole as we animate with the Great American Beautiful program and learn new steps to beautify and create community pride in our neighborhoods.

Got any questions? Give us a call at 661-868-3680 or email us at district4@kern-county.com. Have a great week.

David Couch represents the Shafter and Wasco area on the Ken County Board of Supervisors. His opinions are his own, and do not necessarily reflect those of the paper or its management.

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Dec. 7 in Costa Mesa. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

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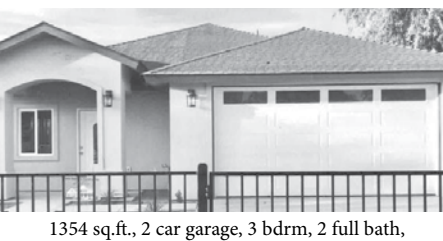
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