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Hurtado celebrates win with Generals

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

State Sen. Melissa Hurtado joined the Shafter Generals for their Homecoming game with the McFarland Cougars as they dismantled the visitors, 49-0.

Hurtado said that she was proud to join with the Shafter community to celebrate the Homecoming Night and the passing of a bill in both houses of the state legislature.

The bill would make the California Interscholastic Federation hold all State Championship games in football at neutral

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sites with the best facilities available.

Currently, only Divisions Open and Division I get this protection.

State Bill 486, or the Equity for Rural Schools Act, came about because of Shafter's run to the State Championship game last year. The Generals pulled off upset after upset, earning the right to compete for the State Championship. It was played in Orland, in what could best be described as a mud pit instead of a football field. Coach Jerald Pierucci made headlines with his rant

against the CIF after the game ended.

Former State Sen. Dean Florez, a Shafter High graduate, contacted Hurtado after the incident and asked if something could be done at the state level. This got the movement going, including not just Shafter, but all small schools who have had the misfortune to be competing for a state championship in an atmosphere that displayed anything but state championship quality.

"This isn't just about Shafter," Hurtado said "This is for all of the small schools who have every right to compete in the same kind of atmosphere at the state level

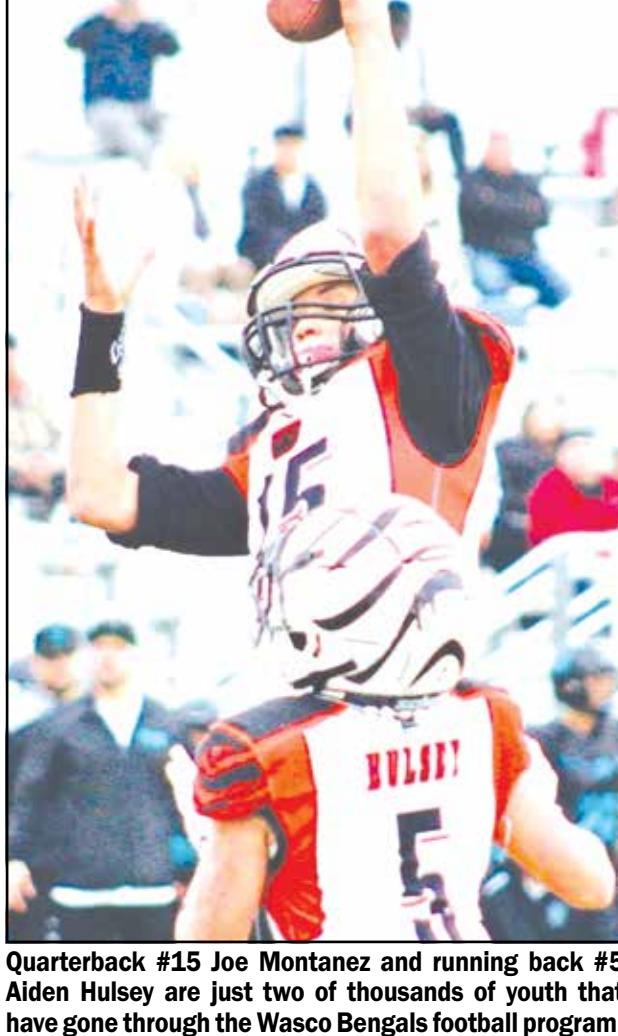
that every division deserves."

Hurtado went to midfield and tossed the coin at the beginning of the game. She also said that she is proud of the bill and hopes that it helps small town communities throughout the state.

The bill is waiting for the governor to sign it. This could be very soon or it can take up to 30 days for the bill to be signed into law. Two current Shafter Generals players, Maryon Sloan and Ezekiel Osborn, also accompanied Coach Gerald Pierucci and Hurtado onto the Senate floor, testifying on behalf of the bill.



Jesus Figueroa waves the General flag at the rally.



Quarterback #15 Joe Montanez and running back #5 Aiden Hulsey are just two of thousands of youth that have gone through the Wasco Bengals football program.

A big Homecoming week at Shafter High

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

Shafter High School had their annual Homecoming Week last week, having

numerous activities at school in addition to the festivities on Friday night at the football game.

The week began with several dress-up days the entire week.

Students were encouraged to dress up like their favorite Wizard of Oz character, keeping with the theme for this year's Homecoming, "There's No Place Like Home."

There were also a number of activities at lunch time, including skits, contests pitting each class against one another, and of course, the big rally on Friday.

The rally was filled with music, games and a bunch of other activities. Activity and Athletic Director Brian Feaster led his team of student body officers to plan a perfect and fun-filled week.



Students were dressed up in their favorite costumes.

The week ended on Friday night, with each class performing a skit at halftime of the Shafter Generals football game. A new Homecoming king and queen also were crowned.

In a spirited contest, the Junior Class of 2025 won the skit competition. They were dressed up as different characters from the Wizard

of Oz and danced their way to first place.

Homecoming King for this year is Alex Aguirre, and the Homecoming Queen is Ysbit Lopez. After the crowning of the king and queen, the Shafter High Generals put the cherry on top of the evening by closing out a 49-0 victory over the McFarland Cougars.

Wasco Bengals 50 years strong

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

The Wasco Bengals Football and Cheer celebrated its 50th anniversary on Saturday. Over the years, the organization has served thousands of young people in Wasco, teaching them skills and instilling virtues to help them on and off the field.

Gonzalo Cruz is the league representative and president.

"We are a non-profit youth organization that works with football players and cheerleaders from ages six up to 14 years old. We practice the basic fundamentals, strategy, accountability and work ethic."

The season runs from August to mid-November. Games are played every Saturday in various locations throughout Kern County. This year, the organization supported 230 athletes.

"By giving them an opportunity to grow confidence and learn the importance of education. It teaches them you have to have knowledge in order to succeed."

He said the Wasco Bengals are like a family. "We try

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Stout is new Sheriff's sergeant for Wasco

Will help in transition to new city department

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

Herbert Stout is the new sergeant for the Kern County Sheriff's Wasco substation and is excited to take on the role. With 15 years of law enforcement experience, he looks forward to serving the community and helping transition from the Sheriff's Office to establishing the Wasco Police Department.

Stout is a seasoned public safety servant, working as an internal affairs investigator for the Kern County Sheriff's Office. He held that position for two years. Before

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that, he was a criminal investigator for the Mojave East substation of Kern County.

In 2007, he became a patrol deputy for various Kern County substations for almost 10 years.

He is originally from Tennessee and, shortly after high school, moved to California in 2000, when he enlisted in the U.S. Marine Corps based in Twentynine Palms.

He served for four years.

Stout has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice management from Union Institute and University in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Stout now lives in Bakersfield and says family brought him out here.

Wasco will be new to him, "But I've known Chief Charlie Fivecoat for a couple of years, when he was the chief of police in Shafter."

What he enjoys most about Wasco is that he loves the close-knit community. "It appears everybody knows each other, and the community itself has been very supportive of law enforcement."

He said his time with the Marine Corps was when law enforcement piqued his interest. "I thought law enforcement

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Sergeant Herbert Stout

Community Calendar

As activities restart and businesses reopen, we will try to update readers on the status of events and activities throughout the area. Please contact Erica Soriano with additions and changes at esoriano@TheShafterPress.com or call 661-292-5100 by Monday at 4 p.m. for that week's paper.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

50-year reunion – Wasco High class of 1973 is looking for classmates for their 50-year reunion Saturday, Oct. 7. Contact Martha Rodriguez-Poe at mapoe1982@gmail.com or 661-303-3770.

Warm clothing drive – Supervisor David Couch invites you to participate in donating gently used or new warm clothing through the remainder of the year. Shafter drop off location is 329 Central Valley Hwy.

Tire drop off – Clean California drop off Saturday, Oct 7, 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Shafter-Wasco landfill, 17621 Scofield Ave., Shafter.

Coffee & Conversation – National Coffee with a Cop at Tin Cup, 1101 E. Lerdo Hwy., Shafter, on Wednesday, Oct. 4, 7-9 a.m.

First Friday – City of Shafter downtown fall concert series with music, food, vendors, fun. Last one for the year. Friday, Oct. 6, at the Central Avenue downtown center, 5-9 p.m. Featuring TCB Music, 7-9 p.m., at the downtown stage.

ONGOING

Basic office skills classes – Wasco Adult School offers Bakersfield College basic office skills certificates. Register now. Call 661-758-7414 for more information.

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

Shafter Recreation & Parks District Meetings are on 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 lunch program – Meals offered the first and third Tuesday of the month at Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith St. Sack lunches for seniors will be given out at 11 a.m. Sponsored by Golden Gleaners.

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.wascousd.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 farmer's market – Westside Family Fellowship hosts every 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 artículos de basura grande? Llame a American Refuse 661-758-5316 o use su aplicación para programar una recojida de estas artículos. Este servicio es gratis para todos los residentes 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.

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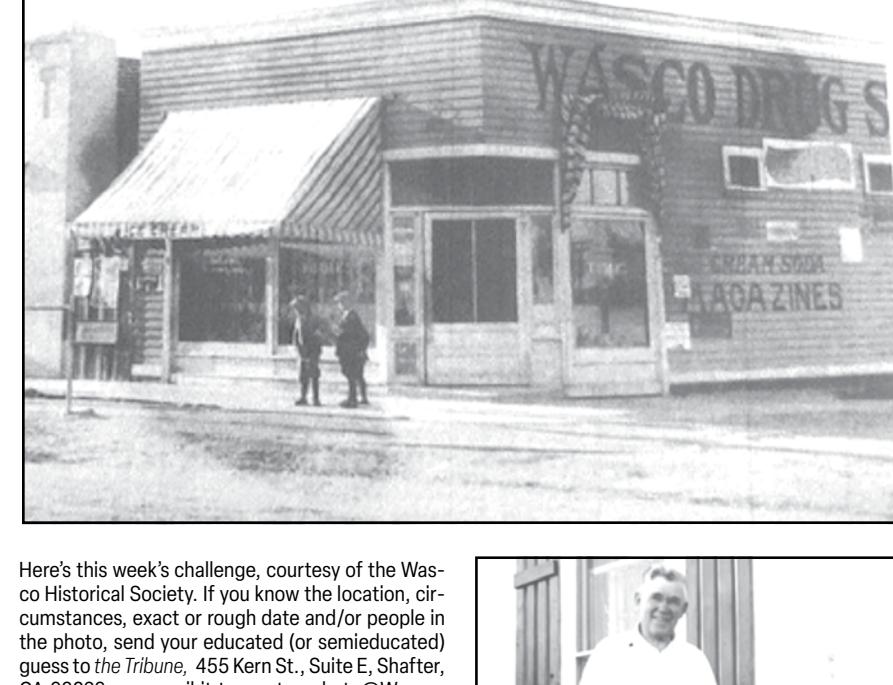
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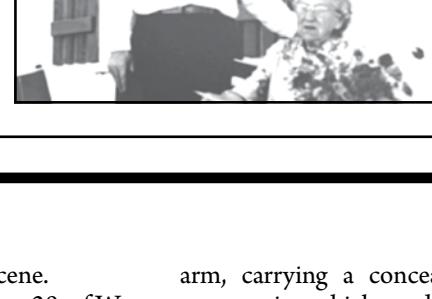
Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to *The Press*, 455 Kern St., Suite E, Shafter, CA 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** Miss Shafter contestants in 1973.



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ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

SEPT. 25

Nancy Balderas, 37, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Faber Street for inflicting corporal injury on a spouse/cohabitant, imprisonment and obstruction.

SEPT. 27

Rafael Chaidez, 38, of Shafter, was arrested on Central Valley Highway for giving a false ID.

Alejandra Yessenia Astorga, 28, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of South Shafter Avenue for disorderly conduct and a drug violation.

SEPT. 29

Vanessa Espinosa Oros, 37, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block of James Street on a bench warrant/failure to appear on felony charge.

SEPT. 30

Cayetano Saldana Urias, 44, of Shafter, was arrested in the 300 block of Bree Drive for DUI: alcohol and stop required.

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Paulie Daniel Salazar, 25,

of Shafter, was arrested at Birch Street and Marengo Avenue for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

Luis Castaneda, 27, of Shafter, was arrested on Santa Fe and Marengo Avenue for DUI: alcohol.

OCT. 2

Jordy Vargas, 22, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of East Marengo for disorderly conduct: under the influence of a drug and drug violations.

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No arrests were reported at press time.

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

SEPT. 25

Efrain Cortez Martinez, 33, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of Highway 46 for misdemeanor disorderly conduct: under the influence of drugs. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

SEPT. 26

Mario Mora Cortes, 49, of Wasco, was arrested in the 800 block of Almond

Court for felony threatening of a crime with intent to terrorize, false imprisonment, misdemeanor damage to a wireless device, cruelty to an elder dependent, and on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Marcos Quintana, 32, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1700 block of Poplar Avenue for misdemeanor contempt of a court order. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jorge Arturo Lozano, 36, of Wasco, was arrested in the 300 block of Highway 43 on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and re-

fined by bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

SEPT. 29

Elijah Gonzalez, 33, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2600 block of Spruce Avenue for felony possession of a firearm by a felon, prohibited from owning ammo, selling narcotics, transporting narcotics and misdemeanor willful cruelty to child. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Angel Villa, 21, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Broadway Street and Becks Street for misdemeanor driving without a license. He was cited and released at the scene.

Adrian Oliva, 20, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1800 block of Broadway Street for felony attempted murder and conspiracy to commit a crime. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Bryan Ruelas, 19, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1200 block of Poplar for misdemeanor disorderly conduct: drunk in public. He was cited and released at the scene.

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arm, carrying a concealed weapon in vehicle and receiving known stolen property. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

SEPT. 30

Efrain Cortez Martinez, 33, of Wasco, was arrested in the 900 block of Poso Drive for misdemeanor disorderly conduct: drunk in public. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jayro Narario, 18, of Wasco was arrested near the intersection of Poso Avenue and Becks Street for misdemeanor driving without a license. He was cited and released at the scene.

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The Addams Family was a smash hit on Broadway. RIGHT: Jocelyn Pierucci and Emily McGuire are student stage veterans who are starring in this season's production.

SHS Drama to present 'Addams Family'

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter High School Drama Department is bringing the Broadway smash "The Addams Family" to the Fred Starr Performing Arts Center on Thursday and Friday, Oct. 12, 13. After the success of last year's production of "Mama Mia!", the troupe, led by Advisor Hal Friedman, will be bringing the characters in the Addams

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family to life.

The musical finds the quirky family meeting the parents of Wednesday's new love, Lucas. As the families meet, chaos ensues and the fun begins.

The Shafter High cast is full of stage veterans, including Emily McGuire, who wowed everyone as Janet Vandegraff in "The Drowsy Chaperone." This time,

McGuire is playing Morticia Addams. Portraying Gomez Addams is Andrew Magana, while the role of Wednesday Addams went to Aurelia Scialabba. Playing Uncle Fester will be Gustavo Pardo, and Pugsley is being played by Hayden Martinez. Alice Beineke, Lucas' mother, is being played by Jocelyn Pierucci. Pierucci is one of the cast members who already have several years of theater experience.

"I started theater in the fourth grade. My mom signed me up for the Shafter Summer Children's Theater, and I fell in love with it," Pierucci said.

McGuire, who also began performing in grade school, said that just loves the theater. "I can be a totally different character, losing myself in the production of a play," she said.

The curtain is set to go up at 7 p.m. for the two-night performance.

The sweet smell of success at Candelaria

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Candelaria's Bakery has only been open for a few months, but the business is growing and building a reputation for great pastries and cakes. Owned and operated by Enrique Gonzalez and his wife, Candelaria, Candelaria's is open seven days a week and serves a variety of pastries, cakes and breads.

Gonzalez said that they also make tamales. When we visited, they had pork, beef, and jalapeno and corn varieties. Gonzalez said that this is their first venture into their own business. Gonzalez has experience in grocery store operations, but they jumped in to this business,



Enrique Gonzalez with one of the beautiful cakes that they create.

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fulfilling dreams for them both.

Gonzalez said that their bread and cakes are their best sellers right now. "We have cakes for sale at the bakery, and we also sell cakes made to order, for weddings, birthdays and other events," said Gonzalez.

Alicia Munoz, who has been going to the bakery since it opened, said that she just loves the place. "You can't go wrong with anything you buy here. I have tried about every kind of their pastries and have had one of their cakes for a birthday party. It was fantastic."

Candelaria's Bakery, 252 Central Ave., is open seven days a week and can be contacted at 661-292-5055.



There are many varieties of pastries for sale, as well as cakes, and even tamales.

Elks car show an event for everyone

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

The Wasco Elks Lodge Blaine Willard Memorial Car Show is this Saturday, Oct. 7, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The categories are

SHAFTER open class, under construction and motorcycle.

It will be a festive event in honor of Blaine Willard, a long-time devoted lodge member.

"He was a member of good standing. If we needed something, he was always there to help us. He was always so supportive of our car show," Trustee Jerry Bozarth said.

DJ Boom Dog will provide music. Guests can enjoy a beer garden, bloody mary bar, food, craft vendors, a silent auction and raffles.

There also will be a cornhole tournament sponsored by the Orange Heart



A 1934 Ford owned by Jan and Larry Vanscoy. (Photos courtesy of Jerry Bozarth)

Foundation. The event will be held at the Wasco Elks Lodge.

"It will be a great afternoon for the whole family with something for everyone.

The Wasco Elks are a group of dedicated community activists with a rich history of giving back to the community. In line with all of their fundraisers, money from this event will be used to support youth activities and veterans.

"Our involvement in working to empower our residents of Wasco and Shafter is important to us. We appreciate everyone that comes out every year. We've been holding the car show for almost ten years."

Exalted Ruler Sergio Garza said the lodge extends a warm invitation to the communities of Kern County.

"Come out for a fun time while helping us to make Wasco a better place for everyone and, at the same time, enjoying all of the nice cars that will be on display."

To register a vehicle or for more information, call Jerry Bozarth at 661-747-8831.

Herbert Stout is new Sheriff's sergeant

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would be a good way to continue my service."

After his promotion to sergeant, he was assigned to the Wasco substation. "I used to work out of the Buttonwillow substation, and so when I got assigned here, I looked at it as a great opportunity to help with the city and to help with the transition to the new Police Department."

In the sergeant role, he will be responsible for the Sheriff's Office's administrative duties and the city's administrative responsibilities, providing the best public

safety to the community while working with the community to enhance public safety, he said.

He will bring assets as the sergeant. "With my patrol experience, since this is a substation, I have a lot of substation experience. With that, you get to be closer to the community. It's easier to build ties and connections."

He has goals. "The first is to learn my role as a sergeant and, at the same time, learn the city's administrative duties. And also continue to build that connection with the members of the city and the

stakeholders."

Stout said it is his passion for helping others that keeps him motivated. "I love to help people. Anytime I have the opportunity to help someone, that is my priority."

Regarding challenges he foresees, he said the main shortfall will be maintaining staffing. "The sheriff's office is currently struggling with staffing, and we are working on it. From my sergeant position, that will be my number one concern, to provide the best quality of service to the community."

He plans to attend as many community

events as possible to build relationships with the community. "My goal is to get out and do foot patrol; that way, I can meet people, and they will see who the sergeant in Wasco is at the same time."

Eventually, he will oversee a staff of patrol deputies and traffic deputies who cover traffic collisions and investigations, and detectives to investigate the major crimes.

He will work closely with the chief. "The chief and I speak daily, and we express what's going on from both sides, from me to him and from him to me. We have very good communication."

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Gilbert Garland leaves a legacy

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Gilbert Garland was a pillar in the community, having been a part of the Wasco Recreation and Parks District Board for over 25 years and coaching for nearly 60 years. He passed away in June of 2021 but will be forever remembered for his dedication to the community of Wasco and the countless youth he served.

At the Wasco Recreation and Parks District board meeting last week, Garland received a certificate of recognition from Congressman David Valadao. His wife, Janice, accepted the award on his behalf.

Born in 1940 in Oklahoma, his family moved to Wasco when he was 2 years old. He stayed here for the rest of his life.

Garland was a loving family man and was married to Janice for 61 years. They met at Wasco High School when she was a freshman, and he was a sophomore.

Together, they had three children: Lori, Debbie and Jeff. He was a grandfather of eight and a great-grandfather of seven.

"He was a fantastic husband, father and grandfather."

Janice said, "He had a very outgoing personality and truly liked helping people."

His daughter, Debbie Mehlberg, said he loved giving his time.

"He was passionate about it. It was his character. It was important to give of his talents and to give back. That is something he taught us, too. That is why we are all so involved. It was more by example than by his words."

Garland coached many teams over his years of service, including t-ball, Little League baseball, recreation softball, high school summer league softball, Wasco High softball, women's slow-pitch softball and men's slow-pitch softball.

He coached the Wasco High softball team for 32 years. Throughout his coaching, he worked with hundreds of athletes, including his children and grandchildren.

Garland was a man of faith. "He was a

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Christian and instilled that in us to believe in God," Mehlberg said.

Garland had an illustrious career as a Kern County Fire Department firefighter and was stationed in Wasco for 25 years. He worked long hours, but enjoyed the flexibility being a firefighter allowed for.

"He was hired in 1970 and received awards from the City of Wasco. He was also firefighter of the year in 1993 by the Veterans of Foreign Wars here in Wasco," Janice said.

One of the things he liked to do was golf with his friends. The family also owned a trailer and would enjoy traveling around the state, taking trips to Pismo Beach, and camping in Oregon.

"That is what we did most when our kids were young. He loved the Dodgers and would go to ball games," Janice said.

As a public servant, he was praised for his tireless work helping youth and was inducted into the WHS Hall of Fame. This year, a bench was dedicated to him in his honor at the Wasco Little League Field.

"He and his father helped to build the field. There were other men, but they were two of them," Mehlberg said.

Sharon Sharp, also a board member for the WRPD, shared, "Not a board meeting went by without someone turning to him at least once and asking for a history on a park, project or program."

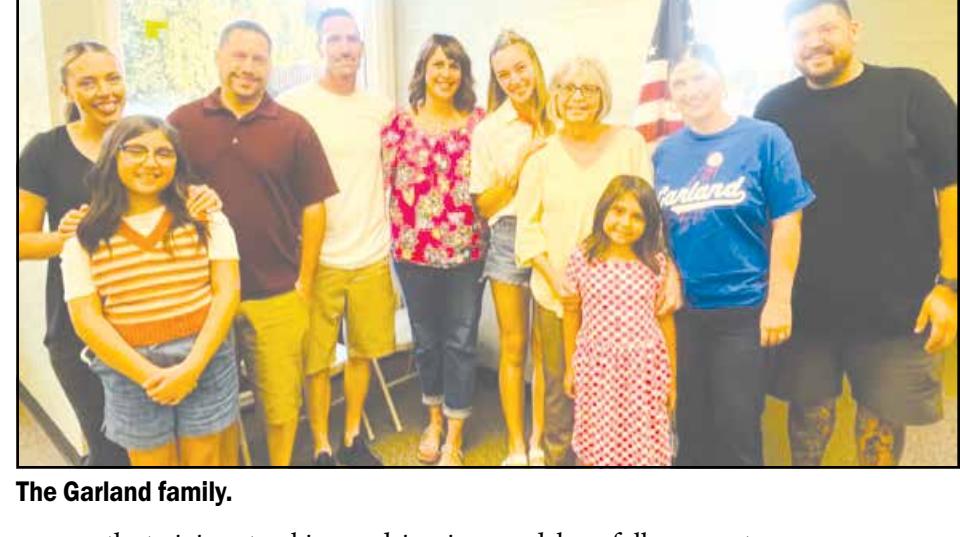
He was an integral part in the construction of the skateboard park, the t-ball field, the development of the softball fields at Cormack and Westside parks and the soccer fields at Annin Park.

Sharp said Garland was always checking on the parks and providing feedback.

"We are still completing projects he helped start. We speak of giving back, but he truly embodied that in a lifetime of service, we could all hope to emulate."

She added that Garland mentored and coached generations of Wasco kids, many of whom coach today.

"He left his imprint in our town and on



The Garland family.

our youth, training, teaching and inspiring, and now this bench will be a tangible remembrance that honors his selflessness

and hopefully generates many conversations and stories about him in the years to come."



Seized firearms, ammunition and cocaine. (Photo courtesy of Kern County sheriff's Department)

Firearms, cocaine found during shooting probe

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

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On Friday, Sept. 29, during an ongoing investigation of a shooting, three men in Wasco, Adrian Oliva, 20, Angel Villa, 21, and Elija Gonzalez, 32, were arrested after search warrants were executed seizing firearms, ammunition, high-capacity magazines and approximately five ounces of suspected cocaine.

According to the Kern County Sheriff's Office, deputies from the Wasco substation and the Kern County Sheriff's Office Special Investigations Division executed search warrants at residences in the 2800 block of Broadway Street and the 2600 block of Spruce Av-

enue related to the 20-year-old Oliva, who was the suspect in a shooting that left two victims injured.

He was located and arrested on an outstanding felony warrant for charges of attempted homicide and conspiracy. Villa was arrested for possessing a stolen firearm, and Gonzalez for numerous weapons and narcotic violations.

All three were booked at the Central Receiving Facility.

The Sheriff's Office asks that anyone with additional information regarding this investigation to contact the office at 661-861-3110 or the Secret Witness confidential tip line at 661-322-4040.

Reader questions Richland transparency

To the editor:

I am writing this as a concerned citizen of Shafter, as well as a former employee and former Board member of the Richland School District.

On July 20, 2023, an article appeared in the Shafter Press concerning school districts spending of federal covid relief funds. It was stated, "Numerous attempts to contact Superintendent Rosa Romero have gone unanswered, as well as calls to Richland Finance Director Martin Rodriguez" as to how the Richland School District had spent their allotted \$11.1 million of funding.

On Aug. 24, 2023, an article appeared in the Shafter Press entitled "Shafter

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schools in uphill battle vs. absenteeism." It stated that "attempts to contact the Richland School District for comment have gone unanswered" as to the district's plans to improve students' progress in absenteeism and performance.

To me, this lack of transparency on the district's part is deplorable. The district and/or board should be held accountable for this lack of transparency to the Shafter community.

Michael Svilich
Shafter

Woman's Club working to raise awareness

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Woman's Club has been working to raise awareness of the issue of domestic violence for years, giving residents important information on a subject that touches so many lives. Barbara Gladden said that the organization has events every year during October, which is designated as Domestic Violence Awareness Month. "We do whatever we can to bring the issue into the spotlight, trying to help everyone deal with the issue and the consequences of the acts."

Recently, members of the club put up purple ribbons on several trees in and around the city, symbolizing the ongoing fight. Gladden said that local businesses, including Tony's Pizza and Countryside, allowed them to put up the white ribbons at their locations.

The club also goes to the Shafter High campus every year, setting up a booth with information, brochures, and also encouraging students and staff to sign a pledge to promise

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to never be a part of domestic violence and would speak up if they suspected someone being abusive to a spouse or loved one.

This pledge is annually taken by dozens of Shafter residents, according to Gladden.

"We go to the high school to help the students become aware that everyone can be affected by this issue, no matter their age. We find that it is great to get the information to them as early as possible and appropriate."

The club also speaks at a City Council meeting during Public Comment in October, inviting the council to take the pledge and become a part of the solution.

"This horrible problem affects so many people, the young and old. It doesn't discriminate and needs to be dealt with before the -problem becomes one that you can't control or deal with."

Members of the club working all around town were, in addition to Gladden, Angie Nelson, Kathy Gamboa, Diane Waterhouse and Priscilla Neufeld.



Diane Waterhouse, Priscilla Neufeld, Angie Nelson and Kathy Gamboa.

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Taekwondo champ, 14, heads to Bosnia

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Dylan Solorio, a 14-year-old athlete with the Wasco Tigers Taekwondo school, earned a spot to be on the USA national team in the weight category of 49 to 64 kilos to travel and compete at the Cadet World Championship in Sarajevo, Bosnia, in August.

The championship is held every two years in a different country.

Dylan fought long and hard to make it to the quarter finals. In his first match, he defeated Egypt and lost to Russia in a nail-biting fight.

His father, Alexander Solorio, said, "It was a close match against Russia but fell short, losing by two rounds."

"Dylan is among the world's finest athletes in Taekwondo and was among the best athletes worldwide at the championship. Only the top athletes from each country were awarded a spot to compete at the prestigious event."

Alexander said Dylan understands strategies, works well under pressure and makes quick decisions.

The first step to the world championship is to be ranked in the top ten in the United States and then go to team trials in Oklahoma. The top ten athletes there fight off for the USA national team member spot to represent the country at the world championship.

"That's one person, and Dylan earned that title in his weight division to go against other fighters from around the world," Alexander said.

"In preparation for the world championship, it was a year of hard and intense

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practice, building him into the person he is now."

Alexander added that it was an incredible experience for Dylan because he got to socialize and learn different people's cultures and languages.

"He built camaraderie with other athletes and had a chance to network. Now he has been invited to Iran and Spain to train," Alexander said.

Taekwondo is a dynamic Korean martial art that involves acrobatic kicks, graceful punches and lots of strategy.

Dylan, a black belt who has lived in Wasco his whole life, has been a Taekwondo athlete since age 4. His dream is to be an Olympian. "I think I'm going to make it, of course."

He points to his instructors for their help in his success. "They showed me new ways to practice and are very supportive. I'm grateful for them."

His most exciting aspect of participating in the World Championship was traveling, meeting new people and fighting.

"I worked hard. I gave it one hundred percent."

Wasco Tigers Taekwondo is family-owned and founded by the Solorios, with dad Rigo serving as a coordinator, mom Rosa as head instructor and sons Brian and Alexander as instructors.

The school has been around for almost 20 years. Over this time, hundreds of students have come through the school to learn self-discipline, humility, responsibility and teamwork.

Brian has been practicing and teaching for more than 15 years. He said, "The



Dylan Solorio competed against the finest Taekwondo athletes from around the world in his weight division. (Photos courtesy Alexander Solorio)



Dylan Solorio competing against an athlete from Egypt.

best part of the school is seeing students improve in Taekwondo but also growing their self-confidence."

"It is also really cool when they compete in various countries and states and bring home national and international medals."

He said it's great that as his students become older, they always come back to give of themselves to the community.

Brian explained that Dylan making it to the World Championship reflects positively on the school.

"Wasco Tigers Taekwondo has a rich history of building national team members, collegiate world team members and now a world championship team member. It's an inspiration to the small city to be

able to produce such high-level athletes."

Brian said the school is open to anybody who wants to build self-esteem and motivation to become a better person and athlete.

"We're in business to build character and productive members of society. Everybody is welcome to learn and progress in their own ways here."

City to purchase body armor for cops

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VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

More steps were taken toward establishing the Wasco Police Department on Tuesday night at the regular City Council meeting. This time, it was the approval to purchase body armor for up to \$29,000 and the approval of a Lexipol policy manual that establishes the policies for the WPD.

"Lexipol is the standard in the industry for police agencies, and it has been developed by a team of attorneys that constantly monitor and evaluate changing federal and state laws and their impact on police agencies," Chief Charlie Fivecoat explained.

He added that the manual is important because it provides professional guidance on the behaviors and activities of the Police Department "and ensures the constitutional behavior of the organization."

Regarding the purchase of body armor, a total of 25 sets are required for full-time and reserve officers at a cost of about \$1,500 per individual.

Body armor and carriers (vests) are required to provide ballistic and edged weapon protection for law enforcement



Wasco Police Chief Charlie Fivecoat is pleased with the progress of forming the department and said they are ahead of schedule.

officers and code compliance employees.

Fivecoat said his team is ahead of schedule. "We've exceeded all of our initial recruitment expectations, and we've managed to nearly complete all of the logistics

necessary to bring the Police Department closer to operational."

Also at the meeting, Wasco Rotary International Club members presented a service project to install a Rotary sign and four bilingual English/Spanish individual reflectorized aluminum road signs.

The signs sequentially present the Rotary 4-way test in bright white lettering over a blue background with a gold border.

The Rotary 4-way test is: 1) Is it the truth? 2) Is it fair to all concerned?

3) Will it build goodwill and better friendships? 4) Will it be beneficial to all concerned?

In a staff report, City Manager Scott Hurlbert said the project was "a high-impact way to profile the Wasco Rotary International Club and provide a community service simultaneously."

The Wasco Rotary International Club is an organization with a mission to provide service to others, promote integrity and advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through the fellowship of business, professional and community leaders. It is a nonpolitical and nonreligious organization.

Larry Pennell, former city manager and club member since 1994, including past president, said, "I think all of the members have noticed the signs that are in disrepair. As a service club, we thought it would

be an ideal opportunity to offer the city and its residents a beautification project on one of our main entrances to the city."

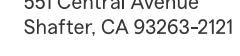
"We are grateful that the council supports our beautification effort."

Councilmember Gilberto Reyna said, "The Wasco Rotary Club is a great service organization that supports many local causes and community events, such as the Independence Day fireworks show."

"I am pleased to vote yes on their plan to place the Rotary Wheel emblem and the 4-Way Test signs (a code of conduct everyone can live by) at our city's southern entrance."

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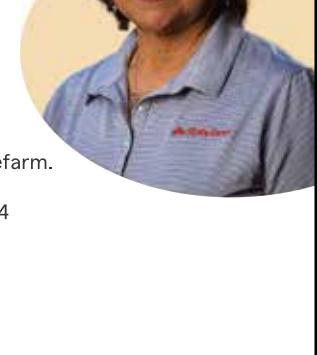
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This week's Super Students at Clemens



Karl F. Clemens Elementary School announced its weekly Super Students. Criteria for selection were based on significant math improvement, showing kindness to friends, respect and hard work, following class procedures, helping other students understand new concepts and improving learning English. Left to right are Vice Principal Angela Devin, Whiskers, Kevin Torralba (5th grade), Gabriela M. Canseco (4th), Angelynn Sharp (3rd), Leonardo Delgado (2nd), Ernesto Aragon (kindergarten), Leisl Monterosa (1st, not pictured).

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THIS THURSDAY: Tigers (2-4, 1-1 SSL) host Chavez (Delano) (5-2, 2-1 SSL)

Friday, August 18	7 p.m.	South (Bakersfield)	L, 32-8
Saturday, September 2	6:30 p.m.	at Monache (Porterville)	W, 23-21
Friday, September 8	7:30 p.m.	at Tehachapi	L, 25-6
Friday, September 15	7:30 p.m.	McFarland*	W, 49-8
Friday, September 22	7 p.m.	Golden Valley (B'field)	L, 28-16
Friday, September 29	7:30 p.m.	at Kennedy (Delano)*	L, 42-0
Thursday, October 5	7:30 p.m.	Chavez (Delano)*	
Friday, October 13	7 p.m.	at Delano*	
Friday, October 20	7:30 p.m.	Taft*	
Friday, October 27	7 p.m.	at Shafter*	

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Jesus Figueroa catches the ball and runs into the endzone.



SHAFTER HIGH SCHOOL 2023 FOOTBALL



THIS FRIDAY: Generals (7-0, 3-0 SSL) host Delano (4-2, 0-2 SSL)

Thursday, August 17	8:30 p.m.	West (Bakersfield)	W, 55-7
Friday, August 25	7:30 p.m.	at Arvin	W, 56-6
Friday, September 1	7:30 p.m.	at Bakersfield	W, 31-17
Friday, September 9	7 p.m.	Bakersfield Christian	W, 35-34
Friday, September 15	7:30 p.m.	at Chavez (Delano)*	W, 33-7
Friday, September 22	7:30 p.m.	at Taft*	W, 41-16
Thursday, September 28	7:30 p.m.	McFarland*	W, 49-0
Thursday, October 5	7:30 p.m.	Delano*	
Friday, October 20	7:30 p.m.	at Kennedy (Delano)*	
Friday, October 27	7 p.m.	Wasco*	

*South Sequoia League games

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The Generals' defense makes another key stop.



Hector Cruz goes up for a touchdown catch.

Generals celebrate Homecoming with win

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter High Generals celebrated their Homecoming Night with a 49-0 win over the McFarland Cougars. Shafter played their most complete game of the season thus far, executing in every phase of the game. Quarterback Ezekiel Osborn had another good game, completing 10 of his 15 passes for over 170 yards.

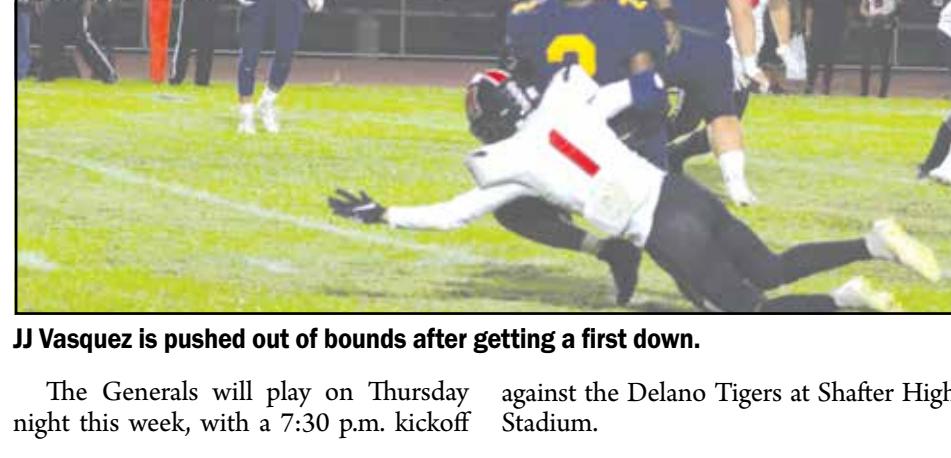
He had a host of receivers to choose from. There is Jesus Figueroa, Alex Aguirre, running back Christopher Espinoza, and Maryon Sloan.

Espinoza and Cash Gutierrez were the workhorses in the backfield, gaining valuable yards on the ground and a slew of

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first downs. The Generals' defense had an outstanding game that saw them keep the Cougars scoreless the entire game. Shafter had a 21-0 by the end of the first quarter. In the second half, the game was played with a running clock for the majority of the half.

Osborn ended the game 10-15 passing with 177 yards and four touchdowns. The Generals ran the ball for 196 yards, with Christopher Espinoza rushing for 88 yards and Cash Gutierrez running for 76 yards.

In the air, three different receivers had over 50 receiving yards. Alex Aguirre had 62 yards, Maryon Sloan had 57 yards and two touchdowns, and Jesus Figueroa had 52 yards and a touchdown.



JJ Vasquez is pushed out of bounds after getting a first down.

The Generals will play on Thursday night this week, with a 7:30 p.m. kickoff against the Delano Tigers at Shafter High Stadium.

SHS girls tennis, volleyball shining

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Shafter High School has been in the headlines the last couple of years because of their outstanding football team. But there are also other fall sports teams that

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are making a name for themselves.

The Generals girls tennis team is in the middle of a battle for the SSL title, only dropping two matches so far. Their next match is Tuesday afternoon against Dela-

no.

The Lady Generals volleyball team has made significant strides the past couple of years in returning to SSL supremacy.

This year, the team is having a great year, with a 12-4 record and 6-2 in the SSL. The team has only four seniors on it, making

the future for the team bright. They have rolled through the majority of their competition. Three of their four losses this year have been against a league foe, the Taft Wildcats. The team is gearing up for the end of the SSL season and then perhaps a high seed in the playoffs.



Alicia Garcia smacks the ball in the second set of the match.



Katie Avila makes a return for a point.

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Tigers fall to Kennedy Thunderbirds, 42-0

JAMIE STEWART
Wasco Tribune

The Wasco High Tigers football team lost their SSL contest to the Kennedy Thunderbirds of Delano on Friday night, 42-0. The game had a running clock for the majority of the second half. Quarterback

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David Manzo and company couldn't get anything going on the offensive side for Wasco, failing to take advantage of a couple of opportunities to score.

The Kennedy defense dominated the line of scrimmage, denying the Tigers any

chance for substantial drives in the game.

The Kennedy offense, led by quarterback Miguel Ayon, had a big game, gaining over 400 yards in total offense, including three touchdown passes, two of which were for over 50 yards each.

The Tigers will try to up their record to 2-1 in the SSL on Friday night, going up against

the Titans of Delano's Chavez High School.

With the double-wing offense of the Tigers, Wasco will look to exploit the vulnerability of the Titans' secondary, as well as keeping their running game getting big chunks of yardage on the ground. The junior varsity game will start at 5 p.m., with the varsity kicking off at 7:30 p.m.

Wasco Bengals 50 years strong

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to be there for each other and are always there to pick them up. We teach that it's not an individual sport. We rely on each other to work as a team. We show them it's okay to ask for help when you need it."

Cruz added that the organization plays a vital role in the community. "Us being in a small community, there are not many activities for our youth. We can give young athletes the ability to learn a new sport they've never played before. Of the kids who have played, it gives them the chance to refine their skills and improve for when

they go to high school."

He said he is excited about the 50 years and happy that the celebratory event brought out over 150 people, including Packer alums (the Bengals used to be called the Packers) and Bengal alums.

The best part for him was hearing their stories. "It showed us we are still doing a service for the community and that the goal they had when they first started has continued to live on and grow as each generation comes through our program," Cruz explained.

"Not many youth organizations can say they have successfully existed for over

50 years. We are part of a mission that has molded young athletes into respectable adults in our community, and that is extremely important for us."

Spirit of Excellence awards were presented to some of Bengal's previous presidents, including Jim Penner, Gary Earl, Tony Jameson, Marty Jones, Terry Clement, Scott Hight, Darin Fager, Mike Dobbs and longer-tenured coaches like Jose Robledo and Mike Lopez at the event.

There was a rib eye steak banquet with music and drinks and a silent auction with items donated by MV Autoworks, Ag

Weld, Lavender Garden, Dolores Lopez, Cardenas Lux Crafts and Lets Event.

The event was in conjunction with the Wasco Elks. "They provided a space at their lodge for us. We couldn't have done it without them."

A highlight for Cruz was seeing all of the smiling faces and the fact that, for many, years had passed since seeing each other, allowing them to relive memories of the past.

"The event was a testament exemplifying how the Bengals continue to move in a positive direction and will continue for many more years to come."

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face conversation is still the best form of communication. Good communication is critical for many things, but is especially critical for good relationships. Whenever I do premarital counseling, one of the first topics I discuss with engaged couples is communication and continue to discuss it in every session following. This is a topic that whole books have been written about, but I'm only going to ask all of us to consider a few things to think through:

How well do we communicate with others that we care deeply about? If necessary, what might need to change to do better at that?

Do we take time to really listen to others well and then discuss the things that are important to our relationship with them?

Are we taking regular time to read God's Word (communication from Him) and also communicate back to Him in worship and prayer? Do we listen to the Lord as He desires to guide our lives day by day?

These aren't easy questions, but the answers are important to be effective communicators. James 1:19-20 are wise words from a loving God in good communication. Let me encourage all of us to commit them to memory and apply them to our communication skills. We'll all be glad we did!

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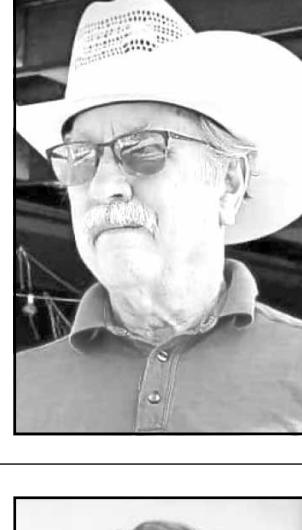
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OBITUARIES

Keith Steven Henderson
Nov. 8, 1953 –
Sept. 19, 2023

Keith Steven Henderson, 69, passed away on Sept. 19, 2023, at Ronald Reagan UCLA Medical Center in Los Angeles, after a long battle with Hodgkin's lymphoma. He was born on Nov. 8, 1953, in Berkeley, to Ernest Henderson and Marjorie Anderson.

Keith grew up in Rich-



mond. After high school, he attended Santa Barbara City College in Santa Barbara, where he received an associate of science degree in hotel, motel and restaurant management. He worked for Wasco Affordable Housing as a property manager, where he worked for the past 7 years.

Keith married Marites in 2022 in Wasco. Keith was a faithful member of The Church of Jesus Christ

of Latter-day Saints. He enjoyed cooking from his garden, camping, cycling and lovingly helping others. In his youth he enjoyed the outdoors, surfing and skateboarding.

Keith is survived by his spouse, Marites, of Wasco; his former spouse, Kathy Edgington of Queen Creek, Ariz.; his sons, Ashley Henderson of Queen Creek, Ariz., and Ammon (Jasmine) Henderson of

Mesquite, Texas; daughters Emily (Ren) Ariizumi of Dumfries, Va., and Brittany Henderson of Denver, Colo.; brothers Ernest (Mary) Henderson of Oakland, and Leon (Loise) Henderson of North Fork; 13 grandchildren; and his nieces, nephews and other relatives.

Keith was preceded in death by his parents, Ernest and Marjorie Henderson, brother Garry Henderson,

and daughter Whitney Henderson.

A funeral service will be held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 2309 9th Place, Wasco, at 5 p.m., Friday, Oct. 6. A visitation will be held at Basham & Lara Funeral Care chapel, 342 State Ave., Shafter, 4 to 8 p.m., Thursday, Oct. 5.

Condolences may be left on Keith Steven Henderson's online guest book at bashamfuneralcare.com

Patricia Ann Miller
May 2, 1938 –
Sept. 23, 2023

Patricia Ann Miller, of Shafter, was welcomed into the arms of her Lord and Savior on Sept. 23, 2023, with all her children by her side. Patricia was born May 2, 1938, in Santa Anna, Texas, to parents, James and Iona Price. At a young age, she moved to San Francisco, along with her parents and younger sister, Jackie. They resided in San Francisco during World War II, until eventually settling in



Kern County around the age of 9. She remained in Kern County for the ma-

jority of her life. Upon graduation from Bakersfield High School's class of 1956, she married Odie Miller, the love of her life. Patricia and Odie made their home together in Shafter until Odie went to be with Jesus in 2010, after nearly 55 years of marriage. Together, they raised three children: Pamala, Max and Lindy. Patricia was a homemaker extraordinaire her entire adult life and made it a welcoming place for all, especially her husband, children and their

spouses, grandchildren and great grandchildren. She was a member of the Wasco Christian Church for several decades, and most recently was a member of Christ's Church of the Valley in Bakersfield. Tricia is survived by her children and their spouses, Pam Allen (Marty), Max Miller (Colleen) and Lin-

dy Almberg (Eric); she is also survived by her sister, Jackie "Sissy" Mattson and her family. Additionally, she is survived by seven grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren, and many friends and church family. Patricia is predeceased by her parents, James and Iona Price; her husband, Odie Miller; her grandson, Dan-

iel Miller; and her brother-in-law, Don Mattson. Services will be Friday, Oct. 13, 2023, at the Bakersfield National Cemetery, at 10:45 a.m. A Celebration of Life will follow the service at Hodel's Restaurant in Bakersfield. Services are being handled by Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

DEATH NOTICES

Sylvia Gonzalez Gonzalez, 76, of Bakersfield passed away Sept. 26, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Wilber Alexander Recinos Guardado, 35, of Wasco passed away Sept. 23, in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Petition to Administer
Estate of:
Mercedes Narvaez
Case Number: BPB-23-003076

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Mercedes Narvaez

2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Paola Llinas in the Superior Court of California, County of: Kern

3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Paola Llinas be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

4. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval.)

5. The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

10/26/23 at 8:30AM in Dept. J-1 located at 2100 COLLEGE AVENUE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93305

THIS MATTER IS SUBMITTED AS

"PROPER TO BE SUBMITTED ON THE PLEADINGS (PSP)." ALL MATTERS APPROVED AS PSP WILL BE

GRANTED UNLESS YOU APPEAR AT THE HEARING AND OBJECT WHEN THE PSP CALENDAR IS CALLED.

IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

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