

City sees 10% spike in cases

47 new cases over past week

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Shafter saw 47 new cases of covid-19 in the last week, which is an increase of about 10 percent over the week before. With most of the businesses in town following the safety

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precautions set by the Kern County Public Health Department and the city launching a campaign urging residents to wear masks when shopping or going downtown, Shafter had seen its fight against the virus take a turn for the better until last week.

Shafter has now had 1,147 confirmed cases since the pandemic began, while Wasco has almost 200 more confirmed cases, with a total of 1342.

Meanwhile, the 3rd of July fireworks that were rescheduled for this past weekend was canceled. There will not be a

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Don Pepe's is doing a brisk business with a large outdoor dining area.



Rose Queen Elisa Flores with 1st and 2nd runners-up at the Wine & Roses event the day after the pageant.

2019 Rose Queen says farewell

BY ROSE QUEEN ELISA FLORES

It has been the most memorable year any girl could dream of. The people, the places and moments that were made are forever cherished as the new pageant comes closer and closer every day as Queen.

Now, if you personally know me, I am a very honest person. They don't call me "Pinky Pie" for just any reason.

I believe being yourself can get you far because it has given me the privilege to be on this stage in front of every single person.

Growing up I knew my life was going to be different from other people because I began to notice I didn't have what other kids had, but I didn't let that dull my light and from that day forward, the disadvantages and struggles never faded me. I never gave up and kept moving forward. I hope to inspire the youth and even adults for their upbringing. Living in Wasco has blessed me



Elisa Flores performs at the pageant in 2019 during one of the group dances.

with so many friends and families who are supportive. I was reminded every day that this is a town that is a family. Help is always a phone call away.

As the Queen of Wasco, I made an appearance at many events. My first was the Wine and Roses Friday sponsored by the Orange Heart Foundation after the pageant.

The following day I made an appearance at the Wasco Historical Museum for a ribbon cutting followed by the Cars and Spars Show. I attended the Bengals Homecoming, the grand opening of Cakes by Karen and was honored to show up as Miss Wasco for our Homecoming Community rally. I also announced

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Rose Queen virtual pageant today

TONI DEROSA
The Wasco Tribune

Covid-19 has changed the landscape of community activities such as fundraisers, meetings and the traditional Rose Queen pageant, which takes place the first Thursday after Labor Day. This week, the pageant is today, Thursday, Sept. 10. However, because this is a virtual pageant, things will look quite different. The location of the pageant is unknown.

Even ordering tickets for this year's pageant will be done online and using Venmo. Tickets are \$25 each.

Log on to Venmo@MissWascoRoseQueen, pay \$25. Put your email and phone number in the description and you will be emailed the link access code and more information the day of the pageant.

If you have any questions, call Hailey Coyle at Wasco High School at 758-7400.

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Local agency thriving with a little help from its friends

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As many businesses, clubs and organizations face challenges due to the pandemic, a local non-profit is thriving due to a tremendous show of support from its friends in the community.

Shafter Healthy Start, which is operated by the Richland School District, has seen its coffers filled with the generosity of Shafter's business community and a multitude of residents who have stepped up in the midst of their own challenges to show support for the youth of Shafter.

The most recent gift came last week when the Shafter Kiwanis Club presented a check for \$500 to the organization so it

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could purchase school items for At-Promise children. At-Promise is a program that helps disadvantaged youths by giving them positive reinforcement and opportunities. California lawmakers came up with the phrase at-promise to replace the term "at-risk."

During the school closure after the announcement by Governor Newsom in March, support poured in from the community. "Shafter Healthy Start is blessed to have a wonderful and caring community. As a family, we rise above challenges, even the covid-19, to help our families in need," said Dr. Mayra Helo-Trevino, director of Shafter's Healthy Start.



Catholic Charities has been making monthly donations of non-perishable food items.

Donations came from throughout the community, including Shafter Woman's Club, Shafter Rotary Club, GAF, Shafter

Lions Club, churches, Kern County Network of Children, and Shafter Kiwanis.

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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

NEW: Rose Queen Virtual Pageant Thursday, Sept 10. Tickets for online are \$25, login for payment to Venmo@MissWascoRoseQueen. Put your email and phone number in the description and you will be emailed the link access code and more information by Thursday, the day of the pageant. For any questions call W.H.S (661) 758-7400.

The Knights of Columbus are holding another blood drive: Friday Sept 11 between 1:45-6 p.m. at 810 8th St. (the old courthouse). To make a donation, contact HCBB.com/schedule.

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Free Virtual Citizenship Services will be provided by the United Farm Workers (UFW). Beginning October 2, 2020, fee waiver forgiveness will be eliminated. Call (661)324-2500 for information.

Clases de ciudadanía virtual gratis servicios echos por United Farm Workers (UFW) empezando Octubre 2/2 /2020 para más información llame (661)342-2500

NEW: Wasco/Shafter

Tuesdays: Griffith Avenue Baptist Church "Impact Program," 408 Griffith Street will be hosting a food distribution for anyone in need in Wasco/Shafter community.

Food will be passed out beginning at 6:00 a.m., but people should show up early because food will be passed out while supplies last.

NEW: Wasco/Shafter

Fridays: Griffith Avenue Baptist Church Baptist Church "Impact Program," 408 Griffith Street will be hosting a food distribution for anyone in need in Wasco/Shafter community.

Food will be passed out beginning at 7:00 a.m., but people should show up early because food will be passed out while supplies last.

NEW: Wasco/Shafter

Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month: Griffith Avenue Baptist Church Baptist Church 408 Griffith Street will be giving senior sack program lunches out at

11 a.m. Sponsored by Golden Gleaners.

NEW: Wasco: The City of Wasco wishes to remind residents that our official city website is the only authorized avenue to pay your Utility Bill online.

NEW: Wasco: COVID-19 testing to anyone free, if you have insurance they will be billed. Located at the Wasco Library 1102 7th St., Wasco. Appointments made at <http://lhi.care/covidtesting> or call (888)634-1123.

Donde? Biblioteca de Wasco 1102 7th St, Wasco.

Si no tiene acceso de internet llame al (888)634-1123.

NEW: Shafter: Shafter City Hall closed to public effective July 24 until further notice.

Oficina-Cerrado Al Publico: Efectivo el Viernes, 24 de Julio-Hasta Nuevo aviso. (Por orden del Gobernador)

HEADLINES IN HISTORY



From The Shafter Press archives

10 Years Ago: 2010

Shafter Homecoming King was Arturo Valle and Queen was Katarina Plaza.

30 Years Ago: 1990

Shafter resident Joe Kirk visited Galesburg, Mich., to visit the hometown of Gen. Williams Rufus Shafter. Our town is named after him.

40 Years Ago: 1980

Richland School District received a brand new Apple II computer. The computer cost \$4,600. The computer was the start to doing to report cards, class lists and much more.

Mystery history

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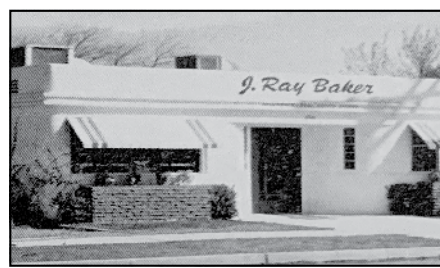
Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to *The Press*, 406 Central Ave., Shafter 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** The picture of the triangle building is of the KOA Campground on Lerdo Highway near the Freeway in the '80s and '90s. It's been closed for many years.



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ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

Sept. 7

Hector Perez, 46, of Shafter, was arrested for DUI.

Allen Ray Forker, 26, of Shafter, was arrested for controlled substance paraphernalia and disorderly conduct: Alcohol.

Sept. 6

Sergio Acosta Jr., 24, of Shafter, was arrested for burglary: first degree, burglary in a state of emergency and felony bench warrant.

Sept. 4

Michael C. James Thompson Smith, 30, of Shafter, was arrested for possession of controlled substance, and on an outside agency warrant, misdemeanor or bench warrant and proof of financial responsibility.

Sept. 3

Enrique Gonzalez, 48, of

Shafter, was arrested on an outside agency warrant.

Aug. 30

Adrian Sanchez Cazares, 20, of Shafter, was arrested for DUI

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Aug. 31

Ezequiel Pedrizco, 47, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of 15th Street for felony child cruelty with the possibility of injury or death, threatening a crime with the intent to terrorize, and misdemeanor exhibiting a deadly weapon that was not a firearm. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Gregorio Valencia, 29, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of Poso Drive for disorderly conduct while under the influence of alcohol. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Sept. 1

Ramon Reyna, 51, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the

2700 block of Flower Street for two counts of misdemeanor or battery on a person and one count of felony threatening a crime with the intent to terrorize. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

David Zuniga, 28, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2600 block of Spruce Avenue for disorderly conduct while under the influence of alcohol. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Sept. 2

Jose Guitron, 39, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1200 block of Highway 46 for felony possession of a manufactured short barrel shotgun, possession of a controlled substance while armed, an active bench warrant, prohibited owner-

ship of ammunition, felon possessing a firearm, misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance, possession of unlawful paraphernalia, and possession of a firearm without a serial number. He was booked into the Kern County Jail

Andrea Ruiz Jimenez, 29, of Wasco, was arrested on two active felony bench warrants. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Landen Wayne Zella-nack, 24, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 1100 block of Highway 46 for misdemeanor possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Sept. 3

William Gregory War-

ren, 33, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Poso Drive and E Street for contempt of court by violating protective order. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Sept. 4

Mindy Moreno, 32, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of H Street for trespassing. She was cited and released at the scene.

Sept. 5

Johnny Carreon, 25, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Prairie Rose Way and Poplar Avenue for felony hit and run resulting in injury, prohibited person owning ammunition, and on active bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Sept. 6

Phillip Armendariz, 31, of McFarland, was arrested at the intersection of Griffith Avenue and 9th Street for driving under the influence of alcohol. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Elfego Mendoza, 47, of Lost Hills, was arrested at the intersection of Highway 46 and Western Avenue for misdemeanor driving without a license and driving under the influence of alcohol. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Juan Pelayo Martinez, 37, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2700 block of 7th Street for disturbing the peace by playing loud music. He was cited and released at the scene.

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WUESD to distance learn through December

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The Wasco Tribune

Wasco Union Elementary School District Superintendent Kelly Richers said distance learning has been successfully implemented, with the district at 92% attendance. Richers said some special education and English language learner students have been authorized by the state to attend school in person as needed; however, he said only 14 students are allowed in one cohort, or group. Every district in California has been issued, he added, because they are not meeting the requirements of federal special education student Individual Education Plans. At its meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 8, the WUESD board unanimously agreed to approve the collective bargaining agreements

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between the district and the Wasco Elementary Teachers Association and the Classified School Employee Association. Additionally, the district unanimously approved the increase in cost for the unrepresented employees of the district, which includes the superintendent and assistant superintendents. The 2019/2020 individual person cost for health benefits was \$19,042 and the 2020-2021 cost will be \$19,610. This calculates to a 3% increase of \$568 for the year. In other business, the board agreed to hire a replacement licensed vocational nurse with Carolina Mejia. Information was also provided a staff

list of who retired from the district since July 2020. **Teachers** Sherry Anderson worked for the district 23 years since August 1997, Lorena Cozad worked for the district 52 years since September 1968, Bonnie McCormick worked for the district 31 years since August 1989, Monica Reed worked for the district 38 years since October 1982, Theodore Wilson worked for the district 45 years since September 1975. **Classified (non-credentialed)** Annie Coleman worked for the district as a custodian for 18 years since February 2002, Kay Espitia worked for the district for 38 years as a classified employee and currently in internal business accounting since January

1982, Blanca Martinez worked for the district for 40 years as a classified employee and currently as a teacher. She started in 1980. Gloria Martinez worked for the district as a classified employee and currently an after school activity leader since November 1986, and Pat Siemens worked for the district for 24 years as a classified employee and currently as an after school supervisor starting October 1996. The board also unanimously approved to reject the bid for a new freezer for Palm Avenue Middle School and to proceed with a new bidding process. "The only submitted bid was two times the amount of what the designers said the freezer should cost," Richers said. In addition, the district is remotely broadcasting its board meetings via Zoom.

Six candidates vying for three seats on Council

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There will be six candidates on the ballot come November for the Shafter City Council. Three seats will be up for grabs, with Mayor Gilbert Alvarado, Chad Givens and Manuel Garcia having their terms expiring in December. All three Council members will be running to retain their seats. Three other candidates will be looking to fill them, with all three candidates running for the first time. Kris Lawrence, Rafael Zamudio and Pete Espinoza will join the three incumbents in the race for the three vacancies. All six candidates said safety and economic stability are among their main concerns.



Kris Lawrence is excited to be a part of the governing body of the city.

Kris Lawrence said he is running because he wants to make a positive impact on the council and he believes that his experience working at the Water District with policymakers in a board meeting setting have prepared him for the position. Lawrence is a resident of the new development in Shafter at Gossamer Grove. "Being a resident in the Gossamer Grove area, I believe that it is important for

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us to have representation on the council," he said. He added that he would like to be a part of the continuing effort in keeping Shafter a safe town. "In the tumultuous times we live in, safety and economic security are extremely important. Shafter has historically been a very safe town, and it has done well with businesses. This is something I would like to be a part of."



Pete Espinoza is running for Council for the first time.

Pete Espinoza said he has a love for the community and the people of Shafter. He would like to see the city prosper and move forward with the future in mind. A resident of Shafter for 54 years, Espinoza sees public safety and public works as key issues. "I want to see Shafter remain a safe community in which to live and to raise a family," he said. "A strong law enforcement which is supported by the city and the people is very important." He also said that roads, schools, and parks affect the quality of life and need to be a priority. "I believe in high standards, but that is the easy part. Then you have to maintain them or they go

right back to where they were," he said. "If Shafter is doing well then the people of Shafter will be doing well. I think we need to be united in a common goal, Shafter Strong."



Rafael Zamudio is looking to be a part of a council that works for its residents.

Rafael Zamudio, a longtime Shafter resident, is running to work side by side with his fellow community members and to help Shafter reach its full potential. Zamudio said he would like to see Shafter prosper without it losing its small-town feeling, which is "the feeling that unites us and keeps us home grown with a touch of growth." Zamudio said it is important for Shafter to find collaborations to help with the lack of resources for learning opportunities. He believes there need to be more educational sites for youths, and would like to extend the Shafter Learning Center. Zamudio also said a priority is making sure the city's resources are being used efficiently, such as holding each city department accountable for their resources, labor and funding. "We need to make sure that there is a check and balance between departments and community members,"

he said. "We also need to reinforce the idea that city employees work for their taxpayer who reside in Shafter and remind them of our mission and goals." Zamudio said Shafter is a great place to live and if given the opportunity he would help it grow without losing the human touch. Chad Givens is running



Chad Givens said it has been a joy to serve the city and hopes to keep serving this great city.

for his second term on the council. Givens said it has been a joy serving on the City Council and that he truly believes in the city, the people, the businesses, the employees, the families, just everything. Givens said that even though Shafter is a small rural community, it has a big vision, a big heart and a lot of big opportunities. "I will continue to fight for our public services," he said. "We as a city offer things that many in this state or even county do not offer. From our top rated police department, to our phenomenal city services like our business and planning groups, to our one of a kind education partnership group, the Shafter Learning Center." Givens said he has not and will not advocate for

defunding these services because they are crucial to the success of Shafter's businesses. He added that he will continue to pursue business opportunities in the downtown district and industrial parks. He also is pushing for enhancing the downtown atmosphere. Givens said he would keep supporting Shafter's unique education partnership and learning opportunities. "I think that it is important make sure it keeps functioning properly and not cut the budget without cause, which has been alluded to in the past year by some," he said. Givens commented that he is excited for the next four years and for what is to come. Council member Manuel Garcia is also running for



Manuel Garcia is looking to continue the job that was started four years ago.

his second term. A home grown Shafter resident, Garcia said he has enjoyed his four years on the council and is looking forward to helping finish what they had started. He said he believes the council has made great strides in beautifying the city, especially its roads and parks. "You can take James Street as an example," he said. "A lot of work has been put into that project

and it looks great. There are so many examples of improvements being done on our roads and sidewalks." Garcia said he has also been an advocate for a safe community and was in favor of hiring more officers on the Shafter Police Department. "I think that Shafter is one of the, if not the safest town in the country," he said. "I think that the chief and his staff have made Shafter the safest community around." Garcia said he also believes Shafter needs to attract more nationally known franchises. "It would be great to see like a Kentucky Fried Chicken, or Popeyes in town. We also need to make it easy for businesses to come to Shafter, letting them know that we want them here." Garcia also touched on the importance of the continuing efforts for the city to maintain its small town feel, growing, but not too big that it loses that special feel. Messages and a request for a statement to Mayor



Gilbert Alvarado was first elected in 2008, giving him over a decade of experience on the council.

Gilbert Alvarado went unanswered. Alvarado, who has served the city as mayor for the past two years, was first elected to the Council in 2008.

Community Coalition gives virtual updates

TONI DEROSA
The Wasco Tribune

The second virtual Wasco Community Coalition meeting on Wednesday, Sept. 2, took place online with various groups reporting on their recent activities: Keri Cobb from the City's planning department updated attendees on the city's procedures. She said city offices remain closed to the public, but that work continues. City staff is available over the phone and online. She also said the city is moving forward on conducting a school traffic safety survey, and that the city launched its new website a few months ago. Cobb encouraged others to check out the website. She also mentioned that residents are now able to make a request and/or report a problem. Sergeant Pete Martinez said the Sheriff's Office is open to one person or family at a time and that masks are required. There is a red phone outside the office that can be used if residents don't want to go inside. Assistant Superintendent Rob Cobb pro-

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vided an update on the smooth progress so far with the distance learning when school started Aug. 12. He also said hotspots will be available for students who need them. Students are encouraged to call the high school at 758-8447. Marleni Maston, adult education coordinator at Wasco Independence High School, said all classes are online except for the CNA course on Wednesdays, when it is offered on campus. Kelly Richers, superintendent of the Wasco Union Elementary School District Kelly Richers, mentioned that the district is at 92% attendance during distance learning. Jaime Lopez, from Bakersfield College, said the semester started last week and the campus is currently closed; however, lab-required classes are offered on campus. Daisy Torres, from Kern Family Health Care, said the offices are closed but services are still being offered. Visit the website for more information.

Adventist Health: An unidentified spokesperson said that services are available at the office and over the phone. Sherry Wade, from the Kern County Library, reported that libraries will soon be open. Virtual books are available for all age groups. Authors will be visiting in November and December for virtual visits. Check the library website for additional information. Wasco Librarian Ernestina Garcia mentioned that PPE supplies are still available at the library until the end of September and the library is still testing for covid-19 until the end of September. Gina Torres, from the California Rail Builders, announced a virtual community meeting will be happening in October. Schools can contact her for donations at (661) 438-3440. Miguel Salazar, from the Kern County Department of Human Services, announced that their office in Shafter is closed; however, they are still providing services. For online services go to c4yourself.com or call 746-8300.

Jose Luis Gonzalez, from Kern County Planning, mentioned that Governor Newsom signed a statewide bill to protect tenants from eviction due to covid-19. For the county and Bakersfield residents, funds for rent or mortgage will soon be available for those affected by the virus. Yeranias Esparza also mentioned that the Home Access Program is still available. The president of the Wasco Recreation and Parks Board said the website is now available (wascoparks.recdesk.com). Virtual camps are available for the kids. Check the website for current available positions. Valerie Rodriguez, from United Way, informed the attendees that United Way is currently recruiting volunteers for next year's tax season. She also reminded attendees to fill out the Census as the last day is Sept. 30. Hailey Coyle told the attendees that the Wasco Rose Queen pageant will be happening virtually on Thursday, September 7. Tickets will be on sale Monday, Sept. 7. The October meeting will also be virtual on Wednesday, Oct. 6, at 8 a.m.

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and gave away trophies to our Tiger Production Homecoming Week celebration. I also appeared at the Homecoming game where I was able to crown King Rodrick Scott and Queen Alynna Gonzales.

The following day I appeared at the Wasco Festival that is put together by amazing community members. We are so blessed to have these great traditions that will last forever. Keep up the amazing work.

At the festival, I met so many young children, and I was happy to hug them and feel their happiness! As the 51st Rose Queen, I was excited to run into the very first Rose Queen Anita Miller at the Wasco Festival. That is a memory I will never forget.

That very same day, I attended the 5th Annual Wasco Music Festival hosted by the Orange Heart Foundation where our 2019 Grand Marshals Danny and Petra Rueda and Tina and Ken Newman, and featured artist Shirrel Sanford were present. This group is very sweet and caring and gives a lot to our town. I am glad I met them.

Following that, I attended the new elementary school, James Forrest, for Red Ribbon Week. At that event I was able to inspire young students to pledge to "Saying No to Drugs."

Following Red Ribbon Week, I attended

the 50th Elks Anniversary at the Elks Lodge where I was able to mingle and spend time with our community.

I also attended Teresa Burke's ASES program along with my royal family of First and Second-Runners-Up Sihomara Navaro and Haylee Nunez and Sihomara Navaro, where we performed our talents.

The following day, I attended the Ronald McDonald Run, which was a great time at Teresa Burke. In addition, I joined New Generation and Grace Community churches to help serve our community by giving free Thanksgiving lunches.

As December arrived, I attended the Wasco Christmas Tree lighting and parade where I got to see the faces of our community light up. I crowned the Snowball King and Queen Haylee Nunez and Edduardo Saldana.

I was also at the FFA Donkey Basketball game where I sang the National Anthem and worked the scoreboard. My last two events were a little different because of the covid-19 pandemic. I attended the ribbon cutting for Panda Express where everyone wore a mask, as well as a mini virtual event by sharing a positive video. I strived to inspire through this time.

During my reign, the community struggled through a pandemic. It was a time of uncertainty. I could not have chosen a better year than 2020 to be Queen although I felt as if my duties as Queen were cut short during this time. I knew in the end I would find my purpose as Queen and it is being here sharing this with you all.

We will get through this and we will keep fighting because we are Tiger STRONG!

I would like to send my condolences to the families in our community who lost loved ones to covid-19. I would also like to send my prayers to those who are affected as well.



Ribbon cutting at Cakes by Karen with owner Karen Cabrera.

Throughout my reign, I wasn't alone. I had so much love and support; I would like to thank my mom for working hard and putting a roof over my head. I would also like to thank my Galactic Gals, each and every one of you girls holds a special place in my heart. I would also like to thank my close friends for supporting me during my reign as well as driving me to my events. Thank you to my favorite chaperone Amanda Rodriguez. Amanda has a heart of gold. Thank you for making me feel confident inside and outside.

I would also like to thank Lisa Hussey for being the best seamstress, David Armandariz and the Cordova family for making my talent song mixture possible. I also want to thank last year's stage crew for rooting me on and setting up my props before performing, I also want to thank Debbie Mehlberg, Hailey Coyle, Sydney Mehlberg and Nicole Sanchez, aka Coach Coco. You all surprise me with your creativity and love that you put into each pageant. It couldn't have happened without you. It is greatly ap-

preciated.

I would also like to thank the De la Rosa family for supporting me and treating me like their own; my sponsors, the Wasco Woman's Club; and my escort Ruben Macias for making the pageant experience stress-free and memorable. Every Queen needs her King.

In closing, Wasco will always be my forever home and thank you for loving and accepting me as your Rose Queen.

To Miss Wasco 2020, it is your time to inspire. Soak every moment in because in the blink of an eye, you'll wish you could go back to this very night and start over again. So embrace the beautiful sparkling crown and own it with pride and humbleness. Remember this town is filled with past queens so if you ever need a helping hand, do not hesitate to ask.

I ask of you to make a difference in your community and always be you because you are Miss Wasco. A Queen of a town filled with love.

Sincerely,
Rose Queen 2019 Elisa Flores



Red Ribbon Week at James A. Forrest Elementary School.

VFW holds fundraising raffle

TONI DEROSA

The Wasco Tribune

Because of the covid-19 pandemic, The VFW has canceled a couple of their well-known breakfasts and barbecues this year. Instead, the VFW held a raffle where the lucky winner would go home with \$500.

Winner of the \$500 grand prize was Ysidro Castro. Castro showed up at the VFW building shortly after he

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received a phone call that he had won the big prize.

"We sold over 400 tickets," member Danny Rueda said. "It was a big success."

VFW Rose Queen candidate Talitha Arellano was with her father, Danny Arellano, principal of Thomas Jefferson Middle School, as Talitha

drew the winning tickets.

Second-place winner was Enrique Oliver, who won \$100; and third-place winner was Ryan Reeves, who won \$50.

Castro was very excited as he answered the phone call from the VFW notifying him he was the lucky winner.

"I never win anything," Castro was heard saying. Violet Castro and Marissa Webb accompanied Castro and said that he didn't know what to do when he received the phone call because he was nervous and excited at the same time.

"We will probably save it for Christmas," Violet Castro said.



VFW Rose Queen candidate Talitha Arellano drew the ticket of the lucky winner.



VFW member Tony Stout making telephone calls to the winners.



From left: Jerry Patterson, James Medrano, Rose Queen candidate Talitha Arellano, Danny Rueda and Tony Stout.



Danny Arellano, principal of Thomas Jefferson, and his daughter, Rose Queen candidate Talitha Arellano.

Covid-19 cases show 10% increase in Shafter

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fireworks show until July 2021.

Shafter, partnering with Houchin Blood Bank, is holding a blood drive on Thursday, Sept. 10, from 3p.m. to 7 p.m. at

Mannel Park. The drive is focused on students, but adults are also welcome. Each student who donates will receive a limited edition "No Pandemic Can Stop Us" T-shirt and will be entered into a drawing

for a \$250 gift card. Students who are 16 years old must have a signed parental consent form. Please bring a picture ID with your date of birth.

Barber shops, hair salons and other non-

essential businesses are now open with safety guidelines in place, such as wearing a mask, as well as social distancing. Restaurants are still restricted to offering take-out service and outdoor dining.

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Salas' police reform bill is sent to the governor

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

With much of the nation attempting to reduce funding for police departments, a Police Reform Bill, AB1299, has passed the California Legislature with bipartisan support.

The bill was authored by local Assemblyman Rudy Salas. It is designed to help prevent local departments from hiring officers who have a history of serious misconduct.

Salas, who represents the 32nd District, which includes Shafter and Wasco, said his bill will help hold departments accountable when hiring new officers.

"We need to ensure that our local police departments are hiring officers

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who will serve our communities with honesty and dignity," he said.

He said he is pleased to see the bipartisan support the bill has garnered. "It is unacceptable that some officers are able to hide their past and are not held accountable," he said. "Taxpayers should not be on the hook for the actions of bad cops. I urge the governor to make this bill law so that police departments can make informed decisions and root out bad cops who get shuffled between departments."

Last year, it was reported that the City of McFarland hired at least 13 officers who had trouble at other agencies. In some situations, law enforce-

ment agencies may not be aware of an officer's previous misconduct due to the tactic of resigning in lieu of termination. This practice describes a situation where an officer who is being investigated for misconduct resigns before the investigation is complete. When an officer resigns in this manner, the investigation usually stops and is never completed.

This allows officers to make lateral moves and apply at a different agency. AB1299 will require law enforcement agencies to complete misconduct investigations and notify the Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training of their findings. The bill will now head to the governor's desk for approval.

Shafter looking for planning commission members

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The City Council is looking to appoint three people to each serve a four-year term on the Shafter Planning Commission beginning in January. The commission is made up of five members appointed by the City Council. Current members of the commission are Bob Wiebe, Ron Nunlist, Kirk Mouser, Jon Johnston and Peter Frantz. Frantz, Johnston and Mouser have terms that

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expire in December, which makes it necessary to fill their seats.

The Planning Commission reviews and acts on matters related to planning and development in Shafter. The role of the commission is to work with the City Council to ensure that the common vision for the community is realized.

The commission works closely with the council, the community, and city staff to

achieve those goals. This mostly involves land use matters.

Commission meetings are held the second Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. Members are compensated \$100 a month. Completion of an ethics training course within their first year is required. Individuals must also maintain residency within the city limits of Shafter. Those interested in being appointed must also be a resident of Shafter and registered to vote.

You must submit a letter of interest with your name, address and telephone number, a statement why you are interested, and a resume of work experience, education, and other qualifications to the Shafter City Council at 336 Pacific Ave., Shafter, CA 93263 by 5 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 22.

If you need more information, you can contact City Clerk Yazmina Palares at CityClerk@shafter.com.

Home access grants available for people with disabilities

TONI DEROSA
The Wasco Tribune

If you have a disability, accessibility improvements on your home are still available through the Kern County Home Access Grant Program.

If, for example, you need to widen your doorways for wheelchair access, provide a ramp with handrails going up and down stairs, or you might need a handicapped accessible toilet or your tub replaced by an accessible shower, all these items are available through the program.

The grants are available to those with a physical disability who desire a

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better quality of life.

If you are living in a low-income household within a Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department area, all you need to do is provide income verification for everyone living in the residence.

Rental and owner-occupied property can be improved under the program. In every case, the owner of the property needs to agree to the improvements.

The applicant must have a permanent disability, which restricts access to or around the residence.

The disability must be verified by a primary physician familiar with the disability.

The application and the doctor evaluation will both be reviewed, and the KC Planning and Natural Resources Department will contact the applicant for an inspection of the residence to determine the specific needs and evaluate eligibility.

All work must be completed by a California licensed and insured contractor.

For an application and additional information, contact Kandi Mosqueda at (661) 862-5024.

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We need a hero

PASTOR STEVE DOBBS

Community Circle Church
How many of you have somebody in your life that you can say you look up to? It may be a parent, an athlete, actor, teacher, world leader or anybody else in or around your life.

Sometimes we try to pattern our lives after our heroes.

Let me start by saying this. I'm not against anyone making a ton of money for doing something they love to do. If owners of pro sports teams are willing to pay tens of millions of dollars to ath-

letes to play for their team, God bless them. I would take the money just like they are doing. If someone can make money singing or acting, I wish them the best of luck to get all they can. But when it comes to who influences my life, I'm not sure I want to always follow the advice of somebody who did not finish school but can throw, hit or kick a ball, sing a song, or act like someone else in a movie, etc.

We fall in love with the person we see on social media, on the radio, on TV or

in the movies. But who are they really? Are they really somebody we need to be following and taking their advice?

We are all human. We fail. We make mistakes. We really need to be careful who we allow to pour into our lives.

Matthew 7:15

15 "Be careful of false prophets. They come to you looking gentle like sheep, but they are really dangerous like wolves.

What is it we need in our lives? We need a hero. We need somebody who can as-

sist us in our daily lives to reach the ultimate goal of heaven.

John 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. The only way to the Father is through me.

Jesus puts the burdens of the world on His shoulders.

1 Peter 5:7

Give all your worries to him, because he cares about you.

He will take the worries of this world from you, if you let Him. Jesus is our hero. Jesus is the hero we need in our lives today. If

we will make Jesus the hero things like racism, violence, murder, child abuse, rape and so on would disappear. But Jesus has to be the hero for that to happen. He can't just be the hero on Sunday but not Monday through Saturday. He can't just be the hero of your house but not of your bank account. He has to be the hero in your entire life.

When Jesus becomes the hero, you can reach out and be a hero too. There are people we all come into contact with every single day that need the life chang-

ing experience of knowing Jesus. We can be the hero that makes the introduction. It's not hard. You don't have to be a Bible scholar. You don't need to have every verse in the Bible memorized. Be yourself. Tell your story of how God is your hero. Then invite them to church.

We need some heroes. Who is willing to step up and be a hero in your family, community and neighborhood today? Let's be heroes for the kingdom of heaven today.

The Best Is Yet To Come.

OBITUARIES

Barbara Ann Terry

1943 – 2020

Barbara Ann Terry was born Aug. 29, 1943, to William E. and Eula Wooten in Olney, Texas. She lived with her family for a time in Arizona, then moved to McFarland, where she attended the local schools and graduated from McFarland High School in 1961.

She met Allen Terry, and they wed on May 16, 1964, and made Wasco their home, where they raised their three daughters.

Barbara started working for the Wasco Elementary



School District in 1976 as a teacher aide,. She was also the "lunch lady," working in the cafeteria, and then became the librarian.

Aside from being a wife

and mother, this was the job she loved the most. She will always be remembered for the books she read to kids and how she made sure to decorate the library in each book theme. Barbara loved to read, and she wanted to open up the world of books to the kids at school, and she did this like no one else could. Even after she retired from the school district, she was always recognized by former students as their favorite librarian.

Barbara and Allen attended Trinity Lutheran Church in Wasco for many years; she was a board member of the

church. She loved going to church and singing hymns.

Barbara and Allen are lifetime members of the OFCC Car Club, where Barbara served as treasurer for many years. She was also a member of the Buttonwillow Seniors Group, where she also served as treasurer.

Barbara was well loved by everyone she met; she always had a kind smile and an infectious laugh. She loved spending time with her family and enjoyed trips with her friends, who she loved dearly. Once you were her friend you were forever her family.

Barbara was preceded in death by her father, William E. Wooten; her mother, Eula Wooten; her granddaughter, Cassandra Marie Terry-Luna; and numerous loving aunts and uncles.

Barbara is survived by her loving husband of 56 years, Allen; beloved daughters Robin Villalpando (Danny), Kellie Montoya (Greg Urser) and Stacie Joslin (Chris); her amazing grandchildren, Alysse Villalpando (fiancé Chris Hall), Jeffrey Montoya (Lupita Magallanes), Vincent Villalpando (Alex

Avila), Jacob Lopez (Sayde Parrish), Meghan Montoya, Matthew Lopez, Kimberly Schatz (Jesse) and Chase Joslin; and her cherished great grandchildren, Grace Benavides, Kylie Montoya, Dominic Montoya, Brady Villalpando and Aurelia Jade Lopez. She also is survived by many dear family members and friends.

Services will be held Friday, Sept. 11, at Wasco Memorial Park at 10 a.m. Visitation services will be held on Thursday, Sept. 10, at Peters Funeral Home Chapel from 4 to 8 p.m.

Francisco "Kiko" Verdugo

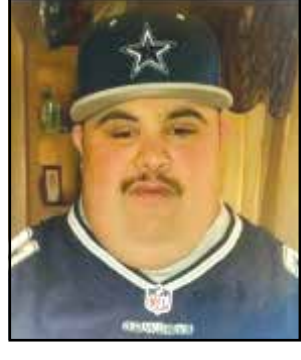
Aug. 30, 2020

It is with great sadness that the family of Francisco "Kiko" Verdugo announce his passing after a tough battle. He entered the gates of Heaven on Sunday, Aug. 30, 2020, at the age of 33.

Kiko will be lovingly remembered by his parents, Rosa Acosta and Simon Verdugo, and siblings Lore, Reyna, Julio, Francisca, Leobardo, Simon and Nelly. Kiko will be fondly remembered by his numerous nieces and nephews, and the souls he touched throughout his life, including his best friend, his puppy Piggy.

Kiko reunited at the pearly gates and golden streets with his brother Leonardo (Chano) and other family members.

He was full of life, had a



contagious laugh, and lived for music and his family. You never knew what Kiko you would get -- the sweetest or the craziest. Many have shared laughs with his character, and he was a special soul, leaving a lasting impression on not only family but many others from different towns when he would be with his Mom. His legacy will live on, and he will always be our family's baby.

A true soldier until his last breath -- whether it

was him faking a seizure to scare his sister while in the hospital, blowing kisses, sticking his tongue out or, more importantly, giving a thumbs-up no matter how bad things were. He fought the good fight and won the race. He reached his final destination and soared high with his wings -- he'll always be a warrior. *"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."* – 2 Timothy 4:7

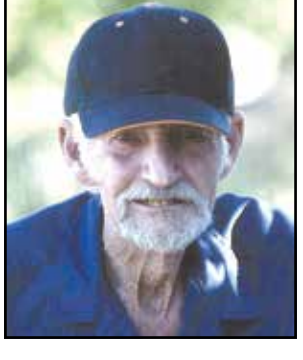
A Celebration of Life in memory of Kiko will be held on Thursday, Sept. 10, from 6 to 10 p.m. at Basham & Lara Funeral Care, 343 State Ave., with Pastor Johnny Martinez presiding. A graveside service will follow on Friday, Sept. 11, at 10 a.m. at Shafter Cemetery.

Willie Abernathy

March 29, 1936 – Aug. 29, 2020

Willie Eugene Abernathy went to be with the Lord on Aug. 29, 2020. Willie was born March 29, 1936, in White, Georgia, to "Son" Marvin Edward Abernathy and "Lee" Sally Leah Abernathy. He lived a very rewarding 84 years, and he did it his way.

He is survived by his four children, Mitchell, Michael, Tracy and Amanda; 16 grandchildren; 25 great grandchildren; and five



great great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, his loving wife Mary Lou, his daughter Sherry and son Mark.

Willie moved to Shafter in 1954, met Mary Lou and married her shortly after. He then began working on a farm and found out real fast that he did not like that type of work. He then found his passion in recycling metal, which he really loved doing. He continued scrapping for the next 60 years.

The family had a viewing at Basham & Lara Funeral Care in Shafter on Sunday, Sept. 6. The funeral service at the Shafter Cemetery was Wednesday, Sept. 9.

DEATH NOTICES

Robert E. Duke, 85, of Bakersfield passed away Sept. 1 in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home Wasco.

Rodolfo Garcia Velarde, 33, of Shafter passed away in Shafter Sept. 3. Basham-Lara Funeral Care Shafter.

Axel Matias Garin, 19, of Wasco passed away in Wasco. Sept. 2. Basham-Lara Funeral Care Shafter.

Ignacio Martinez, Jr., 66, of Wasco passed away in Wasco. Sept. 5. Basham-Lara Funeral Care Shafter.

David G. Flores Solis, 38, of Wasco passed away in Los Angeles Sept. 3. Peters Funeral Home Wasco.

Rogelio Roy Olivo, 59, of Wasco passed away in Wasco. Sept. 3. Peters Funeral Home Wasco.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Request for Proposals – Community Development Block Grant and Other State and Federal Programs Grant Application, Administration and Labor Standards Compliance Services
The City of Wasco is requesting proposals from qualified consultant firms to provide grant application services and contract grant administration services for State of California Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Programs and other State and Federal programs. Qualified consultants must have extensive experience working with the federal CDBG Program. The City of Wasco anticipates requesting State CDBG funding beginning with the 2021 NOFA.

To obtain a copy of the Request for Proposals, please contact the City Clerk, Maria O. Martinez, at 661-758-7214, mamartinez@cityofwasco.org, or visit the City of Wasco website at www.cityofwasco.org and click on the RFPs/BIDS button. Questions regarding the contents of this RFP must be submitted in writing on or before 4 PM (PST) on Thursday, September 24, 2020, and directed to Keri Cobb at kecobb@cityofwasco.org. All questions will be answered and emailed to all firms listed on the RFP holders list on Thursday, October 1, 2020.

Consultants shall submit (4) sealed Proposals clearly marked "Sealed Proposal for Professional Services – Community Development Block Grant and Other State and Federal Programs" to Mrs. Maria Martinez - City Clerk for the City of Wasco located at 746 8th Street, Wasco, CA. 93280. Proposals are due October 8, 2020, at 2:00 PM. No late proposals will be accepted. Interviews may be conducted at the City's discretion.

Award of the Contract, if awarded, will be made by the Wasco City Council within sixty (60) days after receipt of proposals by the City of Wasco. The City of Wasco will award this contract based on the best-qualified proposer as determined by the City, under its sole and absolute discretion.

/s/ Maria O. Martinez, City Clerk
Publish *Wasco* Tribune September 10, 2020

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Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Grand Slam USA
2020-B3536

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Mailing address of business:
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Christopher Butler
1317 Rounds Street
Delano, CA 93215
Isis Butler
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Delano, CA 93215
The business is conducted by: General Partnership
Date the business commenced: 08/03/2020

A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Christopher Butler
Date Statement Filed: 08/11/2020
Date Statement Expires: 08/11/2025
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/M Hernandez
Publish *Wasco* Tribune August 27, September 3, 10, 17, 2020

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Statement of Abandonment Of
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/s/Christopher Butler, Owner
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2020-B2444
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 06-01-2020
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 08-07-2020
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Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/M Hernandez, Deputy
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Availability of Annual
Financial Statements

Pursuant to Section 24275 of California Water Code, notice is hereby given that the December 31, 2019 Annual Financial Statements of the Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District are available for inspection during regular business hour at the District Office.

The District Office is located at 16294 Highway 43, Wasco, California 93280.
Dated: September 1, 2020
Sarah Pitts: Office Manager/Treasurer
Publish *Wasco* Tribune September 10, 17, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF WASCO
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed Proposals for the work entitled:
BID BOOK FOR
BIRCH AVENUE DRAINAGE REPAIR
will be received at the Office of the City Clerk of the CITY OF WASCO, 746 8th Street, WASCO, California, until 2:00 PM on October 8, 2020, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.
General work description:
The work to be done includes, but is not limited to, the following: saw cut, demolition, grading, compaction, hot mix asphalt concrete, minor

concrete including demo, drive approach, V-gutter, and other items of or details not mentioned above, that are required by typical construction. A non-mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for September 16, 2020, at 9:00 AM, at the City of Wasco City Hall located at 746 8th Street, Wasco, California. This meeting is to inform bidders of project requirements and subcontractors of subcontracting and material supply opportunities. Questions in writing will be accepted until September 23, 2020. Bids are required for the entire work described herein.

Bids must be submitted as described in the specifications provided by the City of Wasco. Each bid must be accompanied by one of the following forms of bidder's security in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount bid: (1) cash; (2) a cashier's check made payable to the City of Wasco; (3) a certified check made payable to the City of Wasco; or (4) a bidder's bond executed by an admitted surety insurer, made payable to the City of Wasco. Each bidder must be a licensed contractor as required by law at the time the contract is awarded. The bidder who is awarded the project contract will be allowed pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300 to substitute securities for the payment of funds withheld under the contract. In addition, the successful bidder must furnish (1) a faithful performance bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price; and (2) a payment bond (also referred to as a labor and material bond) in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price. All bonds must be in a form approved by the City of Wasco and must conform to California law (see Code of Civil Procedure section 995.010 et seq.). All documents submitted in compliance with the requirements of this bid package and the contract must be scannable and photocopyable. The City hereby invokes its protest right under the California Code of Civil Procedure 995.660 for any proposed surety

bond submitted in satisfaction of the requirements of this agreement if the submitted bond is not issued by an admitted surety rated A-, VII, or better by Best's Rating Service.

The contractor shall possess a City Business License and an (A or C12) license at the time this contract is awarded.

This contract is subject to state contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990. A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in this chapter unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5. It is not a violation of this section for an unregistered contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 at the time the contract is awarded.

Inquiries or questions based on alleged patent ambiguity of the plans, specifications, or estimate must be communicated as a bidder inquiry prior to bid opening. Any such inquiries or questions submitted after bid opening will not be treated as a bid protest. Technical questions should be directed to Kameron Arnold, telephone (661) 758-7215.

Bid documents may be obtained after-noon on September 8, 2020, for a NONREFUNDABLE FEE OF \$20.00 per set from:
CITY OF WASCO
746 8th Street, WASCO, CA 93280 (661) 758-7215
An additional charge of ten dollars (\$10.00) per set will be made for mailing.
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Dartfrog Volleyball Club 2020-B3813

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Bakersfield, CA 93314
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
15935 Quintero Pl.
Bakersfield, CA 93314
Katie Gardenhire
15935 Quintero Pl.
Bakersfield, CA 93314
Melissa Sapp
3844 Meadowlake Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93314
The business is conducted by: Gen-
eral Partnership
Date the business commenced: N/A
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/s/Katie Gardenhire
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By: /s/M Hernandez
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement La Imperial Taqueria 2020-B3826

4208 Rosedale Hwy 308, 309
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County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
4222 James St. Suite #5
Shafter, CA 93263
La Imperial Taqueria
4222 James St. Suite #5
Shafter, CA 93263

State of Incorporation or Organiza-
tion: CA
The business is conducted by: Cor-
poration
Date the business commenced: N/A
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/s/Maria Solis, President
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement kern keys 2020-B3205

8609 Winlock Street
Bakersfield, CA 93312
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
8609 Winlock Street
Bakersfield, CA 93312
Madeline Najarian
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Bakersfield, CA 93312
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vidual
Date the business commenced:
10/11/2017
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/s/Madeline Najarian

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Big Joe's Tacos 2020-B3291

230 Elm St.
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
230 Elm St.
Shafter, CA 93263
Jose Luis Ayon Espinoza
230 Elm St.
Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by: Indi-
vidual
Date the business commenced: 07-
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/s/Jose Luis Ayon Espinoza
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Touch of Shine Mobile Wash 2020-B3408

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County: Kern

Mailing address of business:
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Shafter, CA 93263
Daniel Ramos Silva JR
456 Golden West Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
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vidual
Date the business commenced: N/A
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/s/Daniel Silva JR
Date Statement Filed: 07/30/2020
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Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/R Edmiston
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement SantaCruz Transport 2020-B3659

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County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
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Shafter, CA 93263
Abel Santa Cruz
639 Wiedmann Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
Stephanie Santa Cruz
639 Wiedmann Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
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ried Couple
Date the business commenced: 05-
04-2015
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/s/Abel Santa Cruz
Date Statement Filed: 08/14/2020
Date Statement Expires: 08/14/2025
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By: /s/N Franco
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nia 93280.
Dated: September 1, 2020
Sarah Pitts: Office Manager/Trea-
surer
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
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NOTICE OF ORDINANCE SUMMARY**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on
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The following is the official summary
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Summary of Ordinance No. 719: An
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City of Shafter, California Adopting
the Addendum to the Negative Dec-
laration Adopted for Tentative Tract
No. 6398 and Adopting Development
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Exhibit "1" of this Ordinance.

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by any person at the office of the
Shafter City Clerk, City Hall, 336 Pa-
cific Avenue, Shafter, California. The
ordinance was passed by the City
Council on September 1, 2020, with
the following vote:
AYES: Alvarado, Garcia, Givens, Lo-
pez, and Prout.
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAINING: None
Dated: September 2, 2020
Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF SHAFTER NOTICE OF ORDINANCE SUMMARY

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Council adopted Ordinance
No. 720. The following is the of-
ficial summary of the adopted or-
dinance:
Summary of Ordinance No. 720:
An Ordinance of the City Council
of the City of Shafter, California,
Amending Section 2.04.020 of the
Shafter Municipal Code Relating to
City Council Regular Meetings.
A printed certified copy of Ordinance
No. 720 is available for inspection
by any person at the office of the
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cific Avenue, Shafter, California. The
ordinance was passed by the City
Council on September 1, 2020, with
the following vote:
AYES: Alvarado, Garcia, Givens, Lo-
pez, and Prout.
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
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City offers Covid-19 Relief grant opportunity

TONI DEROSA
The Wasco Tribune

Wasco is now accepting applications for the Small Business Covid-19 Relief Grant Program.

The program aims to alleviate the impact of the virus on small businesses and

WASCO

their employees. The city has committed up to \$150,000 in one-time funds to create the program.

The objective of the grant is to enable small businesses to maintain their workforce.

Grants in the amount of \$3,000 and \$5,000 will be awarded to small businesses in Wasco that meet all eligibility criteria.

Recipients will have until December 30 to spend the funds.

For a complete list of eligibility requirements, please visit www.cityofwasco.org.

Applications are available on the city website and can either be dropped off at City Hall, 746 8th Street, marked to the attention of Mariana Sobolewski, or emailed to masobolewski@cityofwasco.org.

For further information and assistance, contact Sobolewski at (661) 758-7214.

Shafter Healthy Start thriving

From Page 1

Numerous individuals also stepped up, including Craig and Debbie Haley, Phyllis Solko, Gloria Tapia, Melissa Bergen, Pastor Jim Neal and Cheryl Isaak. Shafter's Healthy Start continues to assist school administrators and staff by eliminating barriers that affect students' ability to learn by offering programs that help develop the child as a whole.

The Richland School District's leadership believes that a child's ability to learn is affected by social, emotional, health, and economic factors outside of the classroom. To ensure student success, the district established the Department of Student and Family Services. The department's priority is to assist and support teachers and administrators in eliminating barriers that are affecting student learning by developing and encouraging programs that address the whole child.

Richland's Department of Student and Family Services is committed to developing, coordinating, and maintaining strong partnerships with local organizations and providing resources to Shafter citizens.

The department specializes in delivering services in the areas of transfers, child welfare and attendance, CHAMPS After School Program, Foster Youth, McKinney-Vento Youth, custody of student records, assistance with information on short-term independent study programs; the School Readiness Preschool, and school, community, county connections for families through the Shafter Healthy Start Family Resource Program.

With the support from local businesses, organizations and members of the community, Helo-Trevino said, Shafter's children are reaping the benefits even in this challenging time.



Craig Haley of the Shafter Kiwanis presents Shafter Healthy Start with a check for \$500.

WUESD staff receive supportive letter from superintendent

TONI DEROSA
The Wasco Tribune

Kelly Richers, superintendent of the Wasco Union Elementary School District, sent a statement to all staff at the district expressing his gratitude and support for everything that staff has done to make school work during the covid-19 pandemic.

Richers said that at first he wanted to wait until things stabilized; however, he realized that wasn't going to happen anytime soon, so he decided to pen a memo to all in order to connect with everyone involved in the education of the district's students.

Richers said that in May, after Governor Newsom announced the revised budget, the district spent several weeks reviewing how it could save \$4 million in anticipated funding shortages paid to the district. He said this shortfall could have involved significant layoffs.

"We spent the time identifying seniority lists, identifying the personnel required in both teaching

and classified positions and determining exactly where personnel cuts would have to be made in the workforce, instructional materials and facilities," Richers said. "Then in a flash, all this doomsday planning changed."

A bill was passed in July by legislators that saved

declared in emergency covid-19 regulations."

The district was at a point where it thought it was going to be able to begin making long-distance plans after the summer for the fall; however, once Kern County was again placed on the governor's watch list and in the purple category,

Attendance continues to be an important issue with the California Department of Education's attendance mandate.

The Los Angeles Unified School District lost a lawsuit in which special education students and students in special groups such as homeless and English learning students were not being given the education needed to fulfill their IEP plans.

"The district intends to have a board-approved plan to offer face-to-face special services," Richers said. "We will meet with affected teachers and limit face-to-face interactions as much as possible for our staff and students' safety."

Richers also hopes that by spring a vaccine will become available to allow face-to-face instruction or some expanded form. He expects things won't be able to return to normal until the 2021-2022 school year.

He also wanted to reach out to staff at the WUESD that the district office is aware of the expectations

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thousands in California school systems. This prevented massive layoffs that could have taken place after the governor's earlier announcement that districts would be facing the originally announced shortfalls. "This bill protected your job," Richers said. "The bill's specific provisions allowed districts to repurpose any employee within the district as needed, as

it was clear that there would be no in-person school at all during the fall quarter. The county was ordered to shut its doors to all students. This was announced after the district had made plans to open the schools for a limited in-person return to school. The district had made plans for a limited number of students to return to school on a staggered schedule.



Wasco Union Elementary School District Superintendent Kelly Richers

expected of everyone in the district during this unusual time. He recognizes how much has been placed upon educators and staff. He also wants everyone to know that the district recognizes that things are changing rapidly and the district recognizes the differing home situations, distance learning situation, technology

knowledge level, morale and sanity. "The district is reacting to factors outside our control," Richers said.

Richers confirmed to all staff that they are appreciated and they are appreciated by the students for their efforts. He ended by thanking everyone for their continued efforts during this pandemic.

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