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Virus takes its toll

TONI DEROSA
The Wasco Tribune

Family-owned businesses are among the losers during the covid-19 pandemic.

Familiar places that are part of the hometown landscape are shutting their doors and saying goodbye to longtime customers and friends.

Prior to Hoyett's Facebook announcement last Saturday that they sold the longtime Wasco restaurant, Joyful Steps at 747 F Street held what looked like a large yard

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sale, which turned out to be its going-out-of-business sale.

Several attempts have been made to contact owners Christopher and Gabriella Carlsberg; however, no luck in being able to reach out to them. An email to the Bee business that Christopher owned bounced back and no one answered the telephone number on the business card.

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JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

According to the Kern County Department of Public Health, Shafter showed a significant decrease in new coronavirus cases from last week, with a little over 40 new cases, compared to 200 the previous week. However, the decrease may be the result of a backlog of tests whose results have not been confirmed. There likely was a slight decrease, though, as a result of the closures of several buildings, including res-

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taurants' dine-in areas, city buildings, and other non-essential businesses.

In a move to assist restaurants and retail stores trying to stay afloat, Shafter has waived the fees for temporary use permits for those restaurants and retail businesses that are turning their outdoor areas and parking lots into dining and sales areas.

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The Lion King cast performed three shows over the weekend.

Kids perform Lion King

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Children's Summer Theater celebrated its 25th anniversary with three performances of The Lion King over the weekend. The performances were put on at Shafter's Ford Theater and streamed for the audience to watch it virtually. The production was put on by Cris Starrh and her staff of volunteers.

Starrh began the SCST when her children were small and needing something to do during the summer. In partnership with the Shafter Recreation Department and

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Shafter High School, they started the children's theater with a production of "101 Dalmations."

The theater used kids in grades K-8, and after seeing the impact the plays had on children and the community, Starrh decided to keep it going after her kids aged out of the program.

Some other productions put on by the SCST were The Wizard of Oz, Beauty and the Beast, Cinderella,
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Schools open with distance learning only

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The schools in the Richland School District opened their doors, at least figuratively, on Aug. 6, beginning a first semester that will have the students learning from a distance, as they did at the end of the last semester.

The district had planned for students to attend in person on an alternating basis, with one group going to school on Mondays and Tuesdays and another group going on Thursdays and Fridays, with the students distance learning the rest of the week.

But according to interim Superintendent Rosa Romero, that plan was halted after Governor Newsom on July 17 put further restrictions on school districts.

"The governor said that a county had to be off of the watch list for 14 consecutive days, have mask requirements in place, which we did, and physical distancing practices in place. We did what we have control over, but unfortunately, Kern County didn't qualify for in person learning," Romero said.

Distance learning was a challenge last year for the educators and the families, Romero said. With more time to

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Breakfast and lunch will be provided free of charge, with various pickup locations.

Ignoring water woes costing city now

TONI DEROSA
The Wasco Tribune

As Wasco faces the consequences of ignoring recommendations in a decade-old study, City Manager Daniel Ortiz-Hernandez addressed the current water pressure problems in a report to the City Council on Aug. 4.

Ortiz-Hernandez said the city did not follow through with the more crucial parts of a water management study in 2007.

That study made various recommendations and while some of the less important suggestions were completed, the recom-

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mendations for adding storage capacity and drilling additional wells were not realized.

Ortiz-Hernandez said the city's computer system issued low water pressure alerts in 2019 that also went unaddressed.

"Had they been reviewed and analyzed, the city could have taken proactive steps to mitigate and avoid the issues we encountered this spring and the expense we have incurred thus far," he said.

Mayor Tilo Cortez said 2007-08 was the beginning of the financial collapse and the



Well #5 is on 8th Street.

recession. "The city was in a financial crisis and had to let go a significant number of staff," he said. At the time, Cortez said, Larry Pennell was the city manager.

Council members then were Cortez,

Danny Espitia, Cherylee Wegman, Larry Pearson and Fred West. (West and Pearson have since passed away). Wegman said she didn't know why the city is currently exper-

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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: 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)

NEW: Wasco & Shafter: Household Hazardous waste collection event: Aug. 8 Sat. 17621 Scofield Rd. 9 a.m. -12 p.m. Accepted Materials: batteries, motor oil, paints, light bulbs, pool chemicals, automotive products and more. **Evento De Recoleccion de residuos peligrosos del hogar:** Shafter-Wasco., Sabado, 8 de Agosto Del 2020 17621 Scofield Rd. 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Materiales Aceptados: Baterias, Aceite de Motor.

ONGOING

Cooling off -- Shafter's cooling center will be open at the Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset Ave., from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Residents using the center are encouraged to bring their favorite nonalcoholic beverages, snacks, reading materials, games, etc. Face masks are required.

Emergency food pantry -- The food pantry is a one-time food service that is

provided to families in need on an emergency basis. A food basket can be provided when the church is notified of the need, and if any further assistance is needed. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith Ave., Wasco. Contact the church, 661-758-2516.

Shower and laundry services -- We have a shower and washer & dryer available for the homeless to use by appointment. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith Ave., Wasco. Call 661-758-2516 for appointment.

TUESDAY

Gleaners (Senior Sack) -- The Senior Sack program is for senior citizens 60 years and older. Food is distributed on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month at GABC starting at 12 p.m. There is a one-time \$2 administration fee. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith Ave., Wasco.

Food giveaway -- The Impact Program is a biweekly food giveaway provided to anyone who is in need, Tuesday or Friday, 8 to 10 a.m. on a first come, first serve basis for those 18 years and older. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith Ave., Wasco.

Narcotics Anonymous -- Meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith Ave., Wasco.

FRIDAY

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ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

Aug. 9

Jorge Luis Barrios, 26, of Shafter, was arrested for obstruction of a public officer, obtaining credit/etc. of other's ID and turning without signal.

Aug. 8

Angelica Zamora, 26, of Shafter, was arrested for inflicting corporal injury onto a spouse and on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

Juan Jose Flores, 44, of Shafter, was arrested on a felony bench warrant in the 400 block of North Shafter Avenue.

Aug. 7

Andrew Darren Crain, 26, of Shafter, was arrested for misdemeanor shoplifting in the 100 block of East Lerdo Highway.

Aug. 5

Espirion Garcia Salinas, 40, of Shafter, was arrested for battery on a spouse/etc., domestic violence with a deadly weapon not a firearm, threatening with intent and on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

Aug. 4

Victor Hugo Rodriguez, 25, of Shafter, was arrested for grand theft property of \$950 plus, grand theft in a state of emergency and driving without a driver's license.

Eduardo Ruiz, 35, of Shafter, was arrested for grand theft of property of \$950 plus, grand theft in a state of emergency and conspiracy to commit a crime.

Aug. 3

Alexis Michelle Limones, 24, of Shafter, was arrested on a felony bench warrant and misdemeanor bench warrant.

Miranda Isabel Gerin, 36, of Shafter, was arrested for inflicting corporal injury onto a spouse.

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Aug. 3

Jeffrey P. Goodrich, 42, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 20000 block of Tracy Avenue on three misdemeanor warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Aug. 5

Azita Azbab, 53, of Irvine, was arrested in the 20000 block of Tracy Avenue in Buttonwillow for trespassing and resisting arrest. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Aug. 6

Adriana Rodriguez, 40, of Marysville, was arrested at Shafter Court, 325 Central Valley Highway on a felony warrant. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Deandre Wayne Mack, 44, of Marysville, was arrested at Shafter Court, 325 Central Valley Highway in Shafter on a felony warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Aug. 9

Ronald Troy White, 35, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 4300 block of Noble Street in Bakersfield on a misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Luis Inez Garcia, 39, of Lemoore, was arrested in the 20000 block of Tracy Avenue

in Bakersfield for public intoxication. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Aug. 6

Ivan Godinez Armenta, 30, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1200 block of Margalo Street for vehicle theft and possession of a stolen vehicle. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Efidelio Chomo Chen, 32, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1600 block of Poso Drive for driving without a license. He was cited and released at the scene.

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

Aug. 5

Jorge Alberto Flores, 28, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1800 block of Bay Meadow Drive for contempt of court and obstruction of a peace officer. He was cited and released at the scene.

Antonio Lopez, 22, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1800 block of Pepper Tree Close for contempt of court and violation of a court domestic violence order. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Aug. 6

Abel Castillo, 31, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of J Street and 9th Street for possession of a controlled substance. He was cited and released at the scene.

David Castillo, 38, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of J Street and

Mystery history

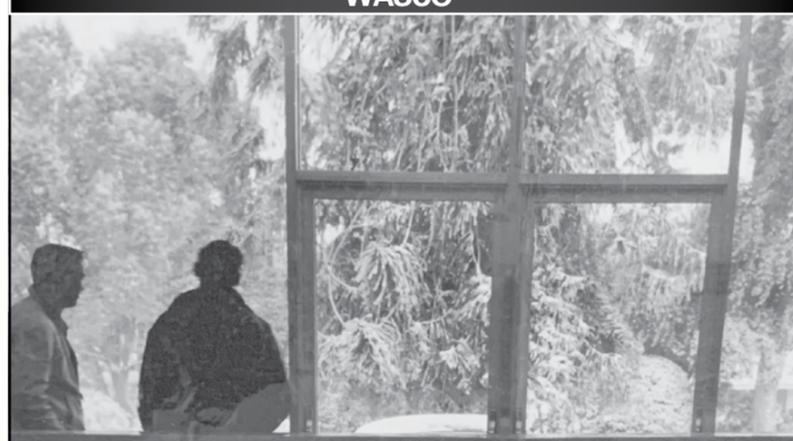
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Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to [The Press](mailto:mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com), 406 Central Ave., Shafter 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** 1941 Shafter cotton weighing scale. Unknown male.



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9th Street for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was cited and released at the scene.

Joseph Rene Castillo, 35, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of J Street and 9th Street for possession of a controlled substance. He was cited and released at the scene.

Jose Echaurirra, 58, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of E Street and 2nd Street for driving without a license. He was cited and released at the scene.

Tanya Fraticello, 31, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of J Street and 9th Street for possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was cited and released at the scene.

Fernanda Nunez, 18, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of E Street and 2nd Street for driving without a license. She was cited and released at the scene.

Aug. 7

Gary Ramos, 54, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on two active misdemeanor warrants. He was cited and released at the scene.

Aug. 8

Anthony Cisneros, 20, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Poso Drive and Griffith Avenue for driving on a suspended license. He was cited and released at the scene.

Mariano Mora, 41, of Bakersfield, was arrested at the intersection of Poso Drive and Griffith Avenue for driving under the influence of alcohol. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Aug. 9

Nathan Arrambide, 18, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Palm Avenue and Poso Drive for possession of a controlled substance and exhibition of speed. He was cited and released at the scene.

Rigoberto Duenas, 48, of Wasco, was arrested in the

1000 block of 7th Street for an active felony warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jose Luis Perez, 44, of Wasco, was arrested in the 6000 block of North Maple Avenue for felony assault with a firearm on a person, threatening a crime with the intent to terrorize, possession of a firearm by a felon, prohibiting ownership of ammunition, willful discharge of firearm, discharge of firearm from vehicle, possession of a controlled substance while armed, carry a loaded hand gun while not being the owner, child cruelty with possible injury or death, criminal storage of a firearm in the first degree, and on several misdemeanor charges. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Nallely Elizabeth Valdez, 33, was arrested at the intersection of 7th Street and Beckes Street for illegal dumping. She was cited and released at the scene.

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Local landmark Hoyett's closing its doors

TONI DEROSA
The Wasco Tribune

The covid-19 pandemic has another local business as the popular Hoyett's Sandwich Shop, at 727 6th Street, said on its Facebook page it has been sold and will be closing on Aug. 15.

"I've been struggling with the right words to say but here goes," owner Kevin Newcomb wrote in the Facebook post. "I would like to thank each and every one for the past 10 years that have supported Hoyett's, Especially with these last months with the closing and opening and closing again." Newcomb has not made any definite



Hoyetts, at 727 6th Street.

plans for the future. "If everything goes as we planned, Saturday the 15th will be our last day," he said.

He said it was not an easy decision to sell. "Hoyett's name will remain with us so maybe in the future you will see us again," he said. "We are donating the sign to the Kern County Museum."

Hoyett and Easter Smothers owned Hoyett's until 1996 when employee Terri Anderson bought the restaurant from them.

In an earlier article, Anderson said she owned Hoyett's from 1996 until 2010. "I've worked here since 1983," Anderson said then. "I sold it to Kevin Newcomb and told him if he needed me, I would be available to help him out."

Hoyett's was a popular spot with celebrities, too.

"American television personality Huell

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Howser stopped by on his California Gold tour years ago," Anderson said. "We also had a visit from country singer Victor Sands. Howser used to come by every morning when he was here. He really enjoyed the chili."

Because of the pandemic, Hoyett's changed its hours to Monday-Saturday from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Like many other family-owned business, though, Hoyett's suffered during the lockdown when non-essential businesses had to close.

On May 12, 2018, Hoyetts celebrated its 70th year in business with a big barbecue. Guests were invited all day to come in and sample their burgers for free.

The loss of Hoyett's is an example of how devastating the lockdown has been for small business owners, who are a large part of the city's local community.

During regular times, several locals would drive to Hoyett's on the weekend with their classic cars to show off in the restaurant parking lot. One such couple was Hoot and Christine Gibson.

Hoyett's has also been a breakfast gathering place throughout the years.

The word is that Hoyett's will become a hamburger spot.

Diners Delia Olquin and Mary Pallares recently had a lot to say about Hoyett's. "They used to make a Baker's Special, a burger with meat and you put all the fixings on it," Olquin said. "Hoyett's has the best chili, it's always been good."

A server for the past eight or nine years, who asked not to be identified, said she will miss seeing all her friends, who are now like family.

"I think the government will close outdoor dining soon," she said. "If the government shuts down outdoor dining, we couldn't make it again."

"I want to thank everyone who has supported us throughout this unusual time," Newcomb said. "We appreciate everyone's loyalty in good times and during the tough times."



Hoot and Christine Gibson stand next to their classic truck.

Local dancer chosen for national company

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Aliyah Ramos Esquivel, a dancer who lives in Shafter, was recognized recently with a prestigious Team Scholarship award from the Hollywood Vibe Company. Hollywood Vibe is a national dance convention/competition company that tours the United States with some of the top industry choreographers and dancers in the nation.

Esquivel's scholarship enabled her to audition for the company nationals in July. She was chosen to be a part of the company's 23-member cast.

She will now be making make appearances all over the country, opening and closing shows, assisting choreographers, taking class, and will have opportunities to enhance her dance career. She is the only dancer in Kern County represented on the tour.

Esquivel's home dance studio is Preci-

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sion Dance Center in Delano. She has been dancing for eight years. She began dancing because her parents wanted her to be involved in something.

Her teacher, Jill Jimenez, has been with Esquivel from the beginning. "I saw the potential in Aliyah very early on," said Jimenez. Esquivel was soon involved in competitive dancing and won numerous awards as a soloist and a group member.

She has received several recognitions at prestigious dance conventions such as Velocity and Radix.

Esquivel will be traveling for the next several months, performing at conventions

and shows in cities such as Scottsdale, Arizona, in October; Layton, Utah, in November; Baton Rouge, Louisiana, in January; and Dallas in February.



Aliyah Ramos Esquivel will be traveling the United States in the coming months.

Wasco Public works

The R.A.P.I.D. Removing and Preventing Illegal Dumping cleaned up 61 dump sites in District 4 in the month of June. Some 250 dumpsites

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have been cleaned up so far this year in District 4.

Tigers Give a new nonprofit in Wasco

TONI DEROSA
The Wasco Tribune

Recent Wasco Independence High School graduate Lucio Rivera held what he envisions is the first of many fundraising events to help his community.

On Sunday, Aug. 2, he and several of his friends gathered in the student parking lot at Wasco High School to take applications from anyone in town who needs clothing or school supplies.

Rivera, who organized the Tigers Give nonprofit, wasn't sure that the annual Stuff the Bus will take place this year due to the pandemic, so he decided to make the return to school his first priority.

Sunday's event was for those needing

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school clothes. Residents drove to the student parking lot to turn in their forms so they could have their wish list fulfilled. The form was created with assistance from members of the Orange Heart Foundation.

"The forms list gender, age, size and style of clothing preferred," Rivera said.

With help from the Lady Elks, the booth was set up near one of the rear entrances of the lot with a large tree for shade where Rivera's friends and family could sit and visit. The booth was decorated with colorful balloons, small red and yellow flags and two tables.



Tigers Give organizer Lucio Rivera, surrounded by friends and family, holds the first event of his new nonprofit on Sunday, Aug. 2, in the Wasco High School student parking lot.

Rivera and the other volunteers approached vehicles whose drivers wanted to either drop off their application or pick one

up. By 12:30 p.m. about 25 cars had approached the booth.

Two incumbent board members seeking reelection

TONI DEROSA
The Wasco Tribune

This year's election for the Wasco Union Elementary School District board is much different than the last election in 2018 when there were three seats available and no one filled out the paperwork to run for a seat on the school board except the incumbents.

This year Danny Rueda is seeking reelection and looks forward to continuing his work on the board.

"I think the most important things we accomplished in my 10-plus years are we, as a board, have built two schools, a gymnasium and converted Palm Avenue into

a middle school along with building a new gymnasium at Palm Avenue as well as added awnings and solar at each school site."

Rueda also said he thinks the district needs to start thinking along the lines of what is



Incumbent Luis Fernandez is also seeking re-election.



Incumbent Danny Rueda is seeking re-election.

change.

Incumbent Luis Fernandez said his

greatest accomplishments included the district building a new elementary school, the new Richard Reding gymnasium, the Maintenance Operations and Transportation building and the updated Palm Avenue Middle School transition from an elementary school.

"In the future I would like to see more after-school programs and activities for the kids," Fernandez said. "Also, I would like to see all older classrooms remodeled."

At this time, there are no additional candidates seeking a seat on the WUESD board.

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Art Penner, 1925-2020; a true pioneer

Shafter loses another gentleman

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Shafter has a rich history, with founding families putting down roots and creating a city that has flourished into one of the most financially sound cities in the state.

Shafter lost one of the true pioneers in Shafter with the passing of Art Penner. Penner was a true gentleman who loved his family, his God and a large number of friends. A local farmer who was also a cultured man, who loved the joy of the first spring and freshly plowed earth, but

also loved a great piece of classical music being performed, such as the music

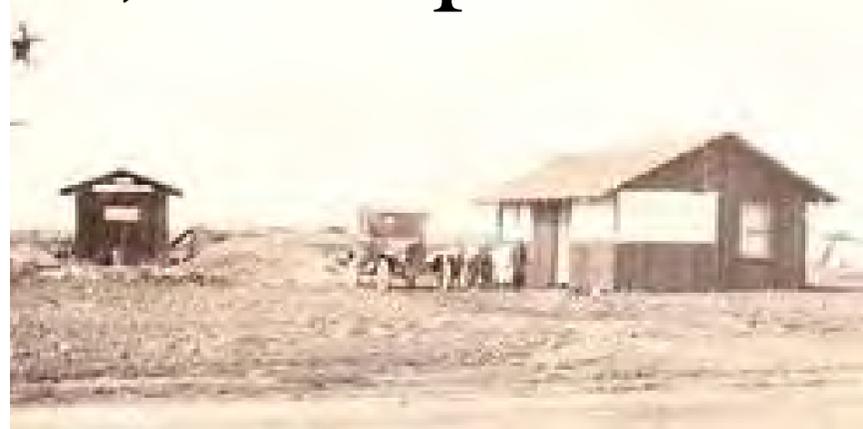


Art Penner

made by his son Stephen as a conductor.

Penner was born in 1925 in Shafter, just a year after his family moved to Shafter from Canada. He attended Wasco and Shafter schools, ultimately graduating from Shafter High.

Penner was strong in his faith, evidenced by his stance during World War II when he was a conscientious objector. Instead of serving in the war, Penner put his efforts into various roles, including fighting forest fires and working in



The family home in 1925. Penner is the baby.

a tuberculosis hospital. Penner married the love of his life in 1947. He and Donna raised a family, served faithfully in their church, as well as traveled around the country.

Penner started his farm

in 1949 and through the years he had grown potatoes, cotton, tomatoes, sugar beets, beans, walnuts and almonds. Penner was known as an honest man with integrity, compassion, and generosity, which he

also put into practice in his work.

Penner will be missed not only by his loving family, but a host of friends, and a community that realizes how important and rare true gentlemen are.

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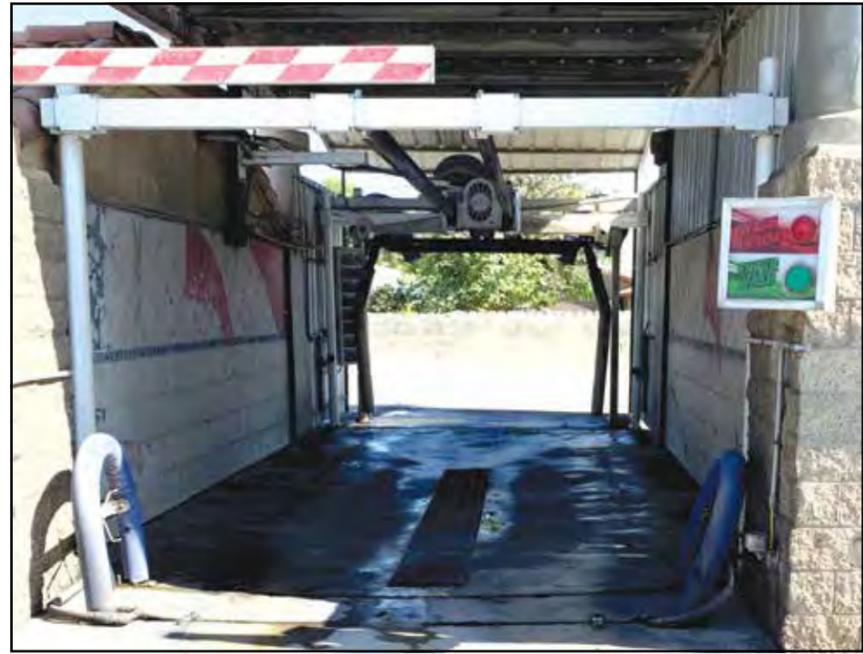
Son comes back to serve

TONI DEROSA
The Wasco Tribune

A local father owns one family-run car wash in Wasco and his son owns a car wash in Shafter.

Shafter Car Wash is owned by Gerardo Garza. Garza was getting ready to retire and called his son Edward Garza to come back to Wasco and help him run the Wasco Car Wash.

Edward is a WHS graduate. After high school he left for Cal State Long Beach. After graduating, he continued living there for about 10 years and



The automatic car wash is started upon payment.

a permanent move for his family. He has been back in Wasco for about 10 months.

When Edward graduated from WHS, he helped his dad out by doing janitorial work at both car washes.

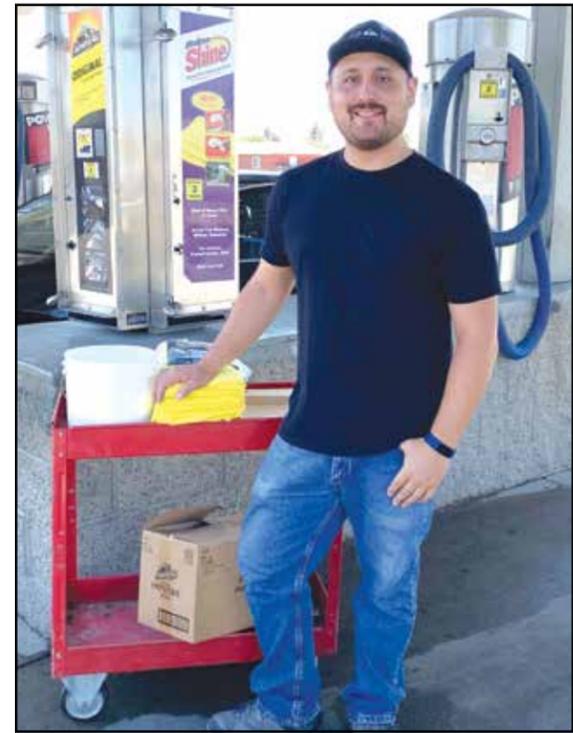
"Family has always been important to me," Garza said. "My wife's family is from Coachella Valley, but I knew I would someday I'd be back in Wasco for my family."

Garza has a new baby that arrived in March.

On any morning you can see Garza watering the car wash grounds to keep them clean.

The car wash offers two types of washes. There is the self-wash where a customer drives into a tunnel and hand-washes the vehicle.

The second option is an all-service wash where large mop-like devices clean off the vehicle and then air blows the water off. This option also offers



Edward Garza manages Wasco Car Wash, which also offers repairs.

a sealer before the blower.

Although there have been problems with the water pressure in Wasco, Garza said the water pressure at the car wash is fine. "There have been times when it's been low, but for now, it's good," he said.

Credit cards and debit cards are welcome; however, the self-wash requires tokens once money is dropped into

the machine.

The deluxe electronic car wash is less expensive than many hand car washes in Bakersfield, Garza said.

Wasco Car Wash is located at 490 Peters, off Highway 46, close to the Highway 43 turnoff and across the street from Family Auto. The Shafter location is near Apple Market at the corner of Poso and Shafter Avenue.

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worked at Aspen Medical Products creating spinal orthotics via digital modeling, prototyping and engineering medical products. While with Aspen, he traveled to Taiwan and China.

When his father beckoned, Edward quit his job and came home to help his father. His brother, Gerardo, manages the Shafter Car Wash.

He knew that coming home to help his father was going to be

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Wasco's water problems



Well #7 is on the SW corner of 4th and Poplar.



Well #8 is on the north side of Poso between Palm and Beckes.

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riencing water issues. Pennell said, "I talked briefly to Daniel [Ortiz-Hernandez] about the water issues facing the community recently, but regrettably was not able to remember specifics of what happened 13 years ago that involved a water study. I believe that Daniel and his staff are on the right track to solve this critical issue."

"I want to point out and stress that the current council has been proactive and persistent with staff to address water infrastructure issues," Ortiz-Hernandez said. He noted that while the current council may have been unaware of the 2007 studies, "the council has taken actions addressed during City Council meetings since I began as city manager" in 2018.

"With the addition of Biridiana Bishop as public works director in January 2019, the council began to review the water system and treatment requirements in a more comprehensive and long-term perspective," Or-

tiz-Hernandez said. "This led to identifying most of the wells were aging and near the end of their useful life. We are in the process of identifying sites for new wells and necessary infrastructure to support the community

"The city missed warning signs last year that would have alerted us."
— Daniel Ortiz-Hernandez

and our future." One issue Ortiz-Hernandez explained to the City Council during the presentation was that the 2007 Study and Water Master Plan identified that the city would have water pressure issues. "Our capacity would not be able to keep up with peak demand unless

additional water wells and water storage are considered and developed," he said.

"Even though we have not added any new water wells, in fact at present time we have fewer water wells than we had back in 2007," he added. "The city missed warning signs last year that would have alerted us to the mechanical and capacity issues we were faced with this year."

- The locations of the wells are:
- Well 7, the SW corner of 4th and Poplar
 - Well 8, the north side of Poso between Palm and Beckes
 - Well 10, the SE corner of Iris and Griffith Ave.
 - Well 11, the NW corner of 11th and Oak
 - Well 12, the SE corner of McCombs and Griffith
 - Well 14, behind City Hall on the NW corner of G and 8th Street.
- Previous City Council member Cherylee Wegman said she didn't know why the city is experiencing the water issues.

Distance learning only

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prepare, however, the district is better equipped and prepared for the session, she added. They had an opportunity to collaborate with staff and provide a robust and structured program with clear guidelines that schools must follow.

Romero said that in addition to providing internet and connectivity to all students, the programs' content is aligned to grade level standards. Even though they are not in the same room, students will have daily and frequent live interactions with teachers and their peers.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided free of charge, with various pickup locations and times scheduled.

Meals will be delivered at Smith's Corner Monday through Friday from

12 to 12:30 p.m., La Colonia from 12:45 to 1:15 p.m., and the corner of Fresno Avenue and Alamo Lane from 12 to 12:30 p.m. The school sites in Shafter will each be providing meals Monday through Friday from 12 to 1:30 p.m. Meals provided are for students who are enrolled in the Richland School District. Parents or guardians picking up meals must have each student's meal ID card or school ID. Students do not have to be in the vehicle to pick up the meals, but their ID cards must be presented.

To assist in the students' success in the Distance Learning Program, parents are invited to attend a Parent Workshop Class that will provide valuable information such as how to get your child connected to the internet. Parents will also learn how to log into Canvas, the program that

is being used for the learning; how to communicate with their child's teacher; and how to check on their child's progress, as well as how to view current and even missing assignments.

According to Romero, this year's distance learning program will have daily attendance taken, and will have grades and report cards assigned. Weekly student engagement will also be monitored to make sure the students are participating in and getting the most out of their distance learning program.

Next week the Shafter Press will shadow a session in the distance learning program. We will be giving the view of the teacher as he or she conducts the session, and the following week we will be delving into the experience of the students.

Kids' theater streams Lion King



Jocelyn Martinez played the part of Rafiki.

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Tarzan, Aladdin, Snow White, The Hunchback of Notre Dame, Mulan, Annie, and The Little Mermaid.

The Lion King had a large cast including Jocelyn Martinez as Rafiki, Matthew Maldonado as Mufasa, Ryan Eubanks as a Young Simba and Carter Kohler as Scar.

Starting with a cast of 15 and a staff of two, the SCST has grown into a program with casts of 80 and a staff of over 20. Once the young actors are too old to participate in the program,

they are invited to be on the production team, taking on roles as director, assistant director, choreographer, set designers, stage managers, among other positions.

SCST also has had many community members who lend their skills and expertise to productions. "We've also been blessed with many Shafter businesses sponsoring us financially, allowing us to continue year after year," Starrh said

An added blessing came with the opening of the Ford Theater, giving them a home of their own to perform in, she said.

Pair of local businesses close

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Joyful Steps started out as a secondhand store when Gabriella Carlsberg opened its doors. Her husband, Christopher, contributed to the merchandise as the store began selling homemade honey directly from bees that he maintained; the store also sold special soaps, different flavors of honey, jewelry and finely scented lotions.

Customers would walk down F Street and stop in to wander through whatever treasures they could find at Joyful Steps

Hoyett's Sandwich Shop maintained a steady stream of diners in its heyday. With the closure of all restaurants at the beginning of the pandemic and the governor stating that restaurants could offer take-out only, the

restaurant seemed to be able to catch up. Hoyett's created an outside dining area in back of the restaurant, and many local diners took advantage of their breakfast and the warm weather.

However, one of the servers at Hoyett's said that if the governor orders another shutdown, the restaurant would not be able to survive.

Then Governor Newsom opened Kern County to dine-in patrons, but he closed them again within a week except for take-out and outdoor dining. It was then that the owner of Hoyett's decided to sell the restaurant.

Not all of Wasco's eateries have succumbed to the pandemic. Karen's Cookies was open one day this past week and cookie lovers hope she is able to continue being open more than one day.

When the original closure occurred, necessities such as flour, sugar and baking ingredients were hard to come by as most store shelves were stripped bare due to a sharp increase in cooking and baking while people were quarantined.

Virus stats deceptive?

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Shafter officials have emphasized the importance of wearing face coverings while doing business in town, including digital signs put out by the city.

Meanwhile, Zoom has made it possible for residents to stay in touch with the workings of the city.

With the county remaining on the state's watch list, the Richland School District began the school year with distance learning, making sure every student has internet access. With the summer to prepare, the staff at the different schools were also better

equipped to handle the challenges of daily distance learning, including tutoring sessions, and classes for the parents to make sure that they are able to assist in their children's education.

The upcoming election may also be a challenge. With the nomination period closed, the list of candidates who have been validated was announced. The candidates are current City Council members Chad Givens, Manual Garcia and Gilbert Alvarado, with three new candidates joining the fray. They are Kris Lawrence, Rafael Zamudio and Pete Espinoza.

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Rose Queen candidates stand out



Milagros Vargas

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Milagros Vargas was born in Bakersfield, Calif. but grew up in Wasco. She is the daughter of Yanitsy Diaz Feliciano and Alberto Vargas Perez.
The best parts of living in Wasco according to Milagros Vargas are her friends and the many activities. She is best friends with Yanci Sanchez, Carlos Santana and Kimberly Gonzalez.
Being rose queen has been a dream of hers as she was growing up and feels fortunate to be able to participate in the event.
She participated in Future Farmers of America (FFA), FFA competitions both opening and closing and theater.
"My passion is drawing. Ever since I was about 4 or 5, I'd always draw, and I've improved a lot. It's something I like to do," she said. "Another passion of mine is becoming an elementary school teacher because I really love kids and could never think of anything more than to be a teacher."
Her favorite teachers from high school is Mr. A. Martinez and Mr. Y. Her favorite subjects in school are math and English. "Even though they are hard for me, I really enjoy them," she added.
"If I could live anywhere in the world, I would live in Puerto Rico because I'd like to see my dad and my family over there," Milagros said. "It's a place I love to go."

Photos by Vincent Martinez



Crystal Raya

Sponsored by Mike and Sunni Dobbs
Crystal Raya is the daughter of Lourdes Garcia Moises Raya. She has three sisters, Sayra, Priscilla and Anabel, and one brother, Ramon.
"I want to be Rose Queen because after observing past years, I loved how the girls created a bond with each other and grew from one another," she said. "I wanted to live in that experience. Growing up, the Rose Queen girls have always had a big impact on the young girls in the town, and I know inspiring the youth of Wasco is what I aspire to do."
She added that she desires to be a part of Wasco's history -- hopefully, as its Rose Queen.
Crystal said that she likes having grown up in Wasco because you get to know the people around you and watch the community come together in many ways. She likes growing up in Wasco because of the traditions.
She considers many as her friends, but lists special friends as Jasmine Ruvalcaba, Natalie Mascorro and Manuel Dominguez.
Crystal was actively involved in cross country, track and field, ASB and AP classes throughout high school.
"I have a passion for running and playing sports," she said. "I have been involved in sports since my childhood, and it has always been something that motivates me and pushes me every day."
She lists Mr. Garcia, her coach, as one of her favorite mentors at school. "Although I never had him as a teacher, he has always been very supportive and given me guidance when needed," she said. "He helps out his students and runners tremendously."
Crystal was ASB commissioner of female athletics her junior year and is currently the ASB Secretary. She sees herself attending the U.S. Merchant Marine Academy or California State University, Bakersfield. In five years, she sees herself graduating from college and starting a business career. "I also see myself financially stable and traveling around the world," she said. "I want to major in business marketing."
If Crystal could live anywhere in the world, she would choose Italy. "I would live in Italy because last summer, I had the chance to visit my aunt," she said. "I immediately fell in love with the place. I've always been stuck between wanting to live in a big city or a small town, and I believe that Italy has a perfect mixture of both."



Stephanie Garcia

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Stephanie Garcia is the daughter of Sergio and Claudia Garcia.
Stephanie said she wants to be Rose Queen in order to be a part of a lifetime experience that will be forever remembered and where she will make new friends and create memories with new people.
"The thing that I love about living in Wasco is that I really like how our community comes together whether bring on holidays or just special events in general and celebrating all together," she said. Stephanie's best friends include Aylet Aceves, Bianca Espinoza, Jennifer Luna and Cheyenne Fernandez. Breanna and Claudia Garcia are her older sisters.
She participated in the Wonderful College Prep Academy, FFA and softball.
Stephanie enjoys many activities but her passions are listening to music and dancing.
She names Mrs. Ruiz as her favorite teacher and English as her favorite subject in school.
Stephanie plans on attending California State University, Bakersfield, and envisions herself pursuing some of her goals by graduating both high school and college in the next five years and hopefully finding a job in the field she studies in college. She wants to be a probation officer.
"My goal is to help people change for the better," she said.
"If I could live anywhere in the world, it would be New York City," Stephanie said. "The reason why is because the time I went there for vacation, it was difficult to come back home because of how amazing the city was. Living in New York City would be a dream of mine. I personally believe it's an amazing place."



Leslie Bolin Garcia

Sponsored by Jeffrey and Stephanie Wymer
Leslie Bolin Garcia is the daughter of Aidee Leticia Garcia and Mark Bolin.
Leslie has five siblings.
"I would like to be Rose Queen because it has been my dream since I was a little girl," she said. "I still remember waking up early to go to the parade and my favorite float was the Rose Queen float. Even if I didn't win, I would still feel happy because I gained 21 more friends because of this pageant."
Leslie loves living in Wasco for many reasons. She likes how the whole community knows each other.
"I still have friends here that I've known since I was in kindergarten," she said. "I also love how we have fun things like this pageant and the parades, even though this year, it's a bit hectic, I know we'll get through it and continue these traditions."
She mentioned one thing she doesn't like about Wasco is the heat.
Leslie considers Samantha Nava and Erika Magana as her best friends since her freshman year at WHS. She also considers Andrew Davilla, Jose Hernandez, Juliana Lule and Celine Lopez as close friends. "I met Andrew and Jose through swimming," Leslie said. "I've been friends with Julie and Celine since middle school."
She swam on the WHS team for two years and this past year handled stats for the team.
Leslie's passion is to be the parson she's always wanted to be, and that is someone who is happy, confident and full of love. "I may be all those things right now, but I know I can do better."
Leslie says that her favorite teacher is Mrs. Rangel, who was her English teacher her junior year. "She really inspired me to choose my career path," Leslie said. "She even made me realize that writing and reading essays is fun."
Of course, Leslie's favorite subject in school is English.
Leslie would like to attend Fresno State because it's close to home. She also wants to major in English education.
She sees herself in five years as having graduated from college and becoming an English teacher for either juniors or seniors. "Hopefully, teaching at Wasco High School."
"If I could live anywhere in the world it would be Paris, France," Leslie said. "I've always loved the idea of living in another country, and France has always seemed like the perfect place."



Yesenia Padilla

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Yesenia Padilla is the daughter of Yolanda Alvarez, and has one sister and four brothers.
Yesenia said that she wants to be Rose Queen because she believes she can help represent a lot of the community in Wasco. She said that a lot of people have struggled to get where they are, and she is just 16 years old, and "I already know about the struggle," Yesenia said.
"My favorite thing about living in Wasco is the family environment because everywhere you go, you are bound to know someone," she said. "The people here in Wasco are also some of the friendliest people I know."
Yesenia considers Kim Gonzalez, Christian Marquez and Carlos Santana her best friends.
She participated in softball, cheer and FFA competitions during her four years of high school.
"I have many passions such as softball, drawing and caring for animals," Yesenia said. "I just recently discovered my passion for helping animals by helping care for the animals at the school farm in my animal science class. I have helped one of our animals with physical therapy after being attacked by dogs."
Yesenia named Mr. Huddleston, Mr. Farao, Mr. Garcia and Ms. Fernandez as some of her favorite teachers. "All these teachers have helped push me in the best way possible and have always been there for me."
Her favorite subject in school is history because she loves learning how everything came to be in today's world. "I have always found an interest in the vintage or antique things," she said. "I often find myself asking the question, 'Who thought of this?' because I love learning about things like that."
Although she isn't sure where she wants to go to college, she knows she wants to study veterinarian science and eventually open up her own business.
"In five years I see myself in vet school, hopefully with a partner and planning what to do after school," she said. "I hope to be on my own somewhere that makes me happy."
"I want other children or maybe even kids my age to see that they, too, can make it through the struggle and maybe become a queen," Yesenia said. "That these amazingly strong people who come from this blessed town can follow their dreams, no matter what struggles they will face."
Yesenia said that she would live in Texas because she has heard great stories about Texas, and it has a very diverse culture and lively community.



Cassandra Rene Hinojosa

Sponsored by Wasco Bengal Cheer
Cassandra Hinojosa is the daughter of Raul Alejandro and Rebecca Maria Hinojosa. She has two older brothers, Javier and Raul.
"I want to be Rose Queen because I truly love this community that I've grown up in," Cassandra said. "I would love to give back to my community by representing my amazing town as 'Miss Wasco.'"
What Cassandra likes most about Wasco is the community connections.
She says that her one best friend is Bianca Rodriguez, and she's known her since third grade. "She's a Rose Queen contestant as well," Bianca said.
During her school years she participated in sports, academics, competitions, FFA, theater, band, cheerleading, volleyball and the California Scholarship Federation.
Cassandra was also in the Spotlight Competition for advanced drama and the Teen Library Committee. "I've been a part of four theater productions at WHS, and I also tutor third graders at John L. Puceit Elementary School."
Her favorite subject in school is English. During her freshman year, she was class treasurer and during her sophomore year she was class representative. This year, she is proud to say she is ASB Community Representative.
Cassandra looks forward to going to college at UCLA or Chapman University. In five years, she sees herself as a college graduate with a stable job as an ultrasound technician.
"If I could live anywhere in the world, I would want to live in New York City," Cassandra said. "I love the idea of a city that never sleeps, and its huge diversity of people -- also BROADWAY!"



Talitha Arellano

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Talitha Belen Arellano is the daughter of Danny and Linda Arellano and has two older brothers named Dionicio and Anselmo, an older sister, Karisma, and a younger brother, Zacharias.
"I would like to be Rose Queen because I want to be able to give back to my community by being a positive role model to each and every little boy and girl who needs someone to look up to," Talitha said.
Her favorite thing about living in Wasco is the small family-based community because everybody is always there for one another. "My favorite teacher is Mr. Farao because he has taught me so much when it comes to handling and working with all types of animals," she said.
Talitha is best friends with Alyssa Valdez and Alysna Magallanes. Throughout her school years, she has been involved in JV swim, JV and varsity cheer and is an active member of WHS FFA.
"I have a passion for helping others be the best they can be because I believe one good deed can change a life," she said.
Her favorite subject is history because she loves to learn about the things that shaped today's society. "It also provides me with a better understanding of what is going on in the world today," she said.
Talitha is interested in attending California State University, Bakersfield, for undergrad and then later transferring to UC Davis for medical school.
In five years, she sees herself graduating undergraduate and beginning a steady job as a veterinary technician while furthering her education to become a veterinarian. As long as she can remember, Talitha has wanted to be a veterinarian. "I have wanted nothing more than to help all animals, big and small," she said.
Talitha said that if she could live anywhere in the world, she would live in Hawaii because ever since she was little, she has had a love for beaches and warm weather.

The Miss Wasco Rose Queen pageant has been set for Thursday, Sept. 10, though in what format it will be produced is still to be determined by organizers. The rest of this year's 22 contestants will be featured in next week's *Wasco Tribune*.



Christianne Ray Hernandez

Sponsored by Lady Elks
Christianne Ray Hernandez is the daughter of Marlene and Ignacio Dominguez. She has an older sister, Avangline Hernandez, a younger sister named Alicia Dominguez and a younger brother, Mason Dominguez.
"I want to be Rose Queen because I want to spread lots of positivity and encourage everyone to do their best in everything they do," she said.
Ray, as she likes to be called, said that she likes living in Wasco because of all the fun activities in the community, which are more than other communities do. "For example, Wasco has the Rose Festival, parades, car shows and more," she said.
Ray lists her best friends as her mom, Ariana Plazola, Jose Urbina and Alexis Figueroa. Her favorite teacher is Mrs. Martinez because she is able to open up with her, and she gives good advice. Her favorite subject is science because it helps her become aware of not only herself, but the world around her.
Ray wants to attend California State University, Channel Islands, and sees herself in five years, hopefully in the Disney College Program in five years.
She participated in cheerleading and swimming during high school and her passions are dancing and cheerleading. She would like to be a dance artist after college.
"If I could live anywhere in the world, I would live in Hawaii because not only is it a beautiful place, but I've always wanted to live on a beach," she said.

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Our beloved husband, father, grandfather and fly fisherman, Gordy Skeels (Pops), is now fly fishing quality waters every day in heaven.

Gordon Syron Skeels, of Wasco, passed away peacefully at his home with family by his side on July 8, 2020. Gordon was born in Bakersfield on May 2, 1933, to Gordon (Samuel) Wallace Skeels and Hazel Ann Steinoff Skeels. Gordon and his older sister, Sammy, grew up in Wasco. By way of their mother, they were fourth-generation descendants of Chief Joseph of the Nez Perce Indians, and Gordon's outdoor Native American toughness was present in all outdoor adventures.

His legendary Tiger Pride began as he played baseball and football at Wasco High School. Once he graduated from Wasco High School, he married his high school sweetheart, Irene Brown. Then, drafted by the Army, Gordon was stationed in Japan. Returning home, he began working for Beldridge Oil Company and retired from the company in 1988.

Gordon and Irene welcomed their first son, Christopher, followed by twins, Kimberly and Kelly, and completig (or complicating, depending on who you ask!), their family with the birth of Layne.

Gordon's commitment to his family is unparalleled. Gordon coached Little League baseball for his boys year after year while he was working in the oil business. He introduced his boys and many other Wasco boys to nature, with camping and fishing trips



that were too many to count. Many of those friends today will remember those first trips that were introduced to them by Gordon. Some still today, like "Cowboy" Cary Williams, looked at him like a second father.

Gordon played as hard as he worked. He spent as much time fishing with his sons, daughter and grandchildren as he possibly could. Countless times, they would wake up at 3 a.m. to drive hours to fish for the day and return home that same night. Fast-pitch softball, hunting, fishing, snow skiing, coaching, golf and body surfing in Avila, and attending WHS softball and football games were his favorite things in life, as well as attending the Kern River Fly Fisher meetings.

Later, he golfed many mornings with Kenny Hancock and their buddies, which were only second in priority to waking up early for fishing. Fishing trips with his boys, Andy Wedel, and adopted son Robert Lyons, were his perfect retirement vacations. Gordon was on the go as long as his body would let him.

Later in his life, he enjoyed celebrating



Sunday family dinners and holidays with his family, including grandchildren and great-grandchildren that traveled from near and far.

Gordon is survived by his loving wife of 68 years, Irene; children Chris (Penny), Kimberly Urner (Steve) Kelly (Kathy), Layne (Sherry); grandchildren Traci Mills Clendenen, Telena Keillor, Heather Morton, Hillary Ferguson, Patrick Skeels, Kate Skeels,

Sarah Skeels, Jeremiah Skeels, Maryanne Abram, and Leah and Mitchell Reynold.

Great grandchildren Magnum and Marvrick Greenfield, Laynie Belle Clendenen, Kayden and Ava Keillor, Locklan and Harlow Ferguson, Holly Skeels, Bridget, Chanel, and Charles Helm, Mia Skeels, Niklas Abram, and Lola and John Morton.

As quoted from the Wasco High School Class of 1951, 50th reunion program:

"Still married to Irene. Still hunt and fish. Play golf with Kenny and Earl, 2 or 3 times a week. I am getting things ready right now to go fishing at Mammoth, Bridgeport and Reno. Irene likes the coast, where she sometimes is with the granddaughters—I go -- I get to arguing with all those women!"

Services and a celebration of life will be held at a later date. In honor of Gordon, donations can be made to Kern River Fly Fisher, P.O. Box 686, Bakersfield 93302.

DEATH NOTICES

Ardele Mae Henning, 80, of Bakersfield, passed away Aug. 6. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Pamela Cantele, 74, of Bakersfield, passed away Aug. 6 in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Johnette Kay Long, 77, of Shafter, passed away Aug. 6. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Milton Grimes, 69, of Bakersfield, passed away Aug. 7 in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Ramon Palomino Molina, 66, of Lost

Hills, passed away Aug. 7 in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Maria Dolores Vera, 90, of Wasco, passed away Aug. 8 in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

Maria Del Rosario Garibay, 67, of Shafter, passed away Aug. 10 in Shafter. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Angel Nieto, 60, Aug. 11 in Bakersfield, CA from Shafter, CA. Pending. Basham-Lara Funeral Care Shafter, CA. www.bashamfuneralcare.com

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF WASCO NOTICE INVITING PROPOSALS PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

801 8th Street
Wasco, California 93280
INVITATION FOR PROPOSALS:
The City of Wasco is seeking the services of a qualified, experienced contractor to provide Groundwater Monitoring Well Destruction and Replacement. The selection process will be based on the contractor's experience, qualifications, prior experience with providing this type of service, the ability to supply specific materials as specified, cost, and readiness to serve.

Parties interested in this project are asked to submit three (3) copies of the proposal in a sealed envelope no later than 2:00 PM on September 10, 2020, to:

City of Wasco
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Groundwater Monitoring Well Destruction and Replacement
801 8th Street
Wasco, California 93280

The City of Wasco reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, to waive any technicalities, informalities, and irregularities, to accept or reject all or any part of the proposal, and to be the sole judge of the suitability of the proposal offered. Questions regarding this Notice Inviting Proposals should be directed to Luis Villa at 661-758-7229 or email at luvilla@cityofwasco.org. If any person or firm contemplating the submittal of a proposal in response to this Request for Proposals is in doubt as to the true meaning of any part of this Request for Proposals, he/she may submit to Luis Villa a written request for an interpretation or correction thereof. Any interpretation or correction of any part of this Request for Proposals will be made only by addendum. Copies of such addenda will be mailed or delivered to those persons who have received this Request for Proposals.

The selected Contractor will be notified once all proposals are evaluated. If the City elects to move forward with the RFP process, proposals may be presented to the City Council for their approval. The City reserves the right to reject any and all proposals and any item or items therein, and to waive any non-conformity of proposals with this Notice Inviting Proposals, whether of a technical or substantive nature, as the interest of the City may require.

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PUBLIC NOTICE T.S. No.: 200713216 Notice Of Trustee's Sale

U.S. Department Of Housing And Urban Development Notice Of Default And Foreclosure Sale Recorded in accordance with 12 USCA 3764 (c) Whereas, on 10/19/2007, a certain Deed of Trust was executed by Randall L Rankin and Mary Lee Rankin, husband and wife as joint tenants as trustor in favor of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as beneficiary, and Fidelity National Title Ins Co as trustee, and was recorded on 10/25/2007, as Instrument No. 0207214885, in the Office of the County Recorder of Kern County, California; and Whereas, the Deed of Trust was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and Whereas, the beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an Assignment of Deed of Trust dated 7/31/2019, recorded on 8/1/2019, as instrument number 219092895, in the Office of the County Recorder, Kern County, California; and Whereas, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Deed of Trust in that the payment due on 10/7/2019, was not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and Whereas, the entire amount delinquent as of 8/21/2020

is \$242,398.01; and Whereas, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust to be immediately due and payable; Now Therefore, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of Total Lender Solutions, Inc. as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on 2/11/2019 as instrument number 219014931, notice is hereby given that on 8/21/2020 at 10:00 AM local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder: Legal Description: Lot 36 Of Tract 1941, As Per Map Recorded March 27, 1957 In Book 9, Page 122 Of Maps, In The Office Of The County Recorder Of Said County. Commonly known as: 1110 Cypress Ave, Wasco, CA 93280 The sale will be held at the front entrance to city hall 1501 Truxton Avenue, Bakersfield, CA. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid an estimate of \$242,398.01. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$24,239.80 [10% of the Secretary's bid] in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. Each oral bid need not be accompanied by a deposit. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$24,239.80 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the high bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveying fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due. If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD Field Office representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD field office Representative, offer the Property to the second highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property

will be vacant. The amount that must be paid if the Mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is \$242,398.01, as of 8/20/2020, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement. Date: 7/13/2020 Total Lender Solutions, Inc. U.S. Dept. of HUD Foreclosure Commissioner By: /s/Randy Newman 10505 Sorrento Valley Road, Suite 125 San Diego, CA, 92121 Phone: 866-535-3736 Fax: 866-242-8599 A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document. State Of Ca County Of San Diego On 7/14/2020 before me, Brittany Anne Lokey, a notary public personally appeared, Randy Newman who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument. I certify under Penalty Of Perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct. Witness my hand and official seal. /s/Brittany Anne Lokey Publish *Wasco Tribune* July 30, August 6, 13, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF KERN Case No.: BPB-17-002657 NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE Probate Code §§10300, 10304

In the Matter of the Estate of: ELIJAH SHUGART, aka ELIJAH SHUGART, JR., Deceased. I, JOSHUA G. WILSON, hereby declare as follows: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, subject to confirmation by this court, on September 3, 2020, at 10:30 a.m., in Department P of the Metropolitan Division of the Superior Court located at 1215 Truxton Ave., Bakersfield, California, or thereafter within the time allowed by law, CHRISTOPHER SMITH as administrator of the estate of ELIJAH SHUGART, JR., deceased, will sell at private sale to the highest and best bidder on the terms and conditions stated below all right, title, and interest of the decedent at the time of his death, in the real property located in Kern County, California. This property is commonly referred to as 1057 Poso Drive, Wasco, CA 93280, Assessor Parcel Number 030-471-02-00-9, and is more fully described as follows: An undivided 100% interest in the following described real property located in the County of Kern, State of California, more particularly described as follows: Lots No. 14 and 15 in Block B of South Gate Gardens subdivisions according to the Map of said subdivision recorded in the office of the County Recorder of Kern County on the 17th day of May, 1926, in Book 3 of miscellaneous maps, at page 167, records of Kern County. The property will be sold subject to current taxes, covenants, conditions,

restrictions, reservations, rights, rights of way, and easements of record, with any encumbrances of record to be satisfied from the purchase price. The property is to be sold on an "as is" basis, except for title. Bids or offers are invited for this property and must be in writing and can be mailed to the office of DARLING & WILSON, attorney for the Administrator, at P.O. Box 2411, Bakersfield, CA 93303 or delivered to DARLING & WILSON personally at 1626 - 19th Street, Suite 23, Bakersfield, CA 93301, at any time after first publication of this notice and before any sale is made. The property will be sold on the following terms: Cash, or part cash and part credit, the terms of such credit to be acceptable to the undersigned and to the court, ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid to accom-

pany the offer by certified check, and the balance to be paid on confirmation of sale by the court. Taxes, rents, operating and maintenance expenses, and premiums on insurance acceptable to the purchaser shall be prorated as of the date of confirmation of sale. Examination of title, recording of conveyance, transfer taxes, and any title insurance policy shall be at the expense of the purchaser or purchasers. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. For further information and bid forms, contact DARLING & WILSON at (661) 325-5075. DATED: July 28, 2020 DARLING & WILSON, PC By: /s/Joshua G. Wilson Attorney for Administrator Publish *Wasco Tribune* July 30, August 6, 13, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE
Interested persons are invited to comment on the following wireless telecommunications facility named "CSL02343" located at 19620 Highway 33, McKittrick, Kern County, CA and specifically on potential effects to historic properties located at or near this facility, if any. The site consists of a proposed antenna collocation on an existing monopole with a lease area expansion. Comments regarding potential effects to historic properties should be submitted by email to KerryWilloughby@AceEnvironmental-LLC.com. Address: 9976 Peak Look-out St., Las Vegas, NV 89178, (702) 614-4431. This notice is provided in accordance with the regulations of the FCC 47 CFR Part 1, Subpart I and Appendices B and C. Publish *Wasco Tribune* August 13, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENTS TO THE COUNTY FISCAL YEAR (FY) 2018-2019 AND 2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLANS FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

On September 15, 2020, the County of Kern Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing to provide the opportunity for public comment regarding the following proposed amendments to the County's fiscal years (FYs) 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 Annual Action Plans for Community Development Programs. The Board of Supervisors will consider the following proposed substantial amendment pursuant to Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and the County's Citizen Participation Plan. Subsequent to the public hearing, the Board of Supervisors may authorize the Department to amend the existing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded activities as follows:

Cancel – CD Project No. 17.18.1 – City of Ridgecrest- ADA Access Transition Project
Design and construction of ADA compliant curb, drive approaches, accessibility ramps, asphalt patches and related improvements within a low to moderate-income neighborhood. The phasing of improvements include areas previously identified in local CDBG funded ADA-related Transition Plan funded in FY 2013-14. Section 570.208(a)(2)(A) - Project beneficiaries include presumed benefit clientele under the severely disabled adult category. The Project was originally included in the FY 2018-19 Action Plan as a successive phase of implementation of improvements to be completed under the City's ADA-related Transition Plan. However, the City has determined the \$319,948 in CDBG funds identified for use in the FY 2018-19 project are required to implement the first year of ADA-related improvements under cd Project No. 17.14.1 - City of Ridgecrest - Handicapped Access Improvements.

Cancel – CD Project No. 21.19.1 – City of Wasco - Pedestrian Alleyway Garden Project

Design, rehabilitation, conversion and construction of an existing alleyway into community orientated pedestrian alleyway garden. Planned activities consist of demolition, installation of drip irrigation, permeable surfacing materials, trellises, lighting fixtures, steel posts, community art, synthetic lawn, and plants. The project will benefit the City of Wasco, as a whole, which consists of 20,100 persons, 57.01% of whom are LMI persons (2018 HUD 2011-15 ACS LMISD). 570.208(a)(1)(i); 03L Sidewalks, Section 570.201(c). The City of Wasco has determined that the \$210,480 in CDBG funds allocated to the project will be reprogrammed for use under the City of Wasco - 16th Street Rehabilitation Project for FY 2020-21. Immediately after the public hearing, the Board will consider the following actions as described above:

1. Approve the proposed amendments to the County's FY 2018-2019, and FY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plans for Community Development Programs; and,
2. Authorize the County Planning and Natural Resources Department - Community Development Director to submit all required documentation to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The public hearing is currently scheduled for:

Location: Board of Supervisors Chamber
County Administrative Center
1115 Truxton Avenue, First Floor
Bakersfield, California 93301

Date: **September 15, 2020**

Time: 2:00 PM or thereafter



Comments and/or questions, prior to the public hearing concerning the proposed amendments can be directed to James Golden or Lonnie Bell at:

Planning and Natural Resources Department - Community Development Division
2700 "M" Street, Suite 250, Bakersfield, California 93301
Phone: (661) 862-5020
Facsimile: (661) 862-5052
TTY Relay: (800) 735-2929

The Board of Supervisors Chamber is accessible to persons with disabilities. Disabled individuals who need special assistance to attend or participate in a meeting of the Board of Supervisors may request assistance at the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Fifth Floor, 1115 Truxton Avenue, Bakersfield, California or by calling (661) 868-3585 or via TTY Relay: (800) 735-2929.

COVID-19 Participation Information for can be found at <https://www.kerncounty.com/government/covid-19-dashboard>
Please call Community Development if there are any specific questions regarding proposals and how to participate and/or comment on proposals will be considered at the Board Meeting.

Every effort will be made to reasonably accommodate individuals with disabilities by making meeting material available in alternative formats. Requests for assistance should be made five (5) working days in advance of a meeting whenever possible. Publish *Wasco Tribune* August 13, 2020

OBITUARY

Johnette Kay Long

Sept. 1, 1942 -- Aug. 6, 2020

Johnette Kay Long, known to all as Kay or Sis, was born on Sept. 1, 1942, in Emporia, Kansas, to Robert and Grace Alice Cottenmyre. She was one of nine children: Robert "Bobby" E. Cottenmyre, Harold "Tony" L. Cottenmyre, Michael Cottenmyre, Linda S. Shirley, Billie E. Cottenmyre, Catherine A. Flood, Deborah J. Jameson and John M. Cottenmyre.

Kay began working at S&S Cafe starting at the age of 14. Just prior to marrying the love of her life, Artie Dean Long, on Nov. 19, 1966, she was a shift supervisor at the Flint Hills Hotel and Restaurant. Working in the kitchen, Kay looked out into the restaurant and saw a handsome man and her girlfriend said, "I'm gonna marry that fellow," and Kay responded with "Not if I do first."

Kay is preceded in death by her parents and her brothers Bobby, Tony and Michael (stillborn). She also has three babies in heaven due to miscarriages. Kay has four living children: Teresa Lynn Manus of Jewel, Kansas, Judith L. Lauderdale, Gary D. Long and Marcus W. Long all of Shafter.

Kay, along with her husband, began attending the Salina (Kansas) Free Will Baptist Church, where they accepted Jesus Christ as their personal Savior and began in the ministry together. Dean as an educational director/associate pastor and Kay as his right hand. They served in the Salina



FWB Church from 1973 until they moved to Bakersfield in July of 1984.

The move from Kansas to California was extremely hard for Kay. She left the state she was born in, along with her mother and several siblings, and moved to a state that was very different, but she followed the Lord and her husband.

Dean was the bus director at the First Free Will Baptist Church under Pastor Claudie Hames. Although they were only employed with the church for 19 months, they made many wonderful friends.

In February of 1986, Kay followed her husband to the Shafter Free Will Baptist Church, as he was called to be the lead pastor there. Kay was involved in many aspects of the church, including being

the pastor's wife, visitation, Bible studies, church fellowships, teaching young children in Sunday School and even being her husband's secretary for a short time. Although she never spoke formally at the church, she was always willing to share her testimony of how the Lord had rescued her and redeemed her. She loved the Lord with all her heart and was never shy in sharing.

Kay was blessed with seven grandchildren: Jacob and Joshua Lauderdale, Austin, Nolan and Abigail Grace Long, Skylar and Silas Long. She welcomed and loved each of her children and grandchildren's spouses: Jeff Lauderdale (Judith), Melissa Long (Gary), Liliana Lauderdale (Jacob), Shandy Lauderdale (Joshua) and Destiney Long (Austin). She also was blessed with four amazing great grandchildren: Augustus Dean Long (Austin), Artie Wayne Lauderdale (Joshua), Ellie Alyce Lauderdale (Joshua) and Noah James Lauderdale (Jacob).

She absolutely loved being a grandma and great grandma. In fact, she was often teased that once she became a grandma and great grandma then "Kay's Cafe" was open for business. She would cook anything the grands wanted and with a wink to the parents as if to say, "It's ok I'm a grandma, it's what I do."

She had the wonderful opportunity to watch and care for all the grandsons and loved having her granddaughter, Abigail, over any time she could have her. As Abi-

gail grew older, Grandma Kay would have her come over during Christmas break and make cookies, candies, fudge and many other wonderful treats to make the gift boxes/baskets that she thoroughly enjoyed giving out each year. She always tried to include Judith, Melissa, Shandy and Liliana in this adventure.

One of Kay's greatest talents was decorating cakes. She made many wedding cakes through the years. She gave classes in cake decorating. For a short time she had a little craft and cake decorating shop in Shafter.

Kay died peacefully on Aug. 6, 2020, at Rosewood Health Center in Bakersfield after many years of illness. Her daughter and son, Gary, were by her side as she left this earth and entered her eternal home, heaven. Our family would like to acknowledge Rosewood Health Center who took such wonderful care of Kay and Optimal Hospice who joined her health team in the last few days and were extremely considerate, informative and caring. We are forever grateful.

A celebration of life for Kay will be held at the Shafter Cemetery on Saturday, Aug. 15, at 10 a.m. Everyone is invited to attend.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Shafter Free Will Christian Academy, 155 Redwood Drive, Shafter, where all of her grandchildren attended and graduated, along with her great grandchildren that are entering preschool there this year.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Tjaarda Farming Co 2020-B3261

34929 Flyover Ct Bakersfield, CA 93308 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 34929 Flyover Ct Bakersfield, CA 93308 Wegis & Young Property Management, LLC 34929 Flyover Ct Bakersfield, CA 93308 State of Incorporation or Organization: CA

The business is conducted by Limited Liability Company Date the business commenced: N/A 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/Michael C. Young, President Date Statement Filed: 07/25/2020 Date Statement Expires: 07/25/2025 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/M Hernandez Publish Shafter Press August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement LAP Insurance Services 2020-B2958 LAP Insurance Agency Services 2020-B2959 LAP Insurance Agency Services, Inc. 2020-B296

550 Central Avenue Shafter, CA 93263 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 550 Central Avenue Shafter, CA 93263 LAP Insurance Agency Services, Inc. 550 Central Avenue Shafter, CA 93263 The business is conducted by: Corporation State of Incorporation or Organization: CA Date the business commenced: 04/01/2020

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/Luis A. Pulido, President Date Statement Filed: 07/07/2020 Date Statement Expires: 07/07/2025 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/R Roberts-Martin Publish Shafter Press July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Basic to Bleached 2020-B3097

270 W Los Angeles Ave Apt F Shafter, CA 93263 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 270 W Los Angeles Ave Apt F Shafter, CA 93263 Jocelyne Perez 270 W Los Angeles Ave Apt F Shafter, CA 93263 State of Incorporation or Organization: CA The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: 04/30/2020

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/Jocelyne Perez Date Statement Filed: 07/14/2020 Date Statement Expires: 07/14/2025 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/M Hernandez Publish Shafter Press July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT Kern County, California NOTICE INVITING BIDS POND POSO SPREADING GROUNDS DITCH LINING PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS NO. 20-02

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the SEMITROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT (hereinafter "District") until 2:00 p.m. on August 28, 2020, for the construction of Specifications No. 20-02, Pond Poso Spreading Grounds Ditch Lining Project ("Project") including, but not limited to, the furnishing of all labor, services, materials, tools, equipment, supplies, and facilities necessary therefore, and transportation, utilities, and all other items as provided in the Contract Documents associated herewith, of which each and every document comprising the entirety of the Contract Documents are incorporated at length as if fully set forth herein. The Project is located within Kern County and in the vicinity of Wasco, California. Bids will be received at the offices of the District, 1101 Central Avenue, Wasco, CA 93280, until the stated time and date, at which time and place the bids will be opened.

If a contract is awarded, it will be awarded to the responsible Bidder submitting the lowest responsive Bid Proposal on the basis of prices in the Bid. The bidding requirements and the Work are fully described in the Contract Documents. Electronic Adobe Acrobat (PDF) of Contract Documents are being made available to Bidders either by email or a download link. No paper (hard) copies of Contract Documents will be provided to Bidders. Requests for electronic Contract Documents may be requested from Mayra Torres, Semitropic WSD at mtorres@semitropic.com. Request must include company name, requesting person's name, requesting person's physical address, requesting person's email address, and requesting person's phone number. Addenda will only be distributed to requesting person. In light of the California Governor's March 19, 2020 executive order, and other emergency executive orders regarding COVID-19, and consistent with applicable laws, regulations and orders, the District will conduct the bid opening and mandatory pre-bid conference via teleconference. The District is requiring all bidders to perform a mandatory self-guided tour of the project site. Bidder shall contact Mayra Torres, Semitropic WSD at mtorres@semitropic.com or (661) 758-5113 to schedule appointment for self-guided tour. Self-guided tours will be limited to a duration of two (2) hours. Self-guided tours will be limited between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and start August 10, 2020 and end August 13, 2020. A sign-in form will be provided at time appointment is made for Contractor to sign and return after completion of self-guided tour. The mandatory pre-bid teleconference will be conducted by the Semitropic Water District on August 14, 2020. The pre-bid teleconference will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. It is anticipated that the teleconference will last approximately two (2) hours. The call-in telephone number and passcode for the bid opening and mandatory pre-bid conference teleconferences will be provided on the bid-tour sign-in form. While the Work to be performed with respect to the Project is more fully described and detailed in the Plans and Specifications, the principal components of Work to be performed includes the following:

Furnish and install impermeable geomembrane, of the type described herein, over a 3.5 mile ditch along the perimeter of the Pond Poso Spreading Grounds. The conveyance ditch is approximately 3-5 feet deep, 4 feet wide at the bottom with varying slopes. Refer to the canal cross sections for reference. Work shall consist of the following: Subsurface preparation. Furnishing and installing impermeable geomembrane, including fabrication of impermeable geomembrane, panel fabrication, patching/repairs of geomembrane, and installation of "boots" or water-tight collars for sealing geomembrane around existing pipes and other objects that penetrate the geomembrane. Conducting all trial and seam field testing and air lance testing. All site cleanup after completion of work, to restore site to pre-project conditions. Work must be completed during the periods identified in the Specifications. Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 6100(b), any contractor, subcontractor, and/or specialty contractor, as defined under Business and Professions Code Section 7026, submitting a proposal shall possess, at the time the contract is awarded, that classification of contractor's license required by law to enable the contractor to perform the Work contemplated under the Contract Documents, as more specifically set forth in the specifications. Specifically, a Class A - General Engineering contractor's license or a Class C - Specialty Contractor for specialized building trades and crafts is required for the project. In addition to the contractor license requirements, the Contractor shall have the qualifications as required in Section D, Paragraph D-6 of the Contract Documents. Contractors shall provide the District with their Contractor's license number and expiration date as provided in the proposal. It is the District's intent that "plans," as used in Public Contract Code Section 3300, is defined as the construction contract documents, which include both the drawings and the specifications. No contractor or subcontractor may be qualified to submit a Bid, be listed on a Bid proposal, or engage in the performance of any Work associated with this project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 et seq. [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)]. No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded the contract for the project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. The District reserves the right, after opening bids, to reject any or all bids, to waive or to make award to the lowest responsible bidder and reject all other bids. This published notice does NOT reproduce all the bidding requirements; accordingly, the above-referenced Plans and Specifications are hereby incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Notice Inviting Bids. An acceptable bid can only be prepared by reading and following all of the instructions that are found in the Specifications, which includes Sections A and B thereof. Each Bidder is required to sign a Noncollusion Affidavit and submit it with his bid. The successful Bidder is required to furnish a Payment Bond in an amount of 100% of the contract and a Faithful Performance Bond in an amount of 100% of the contract; the bonds to be secured by a surety company or surety companies satisfactory to the District. Bids shall be based on the payment of not less than the prevailing rate of wages for this locality and project as determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code Section 1770 et seq. and the Davis-Bacon Act, whichever is greater. Prevailing wage schedules for Kern County are available from the Department of

Industrial Relations-Division of Labor Statistics & Research via the internet at www.dir.ca.gov. Copies of the prevailing rates of per diem wages are on file at the office of the District and will be made available to any interested party on request. Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage schedules can be found at www.wdol.gov. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. (See Labor Code section 1771.4(a)(1).) Each contractor and subcontractor shall furnish the records specified in Labor Code section 1776 directly to the Labor Commissions, in the manner set forth in Labor Code section 1771.4(a)(3)(A)-(B). Contractors shall be required to post job site notices, as prescribed by regulation. (See Labor Code section 1771.4(a)(2).) Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300, equivalent securities may be substituted for monies withheld to ensure performance of the contract. Questions regarding the type of work required, or requests for electronic Adobe Acrobat (PDF) plans and specifications may be addressed to the following: Mayra Torres, Semitropic WSD, at mtorres@semitropic.com or (661) 758-5113. This project is funded in part by a federal grant: AgWater Conservation and Efficiency Grant. The grant is being administered by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation). Since a Federal grant is providing funding for the project, the Contractor, its Subcontractors and Suppliers will be required to comply with all applicable Federal requirements. Date: July 30, 2020 Semitropic Water Storage District By: /s/ Jason Gianquinto General Manager Publish Shafter Press July 30, August 6, 13, 20, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Mountain Landscaping Inc 2020-B3157 111 Landfill Road Lebec, CA 93243 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 25537 Chisom Lane Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381 Mountain Landscaping Inc. 25537 Chisom Lane Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381 State of Incorporation or Organization: CA The business is conducted by: Corporation Date the business commenced: 07/03/2020 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/Alvaro Molina, President Date Statement Filed: 07/17/2020 Date Statement Expires: 07/17/2025 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/N Franco Publish Shafter Press July 30, August 6, 13, 20, 2020

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PUBLIC NOTICE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: SCV-20000011 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: 1. Petitioner: Alejandro Arturo Contreras filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name Alejandro Arturo Contreras Proposed Name Alejandro Arturo Contreras-Omega 2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes de-

scribed above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing. NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: 9-18-2020 Time: 8:30 am Dept: B b. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF KERN 325 Central Valley Hwy Shafter, CA 93263 Shafter Branch 3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Shafter Press Date: 7-20-2020 /s/Jose R. Benavides JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT Publish Shafter Press July 30, August 6, 13, 20, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Jesus Christ Lawn Service & Landscaping 2020-B3026 457 Atlantic Ave. Shafter, CA. 93263 County: Kern Mailing address of business: P.O. Box 539 Shafter, CA. 93263 Susana E. Rivas 1009 State Ave. Shafter, CA. 93263 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: 04/02/2008 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/Susana Rivas Date Statement Filed: 07/09/2020 Date Statement Expires: 07/09/2025 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/N Franco Publish Shafter Press July 30, August 6, 13, 20, 2020

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PASTOR'S CORNER

Need to get deep?

PASTOR STEVE DOBBS, SHAFTER

How many of you have ever heard somebody say, "I want to hear something deep in church. I need to get deep?"

If you have never been to church and heard this statement that is OK. We are here for you. But for those of us who have heard this before, what are the people saying this really saying?

I believe when people say they want something deep, what they are saying deep down is, "Please speak over my head and confuse me so I don't have to live my life any different. If I don't understand what is being taught because it is so deep I don't have to be a better spouse, parent, employer or employee, neighbor, student, etc. So let's get deep."

Here is my issue. I don't think deep people divide people. I believe deep people compel people.

Unfortunately, we are doing more dividing nowadays than we are compelling.

If we search through scripture, we see people divided all throughout the Bible.

People were divided by nationality, tribe, education, and spiritual gifts.

But the gospel was not spread throughout the world until the Apostle Paul came along and broke down these barriers and said we are going to take the saving grace of Jesus Christ to the entire world.

We cannot be worried about dividing people. We have to compel them to the good news. The good news that Jesus died to save them

from their sin. It does no good to memorize 100s of Bible verses and treat the people around us like a second-class citizen.

Knowledge is good. But we cannot put all our stock in knowledge. If we fall into that trap we are no better than the Pharisees in the time of Jesus.

2 Timothy 2:15

Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.

This sums up perfectly what our mission is. We have to do more than just read and memorize the Bible. We have to study and apply

the meanings of the Word of God.

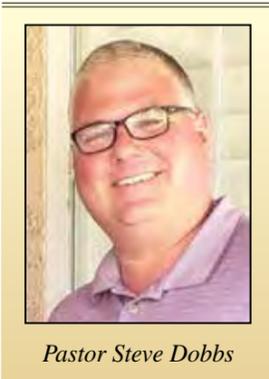
The world out there does not care how much we know until they know how much we care.

Let me challenge all of us to love one another with the love of Jesus. That is how our neighborhoods and cities are going to be changed for Jesus.

If we are going to change the world around us, it will not be with knowledge alone. We have the answer. We know. But we have to love the people around us enough to share the good news with them.

You guys are the tools God has given to our families, friends, neighbors, co-workers, etc. A tool left in the toolbox is a useless tool until it is taken out and used.

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