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City Council candidates vie for open seats

TONI DEROSA
The Wasco Tribune

Four candidates from District 2 and two from District 4 will be vying for seats on the City Council this year. In District 2, there is small business owner Vincent Martinez, Claims Specialist Florirene Olvera, businessman Jang Han

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(John) Kim and business owner David Ward. In District 4, newcomer Edward Saldana will go against incumbent Tilo Cortez.

District 2

Vincent Martinez
Martinez is running for



District 2 council candidate Vince Martinez

the council seat in District 2 left vacant by Mayor Pro Tem Danny Espitia.

Martinez states that he is passionate about several areas for Wasco residents such as public safety, job creation, crime, and air quality.

"I love the diversity our community brings to the table," Martinez said. "Few

communities are as integrated as our small town across all racial, educational, religious and economic backgrounds. Whether you work in the fields or you own the farm, I love the way we all interact with each other."

Martinez currently serves as vice chairman of the Measure X Advisory Board, pre-

viously served as chairman of the Wasco Recreation and Parks District, helped establish the Wasco Sheriff's Activities League and served as a career technical advisor at Wasco High School.

"I am extremely proud to have worked closely with the Orange Heart Foundation." See CITY Page 3



Isabella Garcia is crowned Rose Queen.

Isabella Garcia 2020 Rose Queen

TONI DEROSA
The Wasco Tribune

Isabella Garcia was crowned the 2020 Rose Queen/Miss Wasco Thursday evening during a stunning and historic pageant.

Tailored to meet the covid-19 restrictions placed on indoor gatherings, the pageant Sept. 10 still had its air of splendor as the contestants took to the stage.

While the location was kept a secret, once the program began, it didn't matter where it took place because the stage was magically decorated to reflect this

year's theme, Under the Sea.

Muted shades of blue, pink and green were highlighted in the girls' costumes throughout their performances. Dance movements were also soft and flowy, much like the movements of a Hawaiian hula dancer.

2019 Rose Queen Elisa Flores opened the program.

Each girl introduced herself and shared her mermaid name with the attendees. The talent portion of the program began shortly after.

During the talent portion, several girls shared Mexican dances highlighting

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Meet the candidate: Kris Lawrence

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

In a series that begins this week, we will be featuring the candidates running for the three open City Council seats this year.

The candidates who are running are current council members Gilbert Alvarado, Chad Givens and Manuel Garcia, along with newcomers Rafael Zamudio, Kris Lawrence and Pete Espinoza. This week, we will be featuring Lawrence.

Lawrence is a regulatory coordinator for the Westside Water Authority. He is a mechanical engineer and handles regulatory compliance for the farmers in our districts, as well as helping with some projects around the area. These include solar projects, water accounting and programming.

Lawrence said that with his experience

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in his position with the Water District, working with policymakers in a board meeting setting has prepared him to have a positive impact on the City Council.

Lawrence lives in Gossamer Grove and believes that it is important for the burgeoning area to have representation on the council.

As with many in the area, Lawrence said that some of the main concerns in the city are safety and economic security.

"Shafter has been historically a very safe town, and it has done well with businesses," he said. "This is something I would like to be a part of continuing into the future."

Lawrence said he would like to help attract more businesses to Shafter.

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Council to explore options for library

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

At its recent meeting, the City Council voted unanimously to send a Letter of Intent to Bakersfield College to begin talks to form a partnership operating the Shafter Library.

In a recent announcement, the Kern High School District recommended the reopening of 12 of its 24 branch libraries, in which Shafter was not included.

This decision would result in the Shafter Library



Council members discuss the partnership.

remaining closed indefinitely. With the budgetary restraints experienced by the district, and the covid-19 pandemic, all of the county's branch libraries had been closed. A few of

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Richland making plans for a return to school

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Richland School Board was given a presentation for a Return to School plan that will see the return of small groups of students to each school, called cohorts.

The plan, which is still in the draft phase, would have groups of no more than 16 people, including staff, that will be in one classroom.

At the beginning of the school year, the district was prepared to open school with in-person learning, with a multitude of

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safety precautions in place to meet health and safety guidelines. Unfortunately, with Gov. Newsom's announcement, the plan changed to mandatory distance learning to begin the school year.

According to Superintendent Rosa Romero, due to three lawsuits that were filed in districts in California, one of them involving a district within Kern County, the state of California is directing schools to open their doors with restrictions to stu-

dents with special needs.

The Special Education program students will begin attending school in small groups, with at least one instructor leading the group. Each student will be evaluated upon entering the school, including getting their temperature taken. Face masks will be worn, as well as the practice of social distancing.

The lawsuits were the result of complaints from concerned parents, believing that their child's education was being compromised. A rule in the California

Education Code states that a student who is unable to participate in a distance learning environment has the right to receive in-person instruction.

The courts' rulings, which ruled against the school districts, makes it advisable for each district to implement a return to school plan that will comply with the state's standards, as well as the safety guidelines put forth by the County Department of Public Health.

In the proposed plan, the students will

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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

Wasco/Shafter

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

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

Wasco/Shafter

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

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

Wasco/Shafter

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

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

Wasco/Shafter

Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month: Griffith Avenue Baptist Church Baptist Church 408 Griffith Street will be giving senior sack program lunches out at 11 a.m. Sponsored by Golden Gleaners.

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.

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.

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

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Mystery history



Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to *The Press*, 406 Central Ave., Shafter 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** The 1973 Cinco De Mayo Shafter Chicano Youth Council



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HEADLINES IN HISTORY



From The Shafter Press archives:

10 years ago: Sept. 29, 2010

An initiation was giving by Mayor Kathy Prout at the Veteran's Park for the Shafter/Wasco Soccer League.

20 years ago: Sept. 20, 2000

Westec purchased Lerdo School on Lerdo Hwy. Westec is an arm teaching service of Bakersfield & Taft Colleges. Westec has teaching programs that specialize in industrial training classes.

30 years ago: Sept. 26, 1990

Rothesia Harrison was crowned 1990 Wasco Tiger Football Queen.

40 years ago: Sept. 17, 1980

S.H.S Student Body President Terrence Williams practiced his oratory behind the new podium. The podium was a gift from the Class of 1974.

ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

Sept. 13

Moses Coronado, 24, of Shafter, was arrested for driving without a license, theft/extortion of vehicle and DUI.

Sept. 12

Alfonso Ochoa Arizmendi Jr., 40, of Shafter, was arrested for possession of controlled substance, possession of controlled substance for sale and felony bench warrant.

Raul Valdez, 44, of Shafter, was arrested for theft/extortion of vehicle.

Sept. 10

Miguel Angel Zavala Acosta, 29, of Shafter, was arrested for battery on spouse/etc, exhibit deadly weapon: not a firearm, threaten a crime with intent and damage or destroying wireless device.

Angelica Zamora, 26, of Shafter, was arrested for controlled substance para-

phernalia and misdemeanor bench warrant.

Sept. 8

Jose Anthony Barboza, 23, of Shafter, was arrested for exhibit of deadly weapon: not a firearm, threaten a crime with intent, disorderly conduct: alcohol.

Jeri Santana Garcia, 31, of Shafter, was arrested on an outside felony warrant.

Vincenzo Rafael Osuna, 30, of Shafter, was arrested on an outside felony warrant.

Gracy Josefina Vasquez, 30, of Shafter, was arrested on an outside felony warrant and misdemeanor bench warrant.

Buttonwillow

Sept. 8

David Fajardo, 29, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 400 block of Milo Avenue in Buttonwillow for violation of a restraining order and stalking with priors. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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Sept. 7

Carlos Badillo, 24, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1300 block of Broadway on an active misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Abel Castillo, 31, of Wasco, was arrested in the 500 block of North Maple Avenue for possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He was cited and released at the scene.

Jerome Dominique Maston, 34, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1600 block of Poplar Avenue for misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He was cited and released at the scene.

Sept. 9

Juan Antonio Martinez, 28, of Wasco, was arrested

at the intersection of McCombs Road and North Griffith Avenue for driving under the influence of alcohol and driving without a license. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Sept. 10

Marcela Gonzalez Bonilla, 36, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of 1st Street and Griffith Avenue for driving without a license. She was cited and released from the scene.

Miguel Delgado Figueroa, 49, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on five active misdemeanor warrants. He was cited and released at the scene.

Sept. 11

Julio Cesar Gallardo, 36, of Wasco, was arrested in the 800 block of H Street for possession of a controlled

substance, and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He was cited and released at the scene.

Bernardo Montanez Jr., 34, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2200 block of Buena Ventura Street for driving without a license, possession of controlled substance paraphernalia, and possession of a controlled substance. He was cited and released at the scene.

Fernando Torres, 37, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of Birch Avenue on an active felony warrant and obstruction or resisting of an officer. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Sept. 12

Antonio Vasquez Rios, 46, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1900 block

of Highway 46 for disorderly conduct while under the influence of drugs. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Sept. 13

Gabriel Hinojosa, 29, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1100 block of Gromer Avenue for a misdemeanor hit and run. He was cited and released at the scene.

Armando Miguel Lopez, 22, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Palm Avenue and Jackson Avenue for felony possession of a controlled substance for sale. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Vicente Torres, 28, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of D Street and 8th Street for driving without a license. He was cited and released at the scene.

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Virus cases still on the rise

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The number of new cases of the coronavirus are still on the rise, despite an effort to have residents wear face masks when downtown or shopping.

The City of Shafter and a group of community members have been working on the face mask campaign. Digital signs can be seen throughout town encouraging residents to wear a mask to stop the spread of the virus.

City buildings remain closed to the public, with service being conducted in

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the back of the building, with a window serving the community. The majority of the services in the city remain by appointment only, including the Shafter Animal Control office. Adoptions are still suspended until it is deemed safe to resume, but other services are operating, including officers available to respond to emergencies, as well as picking up strays and helping residents with licensing needs.

Local eateries are offering take-out service, as well as outdoor dining. To

help local businesses, City Manager Gabriel Gonzales used his executive privilege and waived the fees that are associated with the Outdoor Dining Permits that are given to businesses who are operating dining areas in their parking lots and patio areas.

City officials say that residents need to protect themselves, their families and the community by continuing to wear a mask, practice social distancing and washing your hands frequently.

The Wear to Care Mask campaign is being deployed. This is a community collaboration effort involv-

ing Shafter High School, Richland School District, Grimmway Academy of Shafter, Shafter Learning Center and the Shafter Recreation and Park District.

Officials also are encouraging those residents who are recovered covid-19 patients to donate plasma to help save others. In Kern County, recovered patients have donated their plasma and it has been very beneficial to those suffering from the virus. A large number of the patients, once they receive the donated plasma, are off ventilators within days of the donation. Conva-



Shafter Animal Control remains closed to the public, but services are still available by appointment only, except for adoptions.

lescent plasma is the liquid portion of your blood that is collected from recovered patients. Covid-19 patients develop antibodies that help fight against the virus, which can be found in their plasma. This form of treat-

ment is being used to help critically ill patients that are suffering from the virus. Those interested in donation must be symptom-free for at least 14 consecutive days and meet the regular blood donation requirements.

Speeding on Central Ave. concerns council

TONI DEROSA
The Wasco Tribune

Near the end of the City Council meeting, council member Gilberto Reyna commented on how concerned he is with the speeding of vehicles on Central Avenue.

"It angers me," Reyna said. "Drivers are speeding and doing donuts."

At the council's Tuesday, Sept. 15 meeting, Reyna asked Sgt. Peter Martinez how many speeding tickets the sheriff's office has given out. Martinez responded that at the time, he didn't have his statistics with him, but will update the City Council at the next meeting.

Martinez added that deputies are offered training in traffic infractions and ticket writing. He stated there are several classes he is looking into for his deputies to increase their knowledge in this area.

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In other council member concerns, Reyna also brought up a question as to what the plans were for the removed trees on 7th Street. He asked that the city manager discuss the resolution of this matter.

Council member John Pallares said that even though the county is complying with the covid-19 closure of parks, he sees people still using them on the weekends and holidays.

Martinez presented his report and said that not too much happened in the city until Saturday, Sept. 12 when in the 1600 block of Sunset, a juvenile had a firearm and shot it into the air.

Deputies learned that around the same time a robbery had taken place at a health

clinic on 7th Street. Two juveniles were involved.

The above two incidents were related, deputies said, as it was the same juveniles involved and they were arrested on three counts of burglary, brandishing a firearm and discharging a firearm. Deputies recovered property that had been stolen.

City Manager Daniel Ortiz-Hernandez provided an update on the city's covid-19 grant program and clarified that a \$3,000 grant is available for small businesses that have from 1-10 employees while a \$5,000 grant is available for businesses that have 11-25 employees.

Assistant to the City Manager Marianna Sobolewski confirmed that the grant may not be used to pay rent or a mortgage. Ortiz-Hernandez said that the applications are available through the

city's website.

The COVID-19 Small Business Grant has been available since July 1 and will continue to be until Sept. 30.

In other council business, the city accepted the offer to dedicate real property, which is the road that the elementary school district had to build as part of their new Maintenance, Operation and Transportation building south of Teresa Burke Elementary School on Griffith Avenue.

The City Council also corrected the salary schedule by specifically adding building inspector I position to the list of authorized positions. Previously, the city had a hybrid building inspector/code enforcement officer. In the new budget year, the position was converted to a full-time building inspector I position.

City Council candidates prepare for election

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tion on numerous events the last few years," he said. "I have also coached youth sports in Wasco in the past."

He feels that job creation is a top priority. "Not just any jobs," he said. "But jobs that pay well enough to support a family."

Martinez said he brings a unique perspective to the council as someone who grew up in the Poso Arms Apartments and worked this way into being a small business owner. "I can empathize with people of all walks of life," he said.

Martinez has some strong feelings about the High Speed Rail. He believes it's one of the biggest mistakes California has made because it has been severely mismanaged and will end up going bankrupt because no public funding may be used to support it. It has to be self-supported. He envisions hundreds of miles of abandoned tracks and eyesores for cities across the Central Valley.

Martinez touched upon the subject of city fees and stated that no matter what the fees are, the residents will feel they are too high. However, while he understands that the city's fee schedule is not as high as other cities, fees are what allow the city to continue providing services to its residents.

Florirene Olvera was born in Delano, but raised in Wasco.

Olvera wants to bridge the gap between leadership and working families to achieve shared goals for clean streets, safe neighborhoods and robust city services.

"Together we have faced so many new challenges in 2020," she said. "These unique times present the opportunity for innovation and momentum for a brighter future for our city and children of our community."

Olvera loves interacting with neighbors and friends and believes this creates a warm and inviting feeling of community. She is humbled and appreciative of being raised with the ability to socially interact and keep up relationships while social distancing.

Olvera is advocating public safety as her top priority.

She said the High Speed Rail, which was approved years ago, has become a situation that needs to be re-evaluated and addressed on many levels including the deal that was initially made.

She would also like the train to stop in Wasco, however, she realizes that would have to be worked out and in place before full support of the High Speed Rail is given.

"Air quality is a large issue and will take a lot of decision-making procedures and discussions for all to come to an agreement about such a task," she said.

She also doesn't believe the city's fees are too high at this time.

Olvera has been a board member for the Wasco Housing Authority as well as assisted in other local elections.

John Kim



District 2 candidate John Kim

Being born in another country has not stopped Jang Han (John) Kim from becoming one of the busiest young people in Wasco.

Kim was born in Korea and attended Thomas Jefferson Middle School and graduated from Wasco High. He also attended University of California, Berkeley.

Kim has an entrepreneurial spirit as he has attempted several different types of business ventures. He currently runs the Wasco Super Store on 7th Street with his mother, and he was one of the four original members of the Downtown Business Association along with Camilo Vasquez, Biri Bishop and Tania Cordova. Kim has been involved with the Orange Heart Foundation during several of their nonprofit fundraising events.

He considers himself an independent and is a moderate. "I'm a fiscal conservative but socially lean toward being liberal," he said.

Kim is a problem solver and is confident that he can boil problems down to their core. He began running for City Council with a focus on the downtown area of Wasco and wants to make it an inviting environment that not only looks good, but is appealing to business owners. "Every aspect of the city can be improved,"

he said.

He wants the city to create a zero carbon footprint and be completely sustainable with comprehensive community programs that include high-quality education and zero crime within the city.

He would like the police to work in conjunction with social programs and can visualize a transformation of the prison into a college/orphanage/assisted-living community center that can teach any age and takes care of those in need.

Kim has been heavily involved in the Wasco Festival, Farmers Market, the Christmas Parade, Dia De Los Muertos Street Festival and has been a volunteer coach for the Wasco High tennis team.

Kim feels that fees for water and waste are illogical. "It's illogical to have metered water but also a minimum fee up to a baseline usage," he said. "A business license discourages small business."

David Ward



District 2 candidate David Ward

David Ward believes that the city of Wasco needs its own police department to serve the residents and is willing to work to try and make that a reality.

Ward has listed several items of interest on his platform that he hopes to see come to fruition such as the city having its own

police department instead of using the Kern County Sheriff's Office, he wants the city and recreation and parks department to work closer together, and feels code enforcement needs to be addressed as well as the sewer and water infrastructure.

"It is time for fresh ideas and new leadership on the City Council," Ward said. "I believe that I can bring that to the table."

He would like to see downtown, the old Kmart shopping center and the entry to town on Palm Avenue from the south improved.

Ward also believes that the water issue should have been addressed a long time ago, but he is confident that the city manager, now aware of the situation, is taking the appropriate steps to formalize the means of reaching a solution.

Ward believes the High Speed Rail should be stopped.

"My belief is that the train to nowhere is a financial disaster that should be halted," he said. "The city of Wasco stands to gain very little."

He also feels that the estimated cost for residents to ride the train will be prohibitive, so he doesn't see the need for it.

"Water fees need to be re-examined," Ward said. "I have been told of high water bills by residential and commercial customers."

Ward is a current member of the Wasco Planning Commission, having served as the chairperson. He is also a 20-year member of the Wasco Community Scholarship Association, serving as the president for four years and is currently in his fifth year.

District 4 Tilo Cortez



District 4 candidate and incumbent Tilo Cortez

Born and raised in Wasco, current Mayor Tilo Cortez is the incumbent for the vacant City Council seat in District 4.

Cortez has served on the council for the last 16 years. He is supportive of the direction the city manager is taking the city and believes the city manager is addressing problems that the city is currently dealing with regarding water, the High Speed Rail and fees.

Cortez has been a correctional officer for the past 26 years and is co-owner of California Home Pros, a real estate company specializing in the Wasco/Shafter/Bakersfield areas.

"For the majority of my City Council tenure, it was 'controlled' by the 'old guard,'" he said. "The City Council needs five strong, independent members who can research the facts and think for themselves. They should be open to discussion of the facts and deliberate accordingly."

One of Cortez's objectives when he started out on the council was to make it more transparent (where the residents can know what is happening within the city). He advocated for the recording, broadcasting and archiving the council meetings.

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Florirene Olvera



Candidate for District 2 Florirene Olvera

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Blood drive helps patients

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The City of Shafter teamed up with Shafter High School and Houchin Blood Bank to hold a Blood Drive at Mannel Park on Sept. 10.

The drive was geared toward students, but was open to adults as well. The turnout was great and lives were helped with the generosity of the Shafter community. During this time of the covid-19 crisis, blood is needed to replenish supplies for patients in need, as well as needing plasma for covid-19 patients to help in their healing process.

Students who donated

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blood at the drive received a limited edition T-Shirt and were also entered in a drawing for a \$250 gift card.

One pint of blood can save up to three lives. Enrique Martinez, who said that he donates regularly, said that he was pleasantly surprised to see the students in attendance.

“Years ago, you didn’t see the kids giving like they are now,” Martinez said. “They are so involved and care about making a difference in people’s lives.”

Houchin is still in need of more donations, keeping the supply up to meet demand. They are also



Students who donated received this limited edition T-shirt.

looking for those who have recovered from the coronavirus. Those patients who have recovered can donate their plasma, which has antibodies that can help current covid-19 patients fight

the virus. Those interested can contact Houchin Blood Bank at their Bolthouse location at 661-323-4222 or at the Truxtun Donor Center at the same phone number.



PRESS RELEASE

City of Wasco
Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program

Contact: Mariana Sobolewski
Assistant to the City Manager
Email: masobolewski@cityofwasco.org
Telephone: (661) 758-7214

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: September 8, 2020

The City of Wasco is now accepting applications for the **Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program**.

The grant program aims to mitigate the impact of COVID-19 on Wasco small businesses and their employees. The City of Wasco has committed up to \$150,000 in one-time funds to create a Small Business COVID-19 Relief Grant Program.

The objective of this program is to offer immediate financial assistance to independently owned and operated small businesses with the City of Wasco to aid in maintaining their business and workforce.

Grants in the amount of \$3,000 and \$5,000 will be awarded to small businesses in Wasco who meet all eligibility criteria. Funds may only be used to cover the following business interruptions: payroll or lease payments for business premises. Recipients will have until December 30, 2020, to expend the funds. For a complete list of eligibility requirements and conditions, please visit the City of Wasco's website: www.cityofwasco.org.

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

For further information and assistance, please contact the Assistant to the City Manager at (661) 758-7214.

Plan would bring some students to school

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receive a breakfast which would be served in the classroom, followed by instruction for the morning session. Lunch will be a grab and go that would be given to the student at the end of the school session, to be eaten at home.

There will also be a set time for physical activity for the students, who will

participate in games and activities that follow the safety social distancing guidelines.

The Richland School District will also be looking to the possibility of starting a hybrid program that would allow a percentage of the students to return to the classroom after the end of the first quarter, which is in mid-October. In this model,

there would be two groups of students, A and B, who would each attend school in person two days a week on alternating days. The rest of the week they would be distance learning. The feasibility of this plan depends in large part to the status of Kern County, as it pertains to the state's guidelines concerning the covid-19 watch list.



Board discusses the plan to return to school.



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Richland School District Launches New Communication Platform To Facilitate Stronger School-Home Connection

ParentSquare, the new communication platform, allows the Richland School District to unify all parent communication from the district, schools, classrooms and school activity groups under one umbrella.

Shafter 09/10/2020 – Richland School District has launched ParentSquare, a simple and collaborative school-home communication platform, to reach and engage every parent, ensuring all parents have the opportunity to actively participate in their children's education. By unifying multiple tools into one platform, ParentSquare provides an improved and seamless experience for parents and staff. Parents will be able to keep track of news, activities and events from all their children's schools in one place. ParentSquare is now available for staff and parents to use on their computers or mobile devices.

Richland School District hopes that ParentSquare's intuitive, two-way platform will facilitate greater communication. With ParentSquare, parents will be able to enjoy pictures posted by teachers and group directors, fill out forms and permission slips, sign up for parent-teacher conferences, check grades and attendance and much more. School staff and parents can engage in both one-on-one and group messaging with real-time language translation.

Richland School District hopes to lead a truly collaborative relationship to help our schools and families raise confident and accomplished learners together."

Richland School District's partnership with ParentSquare will enable a stronger dialogue between school and home, and will help empower everyone within the school community to stay connected and informed. For more information on ParentSquare, please visit www.parentsquare.com.

About ParentSquare

ParentSquare unifies all tools from the district office and classroom to the family, providing oversight throughout and powerful reporting metrics. With extensive student information system integrations, translation to more than 100 languages and access via app, email, text, voice, and web portal, ParentSquare enables schools to engage all families, ensuring equitable communication. Founded in 2011, ParentSquare is relied upon by more than a million educators and families in over 40 states. For more information, visit www.parentsquare.com and follow @ParentSquare on Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram and Facebook.

City Council candidates talk High Speed Rail, city fees

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“Time after time, my requests fell on deaf ears and did not have the support of the council,” he said. “The desire for the majority of the council to operate ‘under the radar’ has cost the taxpayers of Wasco \$1 million. I am happy to report, we have finally approved and established a video archiving system for all our meetings for the public to view at their leisure. The era of transparency and accountability is upon us.”

Cortez said that he would continue to work for the betterment of Wasco and the quality of life for the residents.

Cortez loves Wasco for many reasons, but mainly because everyone is intertwined in some way. “Whether we work together, our children play sports together, or we attend the

same church or went to the same school together, it is the closeness and familiarity of those who live here that make Wasco the place I call home.”

Cortez addressed the current water crisis and acknowledged there were several failures attributed to the crisis. In summary, the city did not make it a priority to make sure it kept up with the forecasted demand, and staff remained content with what was going on. However, the current public works director and the city manager both took immediate action necessary to protect the residents and presented an immediate plan of action.

He also mentioned that the council has always been opposed to the High Speed Rail.

Cortez said that the city has been on the defensive

since the very beginning and has always been opposed to the High Speed Rail, addressing the deficiencies and dealing with the “less than honorable” intentions by the High Speed Rail and their subcontractor, California Rail Builders.

Cortez believes the High Speed Rail will continue on, regardless of the cost and destruction it has cost the city of Wasco with the businesses having to relocate. He would like to see a stop in Wasco, however, he doesn’t believe it will make up for the financial loss the city has endured.

Edward Saldana

Edward Saldana from Lost Hills is a graduate of Wasco High.

He is running against current incumbent Tilo Cortez for the council seat



District 4 candidate Edward Saldana

in District 4.

“I have a big heart and a lot of passion for my hometown,” he said.

Saldana believes the city needs more wells and storage facilities. He also said all water system employees should be monitored.

He wants to see more youth resources in the city for those who desire more activities.

Saldana also envisions the High Speed Rail as a benefit in that it will lessen

Lawrence wants to attract businesses

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“First, decisions at the City Council meetings need to be as pro-business as possible, without adversely impacting the residents of Shafter, of course,” he said.

Lawrence said that Shafter also needs to have the reputation as a good place to do business. “Shafter also needs to be seen as a stable place,” he said. “There should be a stable City Council, a stable city manager, lots of experience at City Hall. These are all important things.”

Lawrence said he could make a

positive impact on the council because of his experience dealing with policymakers on a regular basis in a board meeting setting, as well as being a quick learner. “I’ve always been good at seeing the big picture, and how day-to-day operations fit into that,” he said. “Looking at my experience and who I am, it was suggested to me by some long-term Shafter residents that I would be able to do a good job on the council, so I decided to run.”

Next week, we will be featuring candidate Pete Espinoza.



Lawrence is looking to help Shafter remain a safe and economically sound city.

Council to explore a partnership with Bakersfield College

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the branches reopened with curbside service approximately two months ago, with the closest branch to Shafter being the branch library in Delano.

The community has shown an outpouring of support as residents are concerned about the impact the absence of access to a library in Shafter will have on our citizens, especially the youth.

Upon learning of Shafter’s tenuous situation, Bakersfield College contacted the city, interested in forming some sort of partnership that would result in the opening of the library.

The city currently owns the building that houses the Shafter Library and the Shafter Learning Center, but the contents of the library, including the books, furnishings and software, is owned by the Kern County.

There were three options put forth for the council’s review. The first option, which was recommended by City Manager Gabriel Gonzales and

Director of the Education Partnership of Shafter David Frantz, is to pursue talks with Bakersfield College to form a partnership that would reopen the Shafter Library and would be operated by Bakersfield College, instead of the County of Kern.

The second option was to explore what the cost would be to have the City of Shafter take complete ownership of the library. This would mean that the city would purchase everything in the library, including the software, books and furnishings, and operate the library itself.

The third option was to do nothing and see what will happen with the Kern High School District, whether they would be seeing a change in their budgets and possibly reopen more than the 12 recommended libraries.

The council opted to send a Letter of Intent to Bakersfield College to begin talks about a possible partnership.

In other business, the council voted to approve the city manager to create a program that would benefit small businesses in Shafter, both existing businesses, as well as new businesses. This program would include incentives for those businesses, including reductions of fees associated with certain permits to operate. With the savings of those fees, businesses may be able to purchase certain equipment that would help them in this time of heavy restrictions due to the pandemic.

“Businesses might be able to use those monies to purchase perhaps outdoor seating, or permanent structures that would help them operate outdoors, including outdoor heaters as the pandemic extends through the fall months,” said Gonzales.

This was approved by a unanimous vote, giving the go-ahead to Gonzales to bring a proposal to the council at the next council meeting for review.

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OBITUARY

Edna Ruth Shepherd Sept. 25, 1942 – Sept. 9, 2020



Edna Ruth Shepherd was born to Henry Ramsey and Ethel Smith in Bangs, Texas, and went to be with the Lord on Sept. 9, 2020 in Bakersfield.

Edna Ruth was 78 years old when she passed from this life after suffering from colon cancer complications.

Edna Ruth was the wife of Charles Toy. She was the mother of two children, Madeliene Fontes and Jeff Shepherd. Madeliene is the mother of three children, Adam, Kelley, and Joey. Jeff is the father of two sons, Chase and Jordan. In addition to her husband, children and grandchildren, she is survived by her sister, Geneva Fulton, and brother, Kenneth Ramsey.

Ruth, as she was called, lived a rich and full life that touched, blessed and changed many people during her lifetime because of her love for the Lord, family, church and others with whom she came in contact.

She held a variety of jobs. She worked as an office employee for Houchin Farms, a school bus driver for the Buttonwillow schools and most impor-

tantly as the wife and helper of her husband, Boyd Shepherd, as they traveled as evangelists and pastors of The Church of God. At the time of the death of her husband, Boyd Shepherd, she and her husband were pastors of The Church of God in Shafter.

After a number of years following Boyd's passing, Ruth met the pastor, Charles Toy, the pastor of Shafter First Assembly of God, to whom she was married during the month of November in 2015.

From that date until the date of her passing she was the first lady of the Shafter First Assembly of God, where she was loved and adored by the members of that congregation. She was talented in playing the organ and piano, singing solos, leading worship and most

importantly being the assistant to her husband in any area or time he needed her. Ruth will be missed by her husband, her family, church members and many friends and relatives who were blessed as a result of her keen wisdom and knowledge of God's Word. She was a strong and determined child of God. She ministered by phone from

her bed in the hospital to members of the congregation who needed to be encouraged and/or prayed for.

Viewing was Wednesday, Sept. 16 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Peters Funeral

Home in Shafter. A funeral service will be Thursday, Sept. 17 at 1 p.m. at the First Assembly of God, 150 Elm St., Shafter. A time of food and fellowship will follow the memorial service.

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DEATH NOTICE

Yarlenny Kubo Lara, 27, of Shafter, passed away Sept. 7 in San Diego. Basham-Lara Funeral Care Shafter.

Manuel Tirado Rodriguez, 71, of Shafter, passed away Sept. 4 in Washington, WA. Basham-Lara Funeral Care Shafter.

Jesus Perez Lopez, 84, of Shafter, passed away Sept. 10 in Bakersfield. Basham-Lara Funeral Care Shafter.

Carla E. Mooney, 63, of Bakersfield, passed away Sept. 6 in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home Shafter.

Marco Antonio Cabrera, 29, of Wasco, passed away Sept. 12 in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home Wasco.

Eliseo Verduzco Maldonado, 13, of Buttonwillow, passed away Sept. 11 in Buttonwillow. Basham-Lara Funeral Care Shafter.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Grand Slam USA 2020-B3536

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

A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)

/s/Christopher Butler
Date Statement Filed: 08/11/2020
Date Statement Expires:
08/11/2025
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/M Hernandez
Publish Wasco Tribune August 27,
September 3, 10, 17, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE Statement of Abandonment Of Use Of Fictitious Business Name Grand Slam USA

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County: KERN
Mailing address of business:
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I declare that all information in this Statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.)
Business was conducted by: Individual

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

Pursuant to Section 24275 of California Water Code, notice is hereby given that the December 31, 2019 Annual Financial Statements of the Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District are available for inspection during regular business hour at the District Office.
The District Office is located at 16294 Highway 43, Wasco, California 93280.
Dated: September 1, 2020
Sarah Pitts: Office Manager/Treasurer
Publish Wasco Tribune September 10, 17, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Public Hearing and Intent to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration

This is to advise that the City of Wasco Community Development Planning Division has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration for the Project identified below that is scheduled to be heard at the City of Wasco Planning Commission Meeting on Monday, October 12, 2020. PLEASE BE ADVISED that the City of Wasco will consider adopting the Mitigated Negative Declaration at the Planning Commission's meeting to be held on October 12, 2020. Presentations will be made at approximately 6:00 p.m. Action on items on the commission agenda will occur after the presentations. The meeting will be held in the Wasco City Hall located at 746 8th Street, in Wasco, CA 93280. Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, this

meeting may be conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020. For more information, or to confirm the format this meeting will be conducted in, please contact the City of Wasco City Clerk at 661-758-7215 or cityclerk@cityofwasco.org

Project Name
Produced Water Pre-Treatment & Advanced Water Solutions Project by Blue Water Resources
Project Location
Northwest corner of 6th Street and J Street in Wasco, California.
Project Description
The proposed Project consists of a Conditional Use Permit for a wastewater processing facility on a 7-acre parcel within an existing 33,000 square foot industrial building. The wastewater treatment facility is designed to treat industrial, non-hazardous wastewater, which will be brought to the facility by truck transportation.

Process equipment will be installed in an existing industrial building and will be designed to process between 100,000 to 700,000 gallons per day (GPO) of wastewater. Wastewater received at the facility will be from oilfield operations, including Produced Water and Flow Back Water. The wastewater to be treated will have the following primary ingredients:

- Petroleum oil,
- BOD materials,
- Metals, and
- Suspended solids

Wastewater being received at the site will either be off-loaded directly into the processing facility or held in portable tanks on the property, to be subsequently piped into the processing facility. All processing equipment and process steps will be within the building. Water is treated in a multi-stage treatment process and then pumped to holding tanks. A Blue Water Resource operator will manually initiate operation of the transfer pumps to move Treated water from the product storage tanks will be automatically pumped to tankers that will haul water off the site.

The facility is proposed to operate 7 days a week with 24-hour work days. The facility will have 15 full-time employees who will work in shifts. There will be 40-75 tanker truck trips and 10-12 water truck trips to the property per day. The primary objective of the treatment process is to cleanse the water so that it can be sold back to the oil field service companies and re-used in oil extraction operations. Other uses for the treated water include distributing to environmental firms, water resource companies, and other small independent oil and gas producers merchant facilities. The document and documents referenced in the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration are available for review at Wasco City Hall located at 764 E Street, in Wasco, CA 93280. Any person wishing to testify on the above project may appear before the Planning Commission at their hearing of October 12, 2020, or may submit written comments on or before October 12, 2020.

As mandated by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), the public review period for this document was 30 days (CEQA Section 15073[b]). The public review period began on August 27, 2020 and ended on September 30, 2020. For further information, please contact Jaymie Brauer at 661-616-2600 or jaymie.brauer@qkinc.com. If you challenge this proposal, or any aspect of it in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Wasco Planning Department, 764 "E" Street, Wasco, CA 93280, at, or prior to the public hearing.

If you need special assistance to participate in the meetings described in this notice, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (661) 758-7215 to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to these meetings. Telephone (661) 758-7215 or via California Relay Service (Hearing Impaired Only). Requests for assistance should be made at least two (2) days in advance whenever possible.

If you have any questions, you may contact the Community Development Department at (661) 758-7200.
/s/Maria Martinez, City Clerk
Publish Wasco Tribune September 17, 2020

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

Sealed Proposals for the work entitled:
Request for Proposals for LABOR CAMP FENCING PROJECT will be received at the Office of the City Clerk of the CITY OF WASCO, 746 8th Street, WASCO, California, until 2:00 PM on October 14, 2020 at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

General work description:
The work to be done includes, but is not limited to provide and install approximately 4,000 Linear Feet of fencing and 3

swinging gates at the old Farm Labor Camp located between 8th Street and Wasco Avenue from 6th Street South to 9th Street. A non-mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for September 22, 2020 at 9:00 AM, at City of Wasco City Hall located at 746 8th Street, Wasco, California. This meeting is to inform bidders of project requirements and subcontractors of subcontracting and material supply opportunities. Questions in writing will be accepted until October 7, 2020.

Bids are required for the entire work described herein.

Bids must be submitted as described in the specifications provided by the City of Wasco. Each bid must be accompanied by one of the following forms of bidder's security in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount bid: (1) cash; (2) a cashier's check made payable to the City of Wasco; (3) a certified check made payable to the City of Wasco; or (4) a bidder's bond executed by an admitted surety insurer, made payable to the City of Wasco. Each bidder must be a licensed contractor as required by law at the time the contract is awarded. The bidder who is awarded the project contract will be allowed pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300 to substitute securities for the payment of funds withheld under the contract. In addition, the successful bidder must furnish: (1) a faithful performance bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price; and (2) a payment bond (also referred to as a labor and material bond) in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price. All bonds must be in a form approved by the City of Wasco and must conform to California law (see Code of Civil Procedure section 995.010 et seq.). All documents submitted in compliance with the requirements of this bid package and the contract must be scannable and photocopyable. The City hereby invokes its protest right under California Code of Civil Procedure 995.660 for any proposed surety bond submitted in satisfaction of the requirements of this agreement if the submitted bond is not issued by an admitted surety rated A-, VII or better by Best's Rating Service.

The contractor shall possess a City Business License and an (A, B or C-13) license at the time this contract is awarded. This contract is subject to state contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990. A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in this chapter, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5. It is not a violation of this section for an unregistered contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 at the time the contract is

awarded. Inquiries or questions based on alleged patent ambiguity of the plans, specifications or estimate must be communicated as a bidder inquiry prior to bid opening. Any such inquiries or questions, submitted after bid opening, will not be treated as a bid protest. Technical questions should be directed to Kameron Arnold, telephone (661) 758-7204. Bid documents may be obtained after noon on September 8, 2020, for a NONREFUNDABLE FEE OF \$10.00 per set from:
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746 8th Street, WASCO, CA 93280 (661) 758-7215
An additional charge of ten dollars (\$10.00) per set will be made for mailing.

OR
Email CITYCLERK@CITYOFWASCO.ORG to request a PDF copy of the RFP at no-charge. Pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the general prevailing wage rates in the county, or counties, in which the work is to be done have been determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. These wages are set forth in the General Prevailing Wage Rates for this project, available at CITY OF WASCO City Hall, 746 8th Street, WASCO, California, and available from the California Department of Industrial Relations' Internet web site at <http://www.dir.ca.gov>. The Federal minimum wage rates for this project as predetermined by the United States Secretary of Labor are set forth in the books issued for bidding purposes entitled "Bid Book," and in copies of this book that may be examined at the offices described above where project plans, special provisions, and proposal forms may be seen. Addenda to modify the Federal minimum wage rates, if necessary, will be issued to hold-

ers of "Bid Books." Future effective general prevailing wage rates, which have been predetermined and are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations are referenced but not printed in the general prevailing wage rates. The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) provides a toll-free hotline to report bid rigging activities. Use the hotline to report bid rigging, bidder collusion, and other fraudulent activities. The hotline number is (800) 424-9071. The service is available 24 hours 7 days a week and is confidential and anonymous. The hotline is part of the DOT's effort to identify and investigate highway construction contract fraud and abuse and is operated under the direction of the DOT Inspector General.

CITY OF WASCO, CITY CLERK
/s/ Maria O. Martinez
DATED 9/10/20
Publish Wasco Tribune September 17, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Trilogy Transport 2020-B3895

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Wasco, CA 93280
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
2109 Persimmon Street
Wasco, CA 93280
Richard Gutierrez
2109 Persimmon Street
Wasco, CA 93280
Stae of Incorporation or Organization: California
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: Not Applicable
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/Richard Gutierrez
Date Statement Filed: 09/03/2020
Date Statement Expires:
09/03/2025
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/M Hernandez
Publish Wasco Tribune September 17, 24, October 1, 8, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT PROCESSING NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT: The processing of vote by mail ballots shall be open to the public, both prior to and after the election. (Pursuant to California Elections Code, Section 15104) The processing of ballots will take place at:

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And will commence on:
Monday, October 5, 2020 at 8:00 a.m.
The counting of ballots will take place at:
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And will commence on:
Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.
By: Mary B. Bedard, CPA
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
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Publish Wasco Tribune September 17, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF WASCO NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND GENERAL STREET VACATION PROCEEDINGS

(Notice provided Pursuant to California Streets and Highways Code Sections 8320-8325)

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of the City of Wasco will hold a public hearing pursuant to the California Streets and Highways Code, Section 8320, on the street vacation described and depicted below in this notice.

The public hearing will be held on **Tuesday October 6, 2020 at 6:00 P.M.** or as soon as possible thereafter. Due to the current COVID-19 restrictions, this meeting will be conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Gavin Newsome on March 17, 2020. For more information or to confirm the format this meeting will be conducted in, please contact the City of Wasco City Clerk at 661-758-7215 or cityclerk@cityofwasco.org

The Streets to be vacated are described and shown as follows:

A portion of 4th Street as shown in yellow on the map below, a portion of 5th Street between F Street / Highway 43 and the alley, and the alleys between 4th and 5th and 5th and 6th Streets, as shown in yellow below:



If you need special assistance to participate in the meetings described in this notice, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (661) 758-7215 to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to these meetings. Telephone (661) 758-7215 or via California Relay Service (Hearing Impaired Only). Requests for assistance should be made at least two (2) days in advance whenever possible.

If you have any questions or to obtain additional information, you may contact the Community Development Department at (661) 758-7250.

Publish on or before: September 17, 2020 and September 24, 2020

/s/Maria O. Martinez, City Clerk

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 Bakersfield, CA. 93301
 And will commence on:
 Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.
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2020-B3659
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 Abel Santa Cruz
 639 Wiedmann Ave
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 Stephanie Santa Cruz
 639 Wiedmann Ave
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 Date the business commenced: 05-04-2015
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 /s/Abel Santa Cruz
 Date Statement Filed: 08/14/2020
 Date Statement Expires: 08/14/2025
 Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
 By: /s/N Franco

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District
PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Availability of Annual Financial Statements
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 Dated: September 1, 2020
 Sarah Pitts: Office Manager/Treasurer
 Publish *Shafter* Press September 10, 17, 2020

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2020-B3813
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 Mailing address of business:
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 Katie Gardenhire

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 /s/Katie Gardenhire
 Date Statement Filed: 08/26/2020
 Date Statement Expires: 08/26/2025
 Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
 By: /s/M Hernandez
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
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2020-B3826
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 Bakersfield, CA 93308
 County: Kern
 Mailing address of business:
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 /s/Maria Solis, President
 Date Statement Filed: 08/26/2020
 Date Statement Expires: 08/26/2025
 Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
 By: /s/M Hernandez
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
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2020-B3825
 189 E. Lerdo Hwy
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 County: Kern

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 State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
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 Date the business commenced: 08-13-2020
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Isabella Garcia named 2020 Rose Queen

From Page 1
 ing their culture while a couple displayed their artistic talent on stage painting a picture to music. One girl performed a comedic oral speech while another performed a dramatic one. In addition, a couple of girls danced to their favorite tunes. Garcia performed a toe-shoe ballet dance as the Sugar Plum Fairy from the Nutcracker Suite.

After a 15-minute intermission, the formal dresses formed a rainbow of colors swirling across the stage as each girl showed off her dress by gently sashaying across the stage.

What the pageant lacked in audience participation, it was not reflected by the response given each candidate as she walked across the stage. Each candidate was enthusiastically applauded after they approached the front of the stage to show off their dress.

Once the pageant was over and the talent had been performed, the time came for the announcement of the scholarship winners and the name of this year's Rose Queen/Miss Wasco. Garcia took home the title of 2020 Rose Queen/Miss Wasco and Talitha Arellano was 1st Runner Up, Christianne Ray Hernandez was 2nd Runner-Up and Idaly Flores was 3rd Runner-Up.

Taking home scholarships were:

Cassandra Hinojosa took home a \$500 scholarship for scholastics,

3rd Runner-Up Idaly Flores took home a \$400 scholarship as Most Talented and \$400 as 3rd Runner-Up,

2nd Runner-Up Christianne Ray Hernandez took home a \$600 scholarship,

1st Runner-Up Talitha Arellano took home an \$800 scholarship as 1st Runner-Up, and

Rose Queen Isabella Garcia took home a \$1,000 scholarship for winning and a \$200 scholarship for physical fitness.

Mistress of Ceremonies for the evening was Tyrah Majors. Born and raised in San Diego, Majors is a journalist, talk show host and author of the children's book, "Grammy and Me."

Majors wakes up at 4 a.m. every day to report and anchor the morning news at KBAK Eyewitness News in Kern County. She says it's an honor to be able to make the community smile as they start their day. Previously, she worked at NBC in Los Angeles and San Diego, FOX 5 San Diego, and worked as an entertainment reporter. She holds a bachelor's degree in journalism from California State University, Fullerton and a Master of Science degree in journalism from the University of Southern California. Her "Major Moves with Tyrah Majors" digital talk show highlights millennial entrepreneurs.

If you have a story for Tyrah or just want to say hi, feel free to reach out to her on social media @tyrahmajors.



Dancers, from left, Mackinley Wankum, Irene Vargas and Leslie Bolin Garcia.

There are so many people to thank for the production including Pageant Director Debbie Mehlberg,

Pageant Coordinator Hailley Coyle, Nicole Sanches, Sydney Mehlberg and Samantha Wymer. This core

group of women assisted in the choreography and organization of the pageant.

The luncheon provided on pageant day was coordinated by Lori Kibler. Tina Newman and Betsy Rogers were in charge of tickets. The process of purchasing a ticket through Venmo was uncomplicated and each ticket holder received an email providing the link and the access code to the event.

Without the stage crew of Ben Coyle, Jeff Mehlberg and Nick Sanchez, the event would not have taken place. Also part of the stage crew and in charge of lighting was Brent Starrh.

The judges' coordinator was Amanda Rodriguez and

the balloting was created by Evan Schulte.

The pageant would like to thank Vince Martinez for providing the photography of the contestants and of the pageant during this evening.

In addition, Freestyle Entertainment is thanked for another successful year of providing great entertainment.

Teacher Danny Eusebio was responsible for the cinematography and livestream and Jordan DeLaRosa was responsible for the ticket distribution.

Other contributors include Grace Community Church and the Starrh family.

OBITUARIES

Tony Peres
Oct. 30, 1974 –
Sept. 12, 2020

Tony Perez, 45, was called home to be with God on September 12, 2020 in Bakersfield. He was born on October 30, 1974 in Tulare, California to Carlos and Imelda Perez.

Tony grew up in Buttonwillow, California and graduated from Shafter High School in 1993. Tony was a semi-truck driver and loved driving across the country. He was a humble, selfless, and adventurous soul. Tony



was a true foodie and an enthusiast for music. He loved spending time with his family and would do anything for them. He also had a

Rogelio Roy Olivo
June 26, 1961 –
Sept. 3, 2020

Rogelio Roy Olivo was born in Phoenix on June 26, 1961, to parents Guadalupe Olivo and Dionicia Alaniz.

Roy proudly served his country as a Marine and was stationed in Hawaii during his service. He spent many years working at Wasco State Prison, from which he retired. After retirement, he worked at the local True Value hardware store, where he enjoyed interacting with customers



who became friends.

Roy was a loving person with an outgoing personality and great sense of humor. His loud and contagious laugh resonated ev-

erywhere he went, leaving a lasting impression on those around him. Roy was best known for getting on stage and singing karaoke. Some of his favorite songs were "Pretty Woman" and "Only the Lonely."

Roy entered eternal rest at his home on Sept. 3, 2020.

Rogelio is survived by his son, Edward Lindry Olivo; brothers, Rito Joe Olivo, Reynaldo Olivo, Richard Olivo and Rene Olivo; sisters Imelda Hernandez, Maria Bertha Arreola, Gloria Olivo, Blanca E. Olivo

and Rosa Linda Candray;

and granddaughter Winter I. Ross-Olivo. Rogelio was preceded in death by his parents Guadalupe Olivo and Dionicia Olivo; sisters Enriqueta Leon, Oralia Garza and Martha Guajardo; and brother Guadalupe Olivo.

A viewing will be held Thursday, Sept. 17, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Peters Funeral Home in Wasco. Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, graveside services will be limited to immediate family only and will be held privately at Bakersfield National Cemetery.

Ordell O. Portwood
Oct. 28, 1928 –
Sept. 9, 2020

Ordell O. Portwood was born Oct. 28, 1928, in Lost Hills and passed away at his home in Wasco on Sept. 9, 2020, after an almost 27-year-long battle with Parkinson's disease. He had been in the capable hands of in-home caregivers for the past 11 years, in addition to hospice more recently.

Ordell was a very successful farmer in Wasco for several decades. He started Portwood Farms back in the



1950s, and it is still going strong today. He also raised cattle on a ranch in Springville for many years, and it remains in the family. He

served our country in the Navy from 1946 to 1948. Hobbies included being a private pilot, roping cattle and riding horses.

Ordell was a much-beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He is survived by daughter, Pam Marler, and her husband, Bill, of Springville, and son Phil Portwood and his wife, Sue, of Wasco. Also surviving are grandchildren Brooke Grigsby of Springville, Kim Hurley of Oak Park, Calif., Brandon Holve

of Washington state; and Mandy Portwood, of Wasco. He also leaves behind great-grandchildren Ryan Holve, Taylor and Caitlyn Ackerknecht, Mason and Hunter Portwood, and Donovan Grigsby.

Ordell was predeceased by his wife of 68 years, Rita Mills Portwood, in April of 2019, as well as his parents, two sisters and one brother.

A private family graveside service was held Wednesday, Sept. 16, at Wasco Cemetery.

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WASCO
Virus takes its toll
 Families are mourning the loss of loved ones during the Covid-19 pandemic. The health care system is overwhelmed with patients. Many people are still in the hospital. The death toll is rising. The impact of the virus is being felt in every community.

SHAFER
Kids perform Lion King
 The Shafter Children's Theater presented a production of The Lion King at Shafter's First Theater and Academy for the Performing Arts. The production was a success and the children were praised for their performance.

SHAFER
Schools open with distance learning only
 The school district has announced that schools will be open with distance learning only. This decision was made to ensure the safety of students and staff.

WASCO
Ignoring water woes costing city now
 The city of Wasco is facing a water crisis. The water supply is low and the cost of treating the water is increasing. The city is looking for ways to conserve water and reduce costs.

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