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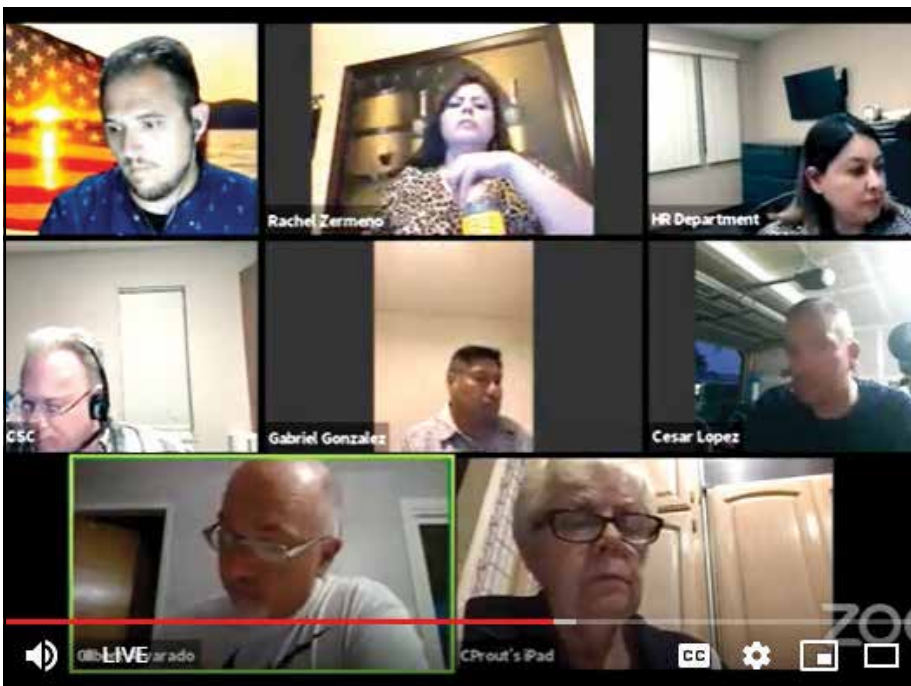
TONI DEROSA
The Wasco Tribune

With the cost of Kern County Fire Department service expected to rise, the city manager of Shafter suggested that his city and Wasco jointly seek alternatives to the KCFD with a cost-sharing agreement.

Wasco City Manager Daniel Ortiz-Hernandez said getting the Board of Supervisors to consider such an approach could be difficult. Ortiz-Hernandez also said a detailed evaluation needs to be done to determine exactly what services the fire department provides and to compare costs with private companies.

The City Council also addressed the purchase of a new fire engine.

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The Shafter City Council discusses plans to relocate the Regional Transit Bus stop to Stringham Park

Shafter to host 9-city panel

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Shafter will host a group of representatives from nine cities to review a new reimbursement proposal that was put before the Kern County Board of Supervisors.

The proposal would drastically increase the fire services costs for the nine cities. Those cities are: Shafter, Wasco, Taft, McFarland, Delano, California City, Tehachapi, Maricopa and Arvin.

A study done by the Kern County Fire Department found that those cities had been substantially underpaying for services provided by the Kern County Fire Department. The structure of the proposal would change the way cities are billed.

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Face it, wearing masks has caught on



ABOVE: A Houchin blood donor waits for his turn. RIGHT: Students from Palm Avenue School pose with their masks.



TONI DEROSA
The Wasco Tribune

You can't walk anywhere in Wasco without seeing people wearing masks. Businesses are now requiring customers to wear a mask in order to enter the establishment.

Masks are the first line of protection against the covid-19 coronavirus, and those who don't wear one are risking either getting sick or getting someone else sick.

Many people keep a mask handy in their vehicle so they can pop it on while walking into a business.

Walmart, which had been ambivalent about masks, now enforces them once you enter the store.

Customers ordering take-out must also wear a mask when picking up their order.

Employees at Café 101, Walmart, Starbucks, True Value, Dollar Tree, The Dollar Store, hair salons, Fiesta Market, Hong Kong Restaurant and the smaller shops on 7th Street all require customers to wear a mask when entering.

Large stores like Walmart and many smaller shops also have social distancing

WASCO

markers for their customers.

At PrimeX, all employees wear a mask, as well as a protective smock and gloves when they enter the business.

The FastStrip Market on Poso also asks



Masks are all in the family with the Herreras visiting from Palm Springs.

customers to wear a mask

With school starting last week, students and all teachers and staff all wore masks.

Kern County Sheriff's Office Lieutenant Peter Martinez said at a City Council meeting that with people wearing masks, it's more difficult to determine who is a criminal because everyone comes in wearing a mask.

A teacher describes her distance learning day

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Richland School District had planned to begin in-person schooling on Aug. 6, but that was before Governor Newsom restricted school districts to distance learning in counties on the state's watch list. That made it necessary for Kern County schools to teach via the internet.

While distance learning presents a series of challenges, the Richland School District has made the learning a positive experience by integrating lessons with sessions that allow

low the students to communicate with one another, even if it is not face to face.

The school day begins for sixth-grade teacher Candie Springer by logging on to their classroom, while the students log on to join the class, followed by roll call. Roll is taken by the students unmuteing their microphones announcing "here," with their picture popping up on the screen. Each student is equipped with a laptop with a

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Candie Springer teaches her class from her home.

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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.

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Mystery history

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WASCO



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HEADLINES IN HISTORY



From The Shafter Press archives

10 Years Ago: 2010

After 20 years of business in Shafter, Holiday Ford decides to close their doors. Today, the Ford Theatre and Tin Cup are in that location at 1101 E. Lerdo Highway

20 Years Ago: 2000

The Mexican Colony Store/Cantina "La Gardenia" celebrated its 72 years. It opened up in 1928 as a grocery store for the locals.

30 Years Ago: 1990

Richland-Lerdo School District hired Dr. Daniel Knapp at their Superintendent.

40 Years Ago: 1980

The Shafter Library had a film festival book display celebration for Women's Right to Vote. Women's Right to Vote was ratified on Aug. 18, 1920 and became the 19th Amendment. This year we will celebrate 100 years of the Women's Right to vote.

ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

Aug. 15

Stephen Noe Gutierrez, 21, of Shafter, was arrested for domestic violence, disorderly conduct: under the influence of drugs, and possessing controlled substance paraphernalia.

Jose Isaac Gomez, 31, of Shafter, was arrested on an outside agency warrant.

Santos Gutierrez, 30, of Shafter, was arrested on an outside agency warrant and a misdemeanor bench warrant.

Aug. 13

Dirk Barton Underwood, 50, of Shafter, was arrested on an outside agency warrant.

Aug. 12

Alfonso Garcia Jr., 26, of Shafter, was arrested for DUI alcohol.

Aug. 11

Esteban Lara Jr., 33, of Shafter, was arrested on an outside agency warrant.

BUTTONWILLOW

Aug. 15

Marco Antonio Aguilar, 62, of Shafter, was arrested in the 18000 block of Beech Avenue in Shafter for making criminal threats.

He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

WASCO

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

Aug. 10

David Juarez, 36, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on an active misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

Aug. 12

Adrian Jesus Alanis, 20, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 600 block of Griffith Avenue on an active misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern

County Jail.

Gary Ramos, 54, of Wasco, was arrested in the 600 block of North Maple Avenue for public intoxication. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Aug. 14

Gerardo Perez, 42, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of H Street for misdemeanor trespassing. He was cited and released at the scene.

Desmond Jason Sullivan, 26, of Bakersfield, was arrested at the intersection of Highway 43 and Highway 46 for driving on a suspended license. He was cit-

ed and released at the scene.

Aug. 15

Ricardo Lopez Bada-jos, 35, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1100 block of 13th Street for misdemeanor obstruction of an officer, possession of a controlled substance, possession of unlawful paraphernalia and entering a red-tag dwelling. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Saul Moreno Hernandez, 57, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of Rosewood Street for felony infliction of corporal injury on spouse of cohabitant and felony child cruelty with

possible injury or death. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Aug. 16

Patrick Isidro Arrambide, 22, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of Rose Avenue for felony possession of cocaine for sale, possession of a controlled substance while armed, possession of controlled substance for sale, possession of a firearm by a felon, prohibited ownership of ammunition, participation in a criminal street gang and manufacturing an undetected firearm. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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Cris Starrh is surrounded by the cast of their 25th production, The Lion King.

Children's Theater's Starrh honored

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Cris Starrh was recently recognized for the 25 years she has served the youth of Shafter by founding the Shafter Children's Summer Theater, which celebrated its 25th anniversary this year with its production of The Lion King. This was the first production that was done virtually, live streaming the play from Shafter's Ford Theater. After the production, the cast presented Starrh with a video featuring remarks from different cast members through the years. She was also given a special photo plaque.

Starrh began the theater program when she wanted something in town that could keep her kids busy over the summer, giving them something productive to do. With no experience in the theater, she said she was blessed to have talented people on her team to help create such a special group.

"The good Lord put people in my path that made it possible for this program to be a success," she said.

The group's first production was 101 Dalmatians. In years to follow, the summer theater did productions of The Little Mermaid, the Wizard of Oz, Annie, Mulan and Beauty and the Beast, among others.

Most of the productions challenged the cast to show off their acting and singing skills, and some had the cast dancing, too.

Growing from an initial cast of 20 and three production staff, the most recent production boasted a cast of 80 and a team of over 20 who helped put the show together.

The program is for children up to 18 years old. Once children age out of the program, they are invited to join the production team and help with choreography, singing, set design, lighting, and a myriad of other positions.

Starrh said another big reason for the success of the program is the wonderful support she has received from the community. From the parents of the children, the talented people assisting with the productions, to the local businesses that have stepped in and helped financially, the community of Shafter has made the program its own.

"We would not be able to do what we have without the amazing support of the community," said Starrh.

Housed in the auditorium at Shafter High School for the first 20 years, the theater was then moved to its current location at the Ford Theater. "We appreciate Shafter High for all of their years of support, but it is really



The 25th production of the Children's Summer Theater was this year's The Lion King.

nice to have a place that we can call home," commented Starrh.

In addition to giving the kids and their parents something to be involved in during the summer, the program is also a boon for the Shafter High drama program. The high school has benefited from the amount of kids who have been involved in the program from a young age, giving them valuable experience that is utilized once they enter high school.

"By the time they start high school, the students have already been through the jitters of being on stage and have that confidence of being out in front of an audience," Starrh said.

This sentiment has also been expressed by a couple of the cast members. Megan Bloemhof, who was Annie in the Children's Summer Theater production, said the experience has helped her in every phase of her life. "Before I started in theater, I was very shy, without much confidence," she said. "Now I volunteer in class and have self-confidence that I didn't have before." The same goes for Bethany Neufeld, who said she started performing in the first grade. "I started out early and am now in the Shafter High Drama Club," she said. "The experience has helped me so much in my drama classes."

Neufeld said she loves the thrill she gets from performing. "I love the excitement of being in the spotlight," she said.

Starrh deflects a lot of the attention for the success of the program to so many others who she said have played critical roles in the success of the program. But this only shows that she has such a heart for the kids and the program.

Pandemic precautions at Primex

Employees make sure guidelines are followed

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

Primex has taken precautions to protect its workers during the covid-19 pandemic. Mojhan Amin, the company's chief operating officer, says Primex has been in compliance with Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the Kern County Health Department guidelines.

During a recent tour of Primex's facility, many of these steps were on display.

Since the middle of March, Primex has instituted new regulations for anyone entering the premises. Once a visitor enters, they are required to have their temperature taken.

Receptionist Samantha Zavada, weight master Joselin Escobar, human resources manager Angie Nunez and production manager Aldo Montoya led the tour.

Primex employees must wear a mask, smock, gloves, non-slip shoes and a hard hat before leaving the hallway for the next room.

As soon as Montoya entered, two employees asked why a visitor didn't have regulation attire on. This happened several times during the tour.

The first stop was a hand-washing area where several employees -- socially distanced -- were waiting in line to approach an available sink. An antibacterial soap was on hand.

The first area entered was the employee locker room. Currently, there is a wall where employees hang up their smocks, but the company is adding more lockers so no one has to hang their smock on a hook.

Next, the packaging area, an assembly line area where employee stations are outfitted with Plexiglas dividers between each employee. Rows of employees maintained the required safe distancing.

At each stop, employees asked Montoya why the visitor wasn't wearing the required attire. "There are employees who specifically keep an eye out for people not wearing the required gear," Montoya said. "It's one way we check to make sure everyone is clean enough to enter the packaging and processing areas."

Primex has also installed Plexiglass partitions in their lunchroom. Seating is placed to encourage safe distancing. There are two television sets on in the lunchroom so employees can keep up with covid-19 updates.

On July 27, Primex held employee meetings to update staff on how many employees tested positive and how many were returning to work. "As of July 27, 151 employees tested positive for the virus and 85 of those returned to work, while another 30 are anticipated to return to work soon," Rojas said.

Next week: Part of this inside tour of one of the largest nut processing plants in the country.

Two employees asked why a visitor didn't have regulation attire.

Community Bible Study to begin its 36th year

Shafter's Community Bible Study class will begin Sept. 1. This will be our 36th year in Shafter. Community Bible Study is an in-depth study open to all. CBS is a non-denominational study; our members represent many of our local churches. Valley Bible Church has graciously hosted our study for many of our 36 years.

At CBS we study the Bible in small, core groups that are facilitated by caring leaders. We offer onsite core groups Tuesday mornings for ladies, and remote coed core groups. Our Tuesday morning class time has a children's program for all ages and a nursery program for children under 2 years of age.

Our Tuesday morning starts at 10 a.m. with everyone gathering for a short time of song and devotion. We then break into core groups to go over the lesson which members completed at home. We finish the morning with everyone gathering together for a teaching time.

With the uncertainty of the times, it appears that this year we will be starting with online Zoom group meetings but we will be making every effort to have on-site groups as soon as it is deemed safe to do so.



Sharlene Eskew, children's director, showing what the children will be learning this day.

We will be hosting a registration coffee on Tuesday, Aug. 25, from 9 to 11 a.m. in the courtyard at Valley Bible Church, 350 Pine St., Shafter. You can also register online at Fischer.communitybiblestudy.org.

If you have any questions call: 661-747-5095 or 661-746-6890.

Heated race for District 2 seat

TONI DEROSA
The Wasco Tribune

The Wasco City Council election has only one incumbent running unopposed while two of the three districts up for re-election are being contested.

In District 2, incumbent Gilberto Reyna is running against business owner William David Ward, small business owner Vincent Martinez, businessman Jang Han "John" Kim and claims adjuster Florirene Olvera.

In District 4, incumbent and Mayor Tilo Cortez is running against crane operator Eduardo "Eddie" Rodriguez Saldana.

In District 5, Council member Alex Garcia is running unopposed.

The election will be Tuesday, Nov. 3. It's unknown at this time if voters will be able to vote in-person or if absentee ballots will be available.

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More contestants for Miss Wasco Rose Queen



Jordan Abernathy

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Jordan Abernathy is the daughter of David and Jenifer Abernathy. She has one brother, Tyler Abernathy.

"I want to be Rose Queen because I would love to be a positive role model to all the little girls looking up to the Rose Queen like I did when I was a little girl," she said. "I would also love to be the next Rose Queen for the experience and to push myself out of my comfort zone and lastly to be more involved with the beautiful city of Wasco."

Jordan likes living in Wasco because she likes everything about being in the city. "What I love is the small-town atmosphere and how everyone knows everyone. This town is like one big family."

During high school, Jordan participated in sports, academic competitions, FFA, theater and band.

She says her passion has to be animals. "I love working with animals and taking care of them," Jordan said.

She sees herself attending college at the University of California, Monterey Bay, and in five years sees herself very successfully working for a marine biology aquarium.

"If I could live anywhere in the world, I would live in Australia, because of all the wildlife and because of how beautiful it is there."



Kimberly Gonzalez

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Kimberly Gonzalez was born in Bellflower, grew up in Ontario, and ended up in Wasco.

She is the daughter of Candido Gonzalez Ponce and Maria Elena Jimenez. She has one little brother, David Gonzalez

"I want to be Rose Queen because since I moved to Wasco, the community has been so welcoming and extremely kind to me," Kimberly said. "I would love to help and make the community even more amazing than it already is as much as I can."

Kimberly said that her friends include other Rose Queen candidates Yesenia, Milagros and Jordan, along with Maritza and Lesly, who are not candidates. "FFA has been a very big activity that I participated in during my school years," she said. "I raise rabbits and show them in the Kern County Fair. This is something I found that I love to do while in high school."

Kimberly is a part of the Wonderful Academy and will have her associates degree when she graduates from WHS. She participated in sports, academics, competitions, FFA, theater and band while in school.

Her favorite teacher at WHS is ag teacher Ms. Rodriguez. "This year was her last year at the WHS, but she was the person who introduced me to rabbits and showing," she said.

Her favorite subject in school is mathematics. She was the junior class vice president last year as a junior.

She wants to attend California State University, Fresno and major in criminology. In five years, she sees herself obtaining experience so she can work for FBI and wants to join the academy.

Photos by Vincent Martinez



Natalie Elizabeth Guerrero

Sponsored by Wasco Rotary

Natalie Guerrero was born in Long Beach and moved to Gardena, then Delano and finally Wasco.

She is the daughter of Diana and Jose Guerrero. Natalie has a sister, Vanessa, and two little brothers, Steven and Julian.

"I want to be Rose Queen to inspire positive change in the community, to be a role model and to make my family and my community proud," Natalie said.

Natalie has a lot of best friends, and they are her castmates from her last play. She named Judy, Ruben, Ben, Marco, Mari, Tori and Gio.

She was a busy girl in high school, participating in sports, academics, competitions, FFA, theater, band, drama club and the newspaper, joined the drama club as a freshman and was in two productions her junior year. "I started work on the Orange and Black as a sophomore and was able to begin printing as a junior, acting editor and president of the journalism club," she said.

Natalie is passionate about writing. "I think it's a powerful tool and a valuable talent to put words onto paper and make people feel something," she said.

Her favorite subject in school is English. She loves reading, writing and discovering new ideas in literature. "I'm always learning new things and perfecting my writing," Natalie said.

She sees herself attending the University of Southern California, majoring in writing for screen and television. "I hope to one day make someone's favorite movie," she said.

In five years, she sees herself working for a network, ideally Netflix, where she can try new things. "I want to be a screenwriter for Netflix," she said.



Maybeth Lopez

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Maybeth Lopez Dominguez was born in Mexico, at the age of 3, her family moved to Lost Hills and when she was 16, they moved to Wasco.

"I ask myself why I want to be Rose Queen," she said. "Being a Rose Queen is more interaction with the community and their citizens and that's the thing that drew me closer to wanting to be a Rose Queen."

She is the daughter of Norelia Dominguez Torrez and Candelario Lopez Ruiz. There are three girls in her family. The oldest is Karen Miranda Dominguez, second-to-youngest Stephanie Lucero Dominguez and Maybeth.

Her favorite thing about living in Wasco is her family, friends and people she knows and just being in Wasco itself.

She considers Estefania Lopez and her boyfriend Andre Cordova her best friends.

She participated in volleyball and softball while in high school. Maybeth considers her passion revolves around whatever it is that she is doing at the moment.

She doesn't have one favorite teacher but said that all the teachers she has had are her favorites. "Most of the teachers I knew were like my friends and most of all, they were there patiently teaching me many things," she said.

Maybeth's favorite subject is school is math.

Her plans for college are still up in the air; however, she is interested in Norwich University either online or in Northfield, Vt. and California State, Monterey Bay.

"In five years, I still see myself fighting my way to becoming a surgeon or being a part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC)," she said. "When I grow up, I would like to be a great wife and mother, if God gives me the chance to be one."

If she could live anywhere in the world, Maybeth would live anywhere near a river or lake where she can have a house with plenty of space for her parents to live with her. "Also, the river or lake would be the fishing spot for my father and me," she said.



Daisy Cendejas

Sponsored by the Wasco Knights of Columbus

Daisy was born in Bakersfield and grew up in Wasco.

She is the daughter of Maria de los Angeles Navarrete Narez and Victor Cendejas Ramirez. She has a 2-year-old sister named Carmen Cendejas.

"I would like to be Rose Queen because I would like to help my community and just be able to grow more as a person," Daisy said.

Daisy likes living in Wasco because it is calm and a close community. "There are always people who are willing to help others out," she said.

Her best friends include Jennifer Luna, Gladis Castillo, Idaly Flores and Brenda Acosta.

Daisy has participated in various activities throughout her school years such as sports, academics, competitions, FFA, theater, band, track and field, FFA, Skills USA and yearbook.

Her favorite subject in school is chemistry because she finds it to be very interesting and the subject wasn't too difficult for her to understand.

She was the class vice president for her freshman year.

Daisy's favorite teacher is Mr. Martinez because he always helped her out with her schoolwork and even helped her with her college courses.

Daisy wants to attend UC, Davis and major in agriculture business. In five years, she sees herself graduating from Davis and beginning her career in agriculture business. She would like to be a person who works in human resources for a company.

"If I could live anywhere in the world, it would be Milan," she said. "I would like to visit historical places, try new foods and learn about different cultures."



Jennifer Luna Solorio

Sponsored by the Wasco Woman's club

Jennifer Luna Solorio is the daughter of Esther Luna Solorio and Mario Luna Perez. She has one brother named Marco Antonio Luna Solorio.

"I want to be Rose Queen because ever since I was a little girl, I always looked forward to being Rose Queen," she said. "I would like to help out the community and show the young ladies that anything is possible in life."

Jennifer considers Daisy Cendejas, Bianca Espinosa, Stephanie Garcia and Cheyenne Fernandez. She also said that her favorite teacher is Mrs. Morales because she has always helped her out when she had any questions regarding school.

During her high school years, Jennifer participated in swim her freshman and sophomore years, golf, the Wonderful Academy, FFA and the MAYA Club.

She lists listening to music as her passion and her favorite subject in school is English. "I enjoy reading," she said.

Although she wasn't in student government, she did help make posters and helped with anything they needed help with.

"I would like to go to California State University, Sacramento," Jennifer said. "In five years, I see myself pursuing my career in child development and having my own family."

Jennifer said if she could live anywhere in the world it would be in Orange County because that is where most of her family lives. "I absolutely love it so much since it is my hometown where I was born, and I cherish it a lot."

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*.



Marlen Paredes Ruiz

Sponsored by Maria's Tax Service

Marlen Paredes Ruiz is the daughter of Iris Paredes Ruiz. She has an older sister, two older brothers and a younger brother.

"I would like to be Rose Queen because I love to be out in the public and help my community," Marlen said. I also love helping those outside of my community and helping those in need while giving back to everyone who has given me so much."

Marlen likes living in Wasco because of the people and the community. "Everyone is so kind and generous, with open hearts and smiles," she said.

Marlen's best friend is her mom. "She's my best friend because she has always been there for me since day one and will still be there for me to listen, advise me, help me, teach me, comfort me, discipline me and many more," she said. "A mother is like glue, the heartbeat to your home and the purest love anyone could ever know. A mother is not only your mother but your friend first, your best friend as a teen, but your forever friend for always and forever."

She participated in sports, academics, competitions, FFA, theater and band. She also was a part of choir and steel drums band.

Marlen's passion is music. "Music has always been a major part of my life that it's everywhere and in everything I do on a daily basis or even beyond my daily life," she said.

Her favorite teacher is her mother. "Mothers are our first teachers," she said. "A mother is a teacher of love, manners and respect because when they have faith and believe in us, we then do have faith and believe in ourselves. Acceptance, tolerance, bravery and compassion are the things my mom taught me."

Marlen's favorite subject is performing arts because she enjoys different forms of art such as singing, dancing, acting and performing them in different ways.

While not necessarily involved in student government, she did help her class her freshman year in the taco sale at one of the home football games.

Marlen would like to attend Bakersfield College and Cal State, Monterey after graduating from WHS.

When she grows up, she would like to be a criminologist or marine biologist and succeed in life just like her mother and siblings have.

"If I could live anywhere in the world, it would be Europe," she said. "It is one of the most beautiful continents within the world with varieties of cultural cities."



Mackinley Grace Wankum

Sponsored by Westside Family Fellowship

Mackinley Grace Wankum is the daughter of Matthew and Tiffany Wankum. She has an two sisters, Madison and Millicent.

Mackinley wants to be Rose Queen because she feels she would be a good example in the community. "It would allow me to reach out to our community," she said.

She loves Wasco because it's a familiar town with great traditions. She considers her best friends Jordan Abernathy, Haley Allen and Nick Lopez.

Mackinley participated in volleyball during her freshman year and for the past three years has been heavily involved in FFA.

"I am passionate about spending time with my friends and family, which includes traveling and trying new things while having fun," she said.

Mackinley plans on being a cosmetologist after graduating and wants to pursue a career as a hairstylist.

"If I could live anywhere in the world, I would live in the state of Montana because I love the outdoors and the scenery there," she said.

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City manager criticizes high-speed rail

TONI DEROSA
The Wasco Tribune

High Speed Rail has had a negative impact on Wasco, City Manager Daniel Ortiz-Hernandez said in a memo this month. Ortiz-Hernandez said at the Aug. 18 City Council meeting that he asked the HSR if they would consider paying for the demolition of the former farm labor camp, because demolition would cost the city between \$5 million and \$6 million. The HSR said it would not pay for the demolition.

Ortiz-Hernandez outlined the impact the high-speed rail construction is having on the city. Even though it will go through Wasco, it will not stop in the city, and residents who want to utilize it will have to go to Bakersfield to pick it up.

The city has closed 6th Street so HSR wouldn't have to build an underpass. Ortiz-Hernandez said the closure was done at significant cost to the city while saving money

for the high-speed rail.

Another disadvantage, he pointed out, is that Amtrak will no longer be stopping in Wasco.

In 2016, the HSR awarded Construction Package 4 to the California Rail Builders for \$44 million. Wasco is the only community within the construction area, so no other city will be impacted like Wasco will be.

In addition, the city has had to use a lot of staff time reviewing the concept plan, and meeting with the California Rail Builders and authority representatives.

The condition that the former farm labor camp was left meant the city had to contract with a security guard to protect the property. This meant Kern County Sheriff's Office personnel were forced to take time out of their routines to address camp issues.

Because the HSR tracks would be next to the former farm labor camp, the HSR financially helped relocate residents to a new housing development in the northern part of the city. However, the authority did not provide funds to demolish the old units, resulting in the blight and adverse condition the camp is in today.

During the construction of the HSR, the authority representatives assured the city that they shared the same desire the city has to have a collaborative working relationship and said they were "committed" to being good partners.

In addition to the blight of the former camp, the authority is seeking to remove the Amtrak platform in Wasco and discontinue Amtrak service.

The HSR was created to increase greater mobility and decrease the cost of vehicle miles, travel times and reduce greenhouse gas emissions for the disadvantaged minority and low-income populations of Wasco. Instead, by eliminating the Amtrak stop, the HSR is putting additional vehicles on the road and increasing travel time.

Wasco has added a webpage to its website, High-Speed Rail Impact on Wasco, at <https://www.cityofwasco.org/305/High-Speed-Rail-Impact-on-Wasco>.

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Emissions reduction incentives

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Community Emissions Reduction Plan, which was created by a committee made up of Shafter community members, city officials and business owners, has seen some implementation since it was approved late last year. In a move to lower emissions and reduce the community's energy usage, the CERP includes a commitment from the San Joaquin Valley Air District of up to \$1.5 million to incentivize the installation of residential solar and zero and near-zero emission appliances in Shafter, by committing a 10% match to state funding for residential solar and near-zero emission appliances in the community.

The total state and district funding under this proposal would be \$15 million for residential solar and zero and near-zero emission appliances in

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Under the new CERP, the oversight for energy usage is still the job of the California Public Utilities Commission, the public utilities, cities, and counties, not the district. The legislation that made it necessary to create a new emissions reduction plan does not provide the district with new regulatory authority over energy programs.

However, the district will make available to the responsible agencies the following strategy, as suggested by the Committee for potential inclusion into the CERP, for input and response in the Shafter Community Emissions Reduction Program.

There are several state programs that can ultimately benefit the community, such as the DAC-Single Family Solar Homes Program. This program

provides assistance in the form of upfront financial incentives for the installation of rooftop solar generating systems for income-qualified owners of single family homes in disadvantaged communities.

There is also a weatherization program that will assist homeowners in weatherizing their homes, including testing and repairing, or even replacing refrigerators, water heaters, heating and cooling systems and gas cooking appliances. It also assists with the insulation of walls, ceilings, floors, and attics. It can also cover weather-stripping, caulking all doors and windows, as well as carbon monoxide detectors, and also duct testing of heating and cooling systems.

This is the beginning of implementation of several plans and programs that were mentioned in the CERP approved by the District in December 2019.

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No virus deaths at state prison

TONI DEROSA
The Wasco Tribune

Wasco State Prison has released a total of 195 non-violent inmates as of Tuesday, Aug. 18, and has identified another 237 non-violent inmates who could be released in the future, said Lieutenant Joshua Farley, a prison spokesman. There have not been any deaths attributed to the virus.

The prison also reported that 79 employees tested positive for covid-19, 30 of whom have returned to work.

Farley said that as of Monday, 40 inmates had tested positive for the coronavirus, and that the prison released 29 with the virus. The number of cases resolved was 137 in total.

The prison has been following Center for Disease Control and Prevention and Kern County Health Department guidelines.

Each inmate must wear a mask

when moving around the prison. Staff working or performing duties on prison grounds must also wear a face-covering and those who do not comply will be disciplined, the spokesman said.

As of Monday, 40 inmates had tested positive for the virus.

Employees who are identified as critical workers are provided surgical masks to wear throughout their shift.

Additionally, the prison is maintaining social distancing inside the prison walls and maintaining physical distancing is mandatory while moving

around the facility. The incarcerated population is permitted to keep their masks when they're released.

In an effort to address the pandemic inside the state's prisons, the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation has implemented measures to protect all those who live and work in the state prisons, and the community at-large.

In April, CDCR hastened the release of almost 3,500 incarcerated persons serving a sentence for non-violent offenses, who do not have to register as a sex offender, and who had 60 days or less to serve. As part of that effort, Wasco State Prison released 195 non-violent inmates.

In July, CDCR announced an additional series of release actions in an effort to further reduce the population and maximize space for social distancing and quarantine efforts.



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WUESD placing bond measure on ballot

TONI DEROSA
The Wasco Tribune

The Wasco Union Elementary School District again plans to place a bond issue on the ballot, one goal of which would be to creating a central kitchen to prepare food for the district.

"In addition to providing a good education, our schools have played a vital role during the covid-19 pandemic," Superintendent Kelly Richers said. "The WUESD has provided thousands of meals daily during this trying time. Due to lack of capacity to produce sufficient meals at any one location, food preparation has been spread out among our schools. The measure will build a central kitchen, which will increase our feeding capacity."

The measure has not yet been named. If passed, the measure would also:

- Make health, safety and security improvements.
- Construct/modernize classrooms, restrooms and school facilities.

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Upgrade fields and facilities for school and community use.

Replace temporary portables with permanent classrooms.

Among other benefits of the bond measure, Richers said:

It qualifies the district for state money by providing a required local match.

All funds must be spent locally and cannot be taken by the state.

By law, spending must be annually reviewed/audited by an independent oversight committee.

Funds can only be spent to improve Wasco elementary schools, not for salaries.

"The measure upgrades, replaces, and renovates old and inadequate kitchens and classrooms, improves the education of local children and maintains the quality of our community during these difficult times," Richers said. "That's something we can all support. Please join us and vote yes on this new measure."

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PUBLIC NOTICES

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 the 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 defined in Public Contract Code Section 33300, 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
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Ridge Route Towing 2020-B3158

1842 Cuddy Canyon Road
Lebec, CA 93243
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
PO Box 1322
Lebec, CA 93243
Norma Molina
444 Chimney Canyon Road
Lebec, CA 93243
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 10/1/2015
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/Norma Molina
Date Statement Filed: 07/17/2020
Date Statement Expires: 07/17/2025
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/N Franco
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PUBLIC NOTICE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: SCV-20000011

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: Alexandro Arturo Contreras filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present Name
Alexandro Arturo Contreras

Proposed Name
Alexandro 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 described 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
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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
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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
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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
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/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
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Tjaarda Farming Co 2020-B3261

34929 Flyover Ct
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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
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By: /s/M Hernandez
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/s/Michael C. Young, President
Date Statement Filed: 07/25/2020
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By: /s/M Hernandez
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Wasco Agro Services 2020-B3067

17455 Wasco Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
P.O. Box 1025
Wasco, CA 93280
Jason Wayne Keillor
17455 Wasco Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 01/01/1970
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/s/Jason Keillor
Date Statement Filed: 07/13/2020
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Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
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By: /s/N Franco
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PUBLIC NOTICE Statement of Abandonment Of Use Of Fictitious Business Name Wasco Agro Services

281 Pine St
Shafter, CA 93263
County: KERN
Mailing address of business:
P.O. Box 1025
Wasco, CA 93280
Jason Keillor
17455 Wasco Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
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: General Partnership
/s/Jason Keillor, Partner
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2016-B0715
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 02/01/2016
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 07/13/2020
Mary B. Bedard, CPA
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By: /s/N Franco, Deput
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Dermscapes Medical Spa and Laser Center, Inc. 2020-B3322

9840 Brimhall Rd Ste 200
Bakersfield, CA 93312
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
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Bakersfield, CA 93312
Dermscapes Medical Spa and Laser Center, Inc.
9840 Brimhall Rd Ste 200
Bakersfield, CA 93312
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
The business is conducted by: Corporation
Date the business commenced: 04/20/2009
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/s/Belinda A. Senar, President
Date Statement Filed: 07/27/2020
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PUBLIC NOTICE SHAFER CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on September 1, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., the Shafter City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval of the following residential project:
Tentative Tract No. 7375: A proposal by Vernon Gunter to subdivide 3.33 acres (gross) into 10 single-family residential lots. The proposed residential lots range in size from 11,635 square feet to 12,654 square feet and are consistent with the existing Low Density Residential (R-1) District. The project site is located at the southeast corner of W. Tulare Ave and N. Reiker Street. A Categorical Exemption has been prepared for the project.
Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. The project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15332 of the CEQA Guidelines. Copies of the project are on file in the office of the Planning Department at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, and are available for public review. Any person wishing to be heard, or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of said project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments to the Suzanne Forrest, Senior Planner ((661) 746-5002) at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263 or by e-mail at sforrest@shafter.com. Should anyone challenge any proposed action which is the subject of a public hearing listed in this notice or otherwise, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at or prior to this public hearing.
Consistent with Executive Order N-29-20, in person participation by the public will not be permitted and no physical location from which the public may observe the meeting will be available. You are strongly encouraged to observe the Planning Commission meetings live via YouTube https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofShafter/. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item or public comment, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, September 1, 2020 to the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com. If you wish to make a written comment to the City Clerk, please submit to 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. If you wish to make a comment during the live meeting, callers must first register with the City Clerk at 661-746-5012 before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. Please call by 5:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the City Council meeting to allow ample time for sign up. You will need to provide your name, phone number and the item number you wish to address. All public comments are provided to the City Council and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the Commission prior to taking action on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the City Council meeting.
Dated: August 13, 2020

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Wasco, CA 93280
Jason Wayne Keillor
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Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 01/01/1970
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/s/Jason Keillor
Date Statement Filed: 07/13/2020
Date Statement Expires: 07/13/2025
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
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Yazmina Pallares
City Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement kern keys 2020-B3205

8609 Winlock Street
Bakersfield, CA 93312
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
8609 Winlock Street
Bakersfield, CA 93312
Madeline Najarian
8609 Winlock Street
Bakersfield, CA 93312
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 10/11/2017
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/Madeline Najarian
Date Statement Filed: 07/21/2020
Date Statement Expires: 07/21/2025
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/M Hernandez
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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF NOMINEES FOR PUBLIC OFFICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the following persons have been nominated for the offices designated to be filled at the General Municipal Election to be held in City of Shafter on Tuesday, November 3, 2020.
For Member of the City Council (Full Four-Year Term)
(Vote for no more than three)
Gilbert T. Alvarado
Pete Espinoza
Rafael Zamudio
Kris Lawrence
Manuel Garcia
Chad Givens
Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk
Dated: August 13, 2020
Posted: August 13, 2020
Publish *Shafter* Press August 20, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTIFICACIÓN DE CANDIDATOS PARA OFICINA PÚBLICA

POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO que las siguientes personas han sido nominadas para las oficinas designadas ser cubiertas en la Elección Municipal General que se llevará a cabo en la Ciudad de Shafter el martes, 3 de noviembre del 2020.
Para Miembro del Concejo Municipal (Término Completo de Cuatro-Años)
(Vote por no mas de tres)
Gilbert T. Alvarado
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Kris Lawrence
Manuel Garcia
Chad Givens
Yazmina Pallares, Secretaria Municipal
Dated: August 13, 2020
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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTIFICATION OF HEARING ON ANNEXATION OF PROPERTY TO LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. LL001-2006 OF THE CITY OF SHAFER (ANNEXATION NO. 1) AND ASSESSMENTS PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED ON THAT PROPERTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021-2022

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OBITUARY

C R Swanbeck, MD FACA
Aug. 8, 1929 – Aug. 18, 2020

Dr. C R Swanbeck was born Aug. 8, 1929, and passed away on Aug. 18, 2020, at the age of 91. He had been a resident of Golden Living in Shafter. He received caring treatment from the wonderful nurses and staff.

Dr. Swanbeck was born in Lewiston, Idaho, and resided in Clarkston, Wash., until leaving to attend WSU. He was active in sports and academics in high school. Upon graduation from WSU, he attended medical school at the University of New York School of Medicine, in Syracuse. After an intern-

ship in Spokane, Wash., and a residency in general practice in California, he served two years as a captain, MC, in the Army.

After a residency in anesthesiology in California, he started practice with the Fresno Anesthesia Group in 1960. Dr. Swanbeck was a board certified anesthesiologist in Fresno for over 30 years.

He leaves behind his wife, Lois, and four sons: Robert Alan, James Richard, Robert Lee and Eric Strand. A fifth son, Kenneth, is deceased. He also had eight grandchildren.

Following Dr. Swanbeck's wishes, there will be no services.

DEATH NOTICE

Romaldo Ortiz Cabrera, 65, of Bakersfield, passed away Aug. 18 in Bakersfield. Basham-Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Uriel Lopez, 0, of Wasco, passed away Aug. 12 in Delano. Peters Funeral Home Shafter.

Julia S. Rodriguez, 89, of Shafter passed,

away Aug. 13 in Shafter. Peters Funeral Home Shafter.

David W. Northam, 79, of Bakersfield, passed away Aug. 13. Peters Funeral Home Shafter.

Ivan Ronald Ward, 73, of Bakersfield, passed away Aug. 13 in Bakersfield. Basham-Lara Funeral Care Shafter.

Ana Maria Barajas de Esparza, 65, of Buttonwillow, passed away Aug. 18 in Buttonwillow. Basham-Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Connie Marie Coronado, 52, of Wasco, passed away Aug. 18 in Bakersfield. Basham-Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Kern County Planning Commission will meet and will hear the following request on Thursday, September 10, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, First Floor, Kern County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA

1. (a) Conditional Use Permit to allow a college preparatory high school

(Section 19.12.030.J.1), with accessory buildings, classrooms, multi-purpose halls, sports fields, common areas, landscaping, and parking lot to be constructed in two (2) Phases on 18 acres in an A (Exclusive Agriculture) District; (b) Cancellation of a 22.17-acre portion of a 405-acre parcel of a Land Use Contract and approval of a Contract Amending Land Use Contract on 22.17 acres; (c) Exclusion of approximately 22.17 acres

within the boundaries of Agricultural Preserve No. 5; Southeast corner of Lamberson Avenue and Highway 46 in the unincorporated Lost Hills area; Special Situation, Section 15183; Educational Leasing, LLC by QK, Inc. (PP20167), applicant; Staff Planner Mark Tolentino, Planner 1 ((661) 862-5041)

The application(s), environmental document(s), and complete legal description(s) for the request(s) are on

file in the office of the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department and are available for public review.

Anyone wishing to give testimony on this request will be heard. If you challenge the action taken on this request 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 Planning and Natural Resources Department at, or

prior to, the public hearing. If you cannot be pre-sent and you have questions regarding this project, you may telephone the Planning and Natural Resources Department and speak to the Staff planner (listed above) assigned to this case. We encourage the submittal of written comments by As Soon As Possible, so that those comments may be considered when Staff formulates its recommendation; however, written comments may be

submitted anytime prior to, or at, the public hearing. Correspondence should be sent to the Planning and Natural Resources Department, 2700 "M" Street, Suite 100, Bakersfield, CA 93301. KERN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION 2700 "M" Street, Suite 100 Bakersfield, CA 93301 Publish Wasco Tribune August 20, 2020

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
KERN-TULARE WATER DISTRICT
RESOLUTION NO. 2020-06
A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
KERN-TULARE WATER DISTRICT ADOPTING THE BUDGET FOR 2021,
FIXING 2021 WATER TOLLS, FIXING AND LEVYING 2021 STANDBY
CHARGES, AND LEVYING 2021 SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS
WHEREAS, on July 9, 2020 the Board adopted its Resolution 2020-05 which, among other things, declared the Board's intent to (a) adopt the recommended budget for 2021, (b) fix and charge water tolls for water delivered by the District, (c) levy and collect 2021 standby charges upon land in the District's Service Area, (d) levy a special assessment on developed land within the District, and (e) levy a special assessment on the undeveloped land within the District and called a public hearing regarding such matters for August 13, 2020 at which time any person interested could appear and be heard; and
WHEREAS, Resolution 2020-05 was published in the *Visalia Times Delta* and the *Shafter Press* and a copy thereof was mailed to each holder of title to land within the District as shown by the District's assessment roll; and
WHEREAS, no person has objected with respect to any matter within Resolution 2020-05; and
WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the District and its landowners that the Board now adopt the budget for 2021, fix water tolls for 2021, fix and levy standby charges for 2021, and fix and levy special assessments on developed and undeveloped land within the District.
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of **Kern-Tulare Water District** as follows:
1. Each of the matters set forth above is true and correct and the Board so finds and determines.
2. The Board hereby adopts the District budget for 2021 as shown on the attached Exhibit A.
3. The Board hereby fixes water tolls for 2021 for water delivered by the District at the rates shown on the attached Exhibit B.
4. The Board hereby fixes and levies a standby charge of \$125 per acre upon land in the District's Service Area. The standby charges shall be payable in two equal installments, the first of which shall be delinquent if not paid on or before February 1, 2021, and the second of which shall be delinquent if not paid on or before June 1, 2021. A penalty of 10% shall be added to all standby charges that become delinquent and delinquent standby charges shall bear interest at the rate of 1.5% per month.
5. The Board hereby levies a special assessment of \$27 per acre on developed land within the District and a special assessment of \$20 per acre on the undeveloped land within the District. The special assessments are due September 1, 2020. The special assessment charges shall be payable in two equal installments, the first of which shall be delinquent if not paid on or before February 1, 2021, and the second of which shall be delinquent if not paid on or before June 1, 2021. A penalty of 5% shall be added to all special assessments, or installments thereof, that become delinquent and the District shall immediately begin the tax sale process. Once, the District receives a Certificate of Sale an interest rate of .75% shall be added to the delinquent special assessment for each month, or portion thereof, until the date of redemption or the date upon which the District perfects a Collector's Deed. All property subject to a Certificate of Sale shall be subsequently assessed as though the Certificate of Sale had not been received.
6. The District shall not deliver any water for use on any land as to which any water toll, standby charge or special assessment is delinquent.
7. The Secretary shall transmit a certified copy of this resolution to the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern.
8. The Assessor shall give notice of the fixing and levying of the standby charges and the special assessments in the manner required by Water Code section 36826.
PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of **KERN-TULARE WATER DISTRICT** this 13th day of August, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: Kent H. Stephens
Andrew Pandol
Curt Holmes
Bruce Kelsey
Joshua Nugent
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Exhibit A KERN-TULARE WATER DISTRICT Preliminary 2021 Budget (August 7, 2020)				
COB Contract	0	ac-ft		
CVP CVC Contract (0%)	0	ac-ft		
Class 2 Water	0	ac-ft		
North Kern Banking	5,000	ac-ft		
Rosedale Banking	9,000	ac-ft		
West Kern Banking	2,000	ac-ft		
Hathaway Oil Field Water	1,700	ac-ft		
FKC Carry over	0	ac-ft		
TID Banking	0	ac-ft		
ID4 Exchange	0	ac-ft		
SOD Purchase	0	ac-ft		
Other Purchases	0	ac-ft		
Warren Act Losses	0	ac-ft		
Total Supply	17,700	ac-ft		
Distribution System Losses (3%)	531	ac-ft		
Irrigation Delivery	17,169	ac-ft	1	Ac-Ft/ Acre
2020 Final				
2021 Budget				
	(ac)	(ac-ft)	(\$/ac-ft)	Budget

REVENUES				
Irrigation Water Sales	17,169	463	\$7,945,580	\$12,375,085
Assessments			\$532,360	\$532,360
Developed	19,580	27		
Undeveloped	185	20		
Standby	19,403	125	\$2,425,375	\$2,425,375
Sale of CVC Capacity			\$0	\$0
Interest & Misc. Income			\$15,000	\$15,000
TOTAL REVENUE			\$10,918,315	\$15,347,820

EXPENSES				
Water Supply				
COB Basic Contract	0	85	\$0	\$0
COB Miscellaneous			\$0	\$0
USBR CVC Contract	0	100	\$0	\$1,570,000
USBR 215 Contract	0	40	\$0	\$0
USBR Class 2 Contract	0	30	\$0	\$0
USBR URF Contract				
Hathaway Oil Field Water	1,700	155.5	\$264,350	\$180,000
SOD Purchase (Jan & Feb)	0	120	\$0	\$0
TID Exchange				\$0
FKC Carry over	0	145	\$0	\$46,000
Other Purchases	0	400	\$0	\$0

Conveyance				
California Aqueduct				
KCWA Wheeling Fee	0	12	\$0	\$188,400
SWP Power	0	37	\$0	\$580,900
DWR Wheeling Fee	0	40	\$0	\$628,000
ID4 Exchange Fee	0	25	\$0	\$37,500
Cross Valley Canal				
O & M			\$800,000	\$800,000
Standby			\$3,780	\$3,780
Pumping Energy- Rosedale	9,000	12	\$108,000	\$108,000
Pumping Energy- Aqueduct	2,000	33	\$66,000	\$633,600
Friant Kern Canal				
FWA O&M Fee			\$20,000	\$20,000
FWA Conveyance Fee	11,000	12	\$132,000	\$0
USBR Warren Act Fees	0	25	\$0	\$0
Reverse Pumping Charges	16,000	10	\$160,000	\$332,000

2021 Budget				
	(ac)	(ac-ft)	(\$/ac-ft)	Budget
Avenue 36 Wheeling Fee			\$64,745	\$164,622
DEID Wheeling Fee			\$6,000	\$6,000
South Capital Repayment Fee			\$0	\$0
AE Exchange Fee			\$0	\$0
Ground Water Banking				
Rosedale				
Pumping Energy	9,000	70	\$630,000	\$630,000
Cost of Water	9,000	300	\$2,700,000	\$2,700,000
North Kern				
Administration			\$0	\$0
Repair & Replacement			\$0	\$0
Pumping Energy	5,000	75	\$375,000	\$375,000
Cost of Water	5,000	200	\$1,000,000	\$1,000,000
West Kern				
Pumping Energy	2,000	75	\$150,000	\$150,000
Cost of Water	2,000	380	\$760,000	\$760,000
Tulare ID				
Cost of Water	0	120	\$0	\$120,000
Return Cost	0	75	\$0	\$75,000
Pisley ID				
Cost of Water	100	0	\$0	\$50,000

Distribution System				
Repairs & Maintenance			\$300,000	\$300,000
Pumping Power	17,169	49	\$842,265	\$1,384,343
Administration & General				
Directors Fees			\$12,000	\$12,000
Dues & Subscriptions			\$138,500	\$138,500
FWA Fees			\$115,000	\$115,000
SLDMWA Fee			\$5,000	\$5,000
Temperance Flat MOU			\$65,000	\$65,000
Administration Expense			\$150,000	\$150,000
Professional Services				
Legal Fees			\$100,000	\$100,000
Accounting Fees			\$30,000	\$30,000
Engineering Fees			\$80,000	\$80,000
Vehicle Expense			\$40,000	\$40,000
Insurance				
General Liability & Bonding			\$30,000	\$30,000
Employee Medical & Dental			\$170,000	\$170,000
Workman's Compensation			\$20,000	\$20,000
Salaries & Wages			\$921,850	\$895,000
Uniforms			\$4,000	\$4,000
Payroll Taxes			\$72,100	\$70,000
CalPERS-Employer Contribution			\$87,550	\$85,000
Debt Service- SSJMUD			\$495,175	\$495,175
TOTAL EXPENSES			\$10,918,315	\$15,347,820

Exhibit B					
KERN-TULARE WATER DISTRICT					
2021 Water Tolls by System					
System	Turnout	Water Toll (\$ per acre-foot)			
		Non-full Cost	Full Cost 202(3)	Full Cost 205(a)(3)	Excess
North System	24-H, 36-1, 36-2, 36-3, 36-4, 36-5, 40-3, 40-5, A, B, C-1, D, D-2, E-1, E-2, E-3, F-1, F-2, G-1, G-2, G-5, L-1, N, T-1, T-2, T-3, T-4	\$459	\$459	\$459	\$459
Woollomes/Cecil	1-B, 2B, 1-C, 1-D, 1-H, 6-A, 6-B, 18-A, 18-B, LW-2, LW-5, LW-3, LW-6, LW-7, LW-8, LW-8A, LW-9, LW-10, LW10-A, LW-11, LW-14, LW-20, LW-21, LW-22, LW-23, RG-5, RG-9, RG-15, RG-16, RG-19, RG-17,	\$457	\$457	\$457	\$457
6th Booster	6-F, 6-J	\$469	\$469	\$469	\$469
Ave 4/ Rag Gulch	13-A, 13-H, AV4-1, AV4-2, AV4-3, AV4-4, AV4-5 R-4, R-5, R-8, R-10, R-12, RG-12	\$484	\$484	\$484	\$484
Twin Pipes	TP-5, TP-6, TP-7, TP-8, TP-9, TP-10, TP-11, TP-12, TP-13, TP-14, TP-15	\$477	\$477	\$477	\$477
Cameo	CL-2, CL-3, CL-4, CL-5, CL-6, CL-7, CL-8, CL-9, CL-10, CL-12, LW-17, LW-18	\$475	\$475	\$475	\$475

A teacher's view of distance learning

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camera that enables them to see their teacher and each other, giving the students a sense of togetherness.

The class has reading time where Mrs. Springer leads the class in reading their book together, then answering questions about the book. Springer created her lesson plan aided by programs in Google Classroom, as well as tests that she created for the class. In the curriculum, there is English, Math, Reading, as well as Social Studies. Each student went to their school site before the fall semester began and was given a packet that included their textbooks for the year and workbooks. According to Springer, the students can use the actual textbooks in class or can opt to use the book that is online.

All assignments are done online. The school day runs from 7:45 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., with a break for lunch. While Springer is not teaching the entire day, with the students doing their assignments during independent learning time, she is online the entire school day to answer questions, as well as lead different reading groups. If a child has a question, there is a hand icon the students use to "raise their hand," which shows up on Springer's screen. Springer said there is a certain amount of time during the classes to let the students communicate with one another, just as if they were sitting around a table at school.

"I think it is important for the kids to get a chance to talk to each other, with a lot of them not being able to communicate with each other as much



The entire class is connected via ZOOM.

as they do during a regular school year," she said.

Springer said that because the sixth-graders they have had more experience with computers, it is easier for her than for some teachers of the lower grades. "I am blessed to have a wonderful class who know how to use the computer and are engaged the entire day," she said.

To make sure the students are not just online for roll call and then logging off, Springer can see on her computer those students who are not just "here," but are engaged in the lessons. She can tell on her screen which students are working on assignments by their activity on the computer and also the assignments they turn in.

Once a student finishes an assignment, they click on the "turn in" icon and the finished assignment is sent to Springer's inbox. She can then grade the assignments online.

The students can look at their daily assignments by clicking on that day's schedule, which details everything to be done that day.

Springer said that next week the Physical Education teacher will begin teaching a class that includes exercises and physical activity.

As for students in the lower grades, Springer said she knows they have a different set of challenges. "I would think that those students below the second grade would have to have a sitter, with them not being able to log on to their computers by themselves. It is very difficult but we have been training on this system are equipped to help our students get a quality education," she said.

Springer said she had some reservations when she first learned they would be distance learning, but that with the program that they use and the training they received, it is going very well. "Even with the fact that the kids are not together, with the way the classes are set up, and the ability of them to participate in the class all together, it gives them much needed connection with each other," she said.

Next week: A student's view of the distance learning experience.

Shafter to host study group

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manner in which the cities would be charged. The cities would be charged based on their per capita cost. For example, Shafter and Wasco would see their costs increase by about \$300,000 annually, while Taft would see their cost rise to almost \$1.7 million.

City Manager Gabriel Gonzales said Shafter doesn't have to have any out of pocket costs for the services they receive because they have a fire fund that is included in their revenue from property taxes.

"With the amount of revenue we receive in property taxes, we actually have a surplus in the fire fund account. But under the new proposal, by the year 2027, our out of pocket costs would be a little over \$300,000 annually."

Gonzales said the new proposal was put before the Board of Supervisors in early July. The nine contracted cities did not get an opportunity to review the proposal and didn't even know the study or the proposal existed until that meeting. In a preventive move, the

nine city managers together submitted a request for an extension that would give them time to review the proposal.

The board gave the cities a 15-day extension. Realizing that this was not a sufficient amount of time to fully review the study, the city managers requested another extension.

They were then granted a 90-day extension. The involved cities decided to seek the services of CityGate Associates to assist in a review of the study and proposal put forth by the Kern County Fire Department. The cost for CityGates' services is \$13,646, which would be split between the nine cities, with Shafter getting reimbursed by each individual city.

In other council action, a resolution was approved that would change the starting time of regular City Council meetings from 7 p.m. to 6 p.m. As reported at the last council meeting, Gonzales said Shafter is the only city in the county that has a starting time of 7, whereas most cities start at 6. He said the new starting time would still

afford residents time to get off work, grab a bite to eat and be able to attend the meeting. The action was approved.

The council also approved the action taken by Shafter's emergency director, who is City Manager Gonzales, in which Gonzales put forth an executive order giving Shafter businesses the option of applying for outdoor sales permits, and waiving the usual fees associated with those permits. In response to Governor Newsom's recommendation of closing non-essential businesses operating indoors, such as restaurants, salons, barber shops and retail stores, Gonzales told local businesses they would be permitted to conduct business outdoors, including outside dining areas, as well as using parking lots and outdoor areas as retail spaces.

The council also extended the state of local emergency due to the coronavirus pandemic, allowing the city to operate under emergency conditions and to be eligible for reimbursement for funds spent in relation to the pandemic.

Fire cost-sharing pact eyed

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chase of the former farm labor camp. The council had anticipated it would complete the purchase this year after the new farm labor camp housing was completed and the former camp was empty of residents.

The city will finalize the purchase of the former farm labor camp from the Wasco Housing Authority for \$100 once all the residents are relocated. The \$100 isn't a bargain for the city because it will cost between \$5 million and \$6 million to demolish the buildings. The city has been maintaining security and the grounds on the former camp site since the new camp was completed.

Ortiz-Hernandez said he asked the High Speed Rail Authority to pay for the demolition, but that they said no.

The council then voted unanimously to purchase the former farm labor camp with the sale to be finalized once it's empty.

In other business, assistant city manager Mariana Sobolewski presented a resolution to be approved for a Wasco Small Business Covid-19 Relief Grant.

"The grant program would provide relief of \$5,000 for businesses of more than five employees," Sobolewski said. "Grant money can be used to reimburse the costs for business interruption."

She also said small businesses that were recipients of the Federal

Paycheck Protection Program and/or Kern Recovers Program are ineligible to receive a Small Business Covid-19 Relief Grant.

Grants of \$1,000 would be available to small businesses that have fewer than five employees that have been deemed essential by the state.

For additional details, contact Sobolewski at 758-7214.

Additionally, the council unanimously adopted a resolution to enter into an agreement with Obaid Markets, which operates, Fiesta Supermarket, to give residents a local place where they can pay their utility bills. This will cost the city 18 cents per transaction.

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