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El Michoacano, located next to the Bank of America, is drawing crowds from all over Kern County.

Mexican restaurant drawing diners from all over county

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

With restaurants facing the challenge of drawing diners during the pandemic, a lot of businesses are altering their service options, menus, and hours. In Shafter, there is a restaurant that has been drawing diners from all over Kern County and the pandemic has not slowed the appeal.

In 2016, El Michoacano Restaurant, on Central Avenue next to Bank of America, was visited by Pete Tittl, the food critic for the Bakersfield Californian. Tittl was celebrating his anniversary and raved about the enchiladas. The restaurant has been building on that reputation steadily over the years and the busi-

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ness, according to owner Alejandra

Aviles, has been great. Owners Higinio and Alejandra Aviles took over the restaurant 16 years ago. Alejandra said that she and her husband both grew up in the restaurant business, working in several restaurants before deciding

to venture out on their own. In addition to the sizzling enchiladas, Aviles said that the most popular items currently on the menu are the chile verde and the shrimp

"We sell a lot of the chili verde, especially at lunchtime. We also sell

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Deep-fried ice cream is a favorite.

Chance of sports not looking good

The Shafter Press

It has been almost a year since there has been any sort of high school sports competition.

According to Shafter High Principal Russell Shipley, the sports dilemma is a frustrating According to the Cal-

ifornia Interscholastic Federation, since Kern County is in the purple tier, cross country is the only sport that can begin competition. If Kern County gets

into the red or orange tier, there would be more sports added to the list.

After Gov. Gavin Newsom lessened the restrictions on schools,

and the go-ahead was given by the CIF, it was anticipated that the Kern County High School District would okay the See PRETTY Page 3



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Lori Sundgren helped lead a rally in Bakersfield recently, attended by over 100 community members.

Wasco State Prison fined for violations

TONI DEROSA

Wasco Tribune Wasco State Prison was fined \$16,360 for the way it handled its employees during the coronavirus pandemic.

Cal/OSHA fined several

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California prisons over the issue of employees and the coronavirus in the workplace.

The state website reported that the prison was fined for three violations, including two serious infractions. The website also states that the prison did not have an adequate plan in place to protect workers from viruses transmitted through the air.

"They also did not fit employees properly for face masks requiring a filter," the report stated.

California State Prison, Corcoran, and Avenal State Prison were also cited for similar violations.

Even though the fines were issued Nov. 23, 2020, the report was published this month.

Joshua Farley, correctional lieutenant, administrative

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Mayor addresses High Speed Rail board

TONI DEROSA

Wasco Tribune

Mayor Alex Garcia pushed the High Speed Rail Authority Board on the topic of the farm labor camp hazard.

He delivered public comments at the board meeting Feb. 9 via Zoom.

"I will not apologize for past leadership. will; however, be headstrong in our efforts

to hold the HSR accountable for any and all

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adverse impacts the project has on the community they chose to build through," Garcia said. "Our city has bent over backwards to accommodate the authority's contractors every step of the way. We have to reconsider permitting further activity within the City of Wasco if our residents continue to be denied environmental justice."

The meeting was held for the board of directors to consider the Authority's Draft 2020 Business Plan, 2021 funding plans and the Finance & Audit Committee reports at the meeting.

Garcia reminded the board of directors of the damage and negative impact the project has brought upon Wasco. Garcia hopes that he can remind the board to do what is right by small, rural communities such as

Research shows that the city will have to pay upward of \$10 million to safely demolish the farm labor camp. The costs include hazmat cleaning, asbestos removal and demolition.

Public comments are not able to be acted upon and Garcia hopes that the HSR authority will put the issue on a future board agenda.



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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.

ONGOING

Utility bills — The City of Wasco reminds residents that the city's official website is the only authorized avenue to pay your utility bill online.

Covid-19 testing — There will be free covid-19 testing Wednesdays and Sundays at the Wasco Library, 1102 7th St., Wasco. If you have insurance, they will be billed. Appointments can be made at 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.

Reopened — Shafter City Hall has reopened to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hours for the finance department are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 661-746-5000.

Food2Door — The program delivers 70 pounds of food once a month to seniors 65 and older, sponsored by the City of Shafter CAPK and Kern County. Call 661- 498-7831 ext. 1310 to find out if you're eligible

for the program. CAPK y el Condado de Kern "Programa FOOD2DOOR" atienden a personas mayors de 65 años . Una caja de comida de 70 libra cada mes se entrega directamente en la puerta. El programa no se basa en los ingresos, está diseñadopara mantener a las personas ensus hogares y mantenerse saludables para que podamos vencer al COVID-19. Llame al 661-498-7831 ext. 1310 Para averiguar si es elegible para el programa e inscríbase hoy mismo.

TUESDAY

Senior lunch program — The senior sack program gives out lunches to seniors every first and third Tuesday of the month at 11 a.m., sponsored by the Golden Gleaners. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith St., Wasco.

THURSDAY

Wasco Recreation & Park Board -Meetings are on every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Hall at Barker Park,

Truth ministries — Truth Ministries: A Faith Based 12-Step Program providing fellowship recovery will be held on Thursday nights from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church, 400 Kern St. The program begins on Feb. 25. Call 661-746-4969 for more information.

Food giveaway — The Impact Program is a weekly food giveaway provided to anyone in need, Fridays beginning at 7 a.m., first come, first serve. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith St., Wasco.

High Speed Rail — The California High Speed Rail will be hanging a banner announcing the 5,000 workers that helped work on the high speed rail. The event will be on Friday, Feb. 12 at 10 a.m. at the Wasco Viaduct.

SATURDAY

Hazardous waste collection - Kern County Public Works is hosting a Household Hazardous Waste Collection event Saturday, Feb. 13 at 17621 Scofield Road from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Accepted items include batteries, motor oil, paints, light bulbs, automotive products, cleaning products and more.

Shafter-Wasco Evento de Recolección, sábado, 13 De Febrero Del 2021, 17621 Scofield Road 9 a.m.- 1p.m. Materiales Aceptado: baterias, Aceite de Motor, Pintuars, Productos Automotricesy más!

HEADLINES IN HISTORY



Compiled by Erica Soriano

10 years ago: Feb. 2, 2011

Shafter State Farm Agent Ramona Herrera received the commercial remodel award. The award was giving by the Shafter Chamber of

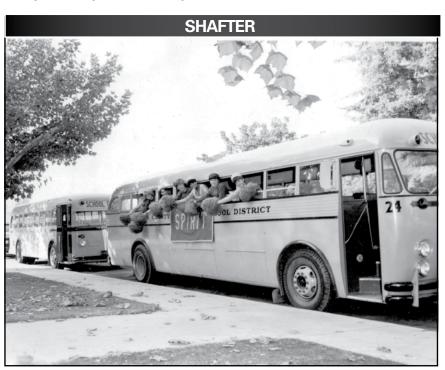
20 years ago: Feb. 7, 2001

Former owner of Shafter Holiday Ford Dan Smith received the businessman of the year award by the Shafter Chamber of Commerce.

30 years ago: Feb. 13, 1991

The Cinco De Mayo Planning committee started off their meetings by adding a new event to the celebration. The event that was added was the "La Colonia Reunion." This event honors the history and people of our Mexican community.

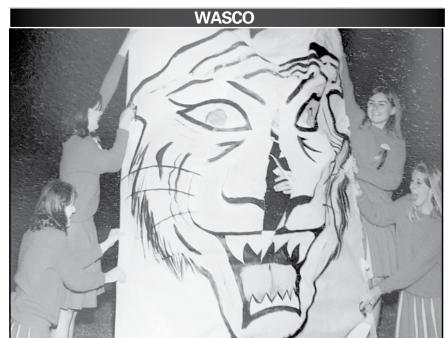
Mystery history





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@The ShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. LAST WEEK: A photo showing Shafter's Central Avenue and Central Valley Highway in 1941-1942.

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ARREST REPORT

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Police Department Feb. 2

Jesse Mora, 34, of Shafter, was arrested on the 100 block of W. Orange St. on a felony bench warrant, proof of financial responsibility.

Feb. 4

Alexis Fabian Barrios, 29, of Shafter, was arrested on the 300 of State Ave. for arson: property, obstruction of public officer, controlled substance paraphernalia and on an outside agency

warrant.

Feb. 5 Andres Gonzalez Hernandez, 32, of Shafter, was arrested for being under the substance and on a misde- outside agency warrant. meanor bench warrant.

Vincent Lopez, 26, of Shafter, was arrested on a felony bench warrant.

Nathan Alberto Quinonez Loureiro, 24, of Shafter, was arrested on a felony bench warrant and possession of controlled substance.

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Jorge Antonio Molina Rivas, 32, of Shafter, was arrested for DUI alcohol, driving without a driver's license, impede the flow of traffic and unsafe turn.

Saul Navarro, 25, of Shafter, was arrested for driving while a suspended license, DUI, no proof of

influence of a controlled responsibility and on an Street for misdemeanor

Feb. 7 Carlos Deleon, 42, of at the scene. Shafter, was arrested for disorderly conduct: under influence of drugs and controlled substance paraphernalia.

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As reported by the Kern County Sheriff's Office, Wasco Substation

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Alejandro Hernandez, 21, of Bakersfield, was arrested at the intersection of Poso Drive and Broadway

driving without a license. He was cited and released

Sixto Hernandez, 20, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2300 block of 3rd Street on his active felony and misdemeanor bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jose Lopez, 31, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of 7th Street and Poplar Avenue for misdemeanor driving without a license. He was cited and released at the scene.

Ramon Ramos, 39, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2400 block of Jo Ellen Court for misdemeanor possession of unlawful paraphernalia. He was cited and released at the scene.

Ricardo Martinez Lucas, 22, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1900 block of 4th Street in Wasco for false imprisonment, resisting/obstructing/delaying a peace officer, resisting arrest and willful cruelty to child. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Feb. 6 Ricardo Gomez Ruiz, 19, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of 16th Street in Wasco for rape by force, sex with a minor, false imprisonment and attempting to dissuade a witness/victim. He was booked into the Kern

County Jail. Marcos Quintana, 30, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1200 block of 19th Street in Wasco for stalking and vandalism. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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City Hall opens its doors to public

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

City Hall office buildings reopened to the public on Monday, Feb. 8, with social distancing and the requirement of facial coverings to be worn by all who enter the For the safety of the customers and the

staff, these requirements will be in place until further notice. Those customers who need to speak to

city staff other than to make utility payments can make appointments for in-person transactions. All other city offices are open as well, including planning department

buildings, animal control and the Shafter Police Department. The police department is open, but certain transactions are still being done by appointment only. Check the department's website for details. For over two months, the city was serv-

ing the community online and were completing in-person transactions through the window at the back of the building in the alleyway. At the Shafter Police Department, the

lobby is still closed, but residents will be allowed in by the dispatcher, keeping a limit on the number of people in the lobby for social distancing purposes. For those people who need property

from the city's Property Room released, it is open from Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. For those needing Livescan fingerprint-

ing services, and Concealed Carry Weapon permits, this is still served by appointments. The appointments will be scheduled by Records to limit the number of people inside the lobby. If you need copies of crime reports, re-

quests will be filled on Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., as well as those who need a Citation Sign-off done. At Animal Control, the office is open,

but appointments are recommended. The shelter is adopting animals out again, with all visitors required to wear a mask, and adhere to the social distancing guide-The shelter is open Monday through Sat-

urday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., except on Wednesdays. Wednesdays, the hours are 1 p.m. to They are open for licensing, adoptions,

picking up strays, as well as responding to emergency calls. For more information, call

Plans for proposed park published online

JAMIE STEWART The Shafter Press

The plans for a proposed park in northern Shafter are now online after the community got a chance to help design the park.

The park will be the first in the northern Shafter neighborhood near the intersection of Fresno Avenue and Highway 43, adding to the improvements and enhancements that are being done in that area.



Several workshops were held to get input from residents.

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There is a shoulder improvement project underway, and there is a study being conducted for the possible need for a stop light on Highway 43.

The new park design is the result of several workshops that were held both virtually and in-person. Residents were invited to make suggestions on what equipment should be at the

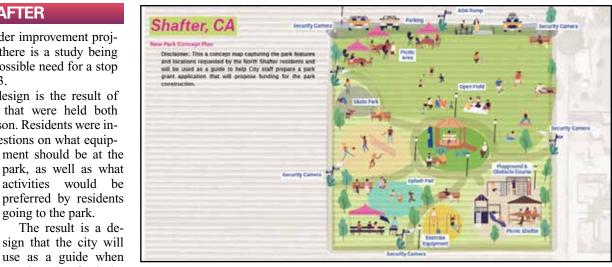
> preferred by residents going to the park. The result is a design that the city will use as a guide when creating the final design that will be presented to the state as

they apply for the grant

that will fund the proj-

Some of the highlights of the design are the exercise equipment, skate park, and splash pad, as well as an obstacle course.

For years, the idea of a skate park has



This illustration is the result of workshops including community members.

been batted about at the city level, with a couple of sites with skating equipment set up, but the projects never lasted more than a few months. There was also talk about having a dog

park in Shafter, but they are still discussing where the location should be, and what sort of design would be the best option. As for the new park in northern Shafter, residents can also expect a splash pad and security will be a priority, with several security cam-

The next step in the process is the application that will be sent to the state for approval. There is over \$1 million in grant funds that can be allocated if approved. According to Melissa Bergen, of Listen to Shafter, it is been great that the citizens have been involved in the process.

"It is great for the community to be able to be involved in the process, making them a part of the solution and its implementation," Bergen said.

'Pretty apparent' we will not reach orange tier

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beginning of the cross country season.

As of Wednesday, the Kern High School District has chosen not to begin its cross country season vet.

Even with the green light, Stan Greene, at a recent Kern High School District Board meeting held the first week in February. said that the district did not feel comfortable beginning the season for cross country, even with other school districts electing to

For Kern County to have a football season, the county would have to be in the orange tier. Orange tier is a level that is six times fewer new cases per 100,000 than what Kern County is at now.

At the Kern High School District board meeting, Stan Green said, "I don't want to come here and be a dream crusher, but it is pretty apparent that we will not be reaching the orange tier before this school year ends."

Shipley said that Shafter High is a part of the Kern High School District and "we have to follow their guidelines, no matter what our personal feelings are."

Lori Sundgren, a Shafter High parent who is frustrated by the situation, recently helped hold a Let Them Play Rally, which was attended by about 100 parents and students in Bakersfield.

Among her concerns are the stalemate that the district seems to be in, and also the damage that the suspension of play is doing on the kids of the county. Sundgren said that we live in the social media age, and our kids can see kids from all over the country who are still able to participate in sports."

Seeing kids from other states get to continue their sports careers, Lori said this is doing further damage to the psyche of kids in California.

"These kids are losing their childhood she said.

Recreation and Parks district manager retires

TONI DEROSA

Wasco Tribune

One of the first things you notice about Vickie Hight is her smile and the lightening streak of white that frames her bangs.

A former Shafter General, Hight has become a Tiger because of the many years she and her husband, Scott, have lived in Wasco and the many years she has served the Wasco community. Now the community is bidding her ado as she retires from the Recreation and Parks Department.

Hight began her career in Wasco working part time at the Chamber of Commerce in 1993. She then became city clerk in 2005 and, in 2013, decided to switch gears and was hired as the Recreation and Parks dis-

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trict manager.

Hight officially retired Jan. 29 at 60 years old. "It was just time for me to retire," Hight said.

She said that the main thing she misses, especially during the pandemic, are the children playing at Barker Park behind the department's office. She cherishes all the relationships she formed while working and looks forward to maintaining them in her future.

Hight was always the go-to person when it came to the early days of the Rose Fes-

"We rented a little office space for the festival in the 1990s and

early 2000s," Hight said. During the late 1990s and early 2000s, she worked tirelessly on the Rose Pageant book before Reed Print began printing it. Her two daughters were both Rose Queens and kept her in the throes of planning, executing and experiencing the joy of watching them be crowned. She is proudest of all

the projects undertaken by the Recreation and Parks Department while she was the leader such as the solar



Grandson Henry James, daughter Lynsie Anchordoquy, Vickie and Scott, daughter Katie Emmarie and Brian Gallagher.

lighting and the fitness equipment. "We put in a new guard room for the

pool and new restrooms at the park," she said. "We rebuilt Westside Park and the softball diamond where the Wasco Reserve played." She said that the staff was also able to

redo the irrigation system and turf while upgrading the parks. "The board's focus was the infrastruc-

ture when I was district manager," she said. Hight also said that upgrading the playground and turf at Southgate Park on 15th Street was rewarding. She reflected on 2020 and said that it

was a dark year.

"In 2019 we held summer camp and swimming, which were fun for the kids," she said. She missed hearing kids during the summer of 2020 and hopes the summer of 2021 isn't the same.

Some of the couple's retirement plans include traveling and continuing with their ministry at their church, Westside Family Fellowship on Palm Avenue.

Hight said that she and her husband have been planning a special trip; however, because of covid-19 that has been delayed.

"My dream for retirement was Italy," she

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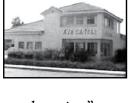
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Hazardous waste collection event Saturday

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The Shafter Press

Many items cannot go in the usual garbage and the hazardous household waste collection event is a way to get rid of those

On Saturday, Feb. 13, Kern Public Works will be holding an event for anyone needing to dispose of hazardous materials. Due to the pandemic, the last event was canceled. This event will be held rain or shine.

The containers of waste meant for this

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event are those that are too toxic for the regular trash. Among the accepted materials are batteries, motor oil, paints, light bulbs, sharps (needles), pool chemicals, automotive products, cleaning products and more. The event is being held at the Shafter/

Wasco Landfill at 17621 Scofield Road, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. According to Lynnda Martin, of Ameri-

can Refuse, residents were getting frustrated

with the inability of disposing of their hazardous waste, forcing them to keep the materials longer than they would normally do so.

There are a few rules to follow if you are interested in participating in the event. First, you need to label all of your containers and make sure none are leaking. Do not mix different types of waste. Keep them separated. You can transport no more than 15 gallons of waste at a time, or up to 125 pounds per trip.

This event is for personal waste only, no

commercial waste is allowed.

Disposing of residential hazardous waste in your trash or dumping it down storm drains or into the sewer and seption systems can be dangerous to your health the health of others and the environment Thrown into your trash can, hazardous waste can pose a threat to trash collec tors and workers. Dumped on the ground or street, waste can be absorbed into the ground water supply, enter storm drains and pollute the Kern River.

Wasco State Prison fined for covid-19 violations

assistant/public information office from Wasco State Prison, replied to a request for a comment on the fine by stating that Wasco State Prison has made many improvements and has remedied the Cal/OSHA citations in the months since the visit. He added that Wasco State Prison continues to work with public health and workplace safety experts to ensure regulations are met and concerns

addressed as quickly as possible. "Cal-OSHA inspections at WSP took

place between May 7, 2020 and Nov. 11, 2020 and on Dec. 14, 2020, California Correctional Health Care Services, which is overseen by the court-appointed Federal Receiver, provided Cal-OSHA with evidence that WSP had addressed their concerns," Farley said. "WSP made several amendments and revisions to its Aerosol Transmissible Disease Exposure Control Plan, including identification that employees in all job classifications are subject to mask fit-testing, standardized definitions of

high hazard procedures, and identification of which personal protective equipment is appropriate for use in each situation within the healthcare workplace."

Farley added that the plan identifies procedures for handling employee exposures as identified by the California Correctional Health Care Services Public Health Nurse/ Infection Control Nurse and investigated by the Employee Health Program dedicated to covid-19 cases.

"If an employee is removed from the

workplace, they receive paid time off in accordance with California Department of Human Resources regulations," Farley said.

He also said that the staff is informed daily by the prison about the existence/location of confirmed or suspected cases.

"We will continue to work with public health, health care and workplace safety experts to improve processes throughout the pandemic, as our top priority is to keep all those who live and work in our state prisons safe," Farley concluded.

Wasco High FFA provides competition, activity updates

TONI DEROSA

Wasco Tribune COMPETITION

The Wasco High School FFA students recently participated in the South Valley Speaking Competition.

Shafter High School FFA hosted the competition on Jan. 23 and 30. Students spent two weekends competing.

"This year it was different compared to prior years," said Recorder Sofia Reyes. "Each competition was online, which was new to a lot of us. It was divided into two different weekends. The first weekend was Creed, Prepared, and Job Interview."



First place winner in Prepared was Ixchel Sanchez who is a third-year FFA member.

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The Creed Recitation's purpose is to get members to have a strong belief in the industry of agriculture and the core values of citizenship and patriotism.

"This competition is at the freshman level and this year's winners were Elizabeth Milar in fourth place and Natalia Crane in fifth place," Reyes said.

'In the Prepared competition, students write and deliver a six-to-eight-minute speech about a current agriculture-related topic," Reyes said. "Students research a topic of interest and then put together a creative, informative speech. This year's winners were Ixchel Sanchez in firth place and Mackinley Wankum in fifth place.

Reyes said that the job interview contest helps you succeed in future careers by developing the skills needed to seek employment in the industry of agriculture. It simulates real-world activities used by employers and tests a student's ability to perform effectively throughout the employment process. Students submit a cover letter



Third place winner in Creed was Elizabeth Milar who is a freshman enjoys getting involved in activities.



A senior member came out and loaded her truck with oranges with her parents.

and resume, complete an application, and participate in a face-to-face interview. Sofia Reyes took sixth place.

"The following week was Impromptu and Extemp," Reyes said. "Impromptu is to promote and improve the abilities of FFA members to communicate, as well as develop their self-confidence and contributes to their advancement in the achievement of interpersonal skills and the growth of leadership. The students

have seven minutes to select a topic, brainstorm their ideas, outline the speech, and finally, deliver the speech without any notes.'

Extemp is based on a study and original review, a limited-preparation speech case. Lindsay Lee placed fifth and Vianey Padilla placed fourth and will move on to the regional contest.



Two of our members and their mother

came out to pick some buckets of oranges.

SCHOOL FARM YOU-PICK In other FFA activities and due to the pandemic, Wasco FFA School Farm You-Pick was the highlighted activity in Janu-

"Starting from the first weekend of January we gave our members, families, and our community the option to come out to the school farm and pick their own oranges and lemons," Reyes said. "Our fruit trees

were fully packed with a lot of fruit." Anyone that wanted to come out and pick had to make an appointment and fol-

low all covid-19 guidelines. "Each family had 45 minutes in which families stated that they were able to harvest a big amount within that time," Reyes added.



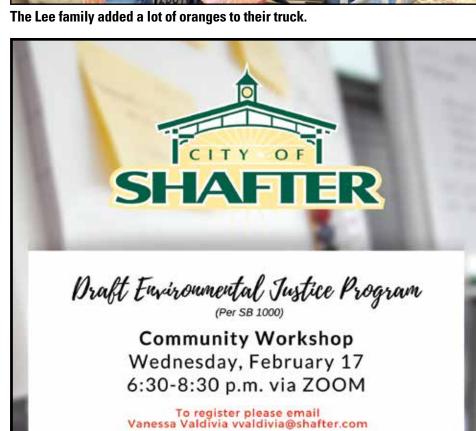
Lindsay Lee took fifth place in Extemp. She is a junior and has been involved in FFA since her freshman year.



Fifth place Prepared winner Mackinley Wankum is a senior and has participated in the chapter all four years at WHS.







Questions? Please contact City Hall at (661) 746-5000

Virus cases in Shafter, Wasco increases

TONI DEROSA Wasco Tribune The number of new positive cases

of the covid-19 virus continues to rise quickly in one week in Wasco. On Feb. 2, there were 4,724 cases

and on Feb. 9, there is an increase of 325 new cases up to 5,049. The number of recovered is 1,444

2., which means recoveries have increased by 17 people. The number of presumed recov-

up from 1,427 for the week of Feb.

ered for the week of Feb. 9 is 1,745

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above last week's recovered of 1,557, therefore 188 are presumed recovered from last week. Shafter's numbers are more stable

than Wasco's with 3,268 cases the week of Feb. 9 compared to 3,142 cases the week of Feb. 2, an increase of 126 new cases in one week. The number of recovered cases in

Shafter for the week of Feb. 9 was 1,206 compared to 1,193 from the week of Feb. 2. There were 13 new re-

coveries in a week's time. The number of presumed recovered in Shafter for the week of Feb. 9 was 1,439 compared to Feb. 2 numbers of 1,283. Restaurants are still closed to in-

door dining.. Hair salons and barbershops are open as are stores in both Shafter opened City Hall at the be-

ginning of the week on Feb. 8 while Wasco's City Hall remains closed.

Meetings are being conducted by Zoom in order to prevent large gather-

Superintendent: Reopening of school not likely this year

TONI DEROSA

Wasco Tribune

The superintendent of the Wasco Union Elementary School District presented a bleak picture regarding the reopening of school for the current school year.

"The WUESD is waiting for two things to occur before reopening," Superintendent Kelly Richers said. "1. The infection rate needs to drop below 25/100,000 and 2. The staff needs to have the opportunity to be vaccinat-

In his speeches, Gov. Gavin Newsom states that schools need to reopen as soon as possible; however, teachers are not on his first three tiers of those to be immediately vaccinated.

According to Newsom's model guidelines for vaccinations, Phase 1, Tier 1, only healthcare workers are being vaccinated, which includes acute care, skilled nursing locations, residents in long-term care facilities, paramedics, EMT's and dialysis cen-

Phase 1a, Tier 2, only healthcare workers are to be vaccinated, which includes intermediate care facilities for persons who need non-continuous nursing supervision and supportive care, home health care and in-home

supportive services, community health field staff and primary care clinics, including federally qualified health centers, rural health centers, correctional facility clinics and urgent care clinics.

Phase 1a, Tier 3 also includes healthcare workers, specialty clinics, laboratory workers, dental and other oral health clinics and pharmacy staff not working in settings at higher tiers. Phase 1b, Tier 1 includes those at

risk of exposure in the following careers including education, childcare, emergency services and food and ag-

"There is still no opening for teachers to be vaccinated," Richers said. "Therefore with a two-week window to be vaccinated and then a three-week wait for the second vaccination and a one-week wait for full effectiveness, we are still a minimum of six weeks away from any possible school opening.'

Richers said that if and when the district reopens, the district will bring back the special education students first, then kindergarten two weeks later, then grade 1 two weeks later and then grade 2 two weeks later, etc.

He reported a survey was sent to

all parents asking if they would be interested in having their student attend summer school in June and July (two full months) from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. each day. According to the survey results, 1,670 parents/guardians responded and around 46% said no, they would not send their student to summer school. Around 21% said that they might send their student to summer school while 24.7% said they would send their student to summer school if offered.

Richers also said that the state required districts to submit their reopening plans by Feb. 1, and WUESD submitted its plans, but he also said that it looks bleak that school will reopen

"We will most likely have another virtual graduation ceremony for the middle schools," he added.

With the money promised by the state, WUESD will be putting \$1 million into new classroom Chromebooks and \$1-2 million into a ventilation system for the classrooms.

He also said three teachers will be taking retirement

"We plan on continuing distance learning and will create a position of coordinator of distance learning for next year," Richers said.

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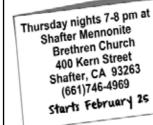


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Mexican restaurant drawing diners from all over county

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a lot of it for dinner, along with the

sizzling fajitas," she said.

With the challenge of serving diners with the restrictions put in place by the county and state, El Michoacano has been serving people al fresco for months, with an outside dining area in front of the restaurant.

The restaurant is open seven days a week, Monday through Friday 8:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m., and Friday through

Sunday from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. With residents who are hesitant to coming and dining at local restaurants, this business has had many callins and take-outs as well.

"A lot of people just want to stop by and grab dinner to take home,

which is a good portion of our business as well," Alejandra said.

Alejandra said that she loves the Shafter community.

"We are not from here, but we just love the community of Shafter," she said. "Our son was 3 months old when we bought the restaurant and our daughter came after we were established. They both have grown up here and have gone to all of

their schooling in Shafter. We just love it." We have loved this place for years and we want to make sure it is here for a lot more years," said Maria Molonga, who has been eating at El Michoacano regularly since she found the place four years ago. "We live in Bakersfield, but we are grateful that we found this place. It is worth the trip."



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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PETITION TO **ADMINISTER ESTATE OF** DANEEL ANDREA

CONGER CASE NO. BPB-20-003101

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Daneel Andrea

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Alyssa Gutierrez in the Superior Court of California, County of KERN.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Alyssa Gutierrez be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

PETITION THE authority to administer the estate Independent under the Administration of Estates Act with full authority . (This authority personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and

should not grant the authority. A HEARING on the petition will be held on 02/18/2021 at 10:30 AM in Dept. P located at 1215 TRUXTUN **AVENUE** BAKERSFIELD CA 93301 METROPOLITAN DIVISION.

shows good cause why the court

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

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

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

Attorney for Petitioner: Theodore M. Hankin SBN

076673 & Hankin, LLP Messina

1400 Quail Street, Ste. 200 Newport Beach, Ca. 92660 Telephone: (949) 383-4656

2/4. 2/11. 2/18/21 CNS-3436188# **WASCO TRIBUNE**

PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business** Name Statement **Rainbow Clothing Department** 2020-B5662

625 F Street Wasco, CA 93280 County:Kern Mailing address of business: 625 F Street

Wasco, CA 93280 Maria Luisa Mendoza 516 E Street Wasco, CA 93280

The business is conducted by: Indi-Date the business commenced: 06-

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 Busi-

ness Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seg., business and professions code.) /s/Maria Luisa Mendoza Date Statement Filed: 12/22/2020 Date Statement Expires: 12/22/2025

Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/M Hernandez Publish Wasco Tribune January 21,

28, February 4, 11, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of: Kinuyo Honda Watt

Case Number: BPB-21-002021 1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Kinuvo Honda Watt

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

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

5. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the

6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

a. Date: 02/25/2021 Time: 10:30 A.M. Dept.: P

b. Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Kern, 1215 Truxtun Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93301, Metro Justice Building

7. If you object to the granting of the petition you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. 8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

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

9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. 10. Attorney for petitioner: Mykhal N. Ofili. Esa.

5455 Wilshire Blvd., 21st Floor Los Angeles, CA 90036 909-212-7679

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PUBLIC NOTICE Wasco Mini Storage

451 N. "F" Street Wasco, CA 93280 ONLINE Auction StorageTreasures.com Ending 2/13/21 @ 8 AM Cleaning deposit \$50 72 hours clean-out U0105 Gustavo Adolfo Soto household U1618 Stephanie Aguilera household U1716 Victoria Reney Salinas household Publish Wasco Tribune February 4,

PUBLIC NOTICE SUPPLIERS CALLING FOR BIDS WASCO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT OWNER:

Wasco Union High School District PROJECT TITLE: Funding Year 2020-21 Wasco Union High School District E-rate Services (Category Two Internal Connections to include Data Protection).

PROJECT LOCATION: 2100 7th Street, Wasco CA 93280.

PROJECT DESCRPTION: Engineer. Supply, Configure, and Provide Installation Options as necessary for Network Equipment requested by Wasco Union High School District - See 470 Number 21002708 for Project De-

RESPONSE DEADLINE: March 02, 2021 at 1PM PST.

Bids/Response must be in receipt of Wasco Union High School District by PLACE OF BID/RESPONSE RECEIPT:

Wasco Union High School 2100 7th Street Wasco, CA 93280

METHOD OF BID/RESPONSE RECEIPT: Bids/Responses must be submitted in writing to: Wasco Union High School District via personal delivery. courier, or mailed via United States Postal Service. All bids must be delivered to the place of bid receipt. E-MAILED RESPONSES SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

PLACE PLANS ARE ON FILE: 470 Number 210002708 / http://adsadsi.com/itb vear 24.asp

SEALED BID MARKING: E - rate 210002708 - clearly labeled on the outside of sealed response.

QUESTIONS: To assure all vendors have the same information ALL QUESTIONS MUST be posted to http://adsadsi.com/itb_vear_24.asp. Please visit the website, create an account to log in and click on the RFP/470 Q/A link associated with the applicant's Form 470 Application to submit a question. In addition, please click on the RFP/470 Q/A link associated with this application to review all questions asked and answered. Please remember that questions

submitted within 5 business days of

bid due date may not be answered. See 470 Number 210002708 for additional details.

To perform the work required by the applicant, the winning Bidder must provide a valid Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) issued by USAC and be licensed in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations, including Local and State Law. Publish Wasco Tribune February 4,

PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business** Name Statement **Garcia Towing and Transport** 2021-B0379

620 Central Avenue Apt. A Wasco, CA 93280 County:Kern Mailing address of business: 620 Central Avenue Apt. A Wasco, CA 93280 Luis Garcia 620 Central Avenue Apt. A Wasco, CA 93280 State of Incorporation or Organization: CA

Ariana Arambula 620 Central Avenue Apt. A Wasco, CA 93280

State of Incorporation or Organization: CA

The business is conducted by: Married Couple

Date the business commenced: NA 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.,

/s/Luis Garcia Date Statement Filed: 01/28/2021 Date Statement Expires: 01/28/2026 Mary B. Bedard, CPA.

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/N Franco Publish Wasco Tribune February 4,

business and professions code.)

11, 18, 25, 2021

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

Sealed Proposals for the work entitled: Request for Proposals for

7th Street Tree Well Repairs 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 March 3, 2021, at which time they will be publicly opened and

General work description:

This project scope includes the grinding of existing trip hazards, removal, and replacement of concrete, backfilling of tree-wells with clean soil to 1/4" below adjacent surfaces, adjustment of existing pavers, saw cutting, and any other items of work required to make the repairs outlined in the request for proposals.

A mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for February 16, 2021, at 9:00 AM, meet at the intersection of 7th Street and HWY 43 in Wasco, CA. This meeting is to inform bidders of project requirements and subcontractors of subcontracting and material supply opportunities. Questions in writing will be accepted until February 24, 2021.

Bids are required for the entire work described herein.

Bids must be submitted as described in the specifications provided by the City of Wasco. 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. All documents submitted in compliance with the requirements of this bid package. and the contract must be scannable and photocopiable.

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 al-

leged 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 February 8, 2021, for a NONREFUNDABLE FEE OF \$10.00 per

CITY OF WASCO 746 8th Street, WASCO, CA 93280 (661) 758-7215

An additional charge of ten dollars (\$10.00) per set will be made for mailing.

OR Email CITYCLERK@CITYOFWAS-CO.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. 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. /s/ Maria O. Martinez, City Clerk Publish Wasco Tribune February 11,

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF BY THE WASCO CITY COUNCIL

ORDINANCE NO: 2021-714 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 2, 2021 the City Council of

the City of Wasco adopted Ordinance No. 2021- 714 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AMENDING TI-TLE 8 "HEALTH AND SAFETY" OF THE CITY OF WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE CHAPTER 8.12, "SOLID WASTE" SUMMARY:

The Ordinance amendments are specific to correcting language that needs to be immediately corrected to comply with AB 341 and AB 1826. California Assembly Bill No. 341 and 1826 required that local jurisdictions make commercial recycling and commercial organics recycling mandatory. The Ordinance was adopted by the

following vote: AYES: GARCIA, REYNA, CORTEZ,

MARTINEZ, PALLARES NOES: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE

ABSENT: NONE A copy of the full text of Ordinance

No. 2021-714 is available for review in the Office of the City Clerk, City of Wasco, 746 - 8th Street, Wasco, CA 93280. You may contact the City Clerk at (661) 758-7215 or email at cityclerk@cityofwasco.org with questions regarding this proposed Ordinance. Dated: February 4, 2021

/S/MARIA O. MARTINEZ Clerk of the City of Wasco and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Council Publish Wasco Tribune February 11,

PUBLIC NOTICE **Notice of Public Hearing** City Council of the City of Wasco

March 16, 2021

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the City of Wasco City Council on Tuesday March 16, 2021 at 6:00 pm or soon thereafter Due to 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 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 A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

OF THE CITY OF WASCO DECLAR-ING THERE ARE NO UNMET TRANSIT NEEDS THAT CAN REASONABLY BE MET WITHIN THE CITY OF WASCO The supporting documents may be viewed during normal business hours

at the Finance Department located at

764 E Street, Wasco, California 93280.

Any person wishing to testify on the above resolution or the adoption of the resolution may appear before the City Council at their hearing March 16, 2021, or may submit written comments on or before March 16, 2021 If you challenge this resolution, 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 City Clerk, 746 8th

Street, Wasco, California 93280 at or

prior to the public hearing. If you need special assistance to participate in the meeting described in this notice, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (661) 758-7215 (or via California Relay Service) to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. Requests for assistance should be made at least 2 days in advance whenever possible. If you have any questions you may contact Isarel Perez Hernandez, Finance Director at (661) 758-7230.

/s/Maria Martinez, City Clerk Publish Wasco Tribune February 11

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OBITUARIES

Jorge Beltran Feb. 20, 1949 -Jan. 30, 2021

Jorge Beltran, 72, passed away on Jan. 30, 2021 in Wasco. He spent his last days with his family.

Jorge was born on Feb. 20, 1949 to Jesus and Esperanza Beltran in Bakersfield. He grew up in Wasco and played football for the Wasco Tigers. After high school, he served in the United States Army from 1969 to 1971. When he returned from military service, he met his wife, Mary Ann, and started his family. Jorge enjoyed spending time helping his friends and family. He could always be found lending a helping



hand on a home improvement project or auto repair. If Jorge wasn't working on something, he was spending time with his grandchildren who absolutely loved their Papa. Jorge is survived by

his wife, Mary Ann; his children: Suzy and Martin Bernal, Priscilla Beltran, Jesus Beltran, Judy Beltran, Benny Mora, and Sergio Beltran; his 22 grandchildren, and 9 great-grandchildren. Jorge was preceded in

death by his compa Richard Medina, his brothers Joe and Juan Beltran, and his granddaughter Esperanza Bernal. A viewing will be held

on Monday, Feb. 15th from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Basham & Lara Funeral Care, 343 State Ave. Shafter. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, Feb. 16 at 10 a.m. at Saint John's Catholic Church in Wasco. Burial will follow the funeral at the Wasco Cemetery.

Bonnie Lorie Smothers Feb. 8, 2021

Bonnie Lorie Smothers, 85, passed away on Feb. 8, 2021 in Bakersfield. The wife of Billy Smothers, they shared 68 incredible years of marriage together. Born in Oklahoma, she

was the daughter of Dorothy

and Claude Kaufman and little sister to brothers Walt, Doc and Clarence. She attended Wasco High School where she would eventually work as the supervisor of the Wasco High School cafeteria for 25 years. A job she loved as much as all the many kids she served over the years. Bonnie, who was known by almost everyone as Granny, had many hobbies. She loved



in woodshop, and stainedglass art. She will be remembered for her love and devotion to her family, her sense of humor, and her love for old westerns played at very high volumes. Bonnie is survived by

her spouse Billy Smothers,

her son Brad Smothers, her granddaughter Valerie and husband Brent Paul, her granddaughter Michelle Conley, her granddaughter Sharee and husband Elvis Barber, her great grandchildren Andrew, Randy, Marissa, Chandler, Gaige, Daniel, Abby, Aiden, and great great grandson Hunter. Her brother Clarence and his wife Janelle Kaufman and many nieces, nephews, great nieces, and great nephews. She was preceded in death by her son Gene Smothers and daughter Terri Hassett, her parents Dorothy and Claude Kaufman and brothers Doc and Walt Kaufman.

DEATH NOTICES

Jesus "Moose" Perea Torres, 51, of Shafter, passed away Feb. 5 in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Jorge Beltran, 71, of Wasco, passed away Jan. 30 in Wasco. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Joseluis Valencia, 48, of Bakersfield. passed away Jan. 28. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Jesus Saldana Garcia, 84, of Arvin. passed away Jan. 4. Peters Funeral Home,

Joel Rodriguez Zamora, 68, of Shafter, passed away Feb. 1 in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Arturo "Tudy" Sanchez, 52, of Wasco, passed away Jan. 22 in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Eloy Lopez, 39, of Shafter, passed away Jan. 23 in Shafter. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Thomas Scott McDonald, 41, of Shafter, passed away Feb. 5 in Shafter. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

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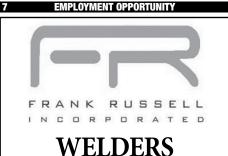


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One good thing leads to another. While we are anticipating a navigation center for the homeless in Delano to be opening soon, the progress we made in Delano is helping us get programs in other rural communities going as well.

Progress in Arvin, Lamont, Taft, McFarland and Wasco are the direct result of what we've been able to do in Delano and bodes well for Kern County's long-term approach to homelessness in the rural areas of Kern County.

Already much funding and additional services and beds have been added to Bakersfield with two new navigation centers and other actions to improve the homeless crisis there. Hopefully, this will translate to a situation that is visible to the naked eye soon there, but that's another story.

In Delano, while we had hoped to open late last year, we have funding, an operator, a facility and a plan to improve the homeless situation by opening a navigation center there, but ran into some obstacles making sure our location met all building standards for this type of facility. We are hopeful for an opening in Delano by late March or early April.

As a reminder, the Delano Navigation

Center will be a location for the homeless of Delano and hopefully McFarland so that the homeless can get connected to mental health services, social services, case management, and other important steps with the goal of getting them placed into housing at some point. A meal and a place to lay their head for a moment is also a part of the plan. All this is with the hope of getting these folks back into housing at some point.

The Delano community has been tremendously supportive in bringing this plan to fruition and you can expect to hear more of this in the near future.

Officials and community members from Arvin, Lamont, Taft, McFarland and Wasco have been part of these discussions, which has led to developments in those communities that will improve their communities' strategies in dealing with their homeless problem. The newly-elected mayor of Arvin,



been at the forefront of those efforts. With her commitment, the City of Arvin is fully committed to applying for the grants that might be available, finding locations for services, building a plan that will work for Arvin that will include Lamont, and bringing the Arvin and Lamont communities together to support. Trujillo worked with closely Shari

Olivia Trujillo, has

Rightmer from Taft, in a collaborative effort that will bring Shari's good work from Taft to the Arvin community. Shari's Laborers of the Harvest program feeds Taft, and now is being set up to feed Arvin as well. Shari makes a point of inspiring her homeless community to make their community better, not worse, so Shari's homeless volunteers work hard in Taft cleaning up, feeding the hungry, and doing other

Taft officials and can do the same thing in any community. When the homeless of a community are working to make the community better, this is an important first step in getting the community to help them. The hope is these collaborations between Taft, Arvin, and officials in Kern County can help Taft get needed funding to improve their programming, services and facilities.

At an Arvin Homeless Collaborative meeting, McFarland officials attended and are taking what they learned back to McFarland to discuss how that community might be able to piggyback onto Delano's efforts rather than trying to duplicate those efforts. And in Wasco, where in early discussions with Wasco officials we have presented Delano's, Arvin's, and Taft's successes, Wasco officials have suggested they are open to solutions that are consistent with the smaller scope of Wasco's homeless problem.

As you can see, one good thing does lead to another, and by working together, we are finding ways to improve each community's homeless problem. If you want to be part of that solution, let us know. If you have any questions about this or any District 4 issue, feel free to call us at 66-868-3680 or email us at district4@kerncounty. com. Have a safe week.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

VERN CRAWFORD

I have lived almost my entire life here in rural Wasco one mile away from where I was born at the peak of the "Dust Bowl."

In the last 25 years a problem has become of epidemic proportion – the dumping of city waste onto roadsides of our valuable farmland. The cities of Wasco and Shafter do a

good job of keeping the waste hauled to our county dump and recycling center located within a few miles from both cities. The dumps are well run and have a staff

of very helpful employees to assist you when you take your load to the dump, and the hours they are open are convenient. This is why, we, your rural neighbors

are so frustrated when week after week

we find an assortment of broken furniture and appliances dumped along and within our cropland. It is an additional expense and waste of time and labor to have to reload and haul these items to the dump when it was hauled to our farms in the first place. Maybe if the cities set up large dump-

good works, which is creating a model that is

helping tear down walls of resistance among

sters that citizens could have access to for

the appliances and mattresses, and instead of dumping it on us, it could be moved to the dump like the normal refuse the city already handles.

We would hope our city neighbors would please show us the common courtesy of not trashing our fields any more than if we came and dumped our waste in your front yards!

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of: Dana Wenell Isaac, aka Dana W. Isaac, aka Dana Isaac Case Number: BPB-18-002806

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in

the will or estate, or both, of: Dana Wenell Isaac, aka Dana W. Isaac, aka 2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Jeremy Haworth in the Su-

perior Court of California, County of: 3. The Petition for Probate requests

that: Jeremy Haworth be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. 5. The petition requests authority to

administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not

grant the authority. 6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: a. Date: March 12, 2021 Time: 8:30

a.m. Dept.: P b. Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Kern, 1215 Trux-

tun Ave, Bakersfield, 93301, Metro Justice Building This matter is submitted as "Proper to be Submitted on the Pleadings

(PSP)." All matters approved as PSP will be granted unless you appear at the hearing and object when the PSP calendar is called. 7. If you object to the granting of

the petition you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. 8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in

9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. 10. Attorney for petitioner: Joshua G.

California law.

18, 25, 2021

Wilson, Esq. Darling & Wilson PC 1626 19th Street, Suite 23/ PO Box 2411 Bakersfield, CA 93303

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PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business** Name Statement **Delano Discount** 2021-B0102 1030 Main Street

Delano, CA 93215 County:Kern Mailing address of business: 1030 Main Street Delano, CA 93215 Mohammed Ali Mohsen 1924 Brown Way Dinuba, CA 93618 State of Incorporation or Organiza-The business is conducted by: Indi-Date the business commenced: 12/18/2020

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Name Statement

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Big Stop Market 2021-B0096

127 S Shafter Ave Shafter, CA 93263 County:Kern Mailing address of business: 127 S Shafter Ave Shafter, CA 93263 Big Stop Market Inc 127 S Shafter Ave Shafter, CA 93263 State of Incoporation or Organiza-The business is conducted by: Corporation Date the business commenced: NA

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> PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business** Name Statement Ocampo BNS 2021-B0031

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Wasco, CA 93280

County:Kern Mailing address of business: 975 Redwood Ave Wasco, CA 93280 Rosa I. Ocampo 975 Redwood Ave Wasco, CA 93280 Ernesto Ocampo 975 Redwood Ave Wasco, CA 93280 The business is conducted by: Married Couple Date the business commenced: 12/21/2020 A new Fictitious Business Name

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10111 Rosedale Hwy., Suite 100 Bakersfield, CA 93312 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 10111 Rosedale Hwy., Suite 100 Bakersfield, CA Kern **Hicks Holding Corporation** 14334 Searspoint Bakersfield, CA 93312 State of Incoporation or Organization: CA

The business is conducted by: Corporation Date the business commenced: 12/04/2000

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> PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business** Name Statement **Brimhall Pediatrics** 2021-B0327

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9840 Brimhall Road Bakersfield, CA 93312 County:Kern Mailing address of business: 9840 Brimhall Road Bakersfield, CA 93312 Lyndon & Belinda Senar MD's Inc. 9840 Brimhall Road Bakersfield, CA 93312 State of Incorporation or Organization: CA The business is conducted by: Corporation

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2701 16th St Suite A

Bakersfield, CA 93301 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 2701 16th St Suite A Bakersfield, CA 93301 Victor V. Kitt MD 7601 Calle Cerca Bakersfield, CA 93309 The business is conducted by: Indi-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.,

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18, 25, March 4, 2021

of the adopted ordinance:

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Summary of Ordinance No. 724: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Shafter, California, deleting Chapter 5.40 of the Shafter Municipal Code relating to Surface Drilling Operations. A printed certified copy of Ordinance No. 724 is available for inspection by any person at the office of the Shafter City Clerk, City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California. The ordinance was passed by the City Council on February 2, 2021, with the following vote: AYES: Alvarado, Espinoza, Givens,

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NOTICE OF ORDINANCE SUMMARY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 2, 2021, the Shafter City Council adopted Ordinance No. 723. The following is the official summary of the adopted ordinance: Summary of Ordinance No. 723: An Or-

dinance of the City Council of the City

of Shafter, California, adopting Zone

Code Amendment No. 20-14 Amend-

ing Title 17 (Zoning Ordinance) of the City of Shafter Municipal Code to Add Firearms Sales, Repair, and Ammunition Sales as Permitted Uses in the Downtown Commercial and General Commercial Zone Districts as Pro-

vided in Exhibit A". A printed certified copy of Ordinance No. 723 is available for inspection by any person at the office of the Shafter City Clerk, City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California. The ordinance was passed by the City Council on February 2, 2021, with the

following vote: AYES: Alvarado, Espinoza, Givens, Lopez, and Prout. NOES: None ABSENT: None ABSTAINING: None

Dated: February 4, 2021 Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk Publish Shafter Press February 11.

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NOTICE OF ORDINANCE SUMMARY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 2, 2021, the Shafter City Council adopted Ordinance No. 721. The following is the official summary of the adopted ordinance: Summary of Ordinance No. 721: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Shafter Adopting the Addendum to the Mitigated Negative Declaration Adopted for General Plan Amendment No. 16-28 and Zone Change No. 16-63 and Adopting Amendment No. 1 to

Amended and Restated Development Agreement No. 18-16 as set forth in Exhibit "1" of this Ordinance A printed certified copy of Ordinance No. 721 is available for inspection by any person at the office of the Shafter City Clerk, City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California. The

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NOES: None ABSENT: None ABSTAINING: None Dated: February 4, 2021 Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk Publish Shafter Press February 11,

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 2, 2021, the Shafter City Council adopted Ordinance No. 722. The following is the official summary of the adopted ordinance: Summary of Ordinance No. 722: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Shafter, California, adopting

Zone Change No. 20-68, as depicted in Exhibit "A". The project site is located on the north side of Beth Eden Avenue, just west of South Shafter Avenue, adjacent to Meyer's Big Stop Market. A printed certified copy of Ordinance

No. 722 is available for inspection by any person at the office of the Shafter City Clerk, City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California. The ordinance was passed by the City Council on February 2, 2021, with the following vote: AYES: Alvarado, Espinoza, Givens, Lopez, and Prout. NOES: None

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