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**Kern County inches closer to red tier**

**TONI DEROSA**  
 Wasco Tribune

Kern County is close to joining Santa Clara County, San Francisco and Napa County in the red tier.

The numbers are improving in the recovered area as well as in the assumed recovered and the number of positive tests is going down a bit.

Wasco's positive tests for the week of

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March 2 were 5,266 cases, an increase of 32 cases from the previous week. The number of presumed recovered went from 1,480 up to 2,127, an increase of 647 presumed recovered patients.

Shafter's numbers on March 2 went from 3,398 positive cases to 3,421 total cases, an increase of 23 cases from the previous

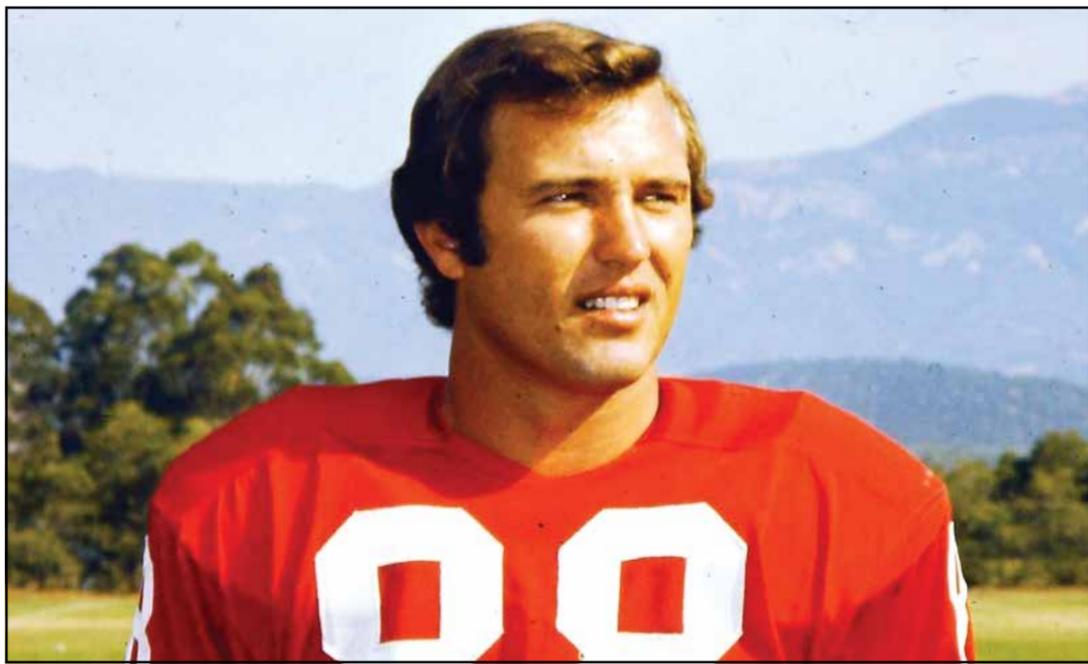
week. The number of presumed recovered in Shafter for March 2 was 1,327 compared to 1,293, a decrease in presumed recoveries of 1,293.

While the Kern High School District is allowing sports to begin training and setting up their schedules, Wasco has opened for cross country only. If the county reaches red tier next week, dining in would be allowed along with swimming and other activities.

Kern County Public Health Director Brynn Carrigan told the Board of Supervisors last week that Kern County is close to joining the above counties in the red tier any time. The red tier is a less-restricted tier, which allows schools to begin letting students in, indoor dining as well as the re-opening of gyms.

Comments from administrators of both

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Dick Witcher was the epitome of a small town boy who went on to big things.

**City football icon Dick Witcher dies**

**JAMIE STEWART**  
 The Shafter Press

The city has lost one of its icons with the passing of Dick Witcher.

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Witcher was a three-sport athlete at Shafter High before focusing on football at Bakersfield College, eventually being drafted by the San Francisco Forty-Niners. Witcher would go on to help San Francisco make the playoffs and had a couple of game-winning plays that highlighted his eight-year career with the team.

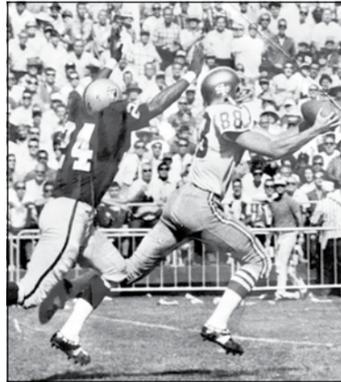
Dick was one of many Witchers to walk the halls of Shafter High between 1956 and 1978, more than

two dozen in all, according to former Shafter High Athletic Director Doug Thompson, a nephew of Witcher's.

Witcher played football, swimming, and for the Generals. He wasn't a highly recruited player out of high school, even having trouble making the travel squad for the Renegades his freshman year. According to former Bakersfield College football coach Claude Gilbert, "If anybody would have told me that this skinny kid from Shafter would have made the travel squad, I'd have been surprised."

Witcher did make the squad and

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Dick Witcher worked hard to become a great receiver and teammate.

**Land use fees may increase**

**JAMIE STEWART**  
 The Shafter Press

The Kern County Public Works Department proposed an increase in land use fees for residents and the rest of Kern County.

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Currently, residents pay \$82.89 per household for land use fees, which are billed with residents' property tax bills.

The increase would be \$22 for homes and \$17 for apartments. This increase is to give cities in Kern County extra money to deal with illegal dumping. According to Lynn Brooks, of Kern County Public Works, said illegal dumping is a growing problem that needs to be addressed. With the passage of this increase, each city would have funds to

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**City approves mid-year budget**

**TONI DEROSA**  
 Wasco Tribune

The City Council has approved its mid-year budget and according to financial consultant Bill Statler, the city's finances are in good shape.

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Statler, hired by the city to review the city's 2021 mid-year budget and work closely with Finance Director Israel Perez-Hernandez, said that while the city has two major issues, demolition of the former farm labor camp and the fees associated with that project, it comes out looking better than he originally thought during the year of covid-19.

Statler provided slides with information at the mid-point

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The Administration Building at the former farm labor housing.

**Recreation district launching soccer camp**

**JAMIE STEWART**  
 The Shafter Press

The Recreation and Parks District is launching a Soccer Conditioning Camp to help keep residents active during the pandemic.

The conditioning camp will teach fundamental skills and boost an individual's power, balance, strength, agility, endurance

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and coordination. It is a four-week camp with practices held twice a week.

According to District Manager Phillip Jimenez, the camp will be following state guidelines for the safety of all of the participants.

"We want to provide a safe outlet for

our youth to engage while following state guidelines," he said.

Each group of participants will be a small cohort of 12 players or less with the same coach each time. They will also be keeping each individual six feet apart.

The camp needs volunteers who are interested in taking on a team and teaching them how to condition for soccer. One

coach will be coaching only one cohort.

Registration for the clinic will be from now to April 2. The dates of the program are April 12-15, 19-22, 26-29 and May 3-6, with each team practicing twice a week. For those interested, visit the office at 700 E. Tulare Avenue Monday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. You can also call 661-746-3303.



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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](mailto:esoriano@TheShafterPress.com) or call 661-292-5100 by Monday at 4 p.m. for that week's paper.

## ONGOING

**Bengals Tryouts** - Bengals Football Tryouts will be Week 1: March 10, 11 and 12 from 5:30-7 p.m. and Week 2: March 17, 18 and 19 at Westside Park (across from the skate park). Athletes must live in the Wasco School District and turn 7 years old/cannot turn 15 years old on or before Nov. 15, 2021. Athletes must attend at least two tryout dates to be considered for selection. Athletes should come dressed in sports attire and bring a water bottle. Cleats preferred, but not mandatory. Only participating athletes are allowed inside training areas.

**Bengals Cheer Tryouts** - Bengals Cheer tryouts will be Tuesday, March 10 and Thursday, March 12 from 6-8 p.m. at the Palm Middle School Gymnasium, and Saturday, March 14 at Grace Community Church on 17th Street. Ages 7-10 years 9 a.m.-noon, Ages 11-14 years. Athletes must live in the Wasco School District and must turn 7 years old/cannot turn 15 years old before Nov. 15, 2021. Athletes must attend at least one tryout date prior to final evaluations. Athletes should come dressed in sports attire and bring a water bottle. Only participating athletes will be allowed inside training areas.

**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](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.

**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 mayores 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 diseñada para mantener a las personas en sus 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 inscribirse hoy mismo.

**Zumba Gold** — Register at [brandiroot.zumba.com/livestream](http://brandiroot.zumba.com/livestream) for class on Mondays and Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. Hosted by Shafter Recreation and Parks District.

**Zumba Kids** — Register at [brandiroot.zumba.com/livestream](http://brandiroot.zumba.com/livestream) for class on Saturdays at 11 a.m. Hosted by Shafter Recreation and Parks District.

**Zumba On Demand** — Register at [brandiroot.zumba.com/livestream](http://brandiroot.zumba.com/livestream). Saturdays from 2 to 7 p.m. and Thursdays 3 to 8 p.m. Hosted by Shafter Recreation and Parks District.

## 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, Wasco.

**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 Menonite Brethren Church, 400 Kern St. The program begins on Feb. 25. Call 661-746-4969 for more information.

## FRIDAY

**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.

## SATURDAY

**Bulky waste drop off** — American Refuse is hosting a bulky waste drop-off event to help Keep Kern Beautiful on Saturday, March 6 at Barker Park, Wasco from 9 a.m. to noon. Drop off old furniture, home appliances, TVs, mattresses and water heaters. Not accepted include trash, green waste, hazardous materials, construction or remodeling scraps.

**Bulky waste drop off** — The Kern County Public Works is helping to Keep Kern Beautiful with a bulky waste drop off event on Saturday, March 20 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Richland School District, 300 N. Valley St., Shafter. Drop off old furniture, home appliances, TVs, mattresses and water heaters. Not accepted include trash, green waste, hazardous materials, construction or remodeling scraps.

## 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](mailto:mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com), 406 Central Ave., Shafter 93263, or e-mail it to [mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com](mailto:mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com). Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** Jim Gloeckler renovating the caboose on May 24, 2001.

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## ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

#### FEB. 22

Pedro Pena Lopez, 39, of Shafter, was arrested on 100 Nickel St. on an outside felony warrant.

#### FEB. 23

Jennifer Anne Billings, 37, of Shafter, was arrested on the 100 block of Golden West Ave. for inflicting corporal injury onto spouse and great bodily injury.

Eladio Herrera, 23, of Shafter, was arrested on Curtis Ave. and S. Reiker St. on a felony bench warrant.

#### FEB. 24

Jesus Medina, 22, of Shafter, was arrested on the 200 block Cross St. for battery.

Jose Alexis Urias, 24, of Shafter, was arrested on the 4400 block of Merced Ave. for disorderly conduct: under the influence and on an outside agency warrant.

Jerry Daniel McCaslin, 37, of Shafter, was arrested on the 100 block of Golden West Ave. for violation of felony parole.

#### FEB. 25

Victor Alfonso Carrillo, 29, of Shafter, was arrested on Maple Bend Ln. and Majestic Fall Ln. for controlled substance paraphernalia, felon

in possession of firearm and receiving known stolen property.

#### FEB. 26

Nathan Max Allen Hanner, 37, of Shafter, was arrested on Santa Fe and Burbank St. for DUI.

#### FEB. 27

Nathan Quinonez, 24, of Shafter, was arrested on the 200 block of Potter St. for obstruction of a public officer.

Kevin A. Molina Quinonez, 29, of Shafter, was arrested on the 200 block of Potter St. for obstruction of a public officer and vehicle theft.

#### FEB. 28

Rafael Vincenzo Osuna, 31, of Shafter, was arrested on the 200 block of Voth Ln. for vehicle theft and on outside agency warrant.

### BUTTONWILLOW

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

#### FEB. 23

Billy Dwight Henderson, 48, of San Jose, California, was arrested in the 19000 block of Milan Road in Buttonwillow for burglary, being in possession of stolen property over \$400, tamper with vehicle and vehicle theft. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### FEB. 28

Jorge Retamoza, 28, of Wasco,

was arrested at Shafter Court, 325 Central Valley Highway in Shafter on a felony warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### FEB. 24

Aaron Bourque, 44, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 20600 block of Tracy Avenue in Buttonwillow for domestic violence, terrorist threats, false imprisonment, kidnapping, robbery, sexual penetration with force, and torture. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### FEB. 25

Claudia Talamantes, 28, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 400 block of Sudan Avenue in Buttonwillow on two misdemeanor warrants. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### FEB. 28

Juan Regalado, 44, of Shafter, was arrested in the 18000 block of Smiths Lane in Shafter on two felony warrants and one misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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

#### FEB. 23

Selene Bello-Centeno, 26, of Bakersfield, was arrested at the intersec-

tion of Jackson Avenue and Highway 43 for misdemeanor driving without a license. She was cited and released at the scene.

Daniel Morales Garcia, 26, of Bakersfield, was arrested at the intersection of Highway 99 and Famoso Highway for misdemeanor driving without a license. He was cited and released at the scene.

Ricardo Gutierrez, 32, of Shafter, was arrested at the intersection of 8th Street and F Street for misdemeanor driving without a license. He was cited and released at the scene.

Jose Arturo Ontiveros, 30, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on two misdemeanor warrants. He was cited and released at the scene.

Heriberto Ramirez, 29, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of Highway 46 for misdemeanor driving without a license. He was cited and released at the scene.

Jorge Gamez Franco, 32, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Jackson Avenue and Highway 43 in Wasco for speeding, unlicensed driver, being in possession of drug paraphernalia and being in possession of a controlled substance. He was cited

and released at the scene.

#### FEB. 25

Jesus Sepulveda, 36, of Wasco, was arrested in the 300 block of N. Central Avenue in Wasco for being in possession of drug paraphernalia. He was cited and released at the scene.

#### FEB. 26

Yessica Gomez Penaloza, 21, of Wasco, was arrested in the 300 block of N. Leonard Street in Wasco for being in possession of a stolen vehicle and on a felony warrant. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Miguel Angel Acuna Lopez, 19, of Wasco, was arrested at Shafter Court, 325 Central Valley Highway in Shafter on a misdemeanor warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

#### FEB. 27

Ulises Rodriguez, 23, of Wasco, was arrested in the 800 block of 16th Street in Wasco for obstructing/resisting a peace officer, disorderly conduct and vandalism. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Miguel Anguino, 27, of Wasco, was arrested in the 600 block of N. Maple Avenue in Wasco for being under the influence of a controlled substance. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Armando Lopez, 30, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of Maple Avenue in Wasco for attempted burglary. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Anthony Flores, 28, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of H Street in Wasco on a misdemeanor warrant and trespassing. He was cited and released at the scene.

Mindy Moreno, 33, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of H Street in Wasco for trespassing. She was cited and released at the scene.

#### FEB. 28

Daniel Andres Ramos, 50, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Annin Avenue and Margalo Street in Wasco for disorderly conduct. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Armando Lopez, 22, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1200 block of Via Barcelona Court in Wasco for resisting arrest and being in possession of drug paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Juan Lopez Arredondo, 40, of Wasco, was arrested in the 600 block of Central Avenue in Wasco for loud music. He was cited and released at the scene.

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# Mayor gathers residents to discuss safety in city

**TONI DEROSA**  
Wasco Tribune

Residents recently got a chance to share a meal and talk about how to make Wasco a safer community during two meet ups hosted by Mayor Alex Garcia.

Garcia said that "Wasco Walks" will be the name for a program of unification, encouraging residents and law enforcement to work together to build a stronger community.

He emphasized how important the newly funded camera rebate program will be for the betterment of the city's crime wave prevention program. Crime escalated during the last quarter of 2020 and continues to rise to date.

He praised the City Council for promoting and funding the camera rebate program so residents are able to assist law enforcement in following up on crimes committed in the city and rural areas of Wasco.

"The city has funded the camera rebate program with \$100,000 for up to two cameras on each residence so homeowners and renters can actively get involved in helping halt criminals," Garcia said.

"The city and law enforcement want to work hand in hand together to help prevent crime," Garcia also said. "If we can get 500 cameras out in the community, it would be



The evening's host Mayor Alex Garcia led the discussions.

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really helpful to law enforcement."

Barbara and Gema Perez, from the Greenfield Walking Group, thanked Garcia for inviting them to address the safety meeting.

Garcia worked with Gema Perez during his field rep days working for Rudy Salas' office in Southeast Bakersfield.

Another guest speaker was Pastor Sam Estes, a director from City Advance. City Advance is a nonprofit that has a strong belief in God while stirring a movement in cities worldwide. The group calls city leaders to come together each year to connect, equip and grow the movement to the next level.

Estes, originally from Reedley, was involved in the city of Sanger's movement, which had a carnival event to introduce the program to the residents created by the Sanger Community Task Force. Estes said that there were over 500 community members at the carnival.

"Crime went down 32% in Sanger," Estes said. "There have been no homicides in two years."

Estes also reported that in Sanger, the group was also able to confirm each homeless person and a hotel was purchased to house them.

"Each city needs to work together; and learn the first names of everyone, put differences aside and leave personal agendas at the door," Estes added.

Estes also said that people of faith and people of good will are many times different and both groups need to come together to help with the change in the cities.

"There are currently 90 people trained in suicide prevention in Sanger," Estes said. "The city also utilizes restorative justice by meeting with the perpetrator, the mediator and the victim where they all work together."

District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer was also a guest speaker and addressed the attendees. Zimmer talked about how the pandemic has changed the county. She asked that everyone stand up for victims and provided the DA's number (661-322-4040.)

Vince Martinez reported that the City



Masked attendees mingled after the presentation by the guest speakers and Mayor Alex Garcia.

Council was going to be investigating the formation of its own police department and stated that crime is a major issue in the city. Martinez added that he had hopes that the Kern County Sheriff's Office might make concessions when it comes to the city signing a new contract with the department.

Martinez stated that deputies with the sheriff's office have reduced interaction with residents due to covid-19 concerns. Deputies have also reported that almost all homicides in Kern County involve firearms and the sheriff's department needs more support, Martinez said.

Martinez said the city of Delano has formed a task force effort much like the one Wasco is starting.

Speaking on behalf of Thomas Jefferson Middle School, Principal Danny Arellano said he would like the deputies to meet with the school districts.

"We need to look at our own campuses," Arellano said. "We need more interaction."

Administrator for Wasco High School Kevin Tallon stated that their focus is getting the students back on campus.

"We currently have about 250 at school now who are students with the most need for guidance and direction," he said.

Several other residents contributed to the conversation about safety in Wasco.

The old farm labor camp was mentioned numerous times about the crime, transients, graffiti and drugs that plague the area. Traci Clendenen and Orquidea Ocampo both volunteered to chair this committee to investigate what can be done to remedy the area. Ocampo also mentioned that the fence had been recently cut overnight.

Wasco High School board member Sharon Nicol mentioned the beautification of the downtown area and how it has gone downhill.

Nicol volunteered to steer the beautification committee for the downtown area. Also volunteering for that committee were Danny Arellano, Orquidea Ocampo and Traci Clendenen.

Garcia closed the meeting by thanking Chef Ora E who catered the evening's dinner as well as Gema Perez who spoke Spanish to the attendees and Barbara Perez who translated into English what was said.

# Land use fees may increase in July

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either hire crews to pick up those items that are dumped illegally, or another program or education for the residents that would deter the illegal dumping problem.

Council member Pete Espinoza said that he works on a 2,000-acre ranch and the illegal dumping is a daily problem.

"If we are just going to go behind these people who dump illegally, how will this help stop the problem? Aren't we just letting the people dump with no consequences?" Espinoza asked.

Espinoza said that it might be better to

have penalties or consequences for those dumpers, which may help deter those who dump items illegally.

Brooks said that it would be a hard job to try to enforce the penalties for illegal dumping, and would not be beneficial for the county to get into.

"We think that it would be more prudent for each city to use the monies to where they see the need," Brooks said.

According to the table of the proposed change in fees, the city of Shafter would receive an additional \$114,000 per year to use for this issue.

In other city action, the council voted to release bids for the construction of a Beltway and West Beltway out at the Wonderful Industrial Park. This project would construct a two-lane road that provides a secondary access point to Seventh Standard Road for the Wonderful Industrial Park.

The road would extend Express Avenue east of Zachary Avenue and turn south to Seventh Standard Road immediately east of the Target Warehouse and Distribution Center.

The north/south portion follows the alignment of what is regionally referred to as the "West Beltway" can possibly pro-

vide traffic connectivity to Highway 99 and Highway 119.

The roadway improvements include pavement construction, lighting, and some drainage improvements. The intersection at Seventh Standard Road includes a new traffic signal prepared as a separate project to bid.

This project would have a total cost of about \$2.2 million dollars.

Once project bids are opened, staff will likely present budget outlooks and amendments to cover the construction costs at a future meeting.

# City planning director retiring

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

Planning Director Wayne Clausen is retiring in May and the city is searching for his replacement.

The City Council has approved a resolution that will give the new director a budgeted salary of \$100,000, which is prorated for the six months that the contract would be good for, to the end of the fiscal year.

Clausen has overseen the Planning Department for over two decades, helping the city with its growth.

The Planning Department is responsible for the land use of the city, and making sure it adheres to the city's General Plan. The General Plan has the maps for Shafter, as far as what areas are zoned for residential, commercial and industrial. The General Plan is the city's blueprint for future development and it describes the city's development goals and policies and forms the basis for land use decisions.

The Planning Department's duties include overseeing maintenance of the General Plan, administration of site development reviews and public inquiries, administering of city zoning and processing land subdivisions.

The commission reviews and acts on

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matters related to planning and development.

"It is very expensive to develop land for residential or commercial uses, so the market has to be in a place where it will support the building and developing of a tract," Clausen said of the current climate in the city.

With the challenge of the pandemic for residents and businesses, the Planning Department has been busy with prospective businesses, as well as changing and adjusting the zoning maps when the need arises.

As far as commercial building, Clausen said that there has not been much action in Shafter in developing land for commercial use.

"But, there are businesses that have moved into existing buildings, which does not require a separate tract map, just a conditional use permit," he said.

When developers purchase a lot, be it for residential or commercial, a tentative tract map is created and approved by the commission and the City Council. If the developers do not develop the land in the time frame in which the map is valid for, they must go before the commission for an extension of time which will give

them another two years to develop the land. This happens often with housing developments, in which the market is not right for the building of residential homes, allowing the developer to wait until the market is up enough to justify the building of the homes.

Clausen said that the city's General Plan already includes what part of the city is zoned for residential, as well as commercial.

"The majority of the department's duties is to make sure the developers adhere to the General Plan," he said. "If there is a question, it is the commission's job to address the issue and make a recommendation to the City Council. For instance, True Value was looking to use the area in the back of their property to store equipment that cannot be stored inside the store. A notice was sent out to the nearby residents with the project details on it, giving them an opportunity to speak out for or against the project."

Factors that go into the decision process when it comes to Conditional Use permits is deciding if they need to limit the hours of operation of a business that is located near a residential zone, or build a wall to help sound-proof an area that will be operating near residents.

For instance, if a convenience store will be built near a residential area, this would



Wayne Clausen will be retiring in May.

go before the commission, which will then make a recommendation to the City Council. A Public Hearing Notice is sent out to nearby residents, detailing the plans that the developer has for the prospective business. With the Public Hearing, the residents have an opportunity to voice any concerns over the project.

"Due process is a main key for the commission and the Planning Department," said Clausen. "Everyone has an opportunity to voice their opinion before anything is ruled on."

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# City football icon Dick Witcher dies

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later caught the attention of some major colleges. Witcher continued his football career and studies at UCLA and helped the Bruins make it to the Rose Bowl in 1966, pulling off an upset of the heavily favored Michigan State Spartans.

Later that year, Witcher was drafted by San Francisco in the eighth round, starting a career that lasted eight seasons. During his stint in the Bay Area, Witcher had a key touchdown in the 49ers' victory over the Minnesota Vikings, giving them a slot in the NFC Championship game against the Dallas Cowboys.

After retiring from professional football, Witcher held a few corporate jobs before settling in Phoenix, Arizona, where he ran a YMCA facility. Witcher then retired to Northern California where he reconnected

with an old friend, Rick Swan, a former Generals teammate from Shafter High, where they would spend afternoons playing golf, another passion for Witcher.

Even with all of the fame and success, Thompson said that he will always be Uncle Dick to him.

"I remember we would go hunting, or just play catch at the high school," he said.

Thompson said one main reason Witcher was so successful was the work ethic that a small town boy grows up with, working in the potato sheds and cotton gins, giving them a grounded perspective on work and success. Thompson recalled many times that Witcher would take him to the high school and he would throw him tons of passes, but not perfect throws. He would have him throw them behind his back, or

over his head, or way low, getting him practice in catching balls in every position.

Witcher was humble and took his success in stride. Thompson even remembered a time in 1966, just after being drafted by the 49ers, that Witcher called him up and asked if he knew what kind of ball that they use in the NFL. Thompson looked it up and told him that it was a Wilson. The "Duke." So, when Witcher came to town, he picked up Thompson and went to the high school where they threw passes with the Duke.

Witcher was elected into the Bob Elias Hall of Fame in 1971. He is also a member of the Shafter High School Sports Hall of Fame.

Former long-time educator and coach at Shafter High Radon Fortenberry remembered Witcher fondly. Fortenberry said that Witcher was the kind of athlete and person that Shafter,

and any community would be proud of. He said that Witcher epitomized the characteristics and values that successful people practice.

"He was a hard worker who led by example and a teammate who put team above self," said Fortenberry.

He also said that he never stopped striving to be better, which was evidenced by his continual improvement at every level of competition.

"His work ethic and willingness to do whatever was best for his teams was highly respected and appreciated. He was a receiver who also blocked and he proved his work early on in the NFL as a member of special teams. Dick Witcher was a General, and always will be, a great friend, teammate, family man and a credit to our community," Fortenberry said.

# Wasco High girls run past Avenal, boys suffer defeat

## COACH OMAR GARCIA

Special to Wasco Tribune

The cross country meet Feb. 24 against Avenal High was a success for Wasco High, Coach Omar Garcia said.

"Once again, our student athletes had a fun time, as they were excited to continue their season, which gave them a sense of normalcy," Garcia said.

Garcia said that it was also Senior Night for some of the student athletes, who he has coached for the past three to four years. "Senior parents were allowed inside the facility to watch their student athlete compete at the start and finish lines," Garcia added. "The girls' race was a great success as Wasco took the first 10 spots with Crystal Raya (21:00), Ixchel Sanchez (22:14) and Priscilla Raya (23:44 coming in as the top three."

Garcia said the boys' race was an ex-

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tremely competitively hard-fought dual meet.

"Unfortunately, the Wasco boys' team had its first team loss to Avenal," he said.

"The boys' race was an extremely competitive hard-fought dual meet. Unfortunately, the Wasco boys' team had its first team loss to Avenal's great team," he said. "We had Wasco's Gerardo Limon coming in first place with a 17:42 on a three-mile race followed by Avenal's 2nd place David Lopez (18:19) and 3rd place Jose Zarate (18:21)."

Garcia stated that top Wasco athletes came in at 1st, 8th and 10th place with Gerardo Limon (17:42), Jesus Salgado (20:11), and Crhystian Marquez (20:25).

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Seniors Enrique Carrillo, Elizebet Reyes, Gerardo Limon, Crystal Raya and Crhystian Marquez celebrate Senior Night.



Girls begin the race.



Gerardo Limon, David Lopez, Jose Zarate and Ivan Flores on the field.

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# City approves mid-year budget

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of the fiscal year-end and projection for revenues, expenditures and fund balance.

"On a positive note, while still down from pre-covid levels in many cases, key General Fund revenues are performing better than initially projected," Statler wrote. "But two adverse circumstances offset this improvement related to labor housing complex demo/site clean-up project."

He also said that the General Fund will be reviewed in April 2021 and could be better defined at that time and was originally budgeted to \$16,820,537 but was revised to \$11,868,600.

Expenditures under the current budget are \$2,301,285 and the revised amount has increased to

\$2,518,685.

The council unanimously approved the mid-year budget.

In additional business, a discussion took place regarding the High Speed Rail and the problems associated with that property.

City Manager Daniel Ortiz-Hernandez presented a discussion on the position of the city versus the HSR with respect to paying for the demolition and cleanup of the former labor camp.

Ortiz-Hernandez said the city has filed a mitigation complaint with the federal government. This complaint could lessen the financial drain to the city in order to make the situation less financially devastating for the city. However, the HSR doesn't feel they owe the city anything more than the \$10,000 they originally put in for the

Rosaleda housing project.

Ortiz-Hernandez told the council members that the Rosaleda Village project cost in excess of \$50,000. This was done because the HSR tracks would go right next to the former farm labor housing. Instead of putting up a barrier wall, the HSR decided to move the residents after building a new housing complex.

Ortiz-Hernandez said that it was his understanding that in the beginning of negotiations with the HSR that it would take care of the demolition of the former labor camp.

"I believe that was the original understanding," Council member Tilo Cortez said.

The city council also presented a proclamation to the Wasco Women's Club and declared the month of March Wasco Women's Club Month.

# Kern County inches closer to red tier

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school districts in Wasco have stated in the past that it's difficult to determine exactly where each district stands because the numbers change every day. Some school districts predict a return

to school by April 2021 while others maintain that school will not resume until fall 2021.

While cross country meets in the WUHSD have been occurring, "We don't have an update yet on WUHSD

sports," Superintendent Rob Cobb said on Monday, Feb. 22.

Wasco Recreation and Parks District has a cross country team running and also offers training for coaches now.

# Chapter kicks off National FFA Week

SOFIA REYES AND TONI DEROSA  
Wasco Tribune

Wasco High School FFA hosted the National FFA Week chapter meeting on Feb. 22 to kick off National FFA Week.

"We had over 144 members of Wasco FFA join and participate in our virtual games," Reporter Sofia Reyes said. "We had a dress-up assigned for each day of the week of Feb. 22 through Feb. 26. Even though our FFA Week was different this year since we couldn't do any in-person games, our officers still were very creative in coming up with games that kept our members active."

Reyes reported that each day there was a "Where's Waldo?" "This was where an officer or teacher was hidden in the picture," she explained.

Reyes also said that Tuesday was Career Day dress-up. The activity submitted was a video explaining why the members dressed up in their chosen career.

On Wednesday, members dressed up in an agriculture commodity of their choice, and Thursday was Throw-back Thursday where the members

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were asked to recreate an old picture that they had. In addition, on Friday, FFA celebrated Spirit Day in which the members wore any FFA apparel they had.

### NEWBORNS ARRIVE AT THE FARM

The chapter also had some new baby animals to celebrate including pigs and sheep.

"The baby animal season is here," Reyes said. "Our school farm is filled with baby livestock everywhere. The weekend of Feb. 28 our Chester sow gave birth to nine baby piglets and in early February our doe and ewe gave birth to several babies as well."

The lambs and pigs are used for students who want to show livestock at the Kern County Fair and the Charles Craig Classic.

"They are cared for by the animal and vet science classes," Reyes added. "We had the opportunity to have a couple of students back at the school farm for some lab work. They went out to give shots to our livestock that have been born as well as making sure



Mrs. Morales and Mrs. Aufforth participated in the dress-up for the Commodity Day.

everything is safe. Anyone visiting our livestock must adhere to covid-19 guidelines."

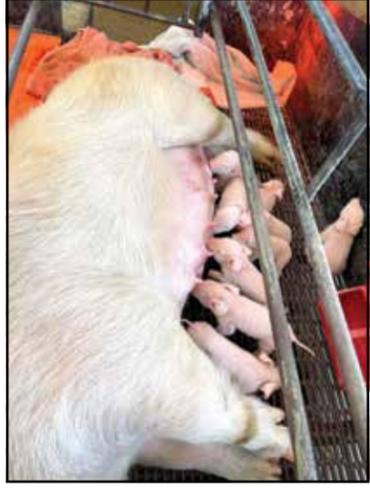
Photos taken by Ag instructor Anthony Farao and the students themselves.



Lexi Hazelton alumni from Wasco FFA made her way down to the farm and helped deliver some baby pigs.



Nyanza Guzman dressed up as a plant gardener as her favorite career.



On Feb. 28, a Chester sow gave birth to nine pigs. The FFA chapter had two of its members help her while giving birth.

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# We need heroes

### STEVE DOBBS

Community Circle Church

How many of you would say that you have a hero? I would say most of us at some point in our life have had a hero at one time or another. For some of us it could have been your dad. Who remembers the "My dad can beat up your dad" arguments on the playground?

Maybe your hero wasn't even real. Maybe it was Batman, Spiderman, Captain America or Superman. What made them your hero? Was it their strength, money, wisdom, or something completely different? There are as many reasons to have a hero as there are people with a hero.

I want to speak about one of my heroes. I have several. My dad and mom have always been my heroes. When anything went wrong as a kid, I knew I could depend on my mom and dad to step in and make things better. They never failed in

their mission to help and protect me or my brothers.

But as I got older, I stepped into ministry. I had a lot to learn.

I started attending New Life Center in Porterville. I met Dave Mast for the first time in 2004. We hit it off and developed a friendship that felt like we had been friends for a forever. Dave and I worked together to develop me for ministry.

Dave loved to teach leadership and develop young leaders. He would always say something like, "Leaders are Readers" or "Make sure you know the question behind the question." Dave was constantly studying leadership from people like John Maxwell and then sharing his new found knowledge with those he led.

Dave became a hero to me and many others that had the privilege to serve with him in ministry. I looked up to and admired Dave greatly. If I had a situation or circum-

stance I had no clue how to navigate, I knew I could talk to Dave. Dave would listen and give advice that always helped.

On Saturday Feb. 20, Dave went home to heaven to be with Jesus. I have so many emotions going through my mind. I will miss the conversations, the advice, and the wisdom. I will miss times we would tell funny stories back and forth and laugh. I will miss the man that became my friend and my hero.

It would be really easy to get mad at God for this. It makes sense to me to be angry knowing full well God had the ability to heal Dave and restore his health completely.

I have chosen instead to praise God for the time I did have with Dave. I am so thankful that God put Dave Mast in my life for the time He did. It is because God allowed our paths to cross Dave was able to impart and teach me so much I would have

never known or learned about being in the ministry. I find it funny that I find myself at times asking myself, "What would Dave do in this situation?"

I know that God has a plan. I do not know that plan. I am thankful to serve a God so far and above greater than I am. Instead of being angry and bitter, I have decided to be grateful.

I know there are others that have experienced loss in this season. My heart breaks for you. I know that there are those that are hurting because you have lost a loved one way too soon.

I would encourage you. Don't be angry with God. I know it hurts. Don't turn from God but turn to God. I promise you won't regret it.

In a time such as this we need heroes. Dave was one of my heroes. Maybe it is time for me to step up and be a hero to somebody else.

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### PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of: Maria D. Rodriguez, aka Maria De Jesus Rodriguez CASE NUMBER: BPS-21-002118

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Maria D. Rodriguez, aka Maria De Jesus Rodriguez  
2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Francisco Rodriguez, III in the Superior Court of California, County of: Kern  
3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Francisco Rodriguez, III be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
4. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.  
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: 3/25/2021 Time: 10:30A.M. Dept.: DIV. "P"  
b. Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Kern, 1215 Truxtun Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93301, Metropolitan Division  
7. If you object to the granting of

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This is a public notice that I will sell the properties beginning at 8:00 A.M. P.S.T. on March 15, 2021 at [www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us](http://www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us).

The sale will be conducted as a public auction to the highest bidder for cash in lawful money of the United States or negotiable paper, for not less than the minimum bid as shown in this notice. Bidders must submit a refundable deposit of \$5,000.00 electronically to [www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us](http://www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us) no later than 5:00 P.M. P.S.T. on Friday March 05, 2021. The deposit will be applied to the successful bidder's purchase price. Any parcel remaining unsold at the conclusion of the auction may be resold within a 90-day period. If necessary, the subsequent sale will begin at 8:00 A.M. P.S.T. on May 24, 2021 at [www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us](http://www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us).

Properties that are redeemed (paid) in full by 5:00 P.M. P.S.T., Friday March 12, 2021, will not be sold. The right of redemption will cease at that time. Properties not redeemed will be sold.

If the properties are sold, parties of interest (as defined in California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 4675) have a right to file a claim with the county for any excess proceeds from the sale. Excess proceeds are the amount of the highest bid in excess of the liens and costs of the sale that are paid from the sale price. Notice will be given to parties of interest, pursuant to law, if excess proceeds result from the sale.

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The Assessor's parcel number, when used to describe the property in this list, refers to the Assessor's map book, the map page, the block on the map (if applicable) and the individual parcel on the map page or in the block. The Assessor's maps and further explanation of the parcel numbering system are available in the Assessor's office.

I declare under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.  
Jordan Kaufman  
Kern County Treasurer-Tax Collector  
Executed at Bakersfield, Kern County on February 05, 2021.

The properties that are the subject of this notice are situated in Kern County, California and are described as follows:

099-040-17-00-2 \$1,000.00  
FAMILY NURSERY CO INC  
099-061-06-00-3 \$800.00  
MILLS WM W DR  
099-061-18-00-8 \$800.00  
CARLSON GORDON H  
099-062-27-00-1 \$800.00  
RUSSELL CHARLES C & GEORGE Y  
099-071-10-00-7 \$800.00  
SPINELLI JOYCE  
099-071-15-00-2 \$800.00  
HUNDLEY E E  
099-071-29-00-3 \$800.00  
BARBER WESLEY R  
099-072-04-00-7 \$800.00  
GUTTMAN PAUL N  
099-072-11-00-7 \$800.00  
MORE F NADINE P & PROTHERS LT  
099-081-11-00-3 \$800.00  
BARKER CHARLES E DR  
099-081-14-00-2 \$800.00  
MORE F NADINE P & PROTHERS LT  
099-081-16-00-8 \$800.00

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

WRIGHT DOROTHY B  
099-082-08-00-2 \$800.00  
WILLIAMS LAURENCE  
099-082-17-00-8 \$900.00  
LEWIS ODETTA  
099-110-06-00-0 \$1,100.00  
KELLER R K & SOARES M J  
099-110-23-00-9 \$800.00  
JENKINS ALBERT C  
099-150-08-00-8 \$800.00  
RICE DEBORAH J  
099-160-14-00-8 \$800.00  
CABRAL ANNETTE MARIE  
099-180-26-00-9 \$800.00  
WILLIAMS KATHERINE D  
099-200-07-00-9 \$800.00  
CAMPBELL JANE E  
099-200-11-00-0 \$800.00  
WALTHER FRED H  
099-250-25-00-6 \$800.00  
MOHR RUBEN  
099-272-19-00-9 \$700.00  
PRUDHOMME RONALD E  
099-280-05-00-7 \$800.00  
ROBERTS MADIE & JESSIE  
099-340-24-00-9 \$1,300.00  
GUSTER DOROTHY DEAN  
102-160-05-00-5 \$900.00  
GOEBEL OSCAR  
103-090-07-00-8 \$1,700.00  
MITCHEL MILO TR  
099-040-03-00-1 \$800.00  
KNAGGS ALBERT F  
099-040-12-00-7 \$800.00  
FOWLER ILA C  
099-050-11-00-7 \$800.00  
PARSONS WILLARD & LUCILLE  
REV TRUST  
099-061-12-00-0 \$900.00  
FAMILY NURSERY CO INC  
099-071-05-00-3 \$800.00  
CLAYWORTH AUDREY & CUMMINGS B  
099-071-28-00-0 \$800.00  
LAHANIER W A  
099-072-05-00-0 \$800.00  
CHURCHILL PAUL K  
099-072-12-00-0 \$800.00  
FINESILVER BLANCHE  
099-072-19-00-1 \$800.00  
RICE DEBORAH J  
099-081-13-00-9 \$800.00  
PAULSEN S  
099-081-15-00-5 \$800.00  
HOLLAND FRANCES M  
099-082-10-00-7 \$800.00  
FINESILVER BLANCHE  
099-090-28-00-9 \$800.00  
RUMAH INC  
099-110-11-00-4 \$800.00  
ESTEL FRED C & HARRIS ESTEL A

099-110-22-00-6 \$800.00  
JENKINS ALBERT C  
099-130-08-00-2 \$800.00  
KELLER A KENNETH  
099-150-30-00-1 \$700.00  
CARRERA CAROL L  
099-170-03-00-9 \$800.00  
WHITE KATHERINE M  
099-170-14-00-1 \$700.00  
GOTTSCH JOHN W  
099-200-09-00-5 \$800.00  
CAMPBELL JANE E  
099-220-17-00-4 \$800.00  
FAMILY NURSERY CO INC  
099-220-24-00-4 \$800.00  
MORSE ADELAIDE B  
099-240-26-00-6 \$700.00  
ROEDER SADIE G  
103-090-08-00-1 \$800.00  
MITCHEL MILO TR  
086-120-08-00-5 \$2,200.00  
FAMILY NURSERY CO INC  
086-280-06-00-6 \$1,300.00  
FAMILY NURSERY CO INC  
086-271-05-00-7 \$800.00  
SCHULTZ LOUIS & YOUNG D M  
086-280-20-00-6 \$700.00  
ARMSTRONG AMELIA ANN ET AL  
099-040-20-00-0 \$800.00  
REED WALTER E & CASEY AGNES  
099-062-11-00-4 \$800.00  
TATUM ROGER  
099-071-09-00-5 \$800.00  
NICKLE SUSAN  
099-071-14-00-9 \$800.00  
SAGER PAULINE D EST  
099-071-19-00-4 \$800.00  
CARLSON GORDON H  
099-072-01-00-8 \$700.00  
THOMAS HENRY V  
099-082-02-00-4 \$800.00

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: Nancy L. Oehler, Esq.  
Klein, Denatale, Goldner, et al.  
4550 California Avenue, 2nd Floor  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
(661) 395-1000  
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COON JOHN W  
099-082-15-00-2 \$800.00  
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099-100-01-00-2 \$1,100.00  
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MAY OPAL ET AL  
099-160-09-00-4 \$800.00  
BRANDT HELENE M  
099-180-07-00-4 \$800.00  
FORDERER FAMILY TR  
099-190-03-00-5 \$800.00  
DOW VERGE I  
099-220-48-00-4 \$800.00  
LINDELF GARTH ERIC II ET AL  
099-271-13-00-4 \$800.00  
ANDERSON CAROLINE R  
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099-220-23-00-1 \$800.00  
CAMERON LENORE E LIV TR  
099-220-40-00-0 \$1,800.00  
MID-GROVE DEVELOPMENT CO  
099-220-49-00-7 \$800.00  
HARRELL MARGARET S  
099-271-24-00-6 \$800.00  
SNYDER WILLIAM E & MARGARET TR  
099-280-27-00-1 \$800.00  
HAG JULIUS ET AL  
101-043-10-00-8 \$6,800.00  
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BURBANK WATER ASSOCIATION  
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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement

411 Goldspire Ct
Wasco, CA 93280
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
411 Goldspire Ct
Wasco, CA 93280
Oscar Gonzalez
411 Goldspire Ct
Wasco, CA 93280
State of Incorporation or Organization:
CA
The business is conducted by: Individual
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/Oscar Gonzalez
Date Statement Filed: 02/04/2021
Date Statement Expires: 02/4/2026
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/M Hernandez
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Wasco Mini Storage
451 N. "F" Street
Wasco, CA 93280
ONLINE Auction
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Ending 3/13/21 @ 9 AM
Cleaning deposit \$50
72 hours clean-out
U0423 Brenda Jeanette McDonald Household
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
Good Samaritan Health Center Wasco
2021-B0846

1217 7th Street
Wasco, CA 93280
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
PO Box 85002
Bakersfield, CA 93380
Good Samaritan Hospital, LP

901 Olive Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93308
State of Incorporation or Organization:
CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Partnership
Date the business commenced: NA
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By: /s/M. Hernandez
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CHILDRESS JIMMIE D & EVELYN S
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487-122-35-00-0 \$1,400.00
SHIVOK MICHAEL P & PRISCILLA A
WILDWOOD RD WASCO
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## OBITUARIES

### Julia Garcia Escalante April 6, 1928 -- Feb. 21, 2021

Julia Escalante passed away on Feb. 21, 2021 in Shafter, after a brief illness at 92. She was born in Lone Star in Fresno County, to Juan and Maria Araiza, on April 6, 1928.

Julia's father worked for the Santa Fe Railroad in the heart of the San Joaquin Valley. As fate would have it, this railroad led Julia and her family to Shafter, where they settled and made a home.

After her mother's unexpected passing, she helped raise her brothers and sisters, even though she was still a young girl herself. She was a nurturer and caregiver from the start.

One afternoon, as Julia and her sisters were walking in downtown Shafter, she spotted a handsome young man sweeping the sidewalk in front of his workplace. This young man was Daniel Escalante, and he had just returned from serving in the U.S. Army. It was love at first sight.

While they were courting, Julia worked at an ice cream parlor downtown. Danny would come in for a milkshake or sundaes, but mostly he just wanted to see Julia. She remembered these times fondly and shared with her kids



how she would always give Grandpa extra ice cream and extra toppings when he visited the shop. Her plan worked.

In 1948, she married Daniel and thus began their love story, which lasted more than 71 years. They were a match made in heaven and seemed to complement each other every step of the way.

Early in their marriage, Julia worked with Danny and his cousin Steve for a local farmer in Shafter. Out of necessity, she learned how to drive and operate a Caterpillar tractor. Everything was fine until the fateful day Julia hit a standpipe. Other than her ego, she was left unscathed. Not sure the same can be said about the standpipe. It was a moment she was playfully teased about for years.

Danny and Julia had an unmatched sense of humor, which filled their home with joking and laughter, sentiments carried on by their

children and grandchildren.

Danny and Julia were the most loving and devoted parents. Together they raised seven children who they loved and adored. Julia was a natural, and homemaking came easy for her. She had been caring for people her entire life, and her penchant for raising her children and taking care of her family never wavered.

Julia was a wonderful cook and baker. In all honesty, she wasn't just a cook; she was a culinary master. Her hot-cooked meals not only drew her family around the table but also friends and neighbors from near and far. If you stopped by to visit Danny and Julia, you were sure to leave with a full heart and a full stomach.

Julia enjoyed sharing her culinary expertise with her family, while Danny taught them how to master the grill. This expertise was not lost on her children, who have all continued in the tradition of their parents. Julia even made sure her daughters-in-law learned how to make her homemade tortillas. We're pretty sure she shared her secrets with them to make sure her boys continued to eat well.

Christmas and holidays were filled with fresh-baked cakes, cookies, enchiladas,

tamales, soups, pies, and the list goes on. Her family has many happy memories of being gathered around the kitchen table, enjoying delicious homemade meals, sharing laughter and sometimes even tears. Whatever the occasion, there was always love.

Julia also spent a lot of her time helping in the kitchen at St. Theresa's Church and was a member of the Women's Altar Society. Julia was often asked to bake and cook for church events and other local charitable causes, including the Shafter Historical Society, which her husband Danny was a member. She did so happily.

Julia also made sure to make treats for her grandchildren, providing for their school events and fundraisers. Her passion for the kitchen led her to her job with the Richland School District, where she worked for many years in the school cafeteria. Julia always made sure every child had plenty to eat, and she's still remembered by many of those former students to this day.

Julia had an adventurous spirit, and that spirit shone through on the family's many camping trips and cross-country road trips. Danny took the family camping several times a year, and Julia was always

ready, whether at King's Canyon, Morro Bay, Montana de Oro or some other beautiful place. Julia loved the beach and would often take the kids to the water to play, swim and collect shells. On one particular trip to Morro Bay, Julia took her granddaughters on a bike ride. She took her feet off the pedals and coasted full speed down a very steep hill, causing a brief panic in the girls, followed by uncontrollable laughter at the bottom of the hill. There was never a dull moment.

The family will miss Julia beyond measure and be forever grateful for the blessed memories Danny and Julia left them with. Julia was preceded in death by her parents and her loving and devoted husband Daniel Escalante, son Randy Escalante, daughter Linda Buckley, sisters Ramona, Nadine and Marty; brothers David and Joe; and most recently, beloved daughter-in-law Sherry Escalante and beloved brother John Araiza. Her children will lovingly remember Julia, Richard and his wife, Becky; Danny and his wife, Elaine; Dolores Rangel and her husband, Ed; Tim Escalante; Greg and his wife, Julie; daughters in law Paula Escalante and Patsy Moreau; and siblings Angie Martinez and

her husband, John; Ike Araiza, Connie Jorgensen, Mike Araiza and Lanita Hoek. She also leaves behind to cherish her memory grandchildren Rich Escalante, Julie Anne Escalante, Maria Utt, Michelle Waters, Anthony Escalante, David Escalante, Christine Williamson, Cynthia Fosdick, Matthew Escalante, Amie Escalante, Tim Escalante, Trevor Escalante, Amanda Donaldson, Ryan Escalante, Shannon Escalante, Alicia Danielle Rangel, Nicole Escalante, Marina Ray, Jamie Buckley and Aaron Buckley; and 23 great grandchildren. Julia will also be forever remembered by her numerous nieces, nephews, extended family, and dear friends.

The family would like to thank the wonderful staff at Carrington of Shafter for providing loving and caring assistance to Julia and Danny during their stay with the Carrington family and their special care and going above and beyond to make the family as comfortable as possible.

Julia's viewing was held at Peters Funeral Home in Shafter on Tuesday, March 2, from 4-8 p.m. Graveside committal was conducted at Shafter Memorial Park on Wednesday, March 3, at 10 a.m., with Msgr. Perry Kavookjian officiating.

### Graciela Carranza Mariscal Nov. 19, 1949 -- Feb. 18, 2021

Graciela Carranza Mariscal, 71, passed away on Feb. 18, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. in Shafter. She was born on Nov. 19, 1949, in Ixtlahuacan De Rio Jalisco, Mexico to Tomas Carranza and Maria Guadalupe Mariscal Soto.

Graciela (Chela) grew up in Zapopan/Arenal Jalisco, Mexico. She went to school until the 6th grade in Arenal, Jalisco, Mexico.



She did not continue her education and began working at a young age. She worked on her parent's ranch, which had land and cattle. She performed several jobs

that only a man would do, she was admired by everyone in her town. She later moved to the United States, where she worked for Rodriguez and sons harvesting, where she worked for many years packing hair and many more side jobs. Chela was a member of Santa Teresita Church. She enjoyed serving the church in the community. Chela would always lend a helping hand when needed; she did not know how to say no. She loved the ranch life and had a passion for horses.

She also enjoyed spending time with friends. Chela was diagnosed with stage four terminal cancer in the beginning of 2020. She had hopes of surviving and fought until the end. Her caregivers were Veronica Silva and Osmara Alaniz who consider Chela family and held her hand in her time of need.

Chela was never married, she was a single mother. Chela is survived by her son Noe Villegas Carranza, her brother and three sisters. Noe is married to Ma-

ria Del Carmen Garcia, and has four kids, Leslie Rubi, Noe Emmanuel, Maria Guadalupe, Jose Emiliano Carranza Garcia, and nieces and nephews and other relatives.

Graciela Carranza Mariscal, also known as Chela by everyone who loved her, was a loving, helpful, hard-working individual. Everyone who knew her knew her love and passion for western wear. It was as if she was born wearing a hat and a pair of boots. She was a real cowgirl.

Chela was preceded in death by her father and mother, and two brothers and a sister.

A funeral service will be held at Basham & Lara Funeral Care 343 State Ave. Shafter. Visitation was held at 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. March 1. Mass was held the following day March 2 at 10 a.m. at Santa Teresa Catholic Church 300 W. Lerdo Hwy Shafter. Burial was to follow the funeral at Shafter Cemetery, 18662 Santa Fe Way, Shafter.

### Aganetha Francis Regier Sperling Nov. 24, 1925 - Feb. 23, 2021

Aganetha Francis Regier Sperling was born Nov. 24, 1925, to parents Isaac I. and Sarah Rempel Regier, on a farm northeast of Enid, Oklahoma. She began her schooling, speaking only German, in Coldwater, Texas, where the family resided for a few years, before returning to the Enid area in 1933. Her primary school education continued in a one-room country schoolhouse, before graduating from Kremlin High School in 1944. She married her childhood friend and neighbor, Ruben Sper-



ling, on Oct. 22, 1944 at the North Enid Mennonite Brethren Church. The couple lived and farmed in Lehigh, Kansas and Enid before moving to Shafter in 1960.

Since Ruben had second jobs while also farming, Aganetha helped to tend the cattle, pigs, chickens, and vegetable gardens,

while caring for their growing family of five. Once all the children were old enough to be in school, she worked part time in a garment shop, sewing girls' clothing. After moving to Shafter, Aganetha began working at the Richland School cafeteria, first as a substitute, then part-time before moving to full time at the Intermediate School cafeteria, retiring as cafeteria manager in 1988. Her cafeteria co-workers knew her as Francis.

After retirement, Aganetha and Ruben traveled extensively, visiting sites all over the U.S. and Canada, and even Europe and South America. They were members of the Shafter Trailer

Club, traveling with them for many years.

Aganetha was a member of the Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church where she was a long-time participant in the Ladies Sewing Circle, cutting, laying out, and sewing squares together for comforters to be donated and sent around the world by Mennonite Central Committee. Aganetha also taught Sunday School, served as a youth group leader, and together with Ruben, served as deacon couple at SMBC for many years.

Aganetha and Ruben moved from their home on Elm Street into an independent living apartment at Carrington in 2017, shortly

before Ruben's passing. During these pandemic times she continued in her apartment, sewing comforters, reading, enjoying visits and abundant phone conversations with family and friends, with a clear mind and undiminished memory.

Aganetha Francis Regier Sperling passed away Feb. 23, 2021, in her apartment at Carrington in Shafter, after a short illness. She is predeceased by Ruben Sperling, her husband of over 73 years, two brothers, Jacob and Ike Regier, and grandson, Jeremy Lynn Sperling.

She is survived by children LeAnna (Gordon) Wiens of Portland, Oregon,

Merl (Susan) Sperling of Zephyrhills, Florida, Larene (Stan) Hester of Grover Beach, Gale (Karen) Sperling of Derby Acres, and Dale (Nadine) Sperling of Shafter; as well as 9 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, one brother John Regier of Reedley, and sister Viola Truitt of Enid, Oklahoma. She will be dearly missed.

A viewing will be held at Peters Funeral Home in Shafter on Thursday, March 4 from 4 -8 p.m. Graveside services will be held at Shafter Memorial Park on Friday, March 5, at 10 a.m., followed by a memorial service at Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church at 11 a.m.

### Teresa Ruth Ybarra White Oct. 17, 1973 -- Feb. 21, 2021

Teresa Ruth Ybarra White, 47, left this Earth on Feb. 21, 2021 to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ after a lengthy illness. She was born on Oct. 17, 1973, the only daughter amongst four brothers.

Teresa was a beautiful woman with a beautiful soul to match. She was a 1992 graduate of Shafter High School. She marched in parades as a majorette from age 7 to 15 and used her height to enjoy volleyball. She loved Morro Bay, collecting owls, getting her hands in the soil of her garden, big shoulder bags where she carried her speaker to bump a great tune, red lipstick, and natural herbs. But she loved nothing



more than her two beautiful grandbabies, Brody James who she called, Mr. Sir, Mr. Dude and her Piper Monroe who she called, Party P. They loved her back just as much and would sing and scream upon their meeting, "Yaya, Yaya, Yaya!"

Left to mourn her passing along with Sir and P, are their Mom, Teresa's eldest daughter Kathleen White Webb and her baby girl, Ashley White, all from Shafter. We also hold close to our heart at

this time, Teresa's mother and father, Gloria and Harry Ybarra, Brother Joseph Ybarra (fiancé, Alyssa Galaviz) and their five children of Shafter, brother Steven Ybarra (wife, Benette Ybarra) and their three children of Shafter, brother Phillip Ybarra (fiancé, Emily Lopez) of Bakersfield.

Both on the Ybarra and Armendariz family are many aunts, uncles, and cousins as well as many special friends, especially her long-time neighbor, Rose DeLaRosa. Waiting her arrival in heaven is her big brother, Michael Ybarra, cousin, Matthew Gonzalez, Aunt Esther, Uncle John, Grandma and Grandpa Ybarra, Uncle Robert, her Nana, Ruth Mosqueda, her beloved son-in-law, CJ Webb and her little Sadie.

### Jimmy Don Poe May 15, 1946 -- Feb. 23, 2021

Jimmy Don Poe was born May 15, 1946 in Springville, Tenn., to Ellis and Alma Poe. Jimmy attended elementary and high school in Caldwell, Miss. He enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1964, where he received several awards. He served eight years and was honorably discharged in 1972 from the Naval Submarine Base in Pearl Harbor. He settled in Kern County and was later employed at the Kern Medical Center in Ba-



kersfield. He retired in 2001 and moved to Wasco, where he lived out his life.

Some of his hobbies were fishing, camping, reading western books, playing games on the com-

puter and taking pictures of local events.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Ellis Poe and Alma Kofta, and siblings Dale Poe, Larry Poe, Steve Southard, Bonnie Clark and Gwen Sal-yards.

He is survived by his brother Randy (Marta Poe) and numerous nieces and nephews.

Services will be held Thursday, March 4, at 2 p.m. at Wasco Memorial Park, with visitation starting at 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. that day.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Christi Bowman**, 59, of Bakersfield, passed away Feb. 19 in Modesto. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

**Abel Bustamante**, 48, of Lost Hills, passed away Feb. 23. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

**Danny Encinas Davalos**, 33, of Bakersfield, passed away Feb. 17 in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

**Guadalupe S. Medina "Chino"**, 77, of Bakersfield, passed away Feb. 25 in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

**James Terry**, 79, of Shafter, passed away Feb. 26. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

**Inez Ruiz**, 70, of Shafter, passed away Feb. 26 in Shafter. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

**Betty Whorton**, 92, of Shafter, passed away Feb. 22. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

**Lila Olene Wells**, 89, of Bakersfield, passed away Feb. 27 in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

**Mark Anthony Morales**, 42, of Bakersfield, passed away Feb. 25 in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

**Javier Ramirez Melgoza**, 60, of Lamont, passed away Feb. 24. Peters Funeral Home, Arvin.

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