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Runners qualify for Boston Marathon

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Two Shafter residents have qualified for one of the most prestigious marathons in the country. Missy Espericueta and Peter Frantz will be making the trek east this week to participate in the Boston Marathon, making their way down the historic

streets of Beantown. Both of the runners are part of the Greyhounds running club. Espericueta and Frantz are the only runners from Shafter that are making the trip. Frantz qualified for the race last year and turned in a personal best time at the

event. Newcomer Espericueta will be running in her first Boston Marathon. She has run in 10 marathons in her career, with the Boston race her biggest to date. Espericueta said that she has been running ever since she was a young girl. "I started running when I was around 10 years old. I have been active in various

sports, but running has always been something that I loved to do." She also participated in track and cross country throughout her junior high and high school years, continuing to run as an adult. As for the marathons, Espericueta said that she decided to try running in a marathon when her husband, former

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Josephine Martin broke a 10-year-old butterfly record

Generals making waves even without a home

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press



The Lady Generals relay team have qualified for the Valley Swimming Championships.

The Shafter High football team was known as the Road Warriors, having to play all of their games away from Shafter for over a year while their stadium was being renovated. Imagine having to go out of town to even have a daily practice. That is the situation that the Shafter High swim team has faced for the past two years. With the Shafter pool at the Aquatic Center closed, the team has not had a place to hold meets or even practices. Led by Coach Larissa Davis, this dedicated team of swimmers have been bussed to Independence High School, to use the Kern High School District Pool Complex for its practices. Every meet they participate in is away from home, giving them a challenge that has made them come together even more as a unit. "I am so proud of these kids. They are a dedicated bunch of students who work so hard," said Davis. An average day has the students

attend school and have a tutoring session after school before getting on the bus to go to practice. Most of the students are not getting home until 7:30 p.m. The pandemic didn't cause the loss of their home pool. That was

put in motion well before anyone in Shafter had heard of covid-19. With repairs needed on the heater in the pool, and the termination of the agreement between the Shafter Recreation Department and the

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Wasco housing needs assessed

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

A Wasco Housing Element Update Workshop was held on Monday. The city's consultant, Infrastructure Engineers, presented and was on hand to hear comments and answer questions from the public.

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Only one concern was raised from the public about the availability of moderately-priced and above housing. A housing element is a legally required component of the City of Wasco's general plan. It analyzes a community's housing needs for all income levels and reviews strategies to respond to and provide for those housing needs.

It also facilitates establishing goals, policies, objectives and programs to address current and future housing needs. The California Department of Housing and Community Development is the state agency responsible for certifying the housing element. Consultant Tyler Currie, said that an HCD certified housing element is important because it enables the city to be eligible for various state and federal grants and other funding sources.



Keri Cobb, the city's community development director, with Malia Durand, environmental planning manager for consultant Infrastructure Engineers.

He also said the element helps identify strategies to solve local problems in housing and provides the city with a plan to address current and future housing needs. Malia Durand, environmental planning manager for Infrastructure Engineers, said, "We're in very good hands. The city had an excellent fifth cycle housing element, and now the job is to update the housing element to ensure compliance with state housing law."

A housing element must be updated every eight years. This will be the city's sixth cycle for 2023-2031. As part of the process, a Regional Housing Needs Assessment is mandated by the state as part of the periodic process for processing the updating of the local housing

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Man drives into building, arrested for DUI

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

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On Tuesday, Steven Castillo, 21, of Wasco, was arrested for driving a stolen vehicle under the influence, colliding with a building and fleeing from the scene. At approximately 10:30 a.m., deputies from the Kern County Sheriff's Office, Wasco substation, responded to the 600 block of Central Avenue in Wasco. Based on the information they received, it was discovered that Castillo fled from the crime area. However, he was located a short distance away. During the investigation, deputies

learned Castillo was driving an unreported stolen vehicle out of Shafter. There were no individuals injured during the collision. Castillo was booked into Kern County Jail for possession of a stolen vehicle, hit and run, driving under the influence, possessing nitrous oxide, driving without a license and destroying/concealing evidence. Anyone with information about the investigation is asked to contact the Kern County Sheriff's Office at 661-861-3110 or the Secret Witness hotline at 661-322-4040.



A car is captured in midair during incident that ended in a DUI arrest. (Photo courtesy Kern County Sheriff's Office)

Resurrection celebration at Mannel Park

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

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An Easter service was held at Mannel Park, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ, enjoyed by a mix of different denominations that attended.

Kiwanis President Ben Wilson welcomed the crowd to the event, thanking them for attending to celebrate as one.

Randy Toews led the crowd in a hymn before the Scripture reading was done by Pastor Dave Moorehead of New Hope Church.

The message was delivered by Pastor Alejandro Evangelista of New Hope Church. Evangelista spoke about the doubt that Thomas and the disciples had when Jesus was first crucified.

"I was like Thomas growing up. I didn't believe like I do now, didn't know really

what to believe."

He said that some people need a personal experience to start erasing that doubt. "When I was younger, my mother was very sick with cancer. One night I prayed for God to heal her or to take her and end her suffering. Within 48 hours, she had passed away. This was a moment in which my faith began to grow."

Evangelista also said that there are so many people that worry about the present day and don't think about any big picture. "There are so many that don't worry about anything but the here and now. They need to see evidence of a bigger picture, a higher power."

Evangelista said that Jesus gave the disciples proof by appearing to them, letting



The crowd was a mix of different denominations.

them know that He is still alive. Evangelista also said that everyone can see that proof in their lives if they give Him a chance to help them.

The service was sponsored by the Kiwanis Club and is an annual tradition in Shafter, with leaders of several churches coming together.

Residents can dispose of bulky items

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The City of Shafter, partnering with American Refuse and Alianza Recycling, will be holding a free bulky waste event at the Shafter Veterans Hall on Saturday, April 15. It will take place in the parking lot of the hall.

The event is for city residents only. Items that will be accepted include mattresses, furniture, home appliances, televisions and electronic waste, as well as water heaters.

The event is for residential waste only. There will be no commercial waste accepted. Items not accepted include regular household trash, hazardous waste, pool chemicals and tires.

The event will run from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

-Jamie Stewart



The Veterans Hall event will give residents a chance to dispose of bulky items for free.

Cinco de Mayo celebration for everyone

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

WASCO

St. John the Evangelist Parish Catholic Church will host its annual Cinco de Mayo festival on Sunday, April 30. There will be a variety of food and live entertainment for the whole family

Cinco de Mayo is a holiday that celebrates the date of the Mexican army's May 5, 1862, victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War. Councilman Gilberto Reyna, a parish member, has spearheaded the event since 2016. Each year 500 to 600 people attend the celebration.

"Our church groups will sell different kinds of food and drinks like aguas frescas, tamales, pozole, tostilocos, fruit cups, corn on the cob, baked potatoes and carne asada and carne al pastor tacos," Reyna said.

A wide selection of desserts, such as buñuelos, brownies, cakes, cookies and cupcakes, will be available for purchase at the free event.

There also will be games for the kids.

Live music will be provided by DJ Ayer y Hoy, DJ Roger, Voces de Mi Pueblo, Van-

essa y Katy, Rosa Michell, Los Luceros de Michoacan, Fortaleza Sierraña and Edición Reservada.

"We usually end up with people, including kids, dancing. Everyone is invited."

Church groups involved in the planning of the celebration include Amigos de San Juan, Adoración Nocturna, Family Catechesis, 7 p.m. Mass Choir, Grupo de Varones, Grupo de Mujeres, Grupo de Oración Guadalupanos, Knights of Columbus, St. John's Women Society and Grupo de Oración de Renovación Carismática.

Pastor Guillermo Preciado, Reyna and the church groups have been planning since March.

"It's a simple process because each group is an expert at what they do, so it doesn't require much long-term planning, although much hard work is involved."

The event is a fundraiser for the church, and all proceeds will go into their general fund for use in all of their activities and operating costs.

Reyna said the event will be special.

"It brings parish families together and



The church group Guadalupanos participated and sold tacos in 2019.

is a way to have some delicious food and spirited entertainment and at the same time help our church raise needed funds," he said. "The event will be a time for leisure. People will have fun, and that's always good for the family. All are welcome, and it

is open to the community."

The event will occur at 9th Street and Griffith Avenue from 12 to 7 p.m. For more information, call the St. John the Evangelist Parish Catholic Church office at 661-758-6688.



Attendees in 2019 enjoyed food and entertainment. (Photos by Councilman Gilberto Reyna)



Danza Chinelos performed traditional Mexican dances at the 2019's event.

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Children's Theater to reprise 'Willy Wonka'

JOSHUA COOLEY
For The Shafter Press

SHAFTER

The Shafter Children's Summer Theater enters its 28th year with a production of "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," originally performed in 1997.

The theater program was founded in 1995 by Cris Starrh. Starrh created this program because, "We lived in the country and there were not a lot of activities for my kids to do."

The program put on its first production at the Shafter High School auditorium, performing "101 Dalmatians." They have put on many musicals since, such as "The Aristocats," "Aladdin," "Peter Pan" and more.

After years of performing at the auditorium, the Starrh family bought and renovated the former Ford Motors dealership in Shafter, renaming it to the Ford Theater.

Though they moved to a new building, Starrh continued the same foundation, by keeping the program faith based.

As they prepare for the summer season, Starrh looks forward "to building character in these kids, and bringing many of them out of their shells."

The theater group provides a growth opportunity for children and their parents over the summer. Starrh says this is a "good and healthy summer activity for them," With her daughter, Dana, by her side as the main director, Starrh is hopeful that this year will be a great success.

She says that her favorite part of managing the theater is when students who have graduated come back and help her cast, direct and build sets. "It's amazing to see that after 28 years it's still going,"

Starrh is grateful for everyone who helps and supports the theater, "If it weren't for the youth and parents I would not have made it this far."

As more students join and continue to outgrow the performance space, the theater implemented a new program called Rising Stars. Starrh wanted this program to teach the younger generations the basics of theater. This program is open to kids in kindergarten to second grade.

Rising Stars performs before the main play. This year they will be showcasing "The Candy Jar" written by Cris Starrh's

brother, Larry, who she says is "my biggest inspiration" as he directed theater with junior high students.

Starrh encourages parents to enroll their children saying, "It's a secure and safe place for the kids. We are unique compared to other theaters, as we focus solely on the kids, we are all family here."

The auditions for "Willy Wonka" will be held on Thursday, May 6, at 2 p.m. at the Ford Theater. Workshops for auditions will be held on Saturdays, April 8, 15, 22 and 29, at 2 p.m. Roles are open to students grades 3-8.

Registration runs until Friday, May 5, and the cost is \$50 per student. Register by going to the Facebook group page at Shafter Children's Summer Theater or by calling the office at 661-630-4059.

school has done ice cream, cookies and other sweet treats. In addition, there will be entertainment, such as a BMX show and another show, yet to be announced.

Transportation will be available to students who need it and will be picked up at their home schools at 7:30 a.m.

Maldonado encourages parents to enroll their students in the summer program.

"Come and enjoy the learning that is going to happen and take advantage of the enrichment. It's going to be fun learning."

Registration is now open and will close on Friday, April 21. Slots are filled on a first-come, first-

Kids to keep learning over summer break

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

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The Wasco Union Elementary School District is offering summer school, with classes from June Thursday, June 1, to Thursday, June 29. It will be a chance for students to keep learning during the vacation period while enjoying fun activities.

"The goal of the summer program is to provide students with an extended learning opportunity and provide them with a well-rounded education," said Maria Maldonado, Title 1 support teacher.

The program also helps students who are falling behind, allowing them to close their achievement gap.

Summer school is a haven for students

with working parents who otherwise would be home alone during the break, giving them peace of mind knowing their children are cared for and safe.

The summer school will focus on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and mathematics) education, incorporating different student activities and lessons.

Nutrition and physical activity will play a significant role in the curriculum.

From 8 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., there will be an academics portion. The summer enrichment camp segment will take place from 12:45 to 2:30 p.m. and from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. is ELOP, which is ACES.

Students will also get breakfast, lunch and snacks.

There are incentives on Fridays for the students to enjoy. In the past, the

serve basis. Go to Parent Square or by hard copy, which will be given upon request.

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Kindergarten students working on building houses for the three little pigs during STEAM camp.

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Frosty King continues to reign in Shafter

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Frosty King in Shafter has been reigning over the city with its great food and customer service for over 15 years, with the business weathering storms to stay the course in remaining a staple in the city.

Owner Sammy Ayash has been leading the restaurant in its operations for the entire run. The business had a popular following and then a hiccup when they learned that their previous location where the AmPm is located was being sold. Ayash found a new location a couple of blocks away. "It didn't affect the business, with our great customers following us to the new location."

Looking to broaden their appeal at the new location, he decided to open up a deli at the location as well. Thus, the New York Deli part of the business was born. They serve a variety of meat sandwiches on deli-style bread, made to order.

With the covid-19 pandemic affecting everyone in Shafter, the folks at Frosty

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King kept the business open as much as possible, with the community supporting the business.

"We came out of the pandemic strong and just keep plugging away, working to keep the community happy," said Ayash. "Shafter has been very good to me and my family. We love the people and the whole community. We hope to be here for many years to come."

Ayash said that they were very fortunate to have such a great customer base that helped them weather the storms that come.

"No matter what happens, you can always count on your loyal customers here in Shafter," said Ayash.

Among their offerings is the fried chicken dinner, as well as one of the best pastрами sandwiches in town. They have also added a few new items, including carne asada fries, which resident Guillermo Sandoval swears by. "I've had a lot of asada fries, but theirs are the best, no doubt."



Owner Sammy Ayash said that he loves the community of Shafter.

Whether you are looking for a good old fashioned burger, a chicken dinner, or maybe a deli sandwich made to order, Frosty King still reigns supreme here in

Shafter. Frosty King, 683 Central Valley Hwy. in Shafter, is open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. every day. Phone 661-746-6951.

Mammograms offer early detection of cancer

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

The Dignity Health Community Wellness Program mammogram bus will make its way to Wasco on Sunday, April 30. It will be an opportunity for women

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to have a breast exam with the goal of detecting cancer early and saving lives.

Angelica Montano is the supervisor for health education. She said the only criteria are that a woman must be over 40 years old, have been at least 12 months since the last mammogram, and have no health insurance or Medi-Cal.

The exam is easy, and the only restriction is that a woman should not wear lotion or deodorant before the exam.

The results will be mailed in about three weeks, and the first 25 women to schedule and make their appointment will receive a complimentary spa gift basket.

"We expect at least 25, but in the past, we screened up to 40 women in one day," Montano said, with a reminder that a woman should have a mammogram at age 40.

"A doctor will let you know if you need to do it once or every two years based on



The mobile mammography unit.

the results of the first mammogram." Montano encourages women to get tested.

"Don't be afraid or nervous. Sometimes it's okay, but that should not stop you from getting your annual screening. It could save your life. Early detection is key for survival."

The mission of Dignity Health is to serve the poor and underserved, she said.

"We want to make sure we reach out to them. There have been a lot of women that have not gotten their mammograms because of no time or health insurance. We want to make sure we are providing them

with what they need. Unfortunately, some go without it for a long time."

She said the events are held on the weekend so more women can be screened and take advantage of the opportunity.

The screenings will be held from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Wasco Recreation and Parks District, 1280 Poplar Ave. An appointment is required and can be made by calling or texting 661-323-3238.

Dignity Health also provides health education throughout the year.

"We offer one-time classes on diabetes, asthma and nutrition. We will go to

schools or places like apartment buildings where they have community rooms."

A special asthma outreach program is available to those ages 6 and above for people with or without Medi-Cal.

The program consists of three home visits. The first one is a home assessment, where they go and talk about possible asthma triggers that can occur at home.

"We educate them on how to lower or eliminate those triggers," she explained.

The other two other visits involve education to talk about medication, major symptoms, what causes asthma and to answer any questions they may have. These two visits take about an hour and can occur over Zoom.

Through the program, participants receive an air purifier if they need one to clean the air and help them sleep better. A hygrometer that measures humidity in the home is also provided.

They also make available a bucket with nontoxic cleaning products so they can clean without bleach and other chemicals that affect people with asthma.

Everything is included with enrollment.

For more information about the asthma management program, call 661-323-3238.

Local runners qualify for big race

From Page 1
Shafter City Councilmember Eli Espericueta was active in the military. "At the

time, I would compete in 10K and 5K races that the military would host. During one of my training runs,

my husband invited me to join his battery, where I met another female runner. She encouraged me to try

running a marathon."

She took three years off when she was getting her bachelors degree, but

picked it right back up in 2014.

Espericueta qualified for the big race by running a specific qualifying time in a marathon within her age bracket. She said that participating in the Boston Marathon has always been one of her major goals. She ran a qualifying time of 3 hours, 47 seconds in the California International Marathon in Sacramento.

Her all-time best time in the distance is 3:43:00.

"Running gives me a sense of peace," Espericueta explained. "Even when

I am not competing, I enjoy going on runs because it gives me time to reflect and unwind. I continue to be inspired and enjoy running with my running group."

Espericueta said that she doesn't have a specific time she is shooting for in Boston, only that she improves with each race, whether that is bettering a time, or running smarter in a race, or just getting better in general. "I do know that running the streets of Boston, an iconic race, with this amazing team, will be an experience I will never forget."



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Wasco housing needs assessed at meeting

From Page 1
 needs of the city's general plan. This requires that the city adequately plan to meet the needs for housing demand. The Kern Council of Governments is the local COG that works with the HCD to develop Wasco's study. Included in the housing element, in addition to the assessment, is an analysis of the previous element, a review of a constraints analysis and a look at housing re-

sources and site inventories. A site inventory is a comprehensive list of all potentially developable sites within a city or county. It is a critical tool for local governments to plan for future growth and development and includes information about each site's location, size and zoning. It helps to ensure that there is enough land available to meet the community's needs for housing, jobs and services and

is used to identify available land suitable for residential, commercial and industrial development. It also monitors progress toward meeting state and regional planning goals. There were public comments, and one that was brought up was that the housing element appeared to need more attention to housing needs for above-moderate incomes. In response, Keri Cobb, the city's com-

munity development director, said that the RHNA addresses that the city needs a higher share or percentage of moderate and above moderate-income housing. "There will be a discussion regarding this in the final document," Cobb said. After the workshop, a draft document review will be expected by the summer of 2023 and City adoption by Fall 2023, with the HCD certification by the winter of 2023 or early 2024.

Generals making waves even without home

From Page 1
 City of Shafter for maintaining the facility, the Aquatic Center and its future were in a holding pattern. This caused the disbanding of one of the major contributors of talent to the Shafter High swim team, the Shafter Sting-rays Swimming Club. Davis took over the Shafter High swimming program in 2017, beginning with around 25 students. In the next two years, Davis had a team at 60 swimmers. Then the trouble began. "The situation didn't kill the program, but it sure caused the program to take several steps back," commented Davis. "It has been really rough on the students. But, we have a bunch of kids who are determined and dedicated, which they really have to be to go through this," she said. Despite the challenges, the program is thriving in the pool. They have four swimmers on the girls team that have already qualified for the Valley Swim Meet. Jose-

phine Martin, Annemarie Piuser, Sydnee Macias and Rilynn Lee make up the Lady Generals' relay team. They have qualified as a relay team, and they also have qualified in individual events as well. At a meet up north at Sunnyside High School, Josephine Martin broke a 10-year-old butterfly record. The relay team also grabbed second place in the event out of 30 schools competing. They are competing with Wasco for the SSL championship, with the SSL meet being held in two weeks. It appears that the Shafter swimmers will have to face this challenge for another year, as the city is expecting to complete the improvements on the pool, making it operational, in the summer of 2024. "We have some swimmers that will go through their entire high school careers without ever competing in a home swim meet in their own pool. That is really sad. But, our kids are determined to succeed and wont be stopped," Davis said.



Annemarie Piuser competing in the breaststroke.

PETS OF THE WEEK

Jordan is looking for a forever home

Come out to the Shafter Animal Shelter and meet this loveable guy named Jordan. Jordan is a white husky mix who is about a year old. Jordan is loveable and is good with other dogs. The shelter staff said that he has passed all of his Safer evaluations and would be great with an active family. He would also appreciate a home with a high fence to keep him safe. Jordan is curious about toys and loves belly rubs. If you are interested in meeting Jordan in person, visit the Shafter Animal Shelter at 18849 S. Shafter Ave. You can also call the department at 661-746-2140. The shelter's hours are Monday, Tues-



Jordan is a white husky mix.

day, Thursday, Friday and Saturday 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., and Wednesdays 1 to 7 p.m. -Shafter Animal Shelter

Jupiter is looking for a loving family

Jupiter came into the Wasco Animal Shelter as a stray. She is approximately a 2-4-year-old female, Jack Russell terrier/Maltese mix. She is great with staff and other dogs. It is unknown if Jupiter is house/crate trained at the time. Dogs are not tested with children. Her behavior towards children is unknown. Jupiter will be available for adoption on Tuesday, April 18. Everyone is welcome to adopt from our facility, and we like to give everyone the same opportunity to adopt. Adopters can be from out of town and/or local. We do not place holds for adoptions. Adopters are responsible for transportation. Adoptions are on a first-come, first-serve basis, beginning at 8 a.m. on the date they are available. You are welcome



Jupiter is a Jack Russell terrier/Maltese mix.

to call us the day before their availability to ensure the pet is still for adoption. More information is available by emailing rifueroa@cityofwasco.org or flarajr@cityofwasco.org. -Wasco Animal Shelter

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CITY OF SHAFTER

2nd HOUSING ELEMENT UPDATE WORKSHOP
 Monday April 17th
 At 6:00 PM

SHAFTER VETERANS HALL
 309 CALIFORNIA AVENUE
 SHAFTER, CA 93263

Purpose: To inform and update the community and residents of the City of Shafter on the Housing Element production.

Draft Housing Element Public Review Period April 3rd to May 3rd

To View the Draft Housing Element, go to the Following Webpage Link:
<https://shafter.com/401/HOUSING-ELEMENT-UPDATE-2024>

For more information, please contact
 SHAFTER PLANNING DEPARTMENT
 336 Pacific Ave, Shafter, CA 93263
 661-746-5002
 www.shafter.com



CIUDAD DE SHAFTER

2^o TALLER DE ACTUALIZACIÓN SOBRE EL ELEMENTO DE VIVIENDA
 Lunes 17 de Abril
 a las 6:00 PM

SHAFTER VETERANS HALL
 309 CALIFORNIA AVENUE
 SHAFTER, CA 93263

Propósito: Informar y actualizar a la Comunidad y residentes de la ciudad sobre la producción del Elemento de Vivienda de la Ciudad de Shafter.

Revisión Pública del Elemento de Vivienda preliminar, disponible del 3 de Abril al 3 de Mayo.

Para ver el Elemento de Vivienda preliminar, vaya al siguiente vínculo de página web:
<https://shafter.com/401/HOUSING-ELEMENT-UPDATE-2024>

Para obtener más información, comuníquese con el Departamento De Planificación de la Ciudad de SHAFTER
 336 Pacific Ave, Shafter, CA 93263
 661-746-5002
 www.shafter.com



Woman's Club to host community tea

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

The Wasco Woman's Club is hosting its first annual Spring Tea event on Saturday, April 29. It will be an afternoon of fellowship and socializing with the club and community members.

There will be elegant decor, with tables decorated with fine china and flowers. A variety of finger sandwiches and desserts will be served. Entertainment and an area for pictures also will be provided.

Guests are encouraged to wear their Sunday best, and hats in the style of English high society, which are often used for weddings or special events, are optional.

With your ticket, you could win a door prize. There also will be opportunity bas-

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kets.

A group of five club women is working hard to make the event memorable for all those that attend. There are currently about 40 members of the club, and each member will contribute to ensure the event is a success.

Chris Gibson, the committee chair, said, "This is the first time we've done this event, and we hope to continue to have it. It will be something different for the community and a chance to learn more about the club."

"It is a new and exciting event that we've not seen in Wasco before, and we just hope it turns out fabulous," Gibson said.

The Wasco Woman's Club is a service organization that will celebrate its 100th anniversary this year. The club supports many charitable efforts, including providing scholarships, sponsoring a Miss Wasco Rose Queen, hosting a high school art show, and putting on a Christmas party and prom for special education youth, to name a few.

The meetings are held on the second Tuesday of the month at noon at the Club at 1601 7th St.

"It is open to everyone," Gibson said. She has been a member since 2016 and enjoys the camaraderie.

"I've met many people I hadn't known before. I like the fact that we are a service to the community and help support many initiatives to improve the quality of life for the residents of Wasco."

Pat Ketcherside is also a member and

has served as club president twice.

"We welcome all younger or older ladies. At our meetings, we have lunch and a program and then we do all of our philanthropic activities."

Ketcherside said that what she loves most about the club is its voice in the community.

The Spring Tea is another example of the club's goal to connect with Wasco locals.

"We would love to have everyone come out for a fun day and support the Woman's Club and our community."

The event will be held at Grace Community Church at 1544 7th St., from 11:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased from any club member, or call Chris Gibson at 661-319-7435.

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Wasco swimmers get ready in the pool before their meet. (Photos courtesy of Andrew McCuan)



Head Coach Esperanza Garza instructs swimmers as they warm up.

Tigersharks make summer swimming fun

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

WASCO

The Wasco Tigersharks Swim Club is enrolling swimmers for its 2023 season. The deadline to register is Friday, May 12. The club is open to youth ages 4 to 18.

The club is a nonprofit organization that promotes a fun, family-oriented, competitive swimming environment that encourages young swimmers to reach their goals while building team camaraderie.

Andrew McCuan is the club president. Hwe recently said he likes working behind the scenes to ensure his coaches and staff have everything they need to make it happen.

“It’s a competitive swim team,” he said. “They compete against other teams in Kern County and swim meets organized by age.”

Practice begins Tuesday, May 2, with the first meet on Saturday, June 3, at the Wasco pool at Barker Park, 1280 Poplar Ave. The county championships take place on Saturday, July 15.

The cost per swimmer is \$300, with a \$100 credit for fundraising. Each additional swimmer in a family is \$200.

The club is not limited to Wasco residents. “We have a few Shafter families that swim with us,” McCuan said.

He said it’s an excellent way for kids to stay in shape and gain knowledge of teamwork and collaboration.

“It’s not about winning, but self-improvement and having fun,” McCuan said. Youth must know how to swim.

“We want to make sure they can swim. As long as they can do that, we help them learn the different strokes.”

He said the kids enjoy themselves. “It’s hanging out with friends at practice and meets. They like being in the pool in the summertime and being able to compete and win ribbons and medals.”

This year it will be Esperanza Garza’s first time as head coach, although she has swimming in her blood.

“I have been a part of the swim team since I was 12 years old. My younger sister is also a coach, and my mom is on the swim board. It’s a family thing for me, which is really incredible.”

She was a coach for four years before stepping into the head coach role when the position became available.

Her training philosophy is to try to help the swimmers grow and become stronger at the sport. She looks for passion and commitment to goals in a swimmer.

“They come out with positive mindsets at the end and grow to be best friends. They usually end up being proud of the swimmer they’ve become.”

She said it’s amazing to see their confidence grow and how they believe in themselves.



Coach Faith Garza works with a young swimmer on her flutter kicks.

“It’s awesome to see how they change in just a couple of months.”

The swimmers take away life skills.

“First of all, it’s about safety because it is super important to learn how to swim. Then it is about leadership as we see these students help each other out. Swimming is great because it teaches you to have that

drive, so it applies to school. It can also be a stress reliever.”

To register online, go to gomotionapp.com/team/recwt/page/home. For more information, visit Facebook at Wasco Tigershark Swim Club or Instagram at Wasco_Tigersharks_Swim_Club. For more information, call McCuan at 661-232-8531.

PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Juana's Kitchen
2023-B1398**

22520 Sidding Rd
Bakersfield, CA 93314
County: Kern
3401 Granada Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93309
Angel Benjamin Villapudua
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Angel Benjamin Villapudua
Date Statement Filed: 03/02/2023
Date Statement Expires:

03/02/2028
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By: J Lozano
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Fictitious Business Name
Abandonment Statement
Juanas Kitchen**

22520 Sidding Rd
Bakersfield, CA 93314
County: KERN
Mailing address of business:
3401 Granada Ave

Bakersfield, CA 93309
Andrew Julian Aquino
Business was conducted by: Individual
/s/Andrew Julian Aquino
Original FBN Statement File Number:
2023-B0115
Original FBN Statement Filed on:
01/05/2023

This statement of Abandonment
filed on: 03/02/2023
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Blushing Dahlia
2023-B1278**

17540 Brimhall Rd
Bakersfield, CA 93314
County: Kern
17540 Brimhall Rd
Bakersfield, CA 93314
Victoria Lozano
Kent J Sloan
The business is conducted by: Gen-
eral Partnership
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Victoria Lozano

Date Statement Filed: 02/27/2023
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Alpha and Omega Auto Xpress
2023-B2217**

16705 Caribou Drive
Frazier Park, CA 93222
County: Kern

P.O. Box 6625
Frazier Park, CA 93222
Max Lopez
16705 Caribou Drive
Frazier Park, CA 93222
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced:
01/01/991
/s/Max Lopez
Date Statement Filed: 03/31/2023
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OBITUARIES

Jesus Reyes Espinoza
Jesus Reyes Espinoza, 58, passed away on April 8, 2023, at his home in Wasco. Jesus was born in Rancho Nuevo de Atonilquillo, Guanajuato, Mexico, to Eduvijes Reyes and Tomasa Espinoza.



Jesus grew up in Rancho Nuevo until the age of 19, when he migrated to Buttonwillow. There, he made many great, lifelong friends and met his future wife. Jesus worked for Tortera Farms since his arrival in Buttonwillow.

Jesus married Josefa Moreno in 1990 in Buttonwillow. They were happily married for 32 long and beautiful years.

Jesus is survived by his spouse, Josefa; his children, Jesus Reyes, Cecilia Ver-

bera and Rebecca Reyes; his siblings, Ramona, Guadalupe, Trinidad, Blas, Teodora and Mariano; and other loving nieces, nephews and family.

Jesus was preceded in death by his parents, Tomasa and Eduvijes, and brother Juan Reyes.

A funeral service will be held at Basham & Lara Funeral Care, 343 State Ave. at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 18. A visitation will be held at Basham & Lara at 4 p.m. on Monday, April 17. Burial will follow the funeral at Wasco Cemetery.

DEATH NOTICES

John R. Hays, 87, of Shafter passed away April 1, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Manuel Sanchez Piedra, 68, of Shafter passed away April 5, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

John Matthew Glenn, 20, of Wasco passed away April 5, in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Jesus Manuel Chacon, 86, of Shafter passed away April 7, in Delano. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Susan Emilia Novickas, 73, of Bakersfield passed away April 7, in Bakersfield.

Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Robert Torres Ochoa, 93, of Bakersfield passed away April 6, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Nita Mae Jenkins, 89, of Bakersfield passed away April 5, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Shawna Alyce Merritt, 53, of Bakersfield passed away April 5, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Jose Antonio Mendoza Torres "Junior", 18, of Shafter passed away April 9, in Shafter. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

This week's Super Students



Karl F. Clemens Elementary School announced its Super Students for the week of April 3. Criteria for selection were based on significant math improvement, showing kindness to friends, respect and hard work, following class procedures, helping other students understand new concepts and improving learning English.

Front row, from left are Maria H. Torres (1st grade), Aiden Montoya (2nd grade) and Bryson Garcia (transitional kindergarten).

Middle row, from left, are Jesus Duarte (5th), Rodolfo Martinez (4th) and Jose Soto (3rd).

Back row, from left, are Whiskers, Vice Principal Anabel Garrison and School Counselor Lisa Hill

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Evidence for faith

PASTOR PAT COYLE
Mennonite Brethren Church



I probably don't need to tell you that Easter was celebrated this year on April 9th. Sanctuaries were decorated, choirs practiced, meals were planned and served for family gatherings and some of you may have even gone shopping for a new outfit just for that special day! Most importantly, of course, was the opportunity

to gather with other believers and celebrate the living hope we have in Jesus! Periodically, I'm asked the question, "how do we know it's true?" In the world of Biblical studies, that would fall into the category of apologetics or defending the faith. Here are several examples of evidence that are commonly

used in answering that question.

- The empty tomb (Matthew 28:5-7).
- The report of the guards (Matthew 28:11-15).
- The changed lives of the disciples (Matthew 26:56; Acts 2:32).
- The eyewitnesses of the risen Lord (1 Corinthians

15:3-8).

• There will always be those who don't believe in the resurrection of Jesus and unfortunately, no amount of "evidence" will convince them. But let me assure you, if you are a follower of Jesus, that the resurrection is true and our Living Savior conquered death! May your celebration of Easter continue to be a wonderful time of worship and may you be filled with the living hope that is found in Jesus throughout the year!

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
Grocery Outlet of Wasco
2023-B2185
1650 Highway 46
Wasco, CA 93280
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
16757 Chatsworth St
Granada Hills, CA 91344
Jars Retail Enterprise LLC
1650 Highway 46
Wasco, CA 93280
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company*
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/James Edward Saucio, CEO
Date Statement Filed: 03/31/2023
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PUBLIC NOTICE
01-NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS
OWNER: Wasco Union Elementary School District
PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NAME: Karl Clemens Modular Administration Setwork
PROJECT LOCATION: 523 Broadway St, Wasco, CA 93280
PROJECT DESCRIPTION: [attach extra page(s) if necessary] Demo of existing site structures prepare site for modular building, Will include new parking, bus loop, site paving, fencing, site utilities and site wide irrigation/landscaping.
This project is anticipated to start on approximately 6/20/23 [date] and is anticipated to have a duration of 180 calendar days for completion.
BID DEADLINE: Bids are due on 5/11/23 [date] at 10:00am [time] or at any other date or time as set by Addendum.
PLACE OF BID RECEIPT: 1102 5th, Wasco, CA 93280
METHOD OF BID RECEIPT: Personal delivery, courier, or mailed via United States Postal Service to above address.
PLACE PLANS ARE ON FILE: Teter Associates, Luke Casavant luke.casavant@teterae.com
SEALED BID MARKING: 0321 Karl Clemens Modular Administration and site improvements
ALTERNATES: If alternate bids are called for, the contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder on the basis indicated below:
[check only one]
The lowest bid shall be the lowest bid price on the base contract without consideration of the prices on the additive or deductive items.
The lowest bid shall be the lowest total of the combined bid prices on the base contract and alternates [specify].
The lowest bid shall be the lowest total of the bid prices on the base contract and alternates, taken in order, up to a maximum amount to be publicly disclosed before the first bid is opened.
The lowest bid shall be determined in a manner that prevents any information that would identify any of the bidders or proposed subcontractors or suppliers from being revealed to the public entity before the ranking of all bidders from

lowest to highest has been determined.
Not applicable to this project, as no alternates are requested.
MANDATORY JOB WALK: Meet at: 523 Broadway St, Wasco, CA 93280
Date: 4/18/23 Time: 10:00am
Location: 523 Broadway St, Wasco, CA 93280
If a job walk is required on this project, attendance at the entire job walk is mandatory and failure to attend the entire job walk may result in your bid being rejected as non-responsive. Contact OWNER for details on required job walks and related documentation.
PLAN DEPOSIT REQUIRED: \$0.00
This is a prevailing wage project. OWNER has ascertained the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which this work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker needed to execute this contract. These rates are on file at OWNER's office, and a copy may be obtained upon request, or at www.dir.ca.gov. Contractor shall post a copy of these rates at the job site. ALL PROJECTS OVER \$1,000 ARE SUBJECT TO PREVAILING WAGE MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT BY THE LABOR COMMISSIONER.
It shall be mandatory upon the contractor to whom the contract is awarded (CONTRACTOR), and upon any SUBCONTRACTOR, to pay not less than the specified rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the contract.
A Payment Bond for contracts over \$25,000 and a Performance Bond for all contracts will be required prior to commencement of work. These bonds shall be in the amounts and form called for in the Contract Documents.
Pursuant to the provisions of Public Contract Code Section 22300, CONTRACTOR may substitute certain securities for any funds withheld by OWNER to ensure CONTRACTOR's performance under the contract. At the request and expense of CONTRACTOR, securities equivalent to any amount withheld shall be deposited, at the discretion of OWNER, with either OWNER or a state or federally chartered bank as the escrow agent, who shall then pay any funds otherwise subject to retention to CONTRACTOR. Upon satisfactory completion of the contract, the securities shall be returned to CONTRACTOR.
Securities eligible for investment shall include those listed in Government Code Section 16430, bank and savings and loan certificates of deposit, interest bearing demand

deposit accounts, standby letters of credit, or any other security mutually agreed to by CONTRACTOR and OWNER. CONTRACTOR shall be the beneficial owner of any securities substituted for funds withheld and shall receive any interest on them. The escrow agreement shall be in the form indicated in the Contract Documents.
To bid on or perform the work stated in this Notice, CONTRACTOR must possess a valid and active contractor's license of the following classification(s) B. No CONTRACTOR or subcontractor shall be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of § 4104 of the Public Contract Code, for a public works project (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) unless currently registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code § 1725.5. No CONTRACTOR or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the DIR. DIR's web registration portal is: www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/Contractors.html
CONTRACTOR and all subcontractors must furnish electronic certified payroll records (eCPR) to the Labor Commissioner [specify weekly, bi-weekly or monthly] in PDF format. Registration at www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/Certified-Payroll-Reporting.html is required to use the eCPR system.
The following notice is given as required by Labor Code Section 1771.5(b)(1): CONTRACTOR and any subcontractors are required to review and comply with the provisions of the California Labor Code, Part 7, Chapter 1, beginning with Section 1720, as more fully discussed in the Contract Documents. These sections contain specific requirements concerning, for example, determination and payment of prevailing wages, retention, inspection, and auditing payroll records, use of apprentices, payment of overtime compensation, securing workers' compensation insurance, and various criminal penalties or fines which may be imposed for violations of the requirements of the chapter. Submission of a bid constitutes CONTRACTOR's representation that CONTRACTOR has thoroughly reviewed these requirements.
[check only one]
OWNER will retain 5% of the amount of any progress payments.
OWNER will retain 10% of the amount of any progress payments because

the project has been found to be substantially complex on the basis of .
This Project requires does not require prequalification pursuant to AB 1565 of all general contractors and all mechanical, electrical and plumbing subcontractors. If required, a Prequalification package may be obtained by downloading the necessary forms from www.wuesd.org. A bid package will not be accepted from any bidder that is required to submit a completed questionnaire and supporting documents pursuant to AB 1565, but has not done so at least ten (10) business days prior to the date fixed for the public opening of sealed bids or that has not been prequalified for at least five (5) business days prior to that date.
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decident.
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.
A HEARING on the petition will be held on Sept. 28, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. J-1 located at 2100 College Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93305.
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.
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.
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.
Attorney for petitioner:
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SBN 105729
ELLE MUSSELMAN ESQ
SBN 331088
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SANTA CLARITA CA 91355
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Beauty Spot
2023-B1644
804 10th Ave.
Delano, CA 93215
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
Po Box 124
Wasco, CA 93280
Dulce Maria Ojeda
Juan Carlos Montoya
The business is conducted by: Co-Partners
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Dulce Ojeda
Date Statement Filed: 03/13/2023
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
T'S Treasures
2023-B1400
503 Garratt St
Taft, CA 93268
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
503 Garratt St
Taft, CA 93268
Tammy Michelle Sutherland
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 03/01/2023
/s/Tammy Michelle Sutherland
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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF ROBERT SANCHEZ
Case No. BPB-23-002314
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ROBERT SANCHEZ
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Nikolette Sanchez in the Superior Court of California, County of KERN.
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Nikolette Sanchez be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the

OBITUARIES

Monica "Mona" Padilla Feb. 2, 1978 - March 22, 2023



If you had the pleasure of meeting Mona you would probably agree she was the most loving, caring and fun person you've met.



Mona in high school, and we officially began dating on Sept. 18, 1993 - she was my high school sweetheart.

There was never a shortage of gut-wrenching laughter with Mona in our lives.

Mona was loved by everyone she met. But for those who had the pleasure of knowing Mona on a personal level, they knew that she truly was one of a kind.

left a lifelong impression on everyone who knew her personally and it can never be forgotten.

She was selfless with her care at times when those in her life needed it most. She was never short on love, laughs and generosity.

If you knew her well,

you were lucky to have been given a nickname and I'm sure you are smiling right now. And without question our absolute favorite saying she would say, "Quallate Travolta" instead of "Callate La Boca."

Mona is survived by her husband John Padilla and three children, Priscilla Padilla, Isaac Padilla, and Roman Padilla; Mother

Esther Carrasco, Father Carlos Aguilar and Step-Father Roger Carrasco; and seven siblings, Mark Rodriguez wife Virginia Rodriguez, Dina Aguilar, Michael Carrasco, Mathew Carrasco, Myra Valenzuela, Vicente Aguilar and Checo Aguilar, as well as, many cousins, nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts and countless friends.

Services will be held Thursday, April 20, at Basham & Lara Funeral Care, 343 State Ave. from 12 p.m. to 1:45 p.m.

Josephine "Josie" Sanchez-Andrade June 12, 1955 - March 25, 2023



Josephine "Josie" Sanchez-Andrade passed away March 25, 2023, at Cedars-Sinai Hospital in Los Angeles. Josie was born June 12, 1955, in Wasco, to Jose Reza Sanchez and Tomasita Medrano Sanchez.

Schoo, the Children's Center in Shafter and Kern County Superintendent of Schools preschools.

Josie met Frank in 1977, and they were together for 30 years before they got married in 2007 in Las Vegas. Josie enjoyed many things in life: she loved to dance, seeing old movies, going to Dodgers games and spending time with her children and grandchildren.

year, 2014, she was baptized.

Josie is survived by her children, Vanessa and Reyes Soberon of Wasco, Merissa and Juan Orozco of Wasco, Joseph and Berniece Andrade of Wasco, and Frank Andrade Jr. and Jessica Mendez of Bakersfield; her grandchildren, Roman Orozco, Milkayla Orozco, Daniela Ramos, Sebastian Andrade, Jasmine Ramos, JoJo Andrade, Hannah Soberon, Carlos Andrade and Frank Andrade Jr.; her sisters Eva and Manuel Jimenez of Delano, Sarah Teutimez of West Los Angeles, Annie

and Armando Aguilar of Bakersfield, and Kathryn Woodford of Fontana; her brothers Alfred and Barbara Sanchez of Bakersfield, Joe Valdez of Whittier, Rogaciano and Maria Hortencia Valdez of Whittier, and Bonifacio and Maria Juana Sanchez of Wasco.

Josie was preceded in death by her spouse, Frank Andrade; parents Jose and Tomasita Sanchez; brothers Robert Valdez, Jimmy Joe Sanchez and William "Bill" Sanchez; and sisters Jessie Valdez-Alcoser and Carmen Sabala.

Visitation will be on

Friday, April 14, from 4 to 8 p.m., with a Rosary at 6 p.m. at Basham & Lara Funeral Care, 343 State Ave., Shafter. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, April 15, at Westside Family Fellowship, 2150 Palm Ave, Wasco, at 11 a.m., followed by a Celebration of Life at the church hall.

Per Josie's request, she does not black to be worn; she wants bright colors and for everyone to remember by her smile, love and laughter. Condolences may be left on Josephine "Josie" Sanchez-Andrade's online guestbook at bashamfuneralcare.com

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