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# Fire Dept. costs going up

## Shafter, Wasco face fire service hike

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

Shafter and Wasco are among nine communities facing a spike of up to 200% in the cost of services provided by the Kern County Fire Department.

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Ryan Alsop, the chief administrative officer for the KCFD, said the department has been undercharging the cities it serves for years. "This is about getting full cost recovery for the services we are providing," he said.

The department has been unable to buy new equipment, he said.

"After conducting a study, it was apparent that we were not getting the full value of the services we were providing," he said.

The nine incorporated cities, which include Shafter and Wasco, will see their cost for those services increase by almost 200%.

Wasco Mayor Tilo Cortez said the increase is unaffordable. "I don't know of many city budgets that can absorb that type of hit to their general fund," he said.

Cortez added that the city was not given an opportunity to review the study before the county proposed a new seven-year plan, or even a chance to discuss the situation with county leaders.

The cities got a reprieve last week when it was announced that they would have three months to devise a plan to handle the increase.

The pandemic has put unprecedented pressure on almost every city's budget, with Shafter anticipating a \$4.5 million decrease in sales tax revenue for the next year. The action that was voted on by the Board of Supervisors gives cities until October to negotiate with the county over ways to pay the additional fire department cost.

David Couch, supervisor for the 4th District, said he thought the cities should coordinate with one another before presenting a proposal.

"I think our process is flawed," Couch said. "I think that

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Tilo Cortez



Danny Espitia

## Aging wells need upgrade

### Council election shapes up

BY TONI DEROSA AND  
MICHAEL SCHROEDER  
The Wasco Tribune

The city has been going in "the wrong direction" for the last 13 years in fixing its crumbling water infrastructure, and it will have to spend millions – likely \$30 million plus -- to fix it, City Manager Daniel Ortiz-Hernandez told the City Council Tuesday night.

A study more than a decade ago made it clear the city needed to move to replace its aging water wells, and add storage for millions of gallons in order to protect the system from spikes in usage. This was merely to keep up with current and expected demand.

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Alex Garcia

# Wonderful establishes covid-19 relief fund

TONI DEROSA  
The Wasco Tribune

Submissions are now open for the Wonderful Community grants program offering funding during time of critical need.

**EAST HILLS**

The Wonderful Company, dedicated to harvesting health around the world, has established a new \$1 million relief fund to support nonprofit organizations and schools in California's Central Valley, including as Wasco, Shafter, Delano, Firebaugh, Avenal, Sanger, Mendota and Del Rey.

The company said funding will go to organizations and schools in these communities that have been impacted either by state or federal budget cuts or have new, critical needs due to the pandemic.

"Now more than ever, we are focused on the health and well-being of our employees, both while they are doing the essential work of feeding our nation and when they return home to be with their families," said Andy Anzaldo, chief operating officer at The Wonderful Company. "We are doing everything in our power to support the vulnerable communities where our employees live and work. Our hope is that our \$1 million fund will help to stimulate or reinvigorate many vital programs whose budgets have been cut in the face of this devastating pandemic.

"The Wonderful Company has become a critical partner in our ongoing efforts to provide fresh produce to rural communities like Wasco and Delano through our annual Farmers Market program in the spring and summer," said Jeremy Tobias, CEO at Community Action Partnership of Kern. "As we face the covid-19 health crisis, these efforts have become vital for our communities.

Tobias said that the Community Action Partnership has

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Through the Community Action Partnership of Kern, the Wonderful Company distributes food in many local areas.

## Virus spikes; mask compliance poor

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

Despite digital road signs that implore residents to "Wear a Mask" and "Stop the Spread," the number of people testing positive continues to

rise and some officials are concerned by the amount of people who are not wearing face coverings.

The number of covid-19 cases grew by 200 in Shafter, with 803 confirmed cases compared to 602 last week. In

Wasco, there are 847 reported cases, an increase of 219 from last week.

The Kern County Health Department says those figures might not mean that 200 people in either city

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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.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW:** Wasco: The City of Wasco wishes to remind residents that our official city website is the only authorized avenue to pay your Utility Bill online.

**NEW:** Wasco: COVID-19 testing to anyone free, if you have insurance they will be billed. Located at the Wasco Library 1102 7th St., Wasco. Appointments made at <http://lhi.care/covidtesting> or call (888)634-1123. Donde? Biblioteca de Wasco 1102 7th St, Wasco. Si no tiene acceso de internet llame al (888)634-1123.

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

**Oficina-Cerrado Al Publico:** Efectivo el Viernes, 24 de Julio-Hasta Nuevo aviso. (Por orden del Gobernador)

**NEW:** Wasco & Shafter: Household Hazardous waste collection event: Aug. 8 Sat. 17621 Scofield Rd. 9 a.m. -12 p.m. Accepted Materials: batteries, motor oil, paints, light bulbs, pool chemicals, automotive products and more. **Evento De Recoleccion de residuos peligrosos del hogar:** Shafter-Wasco., Sabado, 8 de Agosto Del 2020 17621 Scofield Rd. 9 a.m. -12 p.m. Materiales Aceptados: Baterias, Aceite de Motor.

## ONGOING

**Cooling off** -- Shafter's cooling center will be open at the Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset Ave., from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Residents using the center are encouraged to bring their favorite nonalcoholic beverages, snacks, reading materials, games, etc. Face masks are required.

**Emergency food pantry** -- The food pantry is a one-time food service that is

provided to families in need on an emergency basis. A food basket can be provided when the church is notified of the need, and if any further assistance is needed. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith Ave., Wasco. Contact the church, 661-758-2516.

**Shower and laundry services** -- We have a shower and washer & dryer available for the homeless to use by appointment. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith Ave., Wasco. Call 661-758-2516 for appointment.

## TUESDAY

**Gleaners (Senior Sack)** -- The Senior Sack program is for senior citizens 60 years and older. Food is distributed on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month at GABC starting at 12 p.m. There is a one-time \$2 administration fee. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith Ave., Wasco.

**Food giveaway** -- The Impact Program is a biweekly food giveaway provided to anyone who is in need, Tuesday or Friday, 8 to 10 a.m. on a first come, first serve basis for those 18 years and older. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith Ave., Wasco.

**Narcotics Anonymous** -- Meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith Ave., Wasco.

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## HEADLINES IN HISTORY



From The Shafter Press archives

**10 years ago: 2010**

David Boyt became the assistant principal of Shafter High School.

**20 years ago: 2000**

Kiwanis Club introduces 29 teachers at their luncheon. among them were teachers Erica Chavez, Ruth Bergen and Destini Blake.

**30 years ago: 1990**

Wasco Prison at 701 Scofield Ave. was in the process of being built.

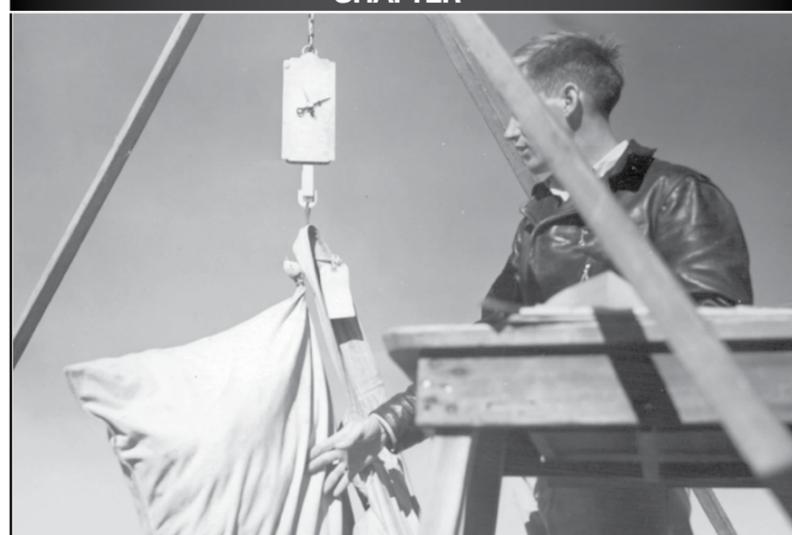
**40 years ago: 1980**

Shafter voters approved funding for the Shafter Recreation District.

—Compiled by Erica Soriano

## Mystery history

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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:** A float from the 1969 Wasco Shafter Parade



### WASCO



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## ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

**AUG. 2**

**Rogelio Barajas**, of Shafter, was arrested for obstruction of a public officer, trespassing and controlled substance paraphernalia.

Mariana Ortega, 20, of Shafter, was arrested on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

**AUG. 1**

**Leo John Barboza Jr.**, was arrested for inflicting corporal injury on spouse, willful cruelty to child and damaging/destroying wireless device.

**JULY 31**

**Lynn Monte Harrelson**, 62, was arrested for DUI.

**Carlos Fimbres**, of Shafter, was arrested for contempt to disobey court order, vandalism less than \$400.

**JULY 30**

**Allen Ray Forker**, 26, of Shafter, was arrested for violation of felony parole.

**Julio Guadalupe Flores**, 31, of Shafter, was arrested on a felony bench warrant and misdemeanor bench warrant.

**JULY 27**

**Daniel Quintero Sanchez**, 45, of Shafter was arrested on a felony bench

warrant.

*Buttonwillow Sheriff Substation*

**JULY 30**

**Raymond Scott Miller**, age 47, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 20000 block of Tracy Avenue in Buttonwillow for a felony warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

**JULY 28**

**Christian Javier Ortiz**, age 44, of Los Banos, was arrested in the 21000 block of Highway 46 in Lost Hills for drug paraphernalia, disorderly conduct of drugs and a misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

**Margo Deanna Sloan**,

age 37, of Newman, was arrested in the 21000 block of Highway 46 in Lost Hills for drug paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance and disorderly conduct of drugs. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

**David Fajardo**, age 29, of Buttonwillow, was arrested for violation of a Domestic Violence Restraining Order. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

### WASCO

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

**JULY 27**

**Johnny Carreon**, age 25,

of Wasco, was arrested in the 2700 block of Grape Vine Lane for second-degree burglary, burglary during a state of emergency, possession of burglary tools and unlawful possession or use of tear gas. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

**JULY 28**

**Jeremy Glen Jameson**, age 50, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on outstanding warrants. He was cited and released at the scene.

**Justino Munoz Perez**, age 46, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of 8th Street and F Street for driving

without a license. He was cited and released at the scene.

**Noel Mesa Rosas**, age 25, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on an outstanding misdemeanor warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

**AUGUST 2**

**Randy Flores**, age 18, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1800 block of Poplar Avenue for felony vandalism. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

**Alexander Garcia Miranda**, age 23, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of 8th Street and F Street for driving

without a license. He was cited and released at the scene.

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# Parks and Rec board searches for new ideas

**TONI DEROSA**  
The Wasco Tribune

Due to the pandemic, children are missing out on fundamental activities such as in-person classroom



**New Recreation and Parks District board member Kayla Castillo.**

teaching, organized physical education, after-school activities, and sports.

New board members of the Wasco Recreation and

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Parks District are trying to come up with different ways in which kids can participate in activities with all the covid-19 regulations in place.

The district is also excited to have a majority of women on the board this year. "It's unusual to have more women than men," board President Sharon Sharp said.

Facing the challenges created by the coronavirus, "We need to get more creative. We are all trying to develop new ideas where kids can participate in dif-

ferent activities while following the rules and regulations enforced by the governor."

New board members for the district are Sharp, Kayla Castillo, Erica Marin, Rick Snow and Aubrey Wemberly. Castillo, Marin and Wemberly said they are excited to work collaboratively with the high school putting together a program for the children in Wasco.

The board works closely with Recreation and Parks director Vicki Hight.

The park district offers activities for youths, adults and seniors and offers activities such as flag football, junior league softball, soccer, softball, summer soccer, swim lessons and Tee-ball.

All of those activities except for swimming have been canceled this summer. Tigersharks swimmers were allowed to return to the pool for a shortened swim season, but no new swimmers were added to the teams.

"Usually we offer recreational swimming every summer, but couldn't do that this summer," Sharp said.

The recreation and parks board has been meeting all summer long in hopes of creating some new activity ideas.

Sharp brought up that the dynamics of the board changed when three of its members selected were women.

Castillo, an English teacher at Wasco High, grew up in Buttonwillow and when she married her husband, they moved to Wasco. "There are a lot more opportunities in a small town," Castillo said. "We are a small enough program so that our sports program could be a feeder into the high school athletic programs."

Castillo said she believes children benefit from playing sports as youngsters by learning the rules and strategies of the game.



**Recreation and Parks Board President Sharon Sharp.**

Marin, also a first-time board member, said she wanted to be on the board because of her kids' interest in the activities.

The new board members agreed that the kids need to strengthen their softball and basketball skills.

"Partnering with the high school in sports activities will make for better players," they said.

Sharp also said that the board feels responsible for creating new ideas for activities for kids.

Everyone is invited to

the parks and recreation board meetings held the third Thursday of each month at 6 p.m. in the Wasco Recreation and Parks District room at Barker Park on Poplar. "We would love to see more community involvement at the meetings," Sharp said.

The board members feel parks are important for the communities in which they are located.

Current board members include Sharp, Marin, Castillo, Wemberly, Snow and Nacho Martinez

# Residents lobby to save Shafter library

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

A group of Shafter residents has helped the campaign to reopen the Shafter branch of the Kern County Libraries, which received countywide attention recently as it attracted news cameras and a front page story in the Bakersfield Californian.

With the recent budget cuts, it seemed unlikely that many of the branches of the countywide system would reopen. But with an adjustment to the budget, it appears they will open a couple more libraries in addition to the eight that are open and offering curbside service.

The closest to Shafter and Wasco of those libraries is the Delano branch, which would necessitate a 20 minute trip for anyone who wants to go to the library.

Shafter Education Partnership director David Franz made a presentation to the

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Shafter City Council at their July 21 meeting, telling the council there is a large, dedicated group of residents who are intent on doing whatever they can to get the library reopened. The Shafter branch is also in a unique position because of the relationship it has with the Shafter Learning Center, which shares the building with the library. The Shafter Learning Center benefits from the foot traffic in the library and the library benefits from the variety of classes at the Learning Center, allowing children and adults alike options that aren't possible in other county cities.

Residents have also mounted a letter writing campaign on behalf of the library.

Ethan Picman, an integral part of the success of the Shafter library, encouraged the residents to speak up and take their concerns to County Supervisor David Couch, who has shown support for the group. Picman said he would love to go back to Shafter and build on its success. Picman spends part of the week in Delano and is at the Beale library on Fridays.



**A group of concerned citizens show their support for reopening the library.(photo courtesy of Alex Horvath, Bakersfield Californian.)**

"I don't know if or when I will be back in Shafter, but I am advocating for Shafter and Wasco and we can still try to make our case at Supervisor Couch's office," he said.

Picman said the Shafter branch had made such great strides since he arrived on site, with the circulation increasing and the community support outstanding. Foot traffic had grown to between 4,800 and 5,200 people a month, with as many as 8,000 people visiting the library some months.

Picman added that Shafter was steadily in the top ten of the county's branches in program attendance, with an average of 1,200 people a month participating in its

programs and activities. These included story times, reptile shows, different activities for the children and presentations for adults given by guest speakers such as Stan Wilson from the Shafter Historical Society.

Shafter boasted a circulation of between 1,500 and 2,000 books a month, which ranks usually between eighth and 12th of the county's 24 branches, despite having the fourth smallest collection of books in the county and being the smallest branch in terms of square footage.

Picman hopes that with the support that the community gives to the Shafter library and the adjustment that was made to the budget, the branch will be able to reopen.

# Group supports fight against trafficking

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

On July 30, more than a dozen Shafter residents wearing blue and holding signs gathered outside the Tin Cup to recognize Human Trafficking Awareness Day.

Back in 2011, President Barack Obama signed a proclamation dedicating a day to fight the issues of slavery and human trafficking. Richland Board of Trustees member Melissa Dewitt led a Shafter contingency that joined many other groups around the nation calling for the end of human trafficking.

"This is an important issue that affects so many families each year," said Dewitt. "It is important to do something that will make a difference."

Thousands of men, women and children

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end up in the hands of traffickers every year, often through being tricked and misled to believe they are being taken to work that will make them and their families better off, or through force.

There are even reports of very poor families selling children in order to survive. There are many ways people get caught up in trafficking, but the result is almost always the same: They end up being used and abused.

Trafficked people are often forced to work, doing hard labor or prostitution. They usually have their documents taken away and are warned of terrible punishment if they try to escape.

A global problem, trafficking has been



**More than a dozen people gathered to recognize Human Trafficking Awareness Day.**

given a global platform as the United Nations organized the World Day Against Trafficking in Persons.

Human trafficking is not a new subject for Shafter. The city played host to Sean and Kay Levesque last year as they brought their fight against the problem to the First Southern Baptist Church for a conference on the issue. Levesque and his family sold

all of their possessions and bought a motor home that they travel around the country in, raising awareness about the abuse that millions of people worldwide suffer annually.

"Human trafficking is a problem that affects everyone, no matter your social class, ethnicity, age. We need to eradicate this problem in our nation," said Levesque.

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# Mask compliance poor as virus spikes

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contracted the virus this week. With an increase of testing in the county, there is a backlog of tests waiting to be processed, which skews the numbers of confirmed cases.

Meanwhile, Shafter High School is joining the rest of the Kern High School District in switching to distance learning, while hoping in-person instruction can begin after Oct. 9, and that the fall sports calendar can begin in December. With Kern County being back on the state watch list, Shafter saw many of its non-essential businesses close, with restaurants being able to offer only take-out service and outdoor dining.

Shafter's city buildings are closed to the public, with services available through a window in the alley of City Hall.

The City Council and several agencies, including Shafter Recreation and the Richland School District, held a meeting recently on how to move forward in the pandemic.

Richland Board of Trustees member Deanna Rodriguez-Root said she was surprised by the number of people in town who are not wearing masks. She said the Kern County Health Department said that it is not the city's responsibility to police the



The Public Works Department is considered essential so work goes on, such as this project on James Street, which is the last phase of a year-long project.

wearing of masks by residents. Board member Tammy Criswell-Rubio said, "I contacted the Health Department to see who is responsible for enforcing the wearing of

masks. They told me that it is the county's job to enforce it, with them encouraging residents to contact them if they see violations."

Root asked if it would come to having to fine people who are not complying. The majority of the attendees doubted that this would ever become necessary in Shafter.

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## 4 renewable diesel stations open

**JAMIE STEWART**

The Shafter Press

Neste, the world's largest producer of renewable diesel, has opened four locations.

One of the stations, operated by Jeffries Brothers Petroleum, is in Shafter, two are in Wasco and one is in Buttonwillow. The Shafter location is next to the Tin Cup off of Beech Avenue. In Wasco, the two stations are on Highway 46, one of them within the city limits at the Tiger Mart station.

Kristine Janata, account executive at rbb Communications, which represents Neste, says the move is in part due to a recent ruling by the federal Environmental Protection Agency to make 75 percent of heavy



The Tiger Mart in Wasco is one of four locations that offer renewable diesel.

duty vehicles emissions-free by the year 2035. With a look to electrification in the future, Janata said, an immediate drop-in solution is the use of the renewable diesel fuel.

Renewable diesel is a low-carbon fuel that cuts greenhouse gas emissions by up to 80% compared to petroleum diesel. The four stations join existing Neste-branded fuel stations in San Leandro, San Jose, Keyes and Ripon.

"Covid-19 has shone a light on the important role trucking plays in our economy and in preserving our

quality of life," said Carrie Song, vice president for North America at Renewable Road Transport. "That is why it is so important for us to find a way to keep these vehicles moving with much less greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution."

Theodore Rolfvondenbaumen, communications

manager for Neste North America, said, "Neste was there to help keep California's businesses moving after the state passed its landmark low carbon fuel standard nearly a decade ago. Since then, our renewable diesel has replaced more than 1.6 billion gallons of fossil diesel in the Golden State."

## Kern Fire Department charges could spike

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we should get the cities on board first, instead of trying to negotiate with the different cities after the fact."

Council members Cathy Prout and Chad Givens said they did not have any infor-

mation on the issue other than what was reported in the news. Givens said, "This will be conversation that we will have moving forward to determine the correct way to handle this that works best for all parties involved."

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## Water fix likely to cost millions

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But the reverse actually happened. Wells had to be taken out of service, reducing capacity as city growth required more water. Average pressure declined, system statistics analyzed by Hernandez-Ortiz showed, and peaks took the system above capacity in the best-functioning wells, and showed the weaknesses in several that were aging out.

The drought of the mid-2010s "gave the city a reprieve," Ortiz-Hernandez explained later, but that is benefit is over. He presented a four-year plan to make the needed improvements, but said it may be necessary to compress that schedule.

Finding the money will be a problem. Although Water Department is a separate entity and has its own capital funds, the city's ability to take on a multiyear project with a first year price tag of close to \$4

million is not realistic, Hernandez-Ortiz said.

Finding help to pay is the next step. He said the state and federal sources could provide grants, but this avenue may take more than a year to secure. The city will have to pick up the tab until it gets assistance – which means likely substantial increases for ratepayers.

The council also discussed other issues Tuesday night. Resident Orquidea Ocampo asked why voting for council members is by district instead of at-large seats. She was told the council held public hearings in 2017 that led to the voting in districts. The November 2018 election was then district based.

In this November's election, there are three open council seats and only two have incumbents running for re-election. Danny Espitia, who represents District 2, is not run-

ning, while Mayor Tilo Cortez, who represents District 4, and Alex Garcia, who represents District 5, are both seeking re-election.

Garcia said, "I am proud of a successful first-term as Wasco council member. Despite some oversights and missteps, I have always put Wasco first." Garcia said his priority at City Hall has always been to improve accessibility, transparency and promote the Wasco brand beyond our city limits.

In other business, the City Council unanimously approved the employment agreement of Isarel Perez Hernandez as the finance director for an annual salary of \$104,573.

In presenting his report, Kern County Sheriff's Sergeant Peter Martinez said that the sheriff's office is continuing to ask residents to register their cameras with the department because they help solve crime.



From left, Palm Avenue Middle School Secretary Elsa Gutierrez with Health Clerk Alexa Avila assisting the Principal and Assistant Principal.

# School to start with distance learning

**TONI DEROSA**  
The Wasco Tribune

Classes for Wasco High School and Wasco Independent High School will start with distance learning only on Aug. 12.

Robert Cobb, assistant superintendent of the Wasco Union High School District, announced last week that the beginning of school was not what the district envisioned when it had almost completed preparations for the new school year; however, plans had to change with the increase in covid-19 cases in Kern County.

The district realized that their original goal of allowing students a couple of days of in-person class will not be possible for the fall quarter.

"As of now, it appears starting school under distance learning is the only feasible path forward," Cobb said. "While this is the safest strategy to minimize potential covid-19 exposure and risk, it brings a number of challenges to the learning environment."

Cobb said the distance learning will be different and improved from the experience of last spring. Regular attendance will be taken, students will need to engage daily during the classroom session, protocols will be placed for students who don't log on, students are guaranteed internet access, and they will need to pursue a letter grade as opposed to credit/no credit.

Cobb also said distance learning creates a unique challenge for Career Technical Education and hands-on learning. He said that the district is aware that while

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some classes are compatible with distance learning, others are not, and that "the district will do its best to keep students engaged and provide alternative activities to the hands-on experiences students would have in many courses. Some of those alternative activities may include online simulations and video-based lessons until in-person instruction can be provided.

Cobb said that even though this experience is unprecedented, the district is confident that teachers and staff will continue to provide a quality education and supportive educational environment.

"We all look forward to the return to a traditional school format and the opportunity to open our schools safely when we are allowed to do so," he said. "Until then, stay safe!"

# School gives out drive-thru supplies

**TONI DEROSA**  
The Wasco Tribune

Palm Avenue Middle School Principal Oscar Luna and vice principal Zachary Ellis were available Tuesday and Wednesday to help staff hand out school supplies to every student for the fall quarter, which begins Aug. 10 and should end in early October.

"The district has been putting these packets together for over a week," Ellis said.

The packets include forms for emergency contacts, an agreement to accept the Chromebook, a handbook that describes the school policies, and log-in information so attendance can be taken daily. Each student has a designated time they have to log in to their computer for their classes.

Because the numbers of affected co-

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vid-19 Kern County residents are continuously changing, the extent of distance learning is unknown. Some are hoping that in-person school can be restarted in October.

A letter was sent by the school to each sixth through eighth grade household with instructions on how to participate in the drive-thru to pick up their student's textbooks, supplies, workbooks and Chromebooks

Cars snaked around the block waiting in line to pick up the student packets.

Luna and Ellis both approached vehicles to chat with the drivers and students.

Some students walked to the school to pick up their packet.

# Denny's offers dining outside

## Grand Slam Slugger remains popular

**TONI DEROSA**  
The Wasco Tribune

Denny's has been a staple on Highway 46 for over 10 years and draws hungry travelers from Highway 5 headed both north and south. And outdoor diners have been stepping up to the plate.

"Our most-popular meal is the Grand Slam Slugger," general manager Christine Sanchez said.

Sanchez has been with Denny's for 15 years. A Bakersfield resident, she started out as a hostess and dishwasher at the Denny's on Buck Owens Boulevard and has been in Wasco for one and one-half years.

She says her job is varied and different every day. It can include taking food orders, answering the phone, serving, and handling personnel matters. She is the administrator on the scene at the Wasco Denny's.

"I am an 055 Key holder," Sanchez said. "It's a position you have to work yourself up to." This means she can open the restaurant along with the many other tasks she performs.

The newest feature Den-

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ny's offers is outdoor dining. Staff has set up tables, spatially distanced, to comply with the covid-19 regulations. The outside dining hours are from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Indoor dining is available 24 hours a day, but Sanchez says 9 a.m. and 9 p.m. are the busiest hours.

"Being able to eat outdoors has allowed us to serve more customers," Sanchez said. "When everything was shut down, employment was touch and go. At the beginning, we first had to put our hostesses and dishwashers on unemployment. All but two of them have returned to work and those two left to work elsewhere." Denny's fed all of its employees for two weeks during the beginning of the shutdown. "We made sure everyone had food," Sanchez said.

Since the complete shutdown of restaurants, "we have been able to bring everyone back," Sanchez said. "We are now fully staffed with 24 employees in Wasco."

Although she says Den-



General manager Christina Sanchez stands next to the sign that promotes Kids Eat Free Tuesdays and Saturdays from 4-10 p.m.

ny's doesn't have many new customers, they still serve most of their regulars from before the pandemic.

The worst part of her job, she says, is having to let people go, while the best part is being able to serve customers and have them leave Denny's happy that they've experienced a good meal.

Denny's linked up with Wasco State Prison and donated to their golf tournament in November 2019.

Sanchez said that in the future, she believes Denny's will continue the sanitizing, wearing of masks and gloves and following of safety regulations instituted

during the pandemic.

Seniors age 55 or older have the option of ordering from the Senior Menu, which offers lower prices on specific meals.

Denny's is located at 1804 Highway 46 and (661) 758-6670 is the number to use to call ahead for pick-up.



Enjoying a Saturday morning breakfast were, from left, Elizabeth Gurman, Maria Lagunas and Isaias Gurman.

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## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement June Studio 2020-B2755

5549 Calloway Drive St #1  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
5549 Calloway Drive  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
Darcy June Hardenbrook  
9400 Cripple Creek Ave  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: 06-22-2020  
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)  
/s/Darcy Hardenbrook  
Date Statement Filed: 06/23/2020  
Date Statement Expires: 06/23/2025  
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/M Hernandez  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement LAP Insurance Services 2020-B2958 LAP Insurance Agency Services 2020-B2959 LAP Insurance Agency Services, Inc. 2020-B2960

550 Central Avenue  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
550 Central Avenue  
Shafter, CA 93263  
LAP Insurance Agency Services, Inc.  
550 Central Avenue  
Shafter, CA 93263  
The business is conducted by: Corporation  
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA  
Date the business commenced: 04/01/2020  
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)  
/s/Luis A. Pulido, President  
Date Statement Filed: 07/07/2020  
Date Statement Expires: 07/07/2025  
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/R Roberts-Martin  
Publish *Shafter* Press July 23, 30, August 6, 13, 2020

### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Basic to Bleached 2020-B3097

270 W Los Angeles Ave Apt F  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
270 W Los Angeles Ave Apt F  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Jocelyne Perez  
270 W Los Angeles Ave Apt F  
Shafter, CA 93263  
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: 04/30/2020  
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)  
/s/Jocelyne Perez  
Date Statement Filed: 07/14/2020  
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Mary B. Bedard, CPA,  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/M Hernandez  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE SEMOTROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT Kern County, California NOTICE INVITING BIDS POND POSO SPREADING GROUNDS DITCH LINING PROJECT SPECIFICATIONS NO. 20-02

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the SEMOTROPIC WATER STORAGE DISTRICT (hereinafter "District") until 2:00 p.m. on August 28, 2020, for the construction of Specifications Nos. 20-02, Pond Poso Spreading Grounds Ditch Lining Project ("Project") including, but not limited to, the furnishing of all labor, services, materials, tools, equipment, supplies, and facilities necessary therefore, and transportation, utilities, and all other items as provided in the Contract Documents associated herewith, of which each and every document comprising the entirety of the Contract Documents are incorporated at length as if fully set forth herein. The Project is located within Kern County and in the vicinity of Wasco, California. Bids will be received at the offices of the District, 1101 Central Avenue, Wasco, CA 93280, until the stated time and date, at which time and place the bids will be opened.  
If a contract is awarded, it will be awarded to the responsible Bidder submitting the lowest responsive Bid Proposal on the basis of prices in the Bid. The bidding requirements and the Work are fully described in the Contract Documents. Electronic Adobe Acrobat (PDF) Portable Document Format (PDF) Contract Documents are being made available to Bidders either by email or a download link. No paper (hard) copies

of Contract Documents will be provided to Bidders. Requests for electronic Contract Documents may be requested from Mayra Torres, Semitropic WSD at mtorres@semitropic.com. Request must include company name, requesting person's name, requesting person's physical address, requesting person's email address, and requesting person's phone number. Addenda will only be distributed to requesting person. In light of the California Governor's March 19, 2020 executive order, and other emergency executive orders regarding COVID-19, and consistent with applicable laws, regulations and orders, the District will conduct the bid opening and mandatory pre-bid conference via teleconference. The District is requesting all bidders to perform a mandatory self-guided tour of the project site. Bidder shall contact Mayra Torres, Semitropic WSD at mtorres@semitropic.com or (661) 758-5113 to schedule appointment for self-guided tour. Self-guided tours will be limited to a duration of two (2) hours. Self-guided tours will be limited between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. and start August 10, 2020 and end August 13, 2020. A sign-in form will be provided at time appointment is made for Contractor to sign and return after completion of self-guided tour. The mandatory pre-bid teleconference will be conducted by the Semitropic Water District on August 14, 2020. The pre-bid teleconference will start promptly at 9:00 a.m. It is anticipated that the teleconference will last approximately two (2) hours. The call-in telephone number and passcode for the bid opening and mandatory pre-bid conference teleconferences will be provided on the bid-tour sign-in form.

While the Work to be performed with respect to the Project is more fully described and detailed in the Plans and Specifications, the principal components of Work to be performed includes the following:  
Furnish and install impermeable geomembrane, of the type described herein, over a 3.5 mile ditch along the perimeter of the Pond Poso Spreading Grounds. The conveyance ditch is approximately 3-5 feet deep, 4 feet wide at the bottom with varying slopes. Refer to the canal cross sections for reference.  
Work shall consist of the following:  
Subsurface preparation.  
Furnishing and installing impermeable geomembrane, including fabrication of impermeable geomembrane, panel fabrication, patching/repairs of geomembrane, and installation of "boots" or water-tight collars for sealing geomembrane around existing pipes and other objects that penetrate the geomembrane.  
Conducting all trial and seam field testing and air lance testing.  
All site cleanup after completion of work, to restore site to pre-project conditions.  
Work must be completed during the periods identified in the Specifications.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 6100(b), any contractor, subcontractor, and/or specialty contractor, as defined under Business and Professions Code Section 7026, submitting a proposal shall possess, at the time the contract is awarded, that classification of contractor's license required by law to enable the contractor to perform the Work contemplated under the Contract Documents, as more specifically set forth in the specifications. Specifically, a Class A – General Engineering contractor's license or a Class C – Specialty Contractor for specialized building trades and crafts is required for the project. In addition to the contractor license requirements, the Contractor shall have the qualifications as required in Section D, Paragraph D-6 of the Contract Documents. Contractors shall provide the District with their Contractor's license number and expiration date as provided in the proposal. It is the District's intent that "plans," as used in Public Contract Code Section 3300, is defined as the construction contract documents, which include both the drawings and the specifications.  
No contractor or subcontractor may be qualified to submit a Bid, be listed on a Bid proposal, or engage in the performance of any Work associated with this project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 et seq. [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)]. No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded the contract for the project unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5.

The District reserves the right, after opening bids, to reject any or all bids, to waive or to make award to the lowest responsible bidder and reject all other bids. This published notice does NOT reproduce all the bidding requirements; accordingly, the above-referenced Plans and Specifications are hereby incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Notice Inviting Bids. An acceptable bid can only be prepared by reading and following all of the instructions that are found in the Specifications, which includes Sections A and B thereof. Each Bidder is required to sign a Noncollusion Affidavit and submit it with his bid. The successful Bidder is required to furnish a Payment Bond in an amount of 100% of the contract and a Faithful Performance Bond in an amount of 100% of the contract; the bonds to be secured by a surety company or surety companies satisfactory to the District.  
Bids shall be based on the payment of not less than the prevailing rate of wages for this locality and project as determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code Section 1770 et seq. and the Davis-Bacon Act, whichever is greater. Prevailing wage schedules for Kern County are available from the Department of Industrial Relations-Division of Labor Statistics & Research via the internet at www.dir.ca.gov. Copies of the prevailing rates of per diem wages are on file at the office of the District and will be made

available to any interested party on request. Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage schedules can be found at www.wdol.gov.  
This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. (See Labor Code section 1771.4(a)(1)). Each contractor and subcontractor shall furnish the records specified in Labor Code section 1776 directly to the Labor Commissions, in the manner set forth in Labor Code section 1771.4(a)(3)(A)-(B). Contractors shall be required to post job site notices, as prescribed by regulation. (See Labor Code section 1771.4(a)(2)).  
Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300, equivalent securities may be substituted for monies withheld to ensure performance of the contract. Questions regarding the type of work required, or requests for electronic Adobe Acrobat (PDF) Portable Document Format (PDF) plans and specifications may be addressed to the following: Mayra Torres, Semitropic WSD, at mtorres@semitropic.com or (661) 758-5113. This project is funded in part by a federal grant: AgWater Conservation and Efficiency Grant. The grant is being administered by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation). Since a Federal grant is providing funding for the project, the Contractor, its Subcontractors and Suppliers will be required to comply with all applicable Federal requirements.  
Date: July 30, 2020  
Semitropic Water Storage District  
By: /s/ Jason Gianquinto  
General Manager  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Ridge Route Towing 2020-B3158

1842 Cuddy Canyon Road  
Lebec, CA 93243  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
PO Box 1322  
Lebec, CA 93243  
Norma Molina  
444 Chimney Canyon Road  
Lebec, CA 93243  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: 10/1/2015  
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)  
/s/Norma Molina  
Date Statement Filed: 07/17/2020  
Date Statement Expires: 07/17/2025  
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/N Franco  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: SCV-20000011

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
1. Petitioner: Alexandro Arturo Contreras filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present Name  
Alexandro Arturo Contreras  
Proposed Name  
Alexandro Arturo Contreras-Omega  
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
a. Date: 9-18-2020 Time: 8:30 am Dept. B  
b. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF KERN 325 Central Valley Hwy Shafter, CA 93263 Shafter Branch  
3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: The Shafter Press  
Date: 7-20-2020  
/s/Jose R. Benavides  
JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT  
Publish *Shafter* Press July 30, August 6, 13, 20, 2020

### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Mountain Landscaping Inc 2020-B3157

111 Landfill Road  
Lebec, CA 93243  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
25537 Chisom Lane  
Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381  
Mountain Landscaping Inc.  
25537 Chisom Lane  
Stevenson Ranch, CA 91381  
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA  
The business is conducted by: Corporation  
Date the business commenced: 07/03/2020  
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)

/s/Alvaro Molina, President  
Date Statement Filed: 07/17/2020  
Date Statement Expires: 07/17/2025  
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/N Franco  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Jesus Christ Lawn Service & Landscaping 2020-B3026

457 Atlantic Ave.  
Shafter, CA. 93263  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
P.O. Box 539  
Shafter, CA. 93263  
Susana E. Rivas  
1009 State Ave.  
Shafter, CA. 93263  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: 04/02/2008  
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/Susana Rivas  
Date Statement Filed: 07/09/2020  
Date Statement Expires: 07/09/2025  
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/N Franco  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Tjarda Farming Co 2020-B3261

34929 Flyover Ct  
Bakersfield, CA 93308  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
34929 Flyover Ct  
Bakersfield, CA 93308  
Wegis & Young Property Management, LLC  
34929 Flyover Ct  
Bakersfield, CA 93308  
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA  
The business is conducted by Limited Liability Company  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)  
/s/Michael C. Young, President  
Date Statement Filed: 07/25/2020  
Date Statement Expires: 07/25/2025  
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/M Hernandez  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Wasco Agro Services 2020-B3067

17455 Wasco Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
P.O. Box 1025  
Wasco, CA 93280  
Jason Wayne Keillor  
17455 Wasco Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: 01/01/1970  
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/Jason Keillor  
Date Statement Filed: 07/13/2020  
Date Statement Expires: 07/13/2025  
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/N Franco  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE Statement of Abandonment Of Use Of Fictitious Business Name Wasco Agro Services

281 Pine St  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: KERN  
Mailing address of business:  
P.O. Box 1025  
Wasco, CA 93280  
Jason Keillor  
17455 Wasco Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
I declare that all information in this Statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.)  
Business was conducted by: General Partnership  
/s/Jason Keillor, Partner  
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2016-B0715  
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 02/01/2016  
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 07/13/2020  
Mary B. Bedard, CPA  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/N Franco, Deputy  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE SHAFTER CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on August 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., the Shafter City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the Planning Commis-

sion's recommendation for approval of the following project:  
Development Agreement No. 20-18 for Tentative Tract No. 6398: Development Agreement No. 20-18 is being proposed for the completion of Tentative Tract No. 6398 located at the southwest corner of North Beech Avenue and East Tulare Avenue. The City Council of the City of Shafter adopted a Negative Declaration and approved Tentative Tract No. 6398, with conditions of approval, on July 18, 2006, under Resolution No. 06-1845. The tentative tract map subdivides 1.54 acres into 5 single-family residential lots ranging in size from 12,342 square feet to 14,975 square feet (net). Condition No. 89 of Resolution 06-1845 requires the developer of Tentative Tract No. 6398 to enter into a development agreement with the City of Shafter prior to recordation of the final map. The purpose of the development agreement is to address minimum dwelling unit size, park impact fees, traffic impact fees, and other fees and requirements established by the City of Shafter. An Addendum to the adopted Negative Declaration for Tentative Tract No. 6398 has been prepared for the project. The Shafter Planning Commission recommended approval of the project to the Shafter City Council on July 14, 2020, under Resolution No. 20-365.

Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Copies of the above documents are on file and available for public review in the office of the Planning Department at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California. Any person wishing to be heard, or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of said project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments to the Planning Director at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263 or by e-mail at wclausen@shafter.com. Should anyone challenge any proposed action which is the subject of a public hearing listed in this notice or otherwise, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at or prior to this public hearing.

Consistent with Executive Order N-29-20, in person participation by the public will not be permitted and no physical location from which the public may observe the meeting will be available. You are strongly encouraged to observe the City Council meeting live via YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofShafter/>. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item or public comment, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 to the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com. If you wish to mail a written comment, please submit to City Clerk, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. If you wish to make a comment during the live meeting, callers must first register with the City Clerk at 661-746-5012 before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. Please call by 5:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the City Council meeting to allow ample time for sign up. You will need to provide your name, phone number and the item number you wish to address. All public comments are provided to the City Council and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the City Council prior to taking action on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the City Council meeting.  
Dated: July 31, 2020  
Yazmina Pallares  
City Clerk  
Publish *Shafter* Press August 6, 2020

### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Dermescapes Medical Spa and Laser Center, Inc. 2020-B3322 Dermescapes Medical Spa 2020-B3323

9840 Brimhall Rd Ste 200  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
9840 Brimhall Rd Ste 200  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
Dermescapes Medical Spa and Laser Center, Inc.  
9840 Brimhall Rd Ste 200  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA  
The business is conducted by: Corporation  
Date the business commenced: 04/20/2009  
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/Belinda A. Senar, President  
Date Statement Filed: 07/27/2020  
Date Statement Expires: 07/27/2025  
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/R Edmiston  
Publish *Shafter* Press August 6, 13, 20, 27, 2020

### PUBLIC NOTICE SHAFTER CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., Shafter City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider possible uses of financial proceeds made available in response to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) Pandemic the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Securities Act (CARES). The total of the proceeds available to the City is estimated to be \$93,000. The City is seeking community assistance to identify eligible and qualifying projects for the funding. For those wishing to propose a project, it is requested that all information including project description and estimated costs be provided to the City Clerk at Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263, no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, August 14, 2020. Projects and services that the City may consider include but are not limited to COVID-19 protective measures for City employees and at public facilities.  
Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Information regarding this project funding is on file in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, and is available for public review. Any person wishing to be heard or wishing to present evidence either for or against the proposed project is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time place aforesaid or send written comments to the City Clerk at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263. Anyone challenging any proposed action which is the subject of a public hearing listed on this Notice, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at or prior to the public hearing.  
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Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk  
Date: July 31, 2020  
CONSEJO DE LA CIUDAD DE SHAFTER AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA  
Se hace saber por el presente aviso que en Martes, 18 de Agosto, 2020, a las 7 p.m., el Consejo de la Ciudad de Shafter llevará a cabo una audiencia pública para considerar posibles gastos del Ley de Ayuda, Alivio y Seguridad Económica contra el Coronavirus (CARES) estimado ser \$93,000. La Ciudad está buscando asistencia de la comunidad para identificar proyectos elegibles y calificantes para la financiación. Aquellos que deseen presentar una propuesta de proyecto, por favor envíe toda la información incluyendo descripción del proyecto y los costos estimados a la Secretaria de la Ciudad a Municipalidad de Shafter, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263, no mas tarde de 5:00 p.m., Viernes, 14 de Agosto, 2020. Los proyectos y servicios que la ciudad puede considerar incluyen, pero no son limitados a las medidas de protección de Coronavirus (COVID-19) para empleados de la ciudad y en instalaciones públicas.  
Dicha audiencia está abierta al público y todas las personas interesadas están invitadas a asistir y ser escuchadas. Información acerca de esta financiación del proyecto está archivada en la oficina de la Secretaria de la Ciudad en la Municipalidad, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, y está disponible para revisión pública. Cualquier persona que desee ser escuchada o que desee presentar pruebas a favor o en contra del proyecto propuesto, es avisada y dirigida a cualquiera, de aparecer en el momento y lugar mencionado o enviar comentarios por escrito a la Secretaría de la Ciudad a Municipalidad, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263. Cualquier persona retando algún tipo de acción propuesta que es el tema de una audiencia pública que aparece en este aviso, esa persona puede ser limitada a plantear las cuestiones abordadas en la audiencia pública o en correspondencia por escrito entregada a la Secretaria de la Ciudad en o antes de la audiencia pública.  
De acuerdo con la Orden Ejecutiva N-29-20, no se permitirá la participación del público en persona y no habrá una ubicación física desde la cual el público pueda observar la reunión. Le recomendamos que observe las reuniones del Consejo de la Ciudad en vivo a través de YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofShafter/>. Si desea hacer un comentario sobre un tema específico de la agenda o comentario público, envíe su comentario por correo electrónico antes de las 5:00 p.m., Martes 18 de Agosto, 2020 a la Secretaría de la Ciudad a Municipalidad en CityClerk@shafter.com. Si desea hacer un comentario por escrito la Secretaria de la Ciudad a Municipalidad, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263. Si desea hacer un comentario durante la reunión en vivo, las personas que llaman primero deben registrarse con la Secretaria de la Ciudad a Municipalidad a 661-746-5012 antes de que la reunión comience a recibir instrucciones y el número de llamada y el código. Llame antes de las 5:00 pm del Lunes anterior a la reunión del Consejo para tener tiempo suficiente para inscribirse. Deberá proporcionar su nombre, número de teléfono y el número de artículo que desea dirigir. Todos los comentarios públicos se proporcionan al Consejo de la Ciudad y al personal correspondiente, para su revisión y consideración por parte de la Junta antes de tomar medidas sobre los asuntos enumerados en la agenda y se incorporan al registro oficial de la reunión del Consejo.  
Yazmina Pallares, La Secretaria de la Ciudad  
Fecha: 31 de Julio, 2020  
Publish *Shafter* Press August 6, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Goodfellas Barbershop 2020-B2735

1336 F St. Wasco, CA 93280 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 2101 San Ardo St. Wasco, CA 93280 Nestor Daniel Landeros Martinez 2101 San Ardo St. Wasco, CA 93280 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.)

Development (the Secretary) pursuant to the National Housing Act for the purpose of providing single family housing; and Whereas, the beneficial interest in the Deed of Trust is now owned by the Secretary, pursuant to an Assignment of Deed of Trust dated 7/31/2019, recorded on 8/1/2019, as instrument number 219092895, in the Office of the County Recorder, Kern County, California; and Whereas, a default has been made in the covenants and conditions of the Deed of Trust in that the payment due on 10/7/2019, was not made and remains wholly unpaid as of the date of this notice, and no payment has been made sufficient to restore the loan to currency; and Whereas, the entire amount delinquent as of 8/21/2020 is \$242,398.01; and Whereas, by virtue of this default, the Secretary has declared the entire amount of the indebtedness secured by the Deed of Trust to be immediately due and payable; Now Therefore, pursuant to powers vested in me by the Single Family Mortgage Foreclosure Act of 1994, 12 U.S.C. 3751 et seq., by 24 CFR part 27, subpart B, and by the Secretary's designation of Total Lender Solutions, Inc. as Foreclosure Commissioner, recorded on 2/11/2019 as instrument number 219014931, notice is hereby given that on 8/21/2020 at 10:00 AM local time, all real and personal property at or used in connection with the following described property will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder: Legal Description: Lot 36 Of Tract 1941, As Per Map Recorded March 27, 1957 In Book 9, Page 122 Of Maps, In The Office Of The County Recorder Of Said County. Commonly known as: 1110 Cypress Ave, Wasco, CA 93280 The sale will be held at the front entrance to city hall 1501 Truxton Avenue, Bakersfield, CA. The Secretary of Housing and Urban Development will bid an estimate of \$242,398.01. There will be no proration of taxes, rents or other income or liabilities, except that the purchaser will pay, at or before closing, his prorata share of any real estate taxes that have been paid by

the Secretary to the date of the foreclosure sale. When making their bids, all bidders except the Secretary must submit a deposit totaling \$24,239.80 [10% of the Secretary's bid] in the form of a certified check or cashier's check made out to the Secretary of HUD. Each oral bid need not be accompanied by a deposit. If the successful bid is oral, a deposit of \$24,239.80 must be presented before the bidding is closed. The deposit is nonrefundable. The remainder of the purchase price must be delivered within 30 days of the sale or at such other time as the Secretary may determine for good cause shown, time being of the essence. This amount, like the bid deposits, must be delivered in the form of a certified or cashier's check. If the Secretary is the high bidder, he need not pay the bid amount in cash. The successful bidder will pay all conveyancing fees, all real estate and other taxes that are due on or after the delivery of the remainder of the payment and all other costs associated with the transfer of title. At the conclusion of the sale, the deposits of the unsuccessful bidders will be returned to them. The Secretary may grant an extension of time within which to deliver the remainder of the payment. All extensions will be for 15-day increments for a fee of \$500.00, paid in advance. The extension fee shall be in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to the Secretary of HUD. If the high bidder closes the sale prior to the expiration of any extension period, the unused portion of the extension fee shall be applied toward the amount due. If the high bidder is unable to close the sale within the required period, or within any extensions of time granted by the Secretary, the high bidder may be required to forfeit the cash deposit or, at the election of the foreclosure commissioner after consultation with the HUD Field Office representative, will be liable to HUD for any costs incurred as a result of such failure. The commissioner may, at the direction of the HUD field office Representative, offer the Property to the second

highest bidder for an amount equal to the highest price offered by that bidder. There is no right of redemption, or right of possession based upon a right of redemption, in the mortgagor or others subsequent to a foreclosure completed pursuant to the Act. Therefore, the Foreclosure commissioner will issue a Deed to the purchaser(s) upon receipt of the entire purchase price in accordance with the terms of the sale as provided herein. HUD does not guarantee that the property will be vacant. The amount that must be paid if the Mortgage is to be reinstated prior to the scheduled sale is \$242,398.01, as of 8/20/2020, plus all other amounts that would be due under the mortgage agreement if payments under the mortgage had not been accelerated, advertising costs and postage expenses incurred in giving notice, mileage by the most reasonable road distance for posting notices and for the Foreclosure Commissioner's attendance at the sale, reasonable and customary costs incurred for title and lien record searches, the necessary out-of-pocket costs incurred by the Foreclosure Commissioner for recording documents, a commission for the Foreclosure Commissioner, and all other costs incurred in connection with the foreclosure prior to reinstatement. Date: 7/13/2020 Total Lender Solutions, Inc. U.S. Dept. of HUD Foreclosure Commissioner By: /s/ Randy Newman 10505 Sorrento Valley Road, Suite 125 San Diego, CA, 92121 Phone: 866-535-3736 Fax: 866-242-8599 A notary public or other officer completing this certificate verifies only the identity of the individual who signed the document to which this certificate is attached, and not the truthfulness, accuracy, or validity of that document. State Of Ca County Of San Diego On 7/14/2020 before me, Brittany Anne Lokey, a notary public personally appeared, Randy Newman who proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in

his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument. I certify under Penalty Of Perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing paragraph is true and correct. Witness my hand and official seal. /s/Brittany Anne Lokey Publish Wasco Tribune July 30, August 6, 13, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA COUNTY OF KERN Case No.: BPB-17-002657 NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE Probate Code §§10300, 10304 In the Matter of the Estate of: ELIJAH SHUGART, aka ELIJAH SHUGART, JR., Deceased. I, JOSHUA G. WILSON, hereby declare as follows: NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, subject to confirmation by this court, on September 3, 2020, at 10:30 a.m., in Department P of the Metropolitan Division of the Superior Court located at 1215 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, California, or thereafter within the time allowed by law, CHRISTOPHER SMITH as administrator of the estate of ELIJAH SHUGART, aka ELIJAH SHUGART, JR., deceased, will sell at private sale to the highest and best bidder on the terms and conditions stated below all right, title, and interest of the decedent at the time of his death, in the real property located in Kern County, California. This property is commonly referred to as 1057 Poso Drive, Wasco, CA 93280, Assessor Parcel Number 030-471-02-00-9, and is more fully described as follows: An undivided 100% interest in the following described real property located in the County of Kern, State of California, more particularly described as follows: Lots No. 14 and 15 in Block B of South Gate Gardens subdivisions according to the Map of said subdivision recorded in the office of the County Recorder of Kern County on the 17th day of May, 1926, in Book 3 of miscellaneous maps, at page 167, records of Kern County. The property will be sold subject to current taxes, covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, rights, rights of way, and easements of record, with any encumbrances of record to be satisfied from the purchase price. The property is to be sold on an "as is" basis, except for title. Bids or offers are invited for this property and must be in writing and can be mailed to the office of DARLING & WILSON, attorney for the Administrator, at P.O. Box 2411, Bakersfield, CA 93303 or delivered to DARLING & WILSON personally at 1626 - 19th Street, Suite 23, Bakersfield, CA 93301, at any time after first publication of this notice and before any sale is made. The property will be sold on the following terms: Cash, or part cash and part credit, the terms of such credit to be acceptable to the undersigned and to the court, ten percent (10%) of the amount of the bid to accompany the offer by certified check, and the balance to be paid on confirmation of sale by the court. Taxes, rents, operating and maintenance expenses, and premiums on insurance acceptable to the purchaser shall be prorated as of the date of confirmation of sale. Examination of title, recording of conveyance, transfer taxes, and any title insurance policy shall be at the expense of the purchaser or purchasers. The right is reserved to reject any and all bids. For further information and bid forms, contact DARLING & WILSON at (661) 325-5075. DATED: July 28, 2020 DARLING & WILSON, PC By: /s/Joshua G. Wilson Attorney for Administrator Publish Wasco Tribune July 30, August 6, 13, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE T.S. No.: 200713216 Notice Of Trustee's Sale

U.S. Department Of Housing And Urban Development Notice Of Default And Foreclosure Sale Recorded in accordance with 12 USCA 3764 (c) Whereas, on 10/19/2007, a certain Deed of Trust was executed by Randal L Rankin and Mary Lee Rankin, husband and wife as joint tenants as trustor in favor of Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. as beneficiary, and Fidelity National Title Ins Co as trustee, and was recorded on 10/25/2007, as Instrument No. 0207214885, in the Office of the County Recorder of Kern County, California; and Whereas, the Deed of Trust was insured by the United States Secretary of Housing and Urban

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# Covid-19 relief fund

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been able to use the funding from the Wonderful program to collect and deliver fruit, vegetables and food staples to thousands of low-income individuals and families.

Submissions are now open for COVID-19 relief grants ranging from \$1,000 to \$100,000. Applications must be submitted by Aug. 31 to receive priority and all participating organizations will be notified by Sept. 14. To learn more about the submission process and requirements, visit [www.wonderfulcommunitygrants.com](http://www.wonderfulcommunitygrants.com).

Since its launch in 2016, the Wonderful Community Grants program has contributed more than \$2 million to 90 grants, including nonprofits and city and county

governments.

This year, Wonderful has significantly expanded the scope and funding of its existing program as part of a proactive and concerted company-wide fight against covid-19.

Each year, Wonderful invests millions of dollars in community development, education, and health-and-wellness programs across the Central Valley and beyond, with the goal of enriching and enhancing the lives of its employees who live there.

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The Wonderful Company provides meals for its employees during the pandemic.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

# Faith during turbulent times

**PASTOR JIM GLASCO**  
Seventh Standard Pentecostal  
Church of God

*Have Faith in God*  
Mark 11:22

Most everyone will agree that these are turbulent and uncertain times that we live in. 2nd Timothy 3:1 calls it perilous times or hard, difficult, grievous, and fierce times.

Many people are fearful and uncertain at this time. We wonder who we should listen to for guidance in this time of adversity. Jesus Christ gave us the answer when he said have faith in God.

Hold on to God! Psalm 56:3 says what time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee. Biblical faith is when we

place our trust in the Lord. In these uncertain times hold on to God. God or his word never changes. Deut. 7:9 calls him the faithful God.

Hold on to God. He will be a refuge for you in these turbulent times. The Psalmist said in Thee do I trust. My wife and I found out a long time ago after the death of our first born child that there is a great value in trusting the Lord. He will never leave you or forsake you and he will lead you through the times of uncertainty. Hold on to God!

Have faith in God, even

when the odds are against you. Heaven is filled with people who held on and trusted the Lord. In Daniel 3:17-18 the three Hebrew boys said our God is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace and out of your hand, but if not, we will not bow down to you. That's faith in God.

Trust God in these crazy times. He is our only hope. Do not be unsettled by what you see or hear. You will find your life experiencing more peace, joy, contentment, and more victory when you have faith in God.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Bruce A. Hall**, 64, of Bakersfield, passed away July 28 in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

**Lynden Dale Allen**, 61, of Shafter, passed away July 5. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

**Miranda Ricarda**, 89, of Shafter, passed away July 29 in Shafter. Peters Funeral Home Shafter.

**Mateo Valladares**, 1, of Shafter, passed away July 28 in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

**Teresa Rios Vasquez**, 83, of Wasco, passed away Aug 2 in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

**Jovita Vega**, 77, of McFarland, passed away Aug 3 in McFarland. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

**Venus Fatima Ayala Reyna**, 47, of Wasco, passed away Aug 2. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

**Francisco Birrueta**, 78, of Shafter, passed away Aug. 2 in Shafter. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Media Release

**Notice to Parents of Students Attending Wasco Union Elementary School District:**

**CEP Notification**

We are pleased to inform you that Wasco Union Elementary School District will be continuing the Community Eligibility Provision (CEP) for 2020-2021 School Year. Schools that participate in the CEP are able to provide healthy breakfasts and lunches each day at **No Charge** for all students enrolled in that CEP school during the 2020-2021 School Year.

**CEP School Sites:**

**John L. Prueitt**

**Karl F. Clemens**

**Teresa Burke**

**James A. Forrest**

**Thomas Jefferson Middle School**

**Palm Ave Middle School**

Please contact the Wasco Union School District Food Service Department with any questions at (661)758-7238.

*This institution is an equal opportunity provider.*

Sincerely,  
Randy Jenkins  
Food Service Director

## SHAFTER CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on August 18, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., the Shafter City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the Planning Commission's recommendation for approval of the following project:

City of Shafter 2020 Municipal Services Review Update and Sphere of Influence Amendment No. 20-04: The Kern County Public Works Department is proposing to expand sanitary sewer service to several rural residential areas located south and west of the City of Shafter through the South Shafter Sewer, Trunk Line Sewer & Lift Station Project. The new sanitary sewer collection system will connect to the City of Shafter's existing sewer infrastructure for effluent treatment at the Shafter/North of the River Wastewater Treatment Facility. The City of Shafter has prepared an update to the Shafter Municipal Services Review (MSR) document and proposed expansion of the City's sphere of influence (SOI) boundary by 1,147 acres to facilitate an out-of-area service adoption by the Kern County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). The SOI amendment proposes two expansion areas. Expansion Area 1 includes 180 acres located on the City's western sphere of influence boundary and is generally located north of Orange Street, east of Scaroni Avenue, and south of W. Riverside Street, and one 20-acre parcel located north of W. Riverside Street. Expansion Area 2 includes 967 acres located on the City's southern sphere of influence boundary and is generally located south of Orange Street, east of Mannel Avenue, west of S. Cherry Avenue, and north of San Diego Street. An Addendum No. 2 to the Kern County adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration for the South Shafter Sewer, Trunk Line Sewer & Lift Station Project has been prepared for the project.

Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Copies of the above documents are on file and available for public review in the office of the Planning Department at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California. Any person wishing to be heard, or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of said project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments to the Planning Director at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263 or by e-mail at [wclausen@shafter.com](mailto:wclausen@shafter.com). Should anyone challenge any proposed action which is the subject of a public hearing listed in this notice or otherwise, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at or prior to this public hearing.

Consistent with Executive Order N-29-20, in person participation by the public will not be permitted and no physical location from which the public may observe the meeting will be available. You are strongly encouraged to observe the Planning Commission meetings live via YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofShafter/>. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item or public comment, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, August 18, 2020 to the City Clerk at [CityClerk@shafter.com](mailto:CityClerk@shafter.com). If you wish to make a written comment to the City Clerk, please submit to 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. If you wish to make a comment during the live meeting, callers must first register with the City Clerk at 661-746-5012 before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. Please call by 5:00 p.m. on the Monday prior to the City Council meeting to allow ample time for sign up. You will need to provide your name, phone number and the item number you wish to address. All public comments are provided to the City Council and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the City Council prior to taking action on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the City Council meeting.

Dated: July 30, 2020  
Publish Date: August 6, 2020

Yazmina Pallares  
City Clerk

## OBITUARIES

**Arthur James Penner**  
March 16, 1925 –  
Aug. 1, 2020

Arthur James Penner was born on March 16, 1925, in Shafter, to John C. and Susan Thiessen Penner. He was the fifth of six children in the family. The family had moved from Herbert, Saskatchewan, Canada, just over a year prior to his birth.

Art attended both Wasco and Shafter High Schools, graduating from Shafter High School in 1943. He was an outstanding basketball player and a fine student. As a senior in high school, he was baptized upon his confession of faith in a reservoir, becoming a member of the Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church. He was a faithful member of the church for his entire life.

During World War II Art was a conscientious objector, a faith conviction rooted in his church, family and understanding of Christian faith. As a conscientious objector he served in various roles, including fighting forest fires and working in a tuberculosis hospital.

At the Shafter church he met Donna Lee Boese. They



were married on June 21, 1947. Together they raised a family, served in their local church and community, traveled and enjoyed many wonderful vacations together, especially relishing good times with life-long friends Roger and Kathy Frantz.

Art began farming a small parcel of land south of Shafter in 1949. He loved the land, the smell of the freshly plowed earth, the joy of the first sprouts of cotton, the beauty of the almond orchard in blossom. The farm grew, and in time he welcomed into Art Penner Farms (later renamed Furrow Farms) a son and his two sons-in-law. The work was hard, the trials many and the hours long, but the satisfaction and peace found in farming

were beyond measure. Over the years, his farm grew potatoes, raisins, alfalfa, cotton, carrots, tomatoes, sugar beets, beans, walnuts and almonds.

As a farmer, Art put into practice his values of honesty, integrity, compassion, generosity, determination and care for the good land. At the same time he found time to throw baseballs to his boys, attend orchestra concerts and dance recitals, cheer at basketball games, supporting his children and grandchildren no matter their endeavors.

Over the years, Art served on various boards and committees, including the Richland School Board, the Fresno Pacific University Board of Trustees, the Calcot board, the Shafter Wasco Irrigation District Board and more. In his church, he served as a deacon, church council member, kitchen committee member and taught Sunday School, and for years sang bass in the church choir.

Art died peacefully on Aug. 1, 2020, at Carrington of Shafter of natural causes, with his wife at his side. He was 95 years old.

His family treasures the memory of a man who gave himself selflessly for his family, his church, his community and others. The family is particularly grateful for the kind and compassionate staff at Hoffmann Hospice and Carrington of Shafter.

Art is preceded in death by his parents, John C. and Susan Penner, his five siblings and their spouses.

Art is survived by his wife of 73 years, Donna, and their children, son Stephen and wife Glenna, daughter Susanne and husband Mark Franz, son Randy and wife Pam, daughter Sharon and husband Bob Wiebe. He is also survived by his ten beloved grandchildren and their spouses, along with seventeen adoring great-grandchildren.

A private interment service will be held at the Shafter Cemetery. A virtual memorial service will be held at a later date.

Memorial gifts may be made to Mennonite Central Committee at 1010 G Street, Reedley, California 93654 or Listen to Shafter Mural Project at 553 Padre Drive, Shafter, California 93263.

**Travis Weston Unruh**  
Oct. 22, 1989 –  
July 31, 2020

Travis Weston Unruh was born on October 22, 1989, in Bakersfield, to Timothy Warren and LaVonne Beth (Janzen) Unruh. He was received in heaven on July 31, 2020, by his Lord and Savior.

He was the second child in a family of two children. Travis accepted Jesus as his Savior at an early age. He attended North Kern Christian School and graduated from Shafter High School in 2008. He attended Tabor College in Kansas for three years, returning home to work at Second Amendment Sports in Bakersfield.

In 2016, he married Heather Bandy and settled in Wichita, Kansas. The marriage lasted three years. In Wichita, he worked at Donovan Cadillac for a time and at Range 54. Travis really loved people and had a passion to help those who were hurting. He had many friends and cared for them all. Travis enjoyed living in



Kansas, a "free state" as he called it. Those at Range 54 were very special to him, and they became part of his family.

Travis Unruh was preceded in death by his grandparents, Lon and Mame Janzen, J. Waldo and Esther Unruh, and his cousin Craig Unruh. He is survived by his parents, Timothy and LaVonne Unruh, and sister Stephanie (Unruh) McCaslin, her husband, Dustin, and their children, Faith and Luke, along with numerous aunts, uncles and cousins.

A graveside funeral will be held at Shafter Memorial Park, on Monday, Aug. 10, beginning at 10 a.m.

**Caudie Faye Brown**  
Feb. 8, 1938 – July 29,  
2020

Caudie F. Brown, age 82, of Shafter, passed away on July 29, 2020. She is now resting with her husband, Bill, and her son, Richard. Caudie's faith was strong, and no doubt she is enjoying the company of so many that have gone before.

Caudie was born Feb. 8, 1938, in Oklahoma. She raised her four children in Shafter. She loved to do art work, from painting to yard sculptures, and was an avid reader. She was a loving wife, mother, sister and friend. She never shied away from hard work, working with kids to picking cotton to grading potatoes.

Caudie loved to work in



the garden and always had a green thumb, keeping everything growing strong. Caudie will be missed but not forgotten; she is survived by her brother, sisters, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Graveside services were held Wednesday, Aug. 5, at 10 a.m. at Shafter Cemetery.

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