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Residents ordered home



Cafeteria lead Jennifer Ashmore said the staff prepares over 700 meals daily.

Students can still get breakfast, lunch

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

With schools in the area closed temporarily, there was a void to fill if students were still to be served breakfast and lunch despite not having class.

Details were ironed out and a plan was put into operation when the announcement came that all Kern County schools would close March 18 through at least the end of the regularly scheduled spring break, end-

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Limiting exposure to virus changes life for all

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Shafter residents, like those throughout the state, are under orders to stay home and “shelter in place” as a result of the coronavirus pandemic.

Gov. Gavin Newsom told residents of California last Thursday that he was issuing a mandate that residents of California stay home, although the order does not include essential services.

Essential services include grocery stores, health care facilities, law enforcement, gas stations, car repair shops and financial institutions. The order allows people to go to the grocery store if they need to, but even then, residents are encouraged to practice the safe social distance to help slow the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

When contacted, Shafter Police Chief Kevin Zimmermann said the governor’s directive is a simple recommendation for Californians to stay home if at all possible

to curb the spread of the virus. It is a logical recommendation that should be given the highest consideration.

Zimmermann said that for the residents of Shafter, it should mean the same thing it means to any other Californian. “Unless otherwise stated, the governor’s comments are meant to provide leadership and guidance for all Californians in an attempt to stop the spread of the virus.”

He also stated that, at this point, Shafter’s public services are congruent with those recommended in the region. To date, Zimmermann said that they have been working very closely with the leadership of the state, Kern County and the other Kern municipalities.

When asked if his police force would talk to residents who are not following the directive, Zimmermann said, “At this point, the role of Shafter’s public servants will be the same – to provide every possible service that we can.”

Amid disorder, Apple offers calm, food

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

If you have been shopping in Bakersfield recently, you’ve most likely waited in a line just to get in the store only to be met with empty shelves. If you do happen to find a loaf of bread, you are limited to just one, no matter the size of your family. Staples like milk, eggs, toilet paper, bread, diapers and water have been in high demand, forcing residents of Kern County to go on treasure hunts for groceries.

As residents of Shafter have found, there is a store in town working overtime to make sure people are not running dry on supplies.

Apple Market, under new ownership, has been steadily keeping the store more stocked than the majority of stores in Kern County.

Manager Carlos Obaid and his crew keep the store open during their normal hours, from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. As of Tuesday, they are running low on certain items and have to ration them out, making sure everyone gets a chance at the items they need. “We don’t like limiting any of our items, but with some of them, we want to make sure the largest number of people in town get a chance to buy them, avoiding anyone having to do without,” Obaid said.

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Apple Market had a great variety of meats.

Tutoring goes online at Learning Center

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Adding to the collateral damage of the coronavirus was the recent closure of the Shafter Learning Center. This facility has been instrumental in the ongoing education of our youth as well as the adults of Shafter who are interested in expanding their horizons by taking a class of interest.

David Franz, director of the Shafter Learning Center, said that the facility is working hard to continue to help the

parents and students of Shafter reach their dreams. In this trying time, Franz and company have started an online tutoring service that will adapt to the specific needs of the students.

“It was a difficult thing to close the doors of the Learning Center,” Franz said. “I think that the work that happens there is really important to our community. It takes something as serious as this virus to close.”

They have been looking for ways to continue their work without a build-



Go to shafterlearning.com/tutor to sign up.

ing. This week, they have launched an online tutoring service. Franz said that all of the changes have come so fast that it can be overwhelming for students, parents and all of us.

Those interested in the tutoring

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DYW reset for June 4

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation, the Distinguished Young Woman of Shafter scholarship program, originally scheduled for March 20 was postponed.

The program is now tentatively scheduled for Friday, June 4, at Shafter’s Ford Theater.

Shafter’s Distinguished Young Woman program, one of the oldest in the state, has been providing local high school girls with college scholarships and valuable life skills for over 45 years.

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Community Calendar

Due to the rapidly changing environment, be aware that scheduled activities may change on a moment's notice. Check out TheShafterPress.com for updates, and contact event organizers for current status.

Event organizers: E-mail esoriano@TheShafterPress.com or call The Press at 661-292-5100 with changes to your activities.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW: Alliance Against Family Violence — 24-hour crisis hotline: 800-273-7713.

Department of Human Services suspected child abuse or neglect: 661-631-6000.

Family Justice Center: 661-868-8410.

NEW: Wasco Animal Shelter — Closed until further notice, but donations are welcome: nonplumping cat litter, kitten/puppy chow and stainless steel buckets. Drop off donations at the shelter, 18849 Shafter Ave., Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Wednesday, 1-7 p.m.

CANCELLED: VITA free tax filing — United Way of Kern County is offering free Volunteer Income Tax Assistance services to help file 2019 tax returns March, 13, 27 and April 10. Contact the city at 661-746-5001 for more details.

MOFA -- Mexican American Opportunity Foundation of Bakersfield is a vocational training at no cost. Career enhancement classes, externship, computers, typing and GED. Call for more information, 661-336-6821 or email MAOF.org.

Shafter Animal Control — Donations are welcomed: nonplumping cat litter, kitten/puppy chow and stainless steel buckets. Drop off donations at the shelter, 18849 Shafter Ave. Monday-Saturday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Wednesday 1-7 p.m.

NEW: Shafter Learning Center -- Closed until further notice.

NEW: Spring Clean-Up -- Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m.-12 p.m. at the Shafter Aquatic Center, 269 Poso Ave. Free bulk item drop off. Fridges, mattresses, stoves, couches, washer and dryers, water heaters, tables and chairs, and appliances.

Electronic waste: TVs, flat screens, computers and cell phones. NOT accepted: light bulbs, batteries, tires, hazardous material and construction/demolition waste.

MONDAY

After School Story — at the Shafter Branch Library at 3 p.m.

Adult Book Club — March 16 at 5:30 p.m. at the Shafter Branch Library.

CANCELLED: Free Fit Camp — Get fit with Giselle, 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, at the Shafter Youth Center, 455 E. Euclid Ave. On Instagram at [getfitgigi](https://www.instagram.com/getfitgigi).

Free Zumba Gold (modified Zumba) — FREE to all ages. Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m., at 505 Sunset Ave., the Walker Senior Center. Call Shafter Recreation for information, 661-746-3303.

Influencers -- Women's group in Shafter. Mondays at 6 p.m. at 350 Pine St. in the Fellowship Hall. A journey-guiding women into an intimate relationship with Christ. For more information, call. Rebecca, 661-549-0237.

North Kern 4H -- Meetings at 7 p.m. second Monday of each month. Located at 523 Broadway St. at the Karl Clemens Elementary School Cafeteria, Wasco.

SRPD --The Shafter Recreation and Parks Department Board of Directors meets on the second Monday at the Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset, at 6 p.m.

SWAT -- Senior Wellness 55 years + at 5, 6 and 7 p.m., at 505 Sunset Ave.

Richland school board -- Richland School District board meets on the first Monday at Golden Oak cafeteria at 6:30 p.m.

Alliance Against Family Violence and Sexual Assault -- Services available on Mondays in Shafter: case management 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (English and Spanish); Peer support group 3-4 p.m. Spanish; peer support group 4-5 p.m. English. Meetings held at 329 Central Ave. Information, 661-322-0931. 24-hour Crisis Line 661-327-1091 or 800-273-7713.

Kern High School District board -- Meeting the second Monday at 5801 Sundale Ave., Bakersfield at 7 p.m.

NA -- Meeting is held every Monday at the Shafter Veterans Hall, 301 California Ave., at 7 p.m.

AARP -- Meetings for the American Association of Retired People are held on the third Monday at the Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset Ave., at 1:30 pm.

TUESDAY

CANCELLED: Free yoga — White Wolf Wellness Foundation offers a free yoga class March 3, 17 and 31 at the Wasco Community Center, 1280 Poplar Ave. Yoga instructor Yani Valdez teaches stretching to help with pain,

Mystery history

Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to *The Press*, 406 Central Ave., Shafter 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **(BELOW) LAST WEEK:** Tomas and Fannie Saldana pick cotton for the Bidart Bros. company in Shafter in 1960.



stress and anxiety. Provided by Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services.

Adult Hip Hop Class -- 7 p.m. at the Shafter Recreation Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset. Classes are \$3 donation. Led by Brandi Root.

Food Pantry — Food giveaway the third Sunday, Shafter Christian Fellowship, 632 James St., starting at 1 p.m. First come, first served.

Lions Club -- Meetings second and fourth Tuesdays 6:30 p.m. at the Veterans Hall.

Chair exercise 55+ -- 11 a.m. at W.C. Walker Center.

Arts & crafts 55 years + -- Meeting 10 a.m. at W.C. Walker Center.

Community Bible study -- Nondenominational study meets 10 a.m. at Valley Bible Church.

City Council --Shafter City Council meets the first and third Tuesdays at 336 Pacific Ave. at 7 p.m.

Planning Commission-- Shafter Planning Commission meets second Tuesdays at 336 Pacific Ave. at 7 p.m.

PTA -- The Richland Parent Teachers Association meets the first Tuesday at Sequoia Elementary School, 500 East Fresno Ave., in the library at 6:30 p.m.

American Legion Auxiliary -- The American Legion Auxiliary meets on the first Tuesday at 2 p.m. at the Veterans Hall. The auxiliary also hosts a potluck dinner at the Veterans Hall, 301 California Ave. on the third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

Alzheimer's -- Shafter Healthcare holds Alzheimer's support group meetings on the third Tuesday, 2-4 p.m., at the Shafter Convalescent Hospital, 140 East Tulare Ave. Information, 661-746-3912.

SWAT -- Senior Wellness 55 years + at 5, 6 and 7 p.m. at Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset Ave.

WEDNESDAY

Wellness Wednesdays — Every last Wednesday of the month, 6-7:30 p.m., at Shafter SDA Church, 17898 Poplar Ave., Shafter. Join in on recipe exchange featuring healthy plant-based foods and healthy nutrition.

Play Doh Party — 2:00 p.m. at the Shafter Branch Library.

NEW: Zumba Gold (modified Zumba) — Online only. FREE to all ages. Mondays and Wednesdays, 9:30 a.m.

CANCELLED: Free Fit Camp -- Get fit with Giselle, 6:30 p.m., at Mannel Park. On Instagram at [getfitgigi](https://www.instagram.com/getfitgigi).

Youth program -- Awana Club program: Jr. high group (6th-8th grades) 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. Awana Clubs (K-5th grades) 6-8 p.m. at Valley Bible Church, 350 Pine St.

Shafter Community Task Force - Meets the second Wednesday, 9-10 a.m., at the Shafter Police Department Briefing Room.

SWAT -- Senior Wellness 55 years-plus at 5, 6 and 7 a.m. at Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset Ave.

Folklorico -- Dance classes are available Wednesday evenings at Golden Oak Cafeteria. Pee wee ages 5-8 at 4 p.m.; intermediate ages 9-12 at 5 p.m., advanced ages 13 to adult, 6 p.m. Information, 661-746-4352.

Shafter Collaborative -- Meets the third Wednesdays in the Shafter Police Department conference room at 9 a.m.

Women's Club --Shafter Women's Club meets the first Wednesday the Shafter Police Department Conference Room. at 11:30 a.m.

Lions --Shafter Lion's Club meets the first and third Wednesday of every month at China Cuisine Restaurant at 7 a.m.

Kiwanis --The Shafter Kiwanis Club meets Wednesday at noon at the Shafter Veterans Hall.

Airport board--Shafter Minter Field Airport District

Board meets the second and fourth Wednesday of every month at 5 p.m. in the District office at Minter Field, 201 Aviation Street.

Prop 36 -- Spiritual meetings for Prop 36 or others in recovery from addictions at Free Will Baptist Church, 155 Redwood, at 7 p.m. or Home Fellowship Church, 520 California Ave., at 7 p.m.

Rotary -- Shafter Rotary Club meets at 6:30 a.m. at the Shafter Veteran's Hall for breakfast.

Al-Anon -- Al-Anon meetings are held at St. Therese's Catholic Church, 300 W. Lerdo Hwy., from 9-10 a.m. Information, 562-948-2190 or 888-425-2666.

Prayer night -- Community Night of Prayer and Worship at the Ford Theater offers a chance to gather together as a community to pray together and to worship the Lord. All are welcome at 7 p.m. For more information, call Michelle at 661-630-4059.

THURSDAY

Sack Day 55+ -- Every first and third Thursday at 10 a.m., W.C. Walker Center.

Commodities -- Commodities will be given out at 11 a.m. the fourth Thursday of every month at the Shafter Youth Center at 455 E. Euclid Avenue. First come, first serve. For more information call 661-746-8235.

Turning Point -- Jesus Saves Church offers a nine-week program that is Bible-based and will teach you the biblical principles to become free of a life-controlling problem. The classes are held every Thursday from 6:30-8 p.m. at 425 South Shafter Ave.

SWAT -- Senior Wellness 55 years + at 5, 6 and 7 p.m. at 505 Sunset Ave.

FRIDAY

Arts & Crafts 55+ -- 11 a.m. at W.C. Walker Center.

Chair Exercise 55+ -- 11 a.m. at W.C. Walker Center.

Karaoke potluck -- Usually every second and fourth Friday starting at 5 p.m. at W.C. Walker Center.

Minter Field Air Museum -- is open every Friday and Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tours on other days are by appointment. Call 393-0291 for more information. Admission is free.

SATURDAY

Hiking group --Shafter Christian Fellowship Church, 632 James St., hosts a hiking group every second Saturday.

Men's Fellowship -- High Vision Ministries welcomes all men for fellowship the third Saturday. Information, call Paul at 661-910-2317 or Art at 661-863-8565.

Drug and alcohol alternative program -- Seventh Day Adventist Church, Poplar and West Lerdo Hwy., 7-8 p.m. This program is nondenominational and encourages each participant to depend on the strength God provides to deal with issues related to addiction.

Minter Field Air Museum -- Open Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tours on other days are by appointment. Call 661-393-0291 for more information. Admission is free.

Shafter Depot Museum -- Open every Saturday from 11 a.m. until 3 p.m. Tours on other days by appointment. For information call 661-746-4423. Admission free.

SUNDAY

Food pantry -- Food giveaway the third Sunday of each month at Shafter Christian Fellowship, 632 James St., starting at 1 p.m. First come first served.

ARREST REPORT

As reported by the Shafter Police Department

MARCH 23

Juan Alberto Campos, 29, of Shafter, was arrested for disorderly conduct.

MARCH 22

Kayla Michelle Thomas, 24, of Shafter, was arrested for driving without a license, false ID and on an outside agency warrant.

MARCH 21

Augustin Yovani Rodriguez Cortes, 30, of Shafter, was arrested for DUI and driving without a license.

MARCH 20

Jose Arturo Onitveros, 29, of Shafter, was arrested for driving without a license.

MARCH 18

Juan Martin Barraza, 39, of Shafter, was arrested on an outside agency warrant.

BUTTONWILLOW

MARCH 17

David Lee Lucero, 43, of Shafter, was arrested at Shafter Court, 325 Central Valley Highway, Shafter,

on a felony warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

MARCH 19

Kailin Robert Beckemeyer, 22, of Shafter, was arrested at Shafter Court, 325 Central Valley Highway, Shafter, on a felony warrant.

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Funeral homes adjust to new world

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

Funeral homes in Shafter have seen a change in services offered due to the current COVID-19 situation and the precautions recommended.

Basham & Lara Funeral Care still is serving the community while modifying some of their practices to align with the recent policies recommended by the Public Health Department and the federal Centers for Disease Control.

Kevin Lara, one of the partners of the facility, said the virus has not affected

their business financially, just the services they offer.

"Due to the recommendations, we are allowing only 10 people at a time in our chapel. There can be 20 people in total in the building, with 10 in the chapel and 10 in the

reception area." Lara said family members can go back and forth between the two places, as long as there is not over 10 people in one location.

Each cemetery has different policies at the moment, with a few limiting mourners to family members. Lara said most cemeteries they deal with are permitting a total of 50 people at a service. "They are

allowing 10 family members at the graveside and 40 more people at the service. The other 40 people must practice social distancing and are asked to keep a distance of 40 to 50 feet away from the graveside."

Families have been understanding about the changes, Lara said, "Yes, they have been very understanding. I have had a problem with having to tell the families about the limits."

He said that recently it broke his heart when he told a family who had lost their young son that they would

Rick Woody, the owner.

Both businesses said there has been a change when it comes to their Catholic services after the Archdiocese of Fresno cancelled all masses in the area. "All of the catholic services are graveside only," said Woody.

Woody did say they are offering a couple special incentives to combat the limitations in place right now. They will hold viewings at family residences upon request. "If they want to hold the viewing at their home, we will bring the casket to the house so they can hold a viewing with no limits."

Woody said they also are giving families who opt for a straight graveside service the option of holding a memorial service for their loved one in their chapel free of charge – and restrictions -- once the virus situation is resolved. "They will be able to hold a memorial service with no charge. It would just be with no casket."



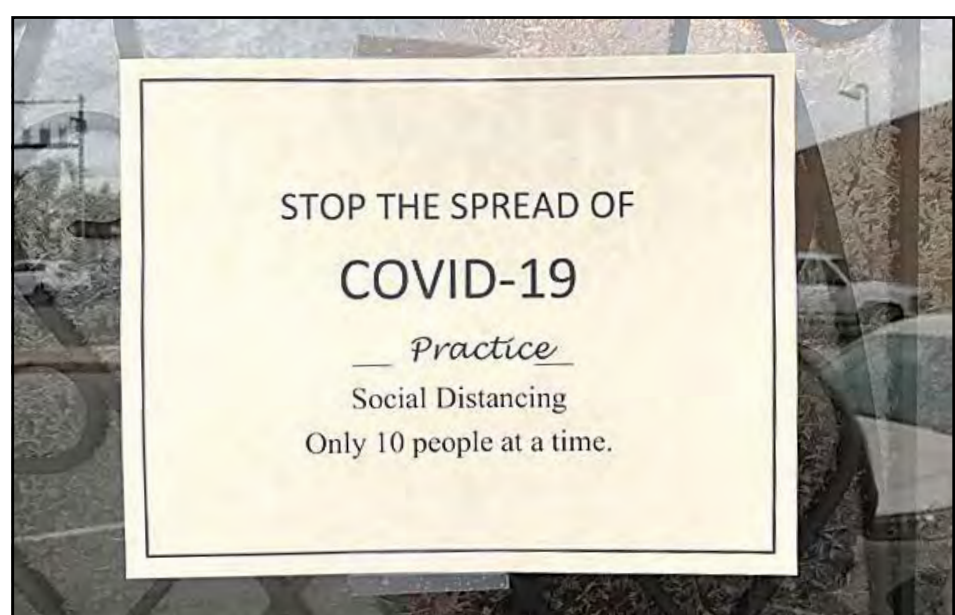
Peters Funeral Home in Wasco is limiting visitors.

"I understand the need for the policies but it is still hard to tell families."

—Kevin Lara, Basham & Lara Funeral Care

have to adhere to the limitations. "I understand the need for the policies but it is still hard to tell families."

The policies of Peters Funeral Home, which facilities in Shafter and Wasco, differs in that they are allowing more people in their chapel. "We are allowing 20 people in the chapel, practicing social distancing. We are limiting the mourners to two people a pew," said



A sign at Basham & Lara Funeral Care in Shafter.



The slate of 14 contestants will have to wait until June to compete for the DYW title.

DYW rescheduled for June 4 at theater

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Toni Frantz of the DYW organizing committee said that one of the main reasons for this success is the outstanding support that they receive from their generous sponsors and the community. The committee thought long and hard about what to do in light of the local, state and national guidelines regarding the regulations on gathering size limitations that are now in place.

They originally planned to limit the seating to friends and family. They ultimately decided that it would be in the best interest of the girls, escorts and the community to postpone the event.

"Due to the desire to still have a show-

case for the young ladies and escorts who have worked so hard to prepare these past three months, we have made the decision to postpone the event until June 4," Frantz said.

She thanked the amazing community who in the last few days have made donations to help keep the scholarship money for these young ladies. "We are truly blessed to have such a supportive community," Frantz said.

In order to make things easier, the DYW participant who sold a ticket will collect those tickets for a refund. New tickets will be sold at a later date. Scholarship Seat ticket holders will be contacted by Valerie Labrentz regarding a refund.

Free student lunches still available

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ing on April 13.

With many kids in the area depending on school breakfast and lunch programs, the district knew it was essential to provide an option. On Thursday, the first day of operations, each school in Shafter had over 700 meals prepared and ready to be handed out. Golden Oak, Sequoia, Redwood and Richland Junior High used their bus valet areas to set up a portable station with paper bags each containing a lunch for the day and a breakfast for the next day. Parents pulled up in the valet area and were handed a bag from the cafeteria staff, creating an assembly line that was steady for the hour and a half that it was in operation.

According to Jennifer Ashmore, the cafeteria lead at Golden Oak Elementary, they served over 500 meals on Friday. Contrary to what a lot of people believe about the program, it is not just for the students of one particular school. Ashmore said, "The program is for any child between the ages of 2 years and 18 years old. We will serve anyone between those ages, no matter what school they go to."



The cafeteria staff used the bus valet area to hand out meals.

Not forgetting children who live on the outskirts of town, meals are also prepared and delivered to two locations every day. Meals are handed out at Smith's Corner from 11:15 to 11:45 a.m. and at the bus stop at La Colonia from 12 to 12:30 p.m. This schedule will be observed from March 29 to April 3.

Lunches will not be provided from April 6 to April 13, as it is the regularly scheduled spring break period.

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City update on COVID-19

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The City of Shafter closed its offices to the public last week and they stay closed with no end date on the policy. There have been a few updates on their policies as the virus situation has evolved. The city announced this week that they have closed all restrooms at the parks in the city for the health and safety of the residents. They also are recommending not using the playground equipment at the parks in town. If you do go to the parks, they are recommending you bring your own equipment to use such as sports equip-

ment or exercise equipment.

They also announced that Meals-On-Wheels is offering to deliver to seniors in Shafter who are unable to get their own meals. They can call 661-746-7838 for more information on their meals delivery service.

City staff members still are operating their offices and can field phone calls for any questions or concerns. Dial A Ride service still is suspended, and the Shafter Police Department still is responding to calls in the community, no matter the severity of the calls. They will be responding and investigating to every call from the

residents.

Lynnda Martin of American Refuse is asking Shafter residents to follow the guidelines promoted in an ad elsewhere in this week's paper as to the placement of waste containers. They are urging residents not to overfill their containers and also to make sure the cans are at least three feet apart and six feet from vehicles. They are also asking residents to not leave any trash or debris beside the trash containers. This necessitates the drivers to get out of their trucks and handling the trash, which is an unnecessary risk to the drivers' health.



Apple's owners "love the members of this community."

Apple Market offers calm

From Page 1

Shoppers have been able to get essentials without having to go fight the crowds in Bakersfield.

David Franz, director of the Shafter Learning Center, told of his finds. "I didn't think I would be able to find milk and eggs, but I was able to get both along with other things we needed for the house. I was pleasantly surprised."

When asked if they have considered limiting the number of customers in the store at a time – a method now used by many stores to control customer flow – Obaid said they have not. "We will not limit the number of people who want to shop in our store. You will not have to wait outside to get in."

Water has been in high demand everywhere, but Apple Market has had a little better luck because, according to Obaid, they deal directly with Crystal Geyser Water and don't have to go through a vendor.

Obaid said they are trying everything they can to serve customer needs. "We love the members of this community and we are working hard to keep them stocked with what they need."

Obaid says they are doing more



David Franz loads up with supplies.

than just trying to keep their shelves stocked. They also are lowering prices on a lot of items, making it possible for shoppers' dollars to go further. "I came in one day and told my people

that I wanted to lower the prices. So, we marked a lot of our items down to help our customers get more for their money in this challenging time," he said.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
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NOTICE of Board Meeting Time & Date Change
NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the April 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors of Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District will be held Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 16294 Highway 43, Wasco, CA 93280 (corner of Kimberlina Road and Hwy 43). Subsequent meetings will be held the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m.
Dated: March 13, 2020
Dana S. Munn
General Manager-Secretary of the Board of Directors
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
Garcia's Beauty Supplies
2020-B1021
114 Clemson St.
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
114 Clemson St.
Shafter, CA 93263
Maria Concepcion Guzman De Garcia
114 Clemson St.
Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 12/10/2018
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/s/Maria Concepcion Guzman De Garcia
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By: /s/M Hernandez
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
Premier Veterinary Services
2020-B1477
22800 Ronnie Court
Bakersfield, CA 93314
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
PO Box 81137
Bakersfield, CA 93380
Lauren Christine Horton
22800 Ronnie Court
Bakersfield, CA 93314
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 01/01/2020
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another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Lauren Christine Horton
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
CM Energy Consulting
2020-B1252
24825 4th St
Fellows, CA 93224
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
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Charles Houston Mood
24825 4th St
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Date the business commenced: N/A
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
Louie's Plumbing of Kern County
2020-B1174
Louie's Plumbing
2020-B1175
LPS
2020-B1176
Louie's Plumbing Service
2020-B1177
22331 Meadows Rd
Tehachapi, CA 93561
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
22331 Meadows Rd
Tehachapi, CA 93561
Louie Lomonaco
22331 Meadows Rd
Tehachapi, CA 93561
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 09/01/01
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/s/Louie Lomonaco
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
Wolfpack Truckin
2020-B1732
30369 Richland Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
PO Box 408
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Julian Javier Gonzalez Jr
30369 Richland Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
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.)
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
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2020-B1717
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County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
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Michael Robert Dunn
44 Grapevine Rd.
Oakview, CA 93022
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 03/01/2020
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
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2020-B1262
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Bakersfield, CA 93307
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
10808 McCormac Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93307
H & A Enterprises Inc.
10808 McCormac Avenue
Bakersfield, CA 93307
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
The business is conducted by: Corporation
Date the business commenced: 02/23/2010
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/April Cantley, Vice President
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Patty's Cleaning Services
2020-B1500
406 Karla St
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
PO Box 1347
Shafter, CA 93263
Patricia Gonzalez
406 Karla St
Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 01/01/2000
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/s/Patricia Gonzalez
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
Kebana Estilo Co.
2020-B1921
11118 Vista Del Valle Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93311
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
11118 Vista Del Valle Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93311
Elisa Vanessa Villarreal
11118 Vista Del Valle Drive
Bakersfield, CA 93311
The business is conducted by: Individual

COUCH'S CORNER

County moves to serve in emergency

SUPERVISOR DAVID COUCH

By now, I'm certain that all of us have been impacted by the COVID-19 virus, and I'm also certain that you are keeping informed so I will not use our weekly Couch's Corner to provide you any “breaking news,” as it changes so fast. But I would like to keep you informed on what's going on at the county, how to find out what services are still available, and how your District 4 office can help you with matters concerning the county.

In compliance with the state emergency shelter-in-place guidelines, the county has shut down all nonessential functions and instructed those staff that can, to work at home. Our District 4 staff, for instance, is working at home. But quite a few county activities continue to take place, such as the obvious public safety functions of the Fire Department and the Sheriff's Office.

In addition to public safety, a long list of departments and the services each provide during this shelter-in-place period is available at kerncounty.com.

Essentially, if a function can be done online or by phone, it is being done there, and if it requires person-to-person contact, it is restricted. Essential field activities such as pothole repair and road maintenance still are being performed. Check kerncounty.com to see how the county is meeting your needs during this crisis.

Keep in mind, our office is poised to be your conduit to these functions, if you need assistance. While it may be best to go directly to the departments whose aid you need, know that any question or concern you have you can funnel through our office, and we can forward those and in some cases follow up with those and with the departments to ensure your needs are met. Feel free to email us at district4@kerncounty.com or call us at 661-868-3680 if you need help with any matter.

If you check out kerncounty.com, you will see the county's Public Health Department has taken the lead on this crisis, and is keeping us all updated as they try to keep us safer. In addition to current numbers of afflicted and tested, you will see guidelines to stay safe, updates from California's Public Health

Department, and updates from the Center for Disease Control. Links for restaurants, businesses, healthcare providers, schools, first responders, and others, are all in one place. You can also “like” Kern County Public Health on Facebook to get your latest updates.

This week, the county is taking its emergency operations center to Level II, which means it is increasing its readiness and staffing to deal with this current crisis level. Accordingly, departments such as Human Services, the Bakersfield Kern Regional Homeless Collaborative, Aging and Adult Services, Behavioral Health and Recovery Services, the Sheriff's Office, the County Administrative Office, Geographic Information Systems and General Services will be on hand to support the Public Health Department, which is still the lead agency for the COVID-19 response.

One primary concern is temporary housing for the homeless population. It has become a public health matter that our homeless problem be managed now, and that this population, already a huge concern for California, does not become part of the spread of coronavirus. The other matter of primary importance at this time is managing the food banks to make sure everyone has food and that the food is secure. With so many businesses closed, it is critical that we are able to feed our Kern County residents. Through the EOC, actions in support of these vital functions can be coordinated better, and faster.

These are troubling times, and all of us have to continue to work together to keep all of us safe. It is my goal to make sure that as the county makes plans, our district -- your communities -- are properly considered in all matters. I will be your voice as this unprecedented emergency goes to this next level, but to do that, I need to hear your concerns. Working together, we will get through this together.

Stay safe.

David Couch is District 4 county supervisor, representing the Shafter and Wasco areas. The opinions expressed in this column are his own, and not necessarily those of the paper or its management.

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Date the business commenced: N/A
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
CBS Consulting
2020-B1933
10929 Cypress Falls Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93312
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
10929 Cypress Falls Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93312
Michael Lee Sugg
10929 Cypress Falls Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93312
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
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/s/Michael Lee Sugg
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Statement of Abandonment Of Use of Fictitious Business Name
Gracian's Grill
860 E. Tehachapi Blvd
Tehachapi, CA 93561
County: KERN
Mailing address of business:
860 E. Tehachapi Blvd
Tehachapi, CA 93561
Jose Gracian
916 Golden West Ct
Tehachapi, CA 93561
Rodrigo Gracian
19712 Brite Valley Rd
Tehachapi, CA 93561
Guadalupe Monserrat Cardenas
27960 Ack Ack Ct
Tehachapi, CA 93561
I declare that all the 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/Rodrigo Gracian, Partner
Original FBN Statement File Number:

2019-B7933
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 12/23/2019
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 03/12/2020
MARY B. BEDARD, CPA
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By: /s/M Hernandez, Deputy
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
Gracian's Grill
2020-B1923
860 E. Tehachapi Blvd.
Tehachapi, CA 93561
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
860 E. Tehachapi Blvd.
Tehachapi, CA 93561
Gracian's Grill Inc
860 E. Tehachapi Blvd.
Tehachapi, CA 93561
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
The business is conducted by: Corporation
Date the business commenced: 01/01/2020
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/Jose Gracian, Vice President
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
Will's Trucking
2020-B1669
615 Kern St Apt 10
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
615 Kern St Apt 10
Shafter, CA 93263
Wilfredo Cordova
615 Kern St Apt 10
Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Wilfredo Cordova
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Henry Barela, 63, of Shafter, passed away in Shafter March 22. Basham & Lara Funeral Care.

Everte Knight, 92, of Bakersfield, passed away March 23. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Karen Duke, 63, of Bakersfield, passed away March 18. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Michael Shane Roark, 54, of Shafter, passed away March 19. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Virginia Busby, 87, of Shafter, passed away March 17 in Shafter. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

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