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The count continues

Some races too early to call as counties tally results

In last week's The Shafter Press/Wasco Tribune, the race for the 21st Congressional seat was incorrectly reported. After election night, incumbent TJ Cox was in the lead, led by Kern County results. However, that changed as more Fresno and Tulare County ballots were counted after the print deadline, and David Valadao took a slim lead. See The ShafterPress.com and WascoTrib.com for updated tallies.

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

In the hotly contested race for the 21st Congressional seat, David Valadao holds a slim lead over incumbent TJ Cox, with a lead of about 4,500 votes.

It was a much different race on election night, when Kern County's votes put Cox ahead by several percentage points. But, with the district encompassing Kern, Tulare and Kings counties, the support for Valadao in Kings and Tulare counties overwhelmed the 60% of Kern County voters who voted for Cox.

Valadao leads Cox as of press time by a 51 to 48% margin. This is after a race that

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saw each candidate question the other's honesty and integrity in a series of negative ads.

Rudy Salas retained his seat in the 32nd Assembly District, beating challenger Todd Cotta with 57% of the vote. Cotta did well in Kings County, but Salas' support in Tulare and Kern County made up for those numbers. Salas collected over 70% of the vote in Kern County.

In the only contested race in the Richland School District Board, Board President Deanna Rodriguez-Root beat Julian

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Chad Givens, left, with his family, retained his seat on the City Council with 18.6% of the vote at presstime.

Changes coming to City Council after election

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

It's a close race for City Council, as incumbent Mayor Gilbert Alvarado surged ahead as of press time.

Newcomer Pete Espinoza has ioined current council member Chad Givens as the three top candidates in the Nov. 3 election. Espinoza led all candidates with just over 20% of the vote. Alvarado is in second place

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with 17.6% of the vote. Givens is currently in third, grabbing the third

open seat so far. On election night, newcomer Kris Lawrence held a slim lead over current Alvarado, with 42 votes separating the two candidates. But, Lawrence saw his lead fall in the following two days, with

Alvarado overtaking Lawrence and

The three winners in the November election will join members Cathy Prout and Cesar Lopez, who have terms that do not expire until December 2022. It is reported that there are still almost 100,000 votes still to be counted in Kern County, with no way of knowing how many

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Kern may go to Purple Tier

TONI DEROSA

The news is currently grim for Kern County due to the increase in covid-19 cases.

The state is threatening to move Kern County back to the purple tier; however, the **REGIONAL** county has been given an-

other week to change its numbers. If it can't, then it will be back to the most-restrictive tier. The tiers go by yellow as the least restrictive, then orange, red and purple.

On Tuesday, Nov. 10, Kern County Public Health Director Matt Constantine said that the county has an adjusted case rate of 8.9 per 100,000, which is a large jump from

the previous rate of announced last week.

In order for the county to remain in the red tier, the case rate must be 7.0 or lower.

Constantine said that the jump was not surprising due to the fact that the numbers of cases are currently rising across the state, nation and the world.

The state is giving Kern County one week to improve its infection rate. Otherwise, the county will be placed back into the most restrictive tier.

'Schools in Kern County that opened would be allowed to remain open," Constantine said.

He also said schools that have remained closed would be required to wait until the county goes back into the red

Dropping back to the purple tier would mean hair salons, nail salons, restaurants and stores would again be limited to

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Thanksgiving meal giveaway announced for families

JAMIE STEWART The Shafter Press

For families in need, the holidays can be a tough time and that struggle has been worsened by the pandemic.

To help local families, the Shafter Recreation Department is hosting a Thankful Thanksgiving Family Dinner Giveaway on

The city is partnering with a number of local organizations including the Shafter

Mennonite Brethren Church, Shafter Kiwanis Club, Shafter Rotary Club, Shafter Lions Club, Apple Market, Champs, Miramar International, Shafter Woman's Club and the Shafter Commanders.

On Nov.19, in the parking lot behind the Shafter Recreation office, the different organizations will be set up at stations to hand out ingredients for a Thanksgiving dinner.

There will be frozen turkeys, bags of potatoes, pies, cornbread mix and more.

By the time the family leaves the parking lot, they will have the majority of ingredients needed to make up their own Thanksgiving dinner.

The event is for the first 100 Shafter families who sign up.

Sign-ups are limited to one per household, with one representative from each family there to pick up the ingredients.

Families can sign up at the Shafter Recreation Office, 700 East Tulare Ave., from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday. They can also sign up on the internet on RecDesk or by calling the office at 661-746-3303.

Hannah Ramirez is the program coordinator and can be reached at the recreation department office for more information for participants and for those organizations still wishing to help out in the event.

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Community Calendar

As activities restart and businesses reopen, we will try to update readers on the status of events and activities throughout the area. Please contact Erica Soriano with additions and changes at esoriano@TheShafterPress.com or call 661-292-5100 by Monday at 4 p.m. for that week's paper.

ONGOING

Warm clothing drive — District 4 Supervisor David Couch is collecting blankets, coats, gloves, hats, scarves and socks. Donations will benefit families in District 4. To schedule an in-person pickup, call 661-868-3680.

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

Covid-19 testing -– There will be free covid-19 testing at the Wasco Library, 1102 7th St., Wasco. If you have insurance, they will be billed. Appointments can be made at lhi.care/covidtesting or call 888-634-1123.

Donde? Biblioteca de Wasco 1102 7th St, Wasco. Si no tiene acceso de internet llame al (888)634-1123.

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

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

CAPK y el Condado de Kern "Programa FOOD2DOOR" atienden a personas mayors de 65 años. Una caja de comida de 70 libra cada mes se entrega directamente en la puerta. El programa no se basa en los ingresos, está diseñadopara mantener a las personas ensus hogares y mantenerse saludables para que podamos vencer al CO-VID-19. Llame al 661-498-7831 ext. 1310

Para averiguar si es elegible para el programa e inscríbase hoy mismo.

TUESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

Museum — The Shafter Depot Museum is now reopened to the public on Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Depot is located at 150 Central Valley Highway.

Giveaway — Clothing, food and lots of other items will be given away at Love Wasco, Saturday, Nov. 14 at 10 a.m. at Canyon Hills Church, 600 Broadway.

ARREST REPORT

As reported by the Shafter Police Department

Angel Ramiro Espinoza, 37, of Shafter, was arrested for battery on a person and disorderly conduct: under the

influence. NOV 4

Antonio Vargas, 30, of

Shafter, was arrested for evading and disregarding safety, driving without a license and unsafe turn.

Jose Reyes Soto, 38, of Shafter, was arrested for misdemeanor possession of controlled substance.

Marc Raymond Zuniga, 51, of Shafter, was arrested for disorderly conduct: alcohol, on a misdemeanor bench warrant and on an outside agency warrant.

Roberto Garcia, 35, of Shafter, was arrest for disorderly conduct: under the

influence. NOV. 7

Andrew Darren Crain, 26, of Shafter, was arrested for possession of blank checks, defraud, possession of identifying information and possession of burglary tools.

Nicholas Medrano, 22, of Shafter, was arrested for obstruction of a public officer and vandalism.

Jesus Rafael Montoya Sanchez, 21, of Shafter, was arrested for assault, willful cruelty to child and threating harm with intent of a crime.

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Marc Raymond Zuniga, 51, of Shafter, was arrested for disorderly conduct: alco-

Nicholas Medrano, 22, of Shafer, was arrestexd for 1st degree burglary and vandal-

Daniel Barajas, 44, of Shafter, was arrested for possession of open container in public and disorderly conduct: alcohol.

As reported by the Button-

willow Substation NOV. 2

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Pedro Elpidio Velasquez, 39, of Fairfield, was arrested at the intersection of Highway 46 and Interstate 5 in Lost Hills for domestic violence, assault with a deadly weapon, criminal threats, false identification to a police officer and kidnapping. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jessica Rae Tash, 28, of Shafter, was arrested in the 18000 block of Thomas Lane in Shafter for assault with a deadly weapon, domestic violence, willful cruelty to child, and vandalism. He was booked into the Kern County

Chandler Paul, 21, of Bakersfield, was arrested at the intersection of Shafter Avenue and Imperial Street in Snatter for grand theft and carrying a loaded firearm in a public place. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Aaron Thomas Bourque, 44, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 27000 block of Lagoon Drive in Buttonwillow on a felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Enrique Pena, 24, of Bakersfield, was arrested at the intersection of Poplar Avenue and Burbank Street in Shafter for grand theft over \$950, conspiracy and attempt to receive known stolen property. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Armando Lopez, of Wasco, was arrested at Shafter Court, 325 Central Valley Highway in Shafter for a felony remand. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Paul Lee Rachero, 34, of Encino, was arrested in the 27000 block of Lagoon Drive in Buttonwillow for vehicle theft, being in possession of a stolen vehicle, resisting arrest and crime committed while in custody. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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Margarito Quevas, 32, Lost Hills, was arrested in the 14000 block of Lost Hills Road in Lost Hills for domestic violence. He was booked into the Kern County

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As reported by the Wasco

David Zuniga Fierro, 28, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on an active misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

Adrian Alejandro Orozco, 25, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1800 block of Broadway Street for felony infliction of corporal injury of spouse or cohabitant, assault with deadly weapon that is not a firearm, and child cruelty with the possibility of injury or death. He was booked into

the Kern County Jail. Frederick Salgado-Villalobos, 30, of Las Vegas,

Shafter, CA 93263.

P.O. Box 789, Shafter, CA 93263.

Nevada, was arrested at the

intersection of 5th Street and Griffith Avenue for misdemeanor concealed firearm in vehicle, firearm not in a locked container, and an unlicensed concealed and carry weapon in vehicle. He was cited and released at the

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Mystery history

Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter His-

torical 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 mysterypho-

to@The ShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here

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Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough

date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semied-

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or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@WascoTrib.com. Winners will be

revealed here next week. LAST WEEK: Nov. 11, 1954 Veter-

an's Day. Front view of the first annual Veterans Day parade

in Wasco shows the "Spirit of '76'" point comprised of color

bearer Telo Santillan, drummers Art Cretto and Bill Mills and

Fifer Darlene Ehrhorn. Part of the 58-man main body can be

seen to the rear. The parade was sponsored by the local VFW.

next week. LAST WEEK: 1941 Sprouse Reitz

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scene.

Israel Noel Esquivel, 23, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1100 block of Highway 46 for misdemeanor possession of unlawful paraphernalia, obstruction of a peace officer, and destroying evidence. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Mark Ybarra, 34, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1100 block of Highway 46 for misdemeanor possession of controlled substance paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance. He was cited and released at the

Estella Zapata, 42, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1100 block of Highway 46 for misdemeanor driving on a suspended license. She was cited and released at the scene.

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Ervey Guerra Martinez, 33, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Beckes Street and Sunset Street for misdemeanor possession of marijuana over 28.5 grams and misdemeanor obstruction of a peace officer. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Daniel Galvan Perez, 29, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on an active misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

Milton Ramirez, 36, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of 7th Street and E Street for misdemeanor possession of drug paraphernalia. He was cited and released at the scene. Vanessa Rivas, 26, of

Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Broadway Street and Highway 46 on an active misdemeanor bench warrant and for possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. She was cited and released at the scene.

NOV. 5

David Castillo, 39, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of 6th Street on an active misdemeanor bench warrant, felony possession of a firearm by a felon, and possession of ammunition by a felon. He was booked into the Kern County

Enrique Betancourt, 32, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1900 block of 3rd Street for misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He was cited and released at the scene.

Guillermo Leon, 22, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1300 block of Palm Avenue for misdemeanor shoplifting and public intoxication. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

NOV. 7

Robert Castenada, 59, of Wasco, was arrested in the 600 block of North Maple Street for misdemeanor driving on a suspended license and being under the influence of drugs. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Shawn Hasty, 23, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of 9th Street and Broadway Street on active felony bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern

County Jail. Guadalupe Ramos, 39, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1100 block of Highway 46 for misdemeanor possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He was cited and released at the scene.

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Wasco State Prison warden retires

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The Wasco Tribune

John Sutton, warden at the Wasco State Prison, is retiring Nov. 20. Last week on Nov. 4, the prison held a

luncheon in Sutton's honor, recognizing his many years of service for the Department of Corrections. Sutton and his twin brother, Nick, were

both educated through Wasco schools and graduated from Wasco High School. They both worked in the cotton, potato and alfalfa fields as young boys. "We started out playing T Ball, youth

football with the Packers, ran track, played baseball and Little League," Sutton said. "I got a varsity letter in football when I was quarterback and Nick was a receiver. Sutton has been in law enforcement

since he decided on a career track while in college. He originally thought he was going to go into education and become a teacher, but instead enrolled in the police academy. He was first employed at the Porterville

Police Department as an undercover cop. At that time, Sutton applied for the Department of Corrections and was assigned to what is known as the Ironwood Prison in

"In 1971 when I went there, it was a new prison," Sutton said.

Sutton arrived at Wasco State Prison in 1991 and he said at that time, it was an an-



From left, Petra Rueda, John Sutton and VFW's Danny Rueda.

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nex but is now incorporated into the city. "The site was originally a dove-hunting

Sutton's retirement plans include being home at the Central Coast full-time and learning to adjust to the retirement lifestyle. "My wife and I are planning to vacation

and travel to specific spots around the country and Europe and possible retired annuitant work in the future," Sutton said. Sutton added that the most important thing he will miss in retirement is no longer

working around such a "great group of correctional employees." "I consider myself the luckiest person in the world to have been the warden at the best prison in the State of California," he said. "I will forever be grateful for the op-

portunity and all of the support that I have received during my tenure as warden for Wasco State Prison – Reception Center." Sutton added, "I couldn't be prouder of the institution of what we have accomplished together, especially with dealing

with the covid-19 crisis." Sutton also received accolades from several attendees at the luncheon including a plaque from VFW Post 6742. Superintendent of the Wasco Union Elementary School District Kelly Richers spoke about

Sutton as well.

"I was invited to John Sutton's retirement and was asked to speak, as someone was under the mistaken impression that I was his high school basketball coach," Richers said during the luncheon. "I was not his coach, but have worked with him for the many years he has been warden at

Richers added that as a hometown boy, Sutton made extra efforts to assist the students of Wasco, and the families of Wasco students, through the efforts of the prison to provide food baskets, fundraising drives and other material goods to those in need.

"Through his leadership the community and the prison have been drawn closer together as partners in improving Wasco as a community," Richers said. "I have great admiration for his dedication and ability to work out all the intricate details of how to make such associations work while performing such a complicated job as his position demands. He is obviously admired by those with whom he works and it was a bittersweet retirement event to have to see



ton, Orange Heart members Orquidea Ocampo and Tracey Mills-Clendenen.

him leave his position. I wish him a great retirement.' Joshua Farley, Sutton's administrative

assistant/public information officer, recalled his time working for Sutton. Farley said it has been a trying year,

due to the pandemic, and "I have to say, John has handled the very demanding and oftentimes stressful protocols that a highest prison administrator has to implement due to this pandemic with a steadfast and calm leadership style. It is his leadership style that has kept Wasco State Prison's Management team

as well as support staff rank-and-file together through this difficult time." Farley also said

that because John grew up in Wasco, it is only fitting that he retires as warden of Wasco State Prison.

'John has always had this community and its partnerships at the forefront of his mind," he said. "He has made numerous donations in support of this community through the Orange Heart Foundation, local athletic clubs, the VFW and many charitable donations to the elementary school kids and community residents during the holiday

In his goodbye message to Wasco, Sutton said, "I want to personally thank the entire community of Wasco for all of the wonderful memories. I am very fortunate to have grown up in a small town, which taught me the values in life including, work ethic and the guidelines for success. I will forever be a proud Wasconian!"



From left, John Sutton and Mayor Tilo Cortez Jr. Cortez declared Nov. 4 as John Sutton Day.

Handmade and baked to perfection, business takes off

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

Baking bread was a passion for Haley Plaza, the allure of being in the kitchen with the smell of fresh sourdough filling the air.

Plaza, a Shafter resident, took that passion and established Handmade in a Home three years ago, her business selling her bakes. She stressed it was important to her

to make money doing something she loved. Now Plaza is a popular stop for many residents at local bazaars, craft fairs and other events, often selling out.

Handmade in a Home started with Plaza's sourdough bread when she began selling the loaves to her friends, family and

church community. Soon she began to expand her selection and increased her production to more than a few loaves a week.

"I added bread dips as I went along, giving the customers another way to enjoy the bread," Plaza said. "I make quite a few varieties of dips with different herbs in them and every one of them is made in my kitchen."

She is also looking forward to adding new products to her lineup including croissants, compound butters and whole wheat sourdough.

Her most popular varieties right now are her sourdough bread, focaccia Fougasses and sweet loaves like banana bread and pumpkin bread.

Plaza bakes on Tuesdays and Thursdays every week and her customers order their bread through her website (www.handmadeinahome) and they then pick them up at

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by Celeste Christine Turner, 20, of

Delano, around 5 a.m. on Highway

rillo was transported to the Kern

Medical Center where he later died,

Turner died on impact and Mu-



Plaza shows off one of her most popular breads, the jalapeno cheddar sourdough.

her house.

When she is not away at an event around Kern County, she holds pop-up events at different locations on Saturdays. She gives the locations and times of the events on her Instagram account (@handmade in a home). She also takes her loaves to the Tin Cup to sell.



Loaves of bread sit on a display, ready to be sold.

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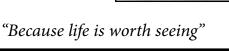


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fice reported Alexi Jovani Murillo,

31, of Wasco, was driving a BMW

that collided with a Honda drive

Monday, Nov. 9.

Two people died after a crash

The Kern County Sheriff's Of-

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the Sheriff's Office said.

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The California Highway Patrol

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is currently investigating the acci-

dent to determine if drugs or alcohol

closed in both directions and traffic

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Drivers make it possible to get meals to students in rural areas

This is our final installment of this series.

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

Over a dozen drivers make it possible for the Richland School District to provide meals to over 2,000 students during the pandemic.



The Mobile Delivery crew serves around 85 students per day.

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The drivers make the trek to students in rural Shafter, helpingt those who were unable to make it into town on a daily basis to pick up food.

Through the USDA Summer Seamless Feeding Option waiver, the school district provides breakfast, lunch and dinner to children ages 2-18 Monday through Friday through drive-thru meal service at their three campuses, as well as at various bus stops and through a mobile delivery route.

There are five different locations on the bus routes that are serviced, with one crew servicing Fresno Ave-

nue and Alamo Lane, and Fresno Avenue and Hicks. The other crew handles Smiths Corner and La Colonia. Bus driver Rick Sharp is joined by Jose Avila, Sonia Reyes and Anna Valdivia at the Fresno Avenue locations. They hand out meals to over 250 students daily.

Driver Diana Gutierrez, along with Lizbeth Ayala Guevara, Erik Calvillo and Carina Cortez do the same for the Smith's Corner and La Colonia locations.

There is also a crew for the Shafter Farm Labor Camp that includes driver Agustin Raya, with Mary Mendez, and a Mobile



Thursday, November 12, 2020

The crew at Fresno Avenue and Venable.

Route that delivers to up to 450 students. The Mobile Crew consists of bus drivers Mario Mora, Adrian Cortez, Brandie Rockey and Susan Shubin.

Director of Nutritional Services Mason Hollingsworth said that he is so fortunate to have such a hard working and dedicated staff to serve the Richland School District.

"Through the entire ordeal, without missing a beat, our staff has kept the welfare and needs of our kids as our first priority," he said. "I am proud to have them in our Richland School District family."

Wasco City Council named

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Armando Calvillo with 52% of the vote. Calvillo had a strong showing, with around 48% of the vote.

Current Board of Trustee members Tammy Rubio-Criswell and Cain Maldonado ran unopposed in their trustee areas.

In Wasco, the City Council elections are by district, instead of using an at-large system. In the most hotly contested district, William David Ward outpointed Vincent Martinez in District 2 by 11 votes.

In District 4, Tilo Cortez Jr. has a 52 to 48% lead for the council seat over Eddie Saldana. Incumbent Alex Garcia ran unopposed for District 5.

Current Mayor Tilo Cortez, Jr. told The Wasco Tribune that he is happy so many people took an interest in running for of-

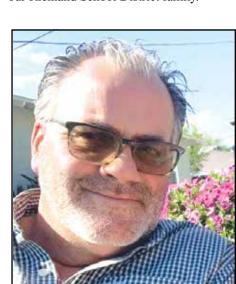
"As a community, we need to come together to share ideas and put in the work needed to make our city the best it can be," Cortez said. "My hope is that everyone involved in this election stays involved, regardless if they get elected or not. Together we are stronger. Stay safe, Wasco!"

Under school districts, Randy Bloemhof

won the Maple School Board with almost 78% of the vote to Ty Roger's 22%.

For the Wasco Union High School District board, John Steward and Sharon Nichol won with 43% and almost 35%, respec-

The Measure H vote was shot down by voters, 51% to 47%. The measure would have authorized the Wasco Union School District to issue up to \$16 million in bonds with bond revenue going to fund improvements in schools, health, safety and security, restrooms and facilities, as well as a master kitchen.



Newly elected Wasco High School



Incumbent City Council member for Incumbent Wasco High School board District 5 Alex Garcia

member Sharon Nicol



Newly elected council member for **District 2 William David Ward.**



District 4 Mayor Tilo Cortez, Jr.

PASTORS CORNER

Faith

Pastor Candy Gomez

PASTOR CANDY GOMEZ

Shafter Christian Fellowship If faith comes from hearing, and hearing the word of God (Romans 10:17); why are only a few churches overflowing? I understand the regulations of the pandemic but prepandemic. Why does coming to church at times feel like a chore? The Bible tells us that it is impossible to please God

without faith (Hebrews 11:6), which brings us to realize that faith is a big deal. Faith is such a big deal that it is required for salvation. We are saved by grace, which is a gift from God. We receive this gift through our faith in Christ Jesus. (Ephesians 2:8). I believe that we as believers may not completely understand faith and because we do not understand faith, we do not utilize it. We will perish for lack of knowledge, so it is vital that we understand faith.

When faith is misunderstood there is a

possibility to call faith something it is not. Have you ever heard someone tell you, "you don't need a lot of faith, if you can just have a little bit of faith as big as a mustard seed, that's all you need?" As I dig deeper, I read the story where Jesus heals the demon possessed boy in Matthew 17. The disciples were unable to heal the boy and Jesus called them a "faithless and

perverse generation." He said it was because of their unbelief that if they had faith as a mustard seed, they can tell this mountain to move from here to there and it will move.

The light bulb went on in my head, I get it! I was wrong I did not have little faith, I had unbelief. A mustard seed faith is small in portion but is powerful. Mustard seed faith is pure, it is not perverted. So, when we have a small portion of pure and true mustard seed faith, nothing is impos-

AB 1826 September 2020, AB 1826 changed its threshold from 4 cubic yards of trash/week to <u>2 cubic yards of trash per week</u>. What does this mean to you? The law now states that if commercial generators have more than 2 cubic yards of trash per week you will need to also have **organic** services. Organic services include green waste (grass trimmings, yard pruning), and food waste. Please check out our website for more info http://americanrefuse.co/index.php/information/ laws or https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/organics/

AB 827 July of 2020, this law went into effect. http://leginfo.legislature.ca.gov/ <u>faces/billNavClient.xhtml?bill_id=201920200AB827</u>. Full service restaurants are exempt. However, others will need to have adjacent bins with clearly marked signage. FREE downloadable/printable signage can be found here: https:// www.calrecycle.ca.gov/recycle/commercial/organics/prtoolkit

SB 1383 The FINAL draft of SB1383 went to the office of Office of Administrative Law in September. We are awaiting the outcome. These regulations will all take effect in 2022. Please stay up to date & informed with the upcoming regulations of this law it went into effect in January of 2020. Many changes will be happening to assist in the reduction of GHG for the state. This law has mandated fines, requited ordinances, mandated food recovery, requirements of organic capture, and more. This is a HUGE change coming to the waste/recycling industry. https://www.calrecycle.ca.gov/climate/slcp



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Kern County has 1 week to improve metrics

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On Tuesday, Nov. 10, Wasco had a total number of 1,695 positive cases, which is the exact same number as the week of Nov. 5; however, on Nov. 10, there were 644 recovered cases as compared to 633 completely recovered and the presumably recovered

numbers remained the same from the week of Nov. 5 through the week of Nov. 10. Shafter's numbers show 1,385

positive cases for the week of Nov. 10 with 709 completely recovered and 344 presumably recovered. On Nov. 5, Shafter's numbers were

1,353 positive cases as compared to

1,326 on Oct. 27. There were 709 recovered on Nov. 3 as compared to 703 on Nov. 5 and presumably recovered were 310 on Nov. 5 as compared to 709 on Nov. 10. Residents are advised to be vigilant

about wearing masks whenever they are in public and continue to maintain social distancing.

Testing still required for students

TONI DEROSA The Wasco Tribune

Year-end testing will still be required by the state even though students are learning remotely, Superintendent of the Wasco Union Elementary School District Kelly Richers said.

"We are to test students in science, math, English and other school subjects," Richers told the board.

Richers said that he does not anticipate opening the schools after the winter break.

Richers also said that as of this week, if a county moves from the red tier down to the purple tier, only the schools that had students in them would be allowed to keep students in that school. Prior to that, the state said that if a district was in the red tier with students attending school, students could attend school at any school site within a district.

"This means that because Clemens

be opened if we go back to the purple tier," he said. When Richers presented his report

does not have any students, it cannot

to the board, he said that because of the pandemic, it is going to be more difficult to provide baskets of food to the families that need them. The pandemic prevents schools from having any fundraisers or food drives and the holidays, which the community generously gives, will not be happening this

First High Speed Rail structure in Kern County completed

TONI DEROSA

The Wasco Tribune

The Poso Creek Viaduct has been completed and is the first structure in Kern County in the 22-mile segment of the High Speed Rail.

The Poso Creek Viaduct is south of Blankenship Avenue and west of State Route 543, just north of Wasco, reported High Speed Rail Authority Information Officer II Toni Tinoco.

WASCO

"Our goal is to deliver the greenest infrastructure project in the nation and we're doing that by protecting our natural resources and important habitats like Poso Creek," said Garth Fernandez, interim Central Valley regional director. "Thanks to the hard work of our crews and through effective mitigation efforts, we were able to complete this project and restore the environmental

Construction continues in Wasco as the City of Wasco and the High Speed Rail Authority continue their discussion on the destruction of the former farm labor camp site.

City Manager Daniel Ortiz-Hernandez and Mayor Tilo Cortez, Jr. continue to meet with staff from the authority.

footprint in its original state."

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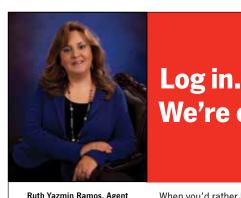
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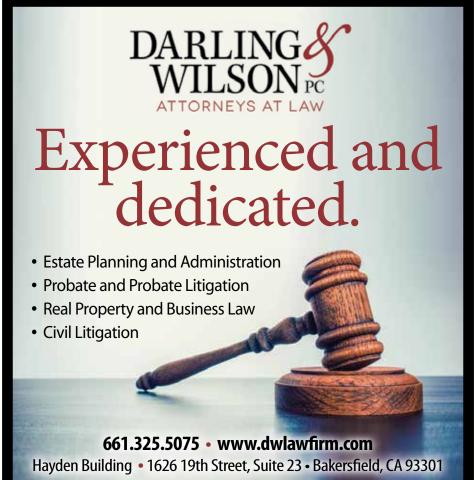
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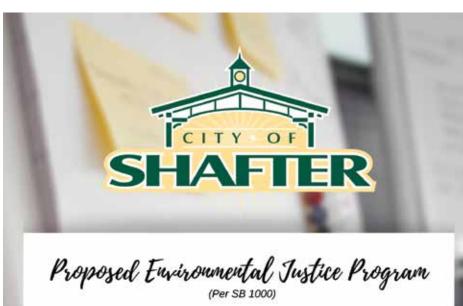
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To register please email Vanessa Valdivia vvaldivia@shafter.com

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

COUCH'S CORNER

McFarland Animal Shelter opens

DAVID COUCH

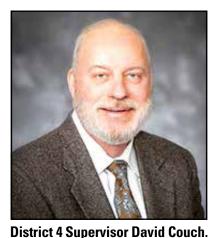
District 4 Supervisor

Recently the City of McFarland opened a new animal shelter with 15-20 kennels. The facility is equipped with several amenities including a medical room, laundry room, and food sorting area. McFarland, like many cities throughout the district, remains resilient in the midst of an economic uncertainty from the pandemic.

I am thankful for City Manager Maria Lara and the Community Development Department working tirelessly to obtain the USDA Community Facility Loan/Grant funds for the development of an indoor animal shelter that will make an immediate impact reuniting pets with their owners. It is remarkable to see nonprofit organizations such as McFarland USA Foundation donate financially to support the city's efforts. Ensuring stray animals receive the veterinary care needed improves the well-being of all residents in McFarland.

The McFarland Animal Shelter located at 12941 Melcher Road offers a spayand-neuter program as well with the support of additional grant funding. The spayand-neuter program offered by McFarland Animal Control re-

duces the overpopulation of stray animals found abandoned in the community. Each \$30 voucher covers the full cost of surgery



\$40. Please visit the McFarland Animal Shelter Monday through Thursday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Thank you City of McFarland and especially to the McFarland City Council for their vision and for working together to bring this project development into fruition. With Kern County's District Four Office working in collaboration with your city's leadership, I am confident we will continue building upon this prog-

Please contact Animal Control Officer Oscar Maya at 661-792-3091 or omaya@ mcfarlandcity.org to address any questions or concerns regarding adoption fees and animal services.

Contact McFarland City Hall at 661-792-3091 or visit mcfarlandcity.org to receive information regarding additional city services and departments. Feel free to contact our District 4 office at 661-868-3680 or at district4@kerncounty.com for any county concerns. Have a safe week.

PUBLIC NOTICES

SUMMONS (Family Law) Notice to Respondent (Name): **Alvaro Lopez Guzman**

Aviso al Demandado (Nombre): You have been sued. Read the information below and on the next page. Lo han demandado. Lea la información a continuación y en la página

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Case Number (Número de Caso): SFL

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For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/ selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org), or by contacting your local county bar association.

Para asesoramiento legal, póngase en contacto de inmediato con un abogado. Puede obtener información para encontrar un abogado en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en el sitio web de los Servicios Legales de California (www.lawhelpca.org) o poniéndose en contacto con el colegio de abogados

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North Division The name, address, and telephone

number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney, are: (El nombre, dirección y número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante si no tiene abogado, son):

America Zamudio Paniagua PO Box 418 Lost Hills, CA 93219

661-438-9325 Date: (Fecha): 10/09/2020 Clerk, by (Secretario, por) /s/Tamarah Harber-Pickens /s/Patricia Juarez, Deputy (Asistente)

Publish Wasco Tribune October 29,

November 5, 12, 19, 2020 **PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business**

Name Statement J&G Tire Service 2020-B4362 1218 Palm Ave Wasco, CA 93280 County: Kern

Mailing address of business:

1218 Palm Ave Wasco, CA 93280 Gloria Ruth Ybarra Benitez 1218 Palm Ave Wasco, CA 93280 Jose Luis Benitez Ramirez 1218 Palm Ave Wasco, CA 93280 The business is conducted by: Joint

Venture

Date the business commenced: 10/06/2015

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Date Statement Expires: 10/6/2025 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/N Franco Publish Wasco Tribune November 5,

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement CRA 2020-B4319

638 F Street

Wasco, CA 93280 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 638 F Street Wasco, CA 93280 Mohammed Jaatit 1721 Lupine Ct Wasco, CA 93280 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: 12/06/2010

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McFarland, CA 93250 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 545 Browning Rd McFarland, CA 93250 Alejandro Reyes 545 Browning Rd McFarland, CA 93250 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced:

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE INVITING INTERESTED CONTRACTORS FOR 2020-2021 **CALIFORNIA UNIFORM** PUBLIC CONSTRUCTION COST **ACCOUNTING (CUPCCA) PROGRAM** INFORMAL BID LIST FOR WASCO UNION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

In accordance with the State of California Uniform Public Construction Cost Accounting Act (CUPCCA), the District is inviting all interested licensed contractors to submit their company information for inclusion on the District's Pre-Qualified Informal Bidding Contractors List for construction projects during 2020-2021. Per California Public Contract Code 22032, any Public Works Project that is estimated to cost between \$60,000 and \$200,000 is subject to the Informal Bidding Procedures set forth by the State of California Uniform Construction Cost Accounting Commission. All trade categories are subject to Informal Bidding Procedures. LETTER OF INTEREST FROM LI-CENSED CONTRACTORS Licensed contractors interested in placement on the District's 2020-2021 Informal Bidding Pre-Qualified Contractors List, must submit a "Letter of Interest". The letter must contain the contractor's name, address phone, e-mail, license number, DIR registration number, and classification. Submit the Letter of Interest to DaVargas@wuesd.org or mail to:

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form work on public works projects over \$1,000 will be required to be currently registered with DIR to perform such work. The cost to register for the program is \$400.00 annually and is non-refundable. No bid can be accepted nor any contract or subcontract of \$1,000 or more be entered into without proof that the contractor or subcontractor is registered. More information can be found at the Department of Industrial Relations website; www.dir.ca.gov. Publish Wasco Tribune November 12,

Please Note: All contractors and sub-

contractors intending to bid or per-

PUBLIC NOTICE PUBLIC NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF ORDINANCE BY THE WASCO CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE NO: 2020-713

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on November 3, 2020, the City Council of the City of Wasco adopted Ordinance No. _2020-713_ entitled: AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF

WASCO AMENDING TITLE 15 OF THE "BUILDINGS AND CONSTRUCTION" OF THE CITY OF WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE, ADDING CHAPTER 15.40" UR-BAN STORM WATER QUALITY MAN-AGEMENT AND DISCHARGE CON-

TROL SUMMARY: The purpose and intent of this Chapter are to ensure the health, safety and general welfare of citizens, and protect and enhance the water quality of watercourses and water bodies in a manner pursuant to and consistent with the Federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1251 et seq.) by reducing pollutants in stormwater discharges to the maximum extent practicable and by prohibiting non-stormwater discharges to the storm drain system. The ordinance will become effective 30 days from the date it is adopted. The Ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: CORTEZ, ESPITIA, GARCIA, PALLARES, REYNA NOES: NONE ABSTAIN: NONE ABSENT: NONE

A copy of the full text of Ordinance No.2020-713 is available for review in the Office of the City Clerk, City of Wasco, and 746 - 8th Street, Wasco, CA 93280. You may contact the City Clerk at (661) 758-7215 with questions regarding this proposed Ordinance.

DATED: November 9, 2020 /s/maria o. martinez Clerk of the City of Wasco and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Council Publish Wasco Tribune November 12,

PUBLIC NOTICE
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1 AWYER. On 11/25/2020 at 10:00 A.M., First American Title PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 11/25/2020 at 10:00 A.M., First American Title Insurance Company, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 12/06/2007, as Instrument No. 0207240708, in book, page, of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of KERN County, State of California. Executed by: JOHN D. OGBORN AND JOYCE L. OGBORN, HUSBAND AND WIFE AS JOINT TENANTS, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) On the front steps of the City Hall South building at 1501 Truxtun Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93301 All right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 488-103-07-00-7 ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 488-103-07-00-7
The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 2115 SUNSET AVENUE, WASCO, CA 93280 The undersigned Trusted disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is \$ 245,886.49. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sale to the property of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the County where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available. 29249 of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (916)939-0772 or visit this Internet

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http://search.nationwideposting.com/propertySearchTerms.aspx, using the file number assigned to this case CA2000286391 Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. Date: First American Title Insurance Company 4795 Regent Blvd, Mail Code 1011-F Irving, TX 75063 First American Title Insurance Company MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED FOR THAT PURPOSE FOR TRUSTEES SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (916)939-0772NPP0371840 To: WASCO TRIBUNE 11/05/2020. 11/12/2020. 11/19/2020

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

IN ORDER TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE COUNTY OF KERN CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20

On **December 8, 2020**, the County of Kern Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing to give the residents of the County and Co-operative Cities of California City, Ridgecrest, Wasco, Shafter, and Tehachapi, the opportunity to comment on the County Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The report identifies progress on projects, programs and related accomplishments made from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, in carrying out three federal programs: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG). The hearing will be held on:

Time: Location:

Tuesday, December 8, 2020 2:00 p.m., or soon thereafter **Board of Supervisors Chamber - First Floor** County of Kern Administrative Center 1115 Truxtun Avenue Bakersfield, California

Subsequent to the hearing, the Board of Supervisors will be asked to approve the CAPER and authorize the Planning and Natural Resources Department (PLNR) Community Development Division to submit the CAPER to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). All written and oral comments received by the end of the public hearing shall be submitted to HUD as part of the final CAPER

The draft CAPER will be made available for public review a minimum of 15 days prior to the public hearing at the following locations: Planning and Natural Resources Department (see address below); the Cooperative Agreement City Halls located in California City, Ridgecrest, Wasco, Shafter, and Tehachapi; the Beale Memorial Library (701 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield) and all County library branches. The 2019-20 CAPER may be reviewed on or after November 18, 2020 at the County's Community Development website: https://kernplanning.com/community-development-2/. Prior to the public hearing set for December 8, 2020, comments and/or questions concerning the CAPER and/or the County's performance during the 2019-20 program year may be directed to:

Planning and Natural Resources Department – Community Development Division 2700 "M" Street, Suite 250, Bakersfield, California 93301 at (661) 862-5050 or James Golden, Planner III at (661) 862-5130, or Lonnie Bell, Supervising Planner at (661) 862-8659 TTY Relay 1 (800) 735-2929 for persons with hearing impairment

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Imelda Perez Aug. 14, 1956 -Nov. 6, 2020

Imelda Perez, 64, was called to be home with God on Nov. 6 in Bakersfield. She was born on Aug.14, 1956 in Uruapan, Michoacán to Benjamin and Manuela Cuevas.

Imelda grew up in Lindcove, California and went to Exeter High School.

Imelda married Carlos Perez in 1983 in Clovis, California. They were happily married for 37 years. Imelda enjoyed making floral arrangements and decorating for events. Imelda was a kind-hearted and beautiful soul. She spent a lot of time helping people and took in any family or person that needed a home. She had a beautiful smile that was accompanied by amazing laughter. She loved the Lakers, the Patriots and watching sports of every kind. She loved Mariachi, music, and dancing at family gatherings. She loved the beach, especially San Simeon and the Pismo Dunes. She looked forward to retiring with her husband near the beach one day. Imelda dedicated herself to raising her kids and grandchildren and loved cooking for them. Imelda loved her family with her whole heart, "no matter what," as she would say.

Imelda is survived by her husband Carlos; her sons Mario, Carlos Jr., Joel, Juan and Rafael; her daugh-



ters Consuelo, Imelda (Emily) and Maria (Nicholas Hayes); her brother Benjamin (Yolanda Cuevas); her sisters Paz (Lucky Sadruddin), Lucila (Manuel Martinez), Rosa (Pedro Vasquez); her grandchildren Sylvia, Natalia, Nathan, Lasaro, Juliet, Arissa, Genesis, Lindsy, Phoebe, Ethan, Olivia and many more rela-Imelda is preceded in

death by her parents Benjamin and Manuela Cuevas; her son Tony Perez; her sister Carmela Bautista, and her sister-in-law Xochitl Visitation will be at Basham & Lara Funeral

Care, 343 State Avenue, Shafter, CA on Wednesday, Nov. 18, from 5-9 p.m., a rosary will be recited at 7 p.m. Mass will be held at St. Therese Catholic Church, 300 W. Lerdo Hwy, Shafter, CA on Thursday, Nov. 19, at 10 a.m. Burial will follow the Mass at Shafter Cemetery, 18662 Santa Fe Way, Shafter, CA.

OBITUARIES

Imelda Pérez, de 64 años, fue llamada a estar en casa con Dios el 6 de noviembre de 2020 en Bakersfield. Nació el 14 de agosto de 1956 en Uruapan, Michoacán de Benjamín v Manuela Cuevas. Imelda creció en Lind-

cove, California y fue a Exeter High School. Imelda se casó con Car-

los Pérez en 1983 en Clovis, California. Estuvieron felizmente casados durante 37 años. Imelda disfrutaba haciendo arreglos florales decorando eventos. Imelda era un alma hermosa y de buen corazón. Pasó mucho tiempo ayudando a la gente y acogió a cualquier familia o persona que necesitara un hogar. Tenía una hermosa sonrisa acompañada de una risa increíble. Amaba a los Lakers, a los Patriots y a ver deportes de todo tipo. Le encantaba el Mariachi, la música y el baile en las reuniones familiares. Le encantaba la playa, especialmente San Simeon y las Dunas de Pismo. Esperaba jubilarse con su esposo cerca de la playa algún día. Imelda se dedicó a criar a sus hijos y nietos, y le encantaba cocinar para ellos. Imelda amaba a su familia con todo su corazón,

"pase lo que pase", como ella decía.

A Imelda le sobreviven su esposo Carlos; sus hijos Mario, Carlos Jr., Joel, Juan y Rafael; sus hijas Consuelo, Imelda (Emily) y María(Nicholas Hayes); su hermano Benjamín (Yolanda Cuevas); sus hermanas Paz (Lucky Sadrrudin), Lucila (Manuel Martinez), Rosa (Pedro Vasquez); sus nietos Sylvia, Natalia, Nathan, Lasaro, Juliet, Arissa, Genesis, Lindsy, Phoebe, Ethan, Olivia y muchos familiares más. A Imelda le anteceden

en la muerte sus padres Benjamín y Manuela Cuevas; su hijo Tony Perez; y su hermana Carmela Bautista, su cuñada Xóchitl Pérez. El velorio será en Basham & Lara Funeral Care,

343 State Avenue, Shafter, CA el miércoles 18 de noviembre de 2020 de 5: 00-9: 00 pm, se rezará un rosario a las 7:00 pm. La misa se llevará a cabo en la Iglesia Católica St. Therese, 300 W. Lerdo Hwy, Shafter, CA el jueves 19 de noviembre de 2020 a las 10:00 am. El entierro seguirá a la misa en el cementerio Shafter, 18662 Santa Fe Way, Shafter, CA.

Orville Lester Simpson Dec. 1, 1940 -Oct. 18, 2020

Orville Lester Simpson slipped free from the bonds of earth and into the arms of his Savior on Oct. 18. On Oct. 15, 1963, his country called upon Orville to fight in Vietnam, and the young man of 22 heeded the call of duty. The war in Vietnam exacted an unspeakable toll on so many families, and only God knows what the war took from Orville. However, Orville never turned from anyone in need, much less his country. The many bereaved friends and family testify to his incredible generosity, and willingness to help. Orville had a gregari-

ous nature and loved to spend time with family and friends (he never met a stranger). Large groups served him well as he was a big man, a big eater, and a huge talker. He had an incredible amount of stories and jokes. People always stopped by his table at the Cinderella Café to have a word with Orville.

Orville's stories were collected from his many years of work, driving longhaul trucks and when he later served his home state of California. Orville had



an incredible gift of camaraderie, and he had an especially unique bond with his twin-brother Carviel and his nephew, Lloyd Simpson. The three men spent countless hours together, working on horses, riding horses, and talking about horses.

Orville's beloved nephew, Steve Davis, and his wife Linda, were a singular blessing and comfort to Orville during his final months. God bless them for their kindness. Orville was a beloved son, brother, uncle, cousin, and friend. We feel his loss deeply, but we are comforted by the hope in which Orville lived.

Today Orville rides in green pastures, along still streams of living water. God rest your soul, Cowhttp://www.neverboy. gone.com/memorials/orvillesimpson

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It has been a tumultuous two years since Alvarado became mayor and Lopez became Mayor Pro-Tem, including a shakeup in the administration, with the departure of City Manager Scott Hurlbert amid a cloud of questions about the reason of his

Several meetings were held by the council that included no-confidence votes and remarks by the residents on how the city was being represented.

Stumbling blocks included a muchpublicized move by the council to place their names on a plaque commemorating Shafter's veterans that was dedicated at the new Veterans Park. With a large number of residents feeling outraged by the move, the decision was made by the council to reverse its decision, keeping their names off of the plaque. This was just one of many issues that the council had, in addition to a growing division of the council as a whole, with members being questioned on their motives and intentions regarding their vision for the



Alvarado surged ahead of Givens and Lawrence as of press time.

In recent months, the council had worked to mend this division.

The residents of Shafter chose to transfuse the council with some new blood during the election, making a statement that the goal and function of a City Council is



over 20 percent of the vote.

to work for the people and put their welfare and concerns above all else.

In the last two weeks of the election, there was a flood of social media posts that included several videos posted by citizens connected with PAC (Peoples Advocate for

Included in the videos was an endorsement by former council member Eli Espericueta, in which Espericueta commented that some members of the current council had not shown a desire to put the needs of the city first, trying to push their personal agendas in front of the city's.

"Included in these acts was the decision by the council to put their name on something that should never have even been considered. That memorial is for the veterans of our city and does not have anything to do with the City Council. This is just one of many examples of this council not putting the city's needs in front of their own," said

Another video was made by local farmer Larry Starrh. Starrh had a similar sentiment that Espericueta had, noting that the council's job is to work for the people of Shafter.

"This council race is about power, how you can use, and how you can abuse it," he

He also mentioned that power is like a hammer, you can build things with it, or you can take it and smash things with it. Starrh said that he was voting for the build-

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Date Statement Filed: 11/2/2020 Date Statement Expires: 11/2/2025 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/N Franco

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> **PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business** Name Statement Pierre's Pool Care

2020-B4447 1009 State Ave Shafter, CA 93263 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 1009 State Ave Shafter, CA 93263 Pierre Hidalgo 1009 State Ave Shafter, CA 93263 The business is conducted by: Indi-

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Fictitious Business Name Statement Deals In A Pallet 2020-B4592

4101 De Ette Ave Bakersfield, CA 93313 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 4101 De Ette Ave Bakersfield, CA 93313 Karen Itzel Hernandez Martinez 4101 De Ette Ave Bakersfield, CA 93313 The business is conducted by: Indi-

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

IN ORDER TO REVIEW AND CONSIDER THE COUNTY OF KERN CONSOLIDATED ANNUAL PERFORMANCE AND EVALUATION REPORT (CAPER) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2019-20

On December 8, 2020, the County of Kern Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing to give the residents of the County and Co-operative Cities of California City, Ridgecrest, Wasco, Shafter, and Tehachapi, the opportunity to comment on the County Consolidated Annual Performance and Evaluation Report (CAPER). The report identifies progress on projects, programs and related accomplishments made from July 1, 2019, to June 30, 2020, in carrying out three federal programs: the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG), Home Investment Partnerships (HOME), and Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG). The hearing will be held on:

Time: Location: Tuesday, December 8, 2020 2:00 p.m., or soon thereafter **Board of Supervisors Chamber - First Floor County of Kern Administrative Center** 1115 Truxtun Avenue Bakersfield, California

Subsequent to the hearing, the Board of Supervisors will be asked to approve the CAPER and authorize the Planning and Natural Resources Department (PLNR) Community Development Division to submit the CAPER to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). All written and oral comments received by the end of the public hearing shall be submitted to HUD as part of the final CAPER document.

The draft CAPER will be made available for public review a minimum of 15 days prior to the public hearing at the following locations: Planning and Natural Resources Department (see address below); the Cooperative Agreement City Halls located in California City, Ridgecrest, Wasco, Shafter, and Tehachapi; the Beale Memorial Library (701 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield) and all County library branches. The 2019-20 CAPER may be reviewed on or after November 18, 2020 at the County's Community Development website: https://kernplanning.com/community-development-2/. Prior to the public hearing set for December 8, 2020, comments and/or questions concerning the CAPER and/or the County's performance during the 2019-20 program year may be directed to:

Planning and Natural Resources Department - Community Development Division 2700 "M" Street, Suite 250, Bakersfield, California 93301 at (661) 862-5050 or James Golden, Planner III at (661) 862-5130, or Lonnie Bell, Supervising Planner at (661) 862-8659 TTY Relay 1 (800) 735-2929 for persons with hearing impairment

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PUBLIC NOTICE BEFORE THE LOCAL AGENCY FORMATION COMMISSION COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

CITY OF SHAFTER: ADOPTION OF MUNCIPAL SERVICE REVIEW (MSR) **UPDATE & SPHERE OF INFLUENCE (SOI)** AMENDMENT

Proceeding No.

NOTICE OF HEARING (G. C. § 56427)

1774 & 1775

TO: ALL AFFECTED AND INTERESTED AGENCIES / PERSONS;

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN:

A proposal as entitled above will be reviewed for adoption by the Local Agency Formation Commission, County of Kern.

The Executive Officer, has set the date and time for a public hearing upon the proposal

Pursuant to the provisions of California Governor's Executive Order N-29-20, issued on March 17, 2020, this meeting will be held by video conference only. No physical location will be available for this meeting. However, members of the public will be able to access and participate in the meeting. Members of the public may access and watch a live stream of the meeting on Zoom at:

PLEASE CONTACT LAFCO FOR THE INTERNET ACCESS ADDRESS

Date: December 02, 2020 Time: 5:15 P.M.

As a responsible agency, Kern LAFCo will be reviewing the environmental documentation, adopted by the lead agency.

The proposal area is located: On the west side of the City's existing SOI boundary. Area 1 (247ac) - boundary encompasses the east half of SW quarter of Section 17 and NW quarter of Section 20, Township 28 South, Range 25 East. located north of Orange St., south of Los Angeles St, east of Scaroni Ave, and 2,650 ft west of Popular Ave. Includes 19 parcels. Area 2 (967 ac) boundary encompasses the the SE quarter of Section 22, South half of Section 23, NE quarter of Section 27 and the North half of Section 26, Township 28 South, Range 25 East. located north of San Diego St., south of Orange St. east of Cherry Ave., and west of Mannel Ave. Includes 200 parcels, the community of Mexican Colony and the community of Cherokee Strip.

This notice satisfies the requirement of Government Code § 56427.

Complete details of this proposal are available at the LAFCo Office.

Please send any and all correspondence to: Kern LAFCo

5300 Lennox Ave Suite 303 Bakersfield CA 93309 info@kernlafco.org

Government Code § 56427. The commission shall adopt, amend, or revise spheres of influence after a public hearing called and held for that purpose. At least 21 days prior to the date of that hearing, the executive officer shall give mailed notice of the hearing to each affected local agency or affected county, and to any interested party who has filed a written request for notice with the executive officer. In addition, at least 21 days prior to the date of that hearing, the executive officer shall cause notice of the hearing to be published in accordance with Section 56153 in a newspaper of general circulation which is circulated within the territory affected by the sphere of influence proposed to be adopted. The commission may continue from time to time any hearing called pursuant to this section. At any hearing called and held pursuant to this section, the commission shall hear and consider oral or written testimony

presented by any affected local agency or affected county or any interested person who wishes to appear

Blair Knox, Executive Officer

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Benton Rice, Deputy Executive Officer/Senior Analyst

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