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Valedictorian Julie Grundt with Principal Danny Arellano.

Students honored at TJ

A long list of high achievers

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You can feel it in the air that the school year is nearing the end. The sun is shining, the weather is warmer and schools are holding assemblies at which they present high achievers and athletes with awards or certificates.

Thomas Jefferson Middle School held its awards ceremony last week in the TJ gym.

Parents filled the TJ gymnasium on Thursday, bringing with them younger family members, who jumped up when their sibling was announced. Cell phone cameras were clicking away during the entire ceremony.

Jalie Grundt was introduced as valedictorian, while Omar Lopez Raya was introduced as salutatorian.

Awards were presented to teacher-selected students in eighth grade. Receiving awards in this category were: Carlos Acosta, Camila Almanza Cruz, Jocelyn Barrera, See TJ Page 4



Perseverance award recipient Garcia Navarro with Vice Principal Patrick Acosta.

Winner's Circle at Wasco High

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Graduating seniors at Wasco High School received their scholarships last week as the school recognized its academic achievers and male and female Tiger of the Year at its annual Winner's Circle celebration.

Christian Figueroa received the Bill and Melinda Gates Scholarship. Figueroa will be attending Stanford in the fall, with the four-year grant valued at over \$191,000. As part of his scholarship, he'll also receive an internship.

Sayra Raya also received a full-ride scholarship to See WINNER'S Page 4



Bill and Melinda Gates Scholarship recipient Christian Figueroa.

Training center to close

Will be replaced by WHS classes

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The North Kern Vocational Training Center board voted to shut down on June 30, after more than 40 years of operation, due to changes in state funding that have plagued the center since 2008.

Some instructors questioned why they were just learning about this closure so close to the end of the school year.

"I've been on this board for 30 years. We've been up and down in the past, and we always managed to make it through," board member Wayne Montgomery said.

"Funding for our program has been difficult and complicated," Executive Director Amy E. Bean said. "In 2008, Governor Jerry Brown implemented new funding for schools, known as Local Control Funding Framework, for vocational training programs through school districts.

In other words, the programs at the center have been operating with a 2008 budget. Even though costs have risen since 2008, the money allocated for vocational training has remained at that level.

"We kept wondering if the year we were in would be the last year we would be operational," Bean said. "However, we've managed to hold on since 2008."

The NKVTC began nearly 40 years ago under a joint powers agreement between Delano Joint Union High See NORTH KERN Page 6

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- Executive Director Amy E. Bean

Wasco Reserves open Saturday

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The Wasco Reserve has its first game this Saturday, June 1, at the Ballpark.

One of the new players to be added to the Wasco Reserve team is 23-year-old Cory Davis, Jr.

Davis grew up not too far from Bakersfield, in Visalia. He is a graduate of Redwood High.

He played shortstop there and has already had some career highlights. In 2006, he was a 10-year-old team member of the Cal Ripken World Series

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Burglar takes his time, and gets caught

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Wasco Tribune

The Peters Funeral Home in Wasco was burglarized twice in the same day by the same person, the owner says.

"We think he broke into the building early Saturday morning. He must have seen that that our large items were taken down from the walls for our renovation, and returned later that afternoon to take what he didn't get the first time," owner Rick Woody, Jr., said.

Woody and his father, also Rick, were in the process of dismantling television sets off their wall mounts to continue working on the renovation project.

The two arrived at the funeral home Saturday morning and realized they had been burglarized and called the sheriff's office.

Several items were stolen, including a TV set, a computer, the sound system and lighting.

"Saturday afternoon, when we returned to the building, we actually caught the burglar red-handed," Woody, Sr. said. "He al-

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Rick Woody, Sr., and Rick Woody, Jr., standing by the new chairs they recently purchased for their renovation.



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Community Calendar

For updates or to submit additional information about a club, organization or meeting listed in this public service column, call the Wasco Tribune at 661-292-5100 or email calendar@WascoTrib.com.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Homes for Reserves -- Wasco Reserves ballplayers are looking hosts for the duration of their baseball season. If you are willing to open your home and help out, give Coach Bill Moore a call. For more information, call 602-980-2372. Opening day is June 1.

Pregnancy health -- Bakersfield Pregnancy Center's Image Clear Ultrasound mobile unit will be in Shafter on the 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 2-5 p.m. Located at 341 Central Ave., Shafter (parking lot across from La Fonda). No appointments necessary.

FREE pregnancy test, first-trimester ultrasound, information and resources available.

NEW: SMBC sports camps -- Shafter Mennonite Church at 400 Kern St., Shafter, is hosting three sports camps for all incoming K-6th students. The camps and dates are volleyball (June 17-21), wrestling (July 15-19) and basketball (July 29- Aug. 2). The cost of each camp is \$15; if a child attends all three, the total is \$40. Each camp is from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Fellowship Center gym, with an exhibition and dessert for the whole family at 7 p.m. on Friday of each camp week. For information and registration, call the church office, Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., at 661-746-4969 or go to shaftermb.org.

ONGOING

Senior lunch -- Senior center serving meal Monday-Friday at 11:25 a.m., 1280 Poplar St.

MONDAY

Movies -- After School Movie at the Wasco Library, 3:30-5 p.m. at the Wasco Library. Call for details, 661-661-2114.

Mayor's office hours -- Mayor Alex Garcia holds office hours on the second Monday, 3-6 p.m., at 810 8th St.

Rotary Club -- Wasco Rotary Club meets every Monday at the Wasco Recreation Center at noon.

Fishes & Loaves -- Free dinner every first Monday 5-7 p.m. at 408 Griffith Ave.

Adult education -- Enroll for classes at 1445 Poso Drive. High school diploma program, ESL, citizenship and Microsoft Office.

TUESDAY

Library activities -- Card Games, Puzzlemania, Lego Club Mania or Color Me Happy every Tuesday at the Wasco Library, 4-5:30 p.m. For questions, call 661-661-2114.

Woman's Club -- Meeting second Tuesday at noon until May at clubhouse, 1601 7th St.

WUESD -- Wasco Union Elementary School District meets second Tuesday in the board room at 6:30 p.m.

Coloring -- Color Me Happy! At the Wasco Library from 4-5:30 p.m.

City Council -- Meets first and third Tuesdays at 6 p.m. on 8th Street.

Mystery history



Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Wasco 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 Tribune, 406 Central Ave., Shafter 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@WascoTrib.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** Historical St. John's Catholic School in 1928.



THURSDAY

Library Activities -- Color Me Happy, Lego Club Mania, Game On, Family Fun or Card Game Fun -- it's a different activity every Thursday at the Wasco Library, 4-5:30 p.m. For questions, call 661-758-2114.

ACTS Class -- Alcohol and chemical treatment series meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the Sounds of Pentecost, 2000 Palm Ave. Rides are available.

Reading and crafts -- Family story time and crafts 3:30 to 5 p.m. at the Wasco Library.

FRIDAY

Seniors exercise -- Wasco Senior Center exercise class, starting at 10 a.m. 1280 Poplar St.

NEW: Art lessons -- Discover the art world with educational and entertaining art lessons with the Bakersfield Museum of Art. On May 31, the focus is on still-life Drawing at the Wasco Library.

Family Storytime & Crafts -- 3:30-5 p.m. at the Wasco Library.

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PET OF THE WEEK

Flossie is waiting for a good home

Flossie is an adorable small white terrier mix. She weighs between 8 and 10 pounds and is approximately 5 months old. If you think Flossie would bring you comfort and joy, and you want to have her grow old with you, come take a look at her at the Wasco Animal Shelter, 5409 7th St. You just might be surprised who you'll find waiting for you to claim.. The shelter is open Monday-Friday except holidays from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. Call 661-758-7240.

—Wasco Animal Shelter



Flossie is a terrier mix.

ARREST LOG

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

May 13

Alejandro Ruiz, 29, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of Maple Avenue for failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

May 14

Ray Gracia, 25, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Griffith and Sunset avenues for domestic violence. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

May 15

Yesenia Gomez, 20, of Wasco, was arrested in the

700 block of D Street for domestic violence. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

May 15

Julio Cesar Arellano, 41, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1200 block of Lily Street for failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

May 16

Eliel Garza, 37, of Wasco, was arrested in the 800 block of 7th Street for battery. He was booked into

the Kern County Jail.

May 18

Juan Daniel Vargas, 22, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Griffith Avenue and F Street for driving with a suspended license, driving under the influence and no current registration. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Emilio Molina Fernandez, 58, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Griffith Avenue and F Street for driving with a suspended license, driving under the

influence and possession of an open container while driving. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

May 19

Rodrick Scott, 42, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1700 block of Poplar Avenue for driving with a suspended license. He was cited and released at the scene.

Felipe Sanchez, 51, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Highway 43 and Highway 46 for driving without a license. He was cited and released at the scene.

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Jerry's Pet Feed offers the best for animals



Jerry's Pet Feed Store is at 332 F St.



A lot of cowboy hats and some clothing items are on display.

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The dream of getting out of manual labor and into a business has become a reality for Jerry Perez and his family. "Before he opened the store, my dad worked in the fields," said Geronimo Perez, who was manning Jerry's Pet Feed Store for his father, Jerry Perez, for the holiday weekend. "We all worked in the fields." Located at 332 F St. at a site that was previously a church, Perez opened the store in 2017.

The store offers an array of supplies and necessities to keep an animal healthy and well fed. Jerry's offers medicines to remove fleas and deal with animals' intestinal problems. It also sells cowboy boots and hats, leashes and harnesses, as well as clean-up tools such as rakes and shovels to make sure the animals' area is well-maintained.

The store offers Parvo shots for dogs, as well as vaccinations for cats.

There's also chicken feed and food for roosters, horses, dogs, cats and pigs. Most of their feed is in large, bulk-size bags.

"Our most-popular feed is chicken scratch (food) that we sell for \$12," Geronimo Perez said. "On Thursdays, we sell the bags for \$10 each."

They also sell flea shampoo and spray.

Geronimo Perez attended both Shafter and Wasco High Schools. He manages the store whenever his father isn't available. He said he also helps his father out during the regular work week as well.



Jerry's offers a variety of collars and harnesses for animals.

You can call the store to check on available items at 661-758-2325.

The store is open seven days a week, except Christmas, Thanksgiving and New Year's. Hours are Monday through Saturday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sundays from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m.

Friends, family salute FFA

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Wasco High's Future Farmers' of America held its annual Friends and Family Banquet on Friday, May 17, in the auditorium.

Outstanding students were recognized and awarded certificates for their contribution to the FFA program.

The Outstanding Service Award was presented to Ken Ballou.

Ballou accepted his award as his family looked on and his wife, Christie Ballou, was named Mother of the Year for her outstanding service to the FFA family. Student Jon Ballou joined his parents on stage after they received their awards.

Another award went to the FFA Creed Recitation Team, which included students Lindsay Lee, Corina Gonzalez, Kalani Castillo, Christopher Padilla and

Karissa Andrade. These students memorized and recited the FFA Creed written by E.M. Tiffany at a competition held at Wasco High.

Freshmen Kalani Castillo, Christopher Padilla and Karissa Andrade were

Student), Haley Allen (Animal Science Student), Maricruz Diaz (Ag Gov/ Econ WACP), Anthony Santana (Ag Government Student), Claire Moreno (Ag Econ Student), Lindsay Lee (Ag Communications 9th),

Chapter Farmer), Karissa Andrade (Star Greenhand), Ken Ballou (Distinguished Service) and Karissa Andrade, Vianey Padilla, Ivan Perez and Stephanie Hernandez and Janelly Garcia were mentioned as the Veterinary Science Team selection.

In addition, 31 students were named the Agriculture Graduation Cord recipients: Andrea Alvarado, Monique Alvarez, Fiorela Arreola, Jonathon Ballou, Gabriel Benavides, Luis Casablanca, Hannah Cooley, Maricruz Diaz Carmona, Meah Dickson, Manuel Flores, Erasmo Garcia, Stephanie Hernandez, Jocelyne Juarez, Lisbet Lopez Tapia, Alondra Martinez, Andrew Medley, Leonardo Morales, Andrew Morales, Claire Moreno, Jacob Ocampo, Lluvia Pelayo, Jacob Perez, Kayla Perez, Alejandro Porras, Sophia Raya, Johanna Reyes Gallegos, Carlos



Elisa Flores leads the National Anthem.

Rico, Tyler Ruddell, Julian Servin and Lesly Velasco.

A slide presentation of the board members was also shown, and when pictures of the members when they were younger came up, there were lots of laughs and clapping.

Additionally, Wasco State of FFA Degree recipients were named and included the following 2019 students: Haley Allen, Andrea Alvarado, Fiorela Arreola, Kareena Barboza,

Maricruz Diaz, Erasmo Garcia, Alejandro Gomez, Gilberto Gutierrez, Stephanie Hernandez, Alondra Martinez, Andrew Medley, Leonardo Morales, Jacob Ocampo, Jacob Perez, Kayla Perez, Daniela Ramos, Sophia Raya, Johanna Reyes, Kaitlyn Romero, Tyler Rudell, Lesly Velasco and Sky Williams.

After the awards were presented, the group broke up and gathered in the cafeteria for refreshments.

The Outstanding Service Award was presented to Ken Ballou.

nominated as the Greenhand Candidates. Karissa Andrade was named the Greenhand of the year, which means she was the best performing freshman of the year.

The following students were each given certificates for their specific area of expertise: Outstanding Ag/Biology students: Janelly Garcia (Sustainable Bio), Ivan Perez (Vet Science

Daisy Cendejas (Ag Communications 10th), Carlos Rico (Farm Power), Andres Gutierrez (Ag Mechanic I Student), Carlos Vargas (Ag Welding Student), Yaraydey Vasquez (Plant and Soil Science), Stephanie Hernandez (Floral), Matthew Ramos (Horticulture Student), Tyler Ruddell (Workhorse Award), Andrew Morales (FFA President), Nick Gutierrez (Star



The Outstanding Service Award was given to Ken Ballou and Mother of the Year to his wife, Christie Ballou. All pose with FFA member and son Jonathon Ballou.



This group memorized and recited the FFA Creed written by E.M. Tiffan: From left, Lindsay Lee, Corina Gorcale, Kalani Castillo, Christopher Padilla and Karissa Andrade.

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Members of the Vegetable Crops judging team: At the podium Nick Lopez; from left, Lindsay Lee, Kalani Castillo and Janeht Reyes-Rios.

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Rigoberto Campos, Juan Castillo, Diego Gomez, Julie Grundt, Fernando Lopez Arevalo, Omar Lopez Raya, Kaleb Lowe, Alyssa Gabriel Maldonado, Madison Martinez, Andrew Montano Lopez, Farmer Moreno,

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Gisell Ocampo, Nadia Ornelas, Zayda Orpineda Herrera, Javier Perez, Karly Perez, Priscilla Raya, Daniel Rodriguez, Daniela Ruiz, Joseph Scott, Elisa Solis and Lilliana Valdez.

In addition, the following students were presented with specialized awards. Yuridia Tovar Garcia was awarded Art Student of the Year; Savannah Arellano was the Band Student of the Year; E'sabella Guivas was named seventh-grade Female Athlete of the Year; Glenn Matthew was honored as seventh-grade Male Athlete of the Year; Bella Lopez was the eighth grade Female Athlete of the Year, and Izaiah Juarez was named eighth-grade Male Athlete of the Year.

Cougars of the Year were Izaiah Juarez and Nadia Ornelas.

The students were announced by Principal Danny Arellano, Vice Principal Patrick Acosta or Vice Principal Zachary Ellis.

According to the program, the students were selected by staff members for their exceptional abilities in athletics, academics, art and other school activities.



Art award recipient Yuridia Tovar Garcia.



Eighth-grade Female Athlete of the Year Bella Lopez with Danny Arellano.



Academic award for Band Student of the Year Savannah Arellano with Principal Danny Arellano Lilliana Valdez with Vice Principal Patrick Acosta.



Academic award recipient Joseph Scott.



Tigers of the Year, from left, Peter Chavez and Sayra Raya.

Winner's Circle at WHS

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the U.S. Marine Merchant Academy in New York in the fall. The value of that education is approximately \$270,000, according to the academy.

During the event, Peter Chavez was named male Tiger of the Year and Sayra Raya was named female Tiger of the Year.

Twenty-two students will head to four-year colleges with a scholarship in hand. Two students from Wasco High will be attending two-year colleges, with scholarship in hand. Fourteen students from the Wonderful Education Program were also given scholarships, as 35 Wonderful Agriculture College Prep scholarships were given out, too.

Students getting awards from the Wonderful Academy will be receiving \$12,000 to \$18,000, depending on which university they'll be attending," a release from Principal Kevin Tallon's office said. In total, they gave out 37 scholarships. Fifteen students will be receiving approximately \$18,000, and 22 students will be receiving about \$12,000.

In addition, 69 students received Gold State Seal Merit recognition and 16 students became Lifetime California Scholarship Federation recipients.

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OBITUARIES

Betty Jean Grant
Jan. 1, 1935 –
May 25, 2019

Betty Jean Grant, a longtime resident of Wasco, passed away on May 25, 2019 at the age of 84.

Betty was born in Rock Rapids, Iowa, on Jan. 1, 1935 to Art and Agnes Stip. As a young girl she grew up in Bellflower and Artesia, Calif. During her teens, she gave her life to the Lord and continued in faith until the end of her life. She attended Excelsior High in Norwalk. After high school she worked as a receptionist in a doctor's office until she married Keith Grant, when she was 20.

Betty was the eldest of eight children: Esther (Lloyd, deceased) Bone, of Bakersfield; Marcy (Clif-



ford) Clark, of Eagle, Idaho; Carol (Lloyd, deceased) Wirtjes of Bakersfield; Arthur (Phyllis) Stip, of La Habra Heights; Delores (Norm, deceased) Nachreiner, of Bellflower; Dennis (Karen), of Bellflower; and Virginia (Valentino) Pascucci, of Cerritos.

She is survived by her loving husband, Keith Nish

Grant, whom she married on June 24, 1955. This year they would have celebrated their 64th anniversary. Throughout all those years, Betty never once removed her wedding ring, a testament to their lifelong loving commitment.

Betty will be lovingly remembered by her three sons and their families: Bruce (Vicki, deceased) Grant, Greg (Jeanne) Grant and Mark (Suzanne) Grant. She will be fondly remembered by her grandchildren, Anya (Michael) DeNio, Shanda (Troyce) Leatherwood, Ryan (Tara) Grant, Cody (Whitney) Grant, Madeleine Grant and Lauren Grant, and her five great grandchildren, Brynleigh, Mackoy, Laiken, Tace and Taelyn. She will be greatly missed and remembered by a host of relatives and friends.

Betty was a wonderful homemaker, rancher's wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother. She enjoyed being a hostess and had many friends and family to her home for meals. She enjoyed playing competitive family games and was known far and wide for her homemade apple Danish and apricot cobbler. She was a helpmate for her husband, while he completed his education, and throughout the years of his teaching career and their cattle business. She had a lovely singing voice, and loved singing hymns at many special occasions.

A viewing will be held May 31 from 4 to 8 p.m. at Peters Funeral Home in Shafter.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m., Saturday June 1, at the Shafter Menonite Brethren Church, 400 Kern St., Shafter, with the burial to follow.

Media Release

Summer Food Service Program

The Wasco Union School District is participating in the Summer Food Service Program. Meals will be provided to all children without charge. Acceptance and participation requirements for the program and all activities are the same for all regardless of race, color, national origin, gender, age or disability, and there will be no discrimination in the course of the meal service. Meals will be provided at the sites and times as follows:

John L. Prueitt School Cafeteria

3501 7Th, Wasco CA 93280

June 3, 2019 – June 28, 2019

Breakfast: 7:30 a.m. – 8:30 a.m.

Lunch: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Karl Clemens School Cafeteria

523 Broadway, Wasco CA 93280

June 3, 2019 – July 26, 2019

Lunch Only: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Closed: **July 4, 2019**

Site Rules

1. Meals are for Children ages 1-18 only.
2. Meals must be eaten on site. Food CANNOT be taken from the site.
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Public Works head gives back to city



Director of Public Works Biridiana "Bidi" Bishop.

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Public Works Director Biridiana Bishop returned to Wasco to give back to her community.

A Wasco High graduate, she was a recipient of the Bill and Melinda Gates Scholarship, which gave her a full scholarship to UCLA.

Bidi, as she is known, has worked for the City of Wasco for four years, beginning as an assistant planner, associate planner, acting director of Public Works and finally director of Public Works.

Bishop met her husband while both were working at the Target Distribution

Center in Shafter. She juggles motherhood, with two young children ages 9 and 2, and long work hours, and she attends night meetings during her normal work week and also manages to participate in several of the activities the city sponsors.

Meanwhile, both of her children attend American Academy of Gymnastics in Bakersfield.

Her duties as director of Public Works include maintaining the city's streets. She recently proposed a project to the City Council near Westside Park for street repairs.

Bishop had each repair scheduled and knew every-

thing that was occurring in that area. It is up to her to prioritize areas where street repairs are required.

She also manages the city's fleet of vehicles, as well as equipment).

Bishop is responsible for the safety of the city's drinking water and handles sanitation and trash collection.

"What I like best about my job is it is different ev-

ery single day," Bishop said. "The most challenging aspect of the job is updating the infrastructure, which is always changing."

"Another favorite part of my job is being able to direct and impact the residents," she added.

One of her least favorite aspects of her job is the legislative restrictions she has to work under, with funding always a challenge.

Cooling centers to open at 105°+

For the health, safety, and comfort of residents, the Kern County Parks Division, in cooperation with the Department of Aging and Adult Services, other Kern County agencies and/or districts and PG&E, will open cooling centers throughout Kern County when the temperatures are forecast by the National Weather Service to exceed 105 degrees or higher in the Valley.

Locations acting as cooling centers are the Buttonwillow Recreation

and Park District, 556 Milo Ave., and the Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset Ave., in Shafter.

There is no cooling center in Wasco.

Cooling centers open in the San Joaquin and Kern River Valleys when the temperatures are forecast to be 105 degrees or higher, in the desert areas when the temperatures are forecast to be 108 degrees or higher, and in Frazier Park when temperatures are forecast to be 95 degrees or higher.

The centers are open from 1 to 8 p.m.

The Cooling Centers Daily Report will be issued by 11 a.m. on the day before the centers open. Weekend cooling center openings will be released by 11 a.m. on Fridays. Residents using the cooling centers are encouraged to bring nonalcoholic beverages, snacks, reading materials, games, etc., to better enjoy the centers. For questions, contact the Department of Aging and Adult Services at 661-868-1000.

—Office of Supervisor David Couch

Wasco Reserves open Sat.

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Champions. He also assisted in capturing the West Yosemite League title in 2014, where he played shortstop.

He attended Sterling College in Sterling, Kan., where he was selected for the 2018 All Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference team at shortstop.

He has professionally played for the Tucson Saguaros in the Pecos League and the San Rafael Pacifics in the Pacific Association.

"I like having the opportunity to play ball every day," he said.

The Reserves start their season this Saturday at 4 p.m. at the Ballpark, Poplar and 11th streets.

The team is still looking for host families for the opening season. For information, call manager Bill Moore at 602-980-2372.

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Shortstop Cory Davis has joined the Wasco Reserves.



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North Kern Training Center to close

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School District, the McFarland Unified School District and the Wasco Union High School District.

The current board members of the NKVTC are Joel Ackernecht, Wayne Montgomery, Joe Roman, Ernie Sanchez and Jesus Cardenas.

"This agreement was created at a time when the school districts were much smaller and sharing resources between the schools was more cost-effective and provided a greater selection of vocational opportunities than might have been available through the students' home district," WUHSD Principal Kevin Tallon said in a press release last Thursday.

District officials explained that education has changed in preparing students for their future.

"Vocational education is currently merging vocational-learning courses with academic clusters where students learn a wide range of transferable skills and then would have the option of furthering their education or entering the workforce," Tallon said in the release.

The school district plans to continue to offer career technical education classes to prepare students for a future that requires both academic and technical skills.

NKVTC operates under different state Education Code requirements, and is known as a regional occupational program. There are many such programs throughout

California. Since the change in funding, most of the smaller ROPs like NKVTC have closed.

The center provided career-technical training in northern Kern County, which included Wasco and Delano. McFarland withdrew from the agreement entirely, leaving Wasco and Delano to absorb much of the same operational costs.

Training at the center prepared students for careers in construction, nurse assistant, medical assistant, retail, medical receptionist, security, law enforcement, and auto body and fender repair.

According to Tallon, the district will promote the following industry sectors in its curriculum: construction management, industrial automation, public health, public safety and general education teaching. He said that those offerings will expand the district's current career pathways in agriculture, culinary arts and multimedia.

Several students addressed the board at the meeting expressing their unhappiness with the closing of the vocational training center's closure.

Senior Ricardo Jimenez graduates this June. "I have been in this program for two years," he said. "Because of the training I received, I hope to become a teacher."

Additionally, junior Vincent Villanueva, who was in the law enforcement program, said that he will most likely continue at



Security and Law Enforcement students at North Kern Vocational Training Center.

Wasco High. Another junior Jacob Martinez also in law enforcement said that he would probably attend Wasco High to finish his high school classes.

A tour of the classrooms gave insight into how the students feel about the center and what they've learned.

"The best thing I took away from this class is that we are all the same," said industrial production student Lucio Rivera.

Construction instructor John Steward was teaching a class of construction on constructing a new press box for the Wasco Reserves baseball team coming to town. Steward the stadium was built during the 1070s for another baseball team that came to Wasco to play.

"The students get a hands-on experience," Steward said. "Last year, students built a regular house, roofed another house and poured concrete."

Steward stated that he has probably taught over 2,000 students in construction skills.

Nursing Assistant student Kimberly Guzman said, "We go to an off-campus site for four months where we earn 100 hours of clinical experience. I want to be a certified nursing assistant and work one-on-one with patients."



Nursing assistant students.

"We appreciate the North Kern Vocational Training Center staff and their service to our students and community," Tallon said. "We are developing a plan to ensure that there are sufficient CTE opportunities available for students in the 2020 school year. We plan to provide more information at a meeting scheduled in June."

The district will address changes in the vocational training program at an open meeting in the high school cafeteria on Tuesday, June 18, at 6 p. m.



Training center medical assistant students.

Funeral home owners catch a surprise burglar

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already had another TV set on top of a blanket that he found in the garage and was ready to wrap it up and steal it, too."

According to both men, the burglar had broken through two locks to get inside.

"We didn't realize he

was still inside the building robbing us," Woody, Jr. said. "I surprised him, and when my father came into the room, the burglar was surprised twice."

"After we caught him in the act, an altercation took place," the father said. "My son had him in a headlock and I was holding his feet.

He seemed normal when we first caught him; however, as the minutes went by, he began talking in circles like there was something wrong with him."

Both men stated that the struggle lasted a very long 10 minutes, and luckily no one was badly hurt. The father was dragged on the floor, which caused an injury to his elbow.

They told the burglar they wouldn't press charges if they could get the stolen items back. The burglar then told them where they could find their things, which they did.

A second phone call to the sheriff's office resulted in 14 officers showing up at the business to apprehend the suspect, who was not immediately identified.



The funeral home owners pointed out this flat-screen monitor being readied for theft.



Rick Woody, Jr. and Rick Woody, Sr. standing outside the front lawn of the funeral home.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE INVITATION TO THE PUBLIC ON THE CITY OF WASCO PROPOSED FY 2019-2020 ANNUAL BUDGET

The public is invited to attend a meeting of the City of Wasco Proposed Fiscal Year 2019-2020 Annual Budget on June 18, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at City Council Chambers (746 8th Street, Wasco, CA). All residents are entitled to provide written and oral comments. The proposed Annual Budget documents and Gann Act Appropriations Limit calculation are available for inspection at City Hall.

Budget Summary	
General Fund	\$11,850,188
Enterprise Funds	\$14,609,172
Special Revenue Funds	\$6,827,770
Internal Service Funds	\$1,069,134
Agency Funds	\$909,854
	\$35,266,118
Capital Improvement Plan	
	\$39,307,153

For further information, please contact Satwant S. Takhar, Interim Finance Director at 764 E Street, Wasco, CA or call (661) 758-7237. Publish *Wasco Tribune* May 30, 2019

STATEMENT OF ABANDONMENT OF USE OF FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME

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/s/Rafael E. Leyva, owner
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2019-B0687
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 01/29/2019
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MARY B. BEDARD, CPA
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Fictitious Business Name Statement Wayne Johnson Transport INC 2019-B3171

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County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
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Wayne Johnson Transportation
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/s/Teresa Johnson, Chief Financial Officer
Date Statement Filed: 05/07/2019
Date Statement Expires: 05/07/2024
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
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By: /s/E Lostaunau
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PUBLIC NOTICE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: SCV-1900009

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
1. Petitioner: Dolores Rosiles filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:

Present Name
Eileen Carapia
Proposed Name
Eileen Rosiles
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
a. Date: 7-5-19 Time: 9:00 am Dept: B
b. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF
KERN 325 Central Valley Hwy. Shafter CA, 93263, NORTH DIVISION
3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: *Wasco Tribune* 406 Central Ave, Shafter, CA, County of Kern
Date: 5-3-19
/s/Jose R. Benavides

JUDGE OF THE SUPERIOR COURT
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By: /s/N Franco
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Fictitious Business Name Statement Air King 2019-B3553

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Luis Gilberto Reyes
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Date the business commenced: N/A
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OBITUARIES

DEATH NOTICES

Elena Trujillo
Oct. 26, 1935 –
May 21, 2019



Elena Trujillo, 83, passed away on May 21, 2019 at Golden Living in Shafter. She was a loving wife, mother, grand and great-grandmother. She will be truly missed.

She was born on Oct. 26, 1935 in North Hollywood to Francisco and Maria Rodriguez.

Elena grew up in North Hollywood, where she attended North Hollywood High School.

She worked as a teacher's aide for Semitropic Elementary School, where she was employed for 25 years and was a lovingly known as Mrs. T.

Elena married Jose C.

Trujillo on June 25, 1961 in San Fernando. They moved to Wasco in 1970, and were married for 57 years.

She enjoyed reading, watching crime drama shows and was known for her delicious flour tortillas.

She loved spending time with her husband, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Elena is survived by her

husband, Jose C. Trujillo, of Wasco; her daughters, Maria Sierra and husband Jesse, Juanita Rodriguez and husband Leonard, Theresa Trujillo and husband Gus, Andrea Ruiz and husband David, and Martha Gutierrez and husband Ralph; her brothers, Anthony Rodriguez of Agora Hills and Michael Rodriguez of Frazier Park; and her sister, Cecelia Monnette of North Carolina.

She is also survived by her grandchildren; Jesse Sierra, Jacob Sierra and wife Yvette, Leonard Rodriguez, Jr. and wife Holly, Adriana Rocha and husband Yonathan, Erica Rodriguez, Jose Rodriguez, Kelsa Trujillo, Eric Trujillo, David Ruiz, Jr., Christina Ruiz, Corina Wiggs and husband Neil,

Francisco Guterrez and wife Grace Kelley, and Karinna Gutierrez and husband Abraham; great grandchildren Nathan, Alyssa, Samantha, Abraham, Jr., Dominic, Elijah, Christopher, Jax, Alexander, Mia, Olivia, and many nieces and nephews.

She was preceded in death by her parents, 10 brothers and sisters, and two grandsons Rafael Gutierrez III and Angel Gutierrez.

Visitation will be held at Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter, on Tuesday, May 28, 5-8 p.m.

Graveside service is on Wednesday, May 29, at Wasco Cemetery. Officiating is Pastor Johnny Martinez. Condolences may be left on Elena's online guest book

at bashamfuneralcare.com.

The family would like to express their gratitude and thanks to Optimal Hospice and their team of angels who were wonderful staff in her care. Also, to the wonderful staff at Golden Living Center, the family is eternally grateful for all the care she was given.

Alejandro Mesa, Jr., 78, of Wasco, passed away in Bakersfield May 26. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Omar Ruiz Delvalle, 42, of Wasco, passed away May 24 in Fresno. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

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Items will range in price from \$5-\$25. Cash only (No Bills Larger than \$20 will be accepted).

Items must be removed from the site when they are purchased. No items will be held.

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10 SERVICES

Jamii Safari Vacation Bible School

Join us for a week of fun as we Safari through God's word. There will be lots of activities, songs, crafts and healthy snacks for children ages 4-12.

When: Mon Jun 3 - Fri Jun 7, 2019 6:30-8:30 pm
Where: Shafter Seventh-day Adventist Church
17898 Poplar Ave, Shafter CA 93263

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- 24x12 Headstone (no photo) (Grey, Red or Black)

*Coupon/Certificate only valid for pre-planned arrangements
Coupon/Certificate exp. 4/30/2019

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Open a new Pre-Plan Arrangement and Receive one item below:

\$200 Discount on pre-planned Cremation Arrangement **-OR-** **\$400 Discount** on any pre-planned Burial arrangements

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