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County closed down, virus cases surge

TONI DEROSA
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The number of positive covid-19 tests continues to rise in Wasco and Shafter. Schools remain the same as they were prior to the most-recent closure with only those students already in school — special education, ED, students at risk and special

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needs students — continue to receive a limited time of their education in person. On Dec. 2, Gov. Gavin Newsom placed 41 of the 58 counties back in the most restrictive purple tier and considered placing a curfew on businesses' hours of operation.

Salons are closed. Restaurants that had just begun offering in-person dining had to immediately shut that service down and offer take out only. Gyms, non-essential businesses and city government offices have shut their doors to the public and are conducting business by either the telephone or online.

On Dec. 4, Newsom ordered new stay-at-home orders as an "emergency brake" to curb the spread of COVID-19 in California. He broke the state into five regions: Northern California, Greater Sacramento, Bay Area, San Joaquin Valley and Southern California. He is concerned about the

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The Shafter Lions Club gave Shafter Healthy Start a check for their programs.

Prout selected as mayor

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Gilbert Alvarado, Chad Givens and Pete Espinoza were sworn into the City Council at its recent meeting.

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Council member Espinoza took his seat on the council, replacing outgoing council member Manuel Garcia.

The next matter at hand was the selection of the position of mayor. Alvarado nominated Cesar Lopez. Givens nominated Cathy Prout. After taking a vote for the mayor's position, Prout was unanimously selected as mayor for the next two years.



Mayor Cathy Prout

Givens was selected as mayor pro-tem with a unanimous vote.

The council then selected representatives for a number of organizations throughout Kern County. The Kern Council of Governments will have Prout serving as Shafter's representative, with Espinoza as the first alternate.

Givens was chosen as representative for the San Joaquin

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Events help bring the holidays to the community

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Due to the pandemic, the community is facing a holiday season filled with uncertainty and caution. Thanks to the community spirit alive and well in the city, this holiday season will still be merry and bright.

Headed up by Margaret Ramirez, Shafter Healthy Start has its hands in several events this holiday season. One event is the Hams to the Needy event that will take place on Dec. 17. A number of hams were purchased with funds donated by Bank of the Sierra.

In addition to the hams, Ramirez and her crew were able to put together over 70 gift bags for the seniors of Shafter, for their Caring for Shafter's Seniors program. The group will be presenting bags filled with toiletries, a pecan pie, socks, a blanket, among other items that they may need to over 70 seniors.

On Dec. 21, Shafter Healthy Start will be partnering with the Shafter Police Department in their Tie the Knot for the Kids' Sake event. Shafter Police Department officers will be delivering pairs of shoes to children.

The Shafter Police Officers Association has raised \$1,000 so far for the cause. Their goal is \$5,000. If you are interested in helping



Bank of Sierra presents a check to Shafter Healthy Start.

Shafter Healthy Start with their goal, go to 300 North Valley St. to the Shafter Healthy Start office. You can also call 661-746-8692 for more information on this and other projects going on this holiday season.

Shafter resident Javier Barba has donated toys for 120 children for a

program called Outskirts Christmas St. Nicholas. Barba will be going all over the outskirts of Kern County, from as far north as Delano, to McFarland, Shafter, Wasco and other outlying areas. He provided all of the toys for this program and is also delivering all of the toys himself.

Maple School girl gives back to the community

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Intelligent, mature and engaging are words often used to describe third-grader Jacquelyn Isabelle Silva from Maple School.

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Only 9 years old, Jackie displays a maturity beyond her young years. She began with a lemonade stand and with that money, purchased toiletries for residents of Golden Living and Carrington House in Shafter.

"Jackie made \$456.11 and asked her dad to pay up since he said he would match what she earned. She ended up with \$912.22," her mother Maria Silva said. "We were able to buy tons of cat and dog food that Jackie was able to donate to the Wasco and Shafter animal shelters."

Maria said that John, the manager at Tractor Supply on Calloway, gave them his employee discount and also donated

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Jackie stands in front of her lemonade stand in September.

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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

Holiday spirit — Wasco Parks and Recreation will be encouraging homes and businesses to decorate and #light-upWasco. They can sign up at the Rec. to be a part of the route. The community will vote for the best decorated homes and businesses.

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 mayores 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 diseñado para mantener a las personas en sus hogares y mantenerse saludables para que podamos vencer al COVID-19.

Llame al 661-498-7831 ext. 1310 Para averiguar si es elegible para el programa e inscribese 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 will host their Christmas Tree Display every Saturday until the first Saturday of January from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 150 Central Valley Highway.

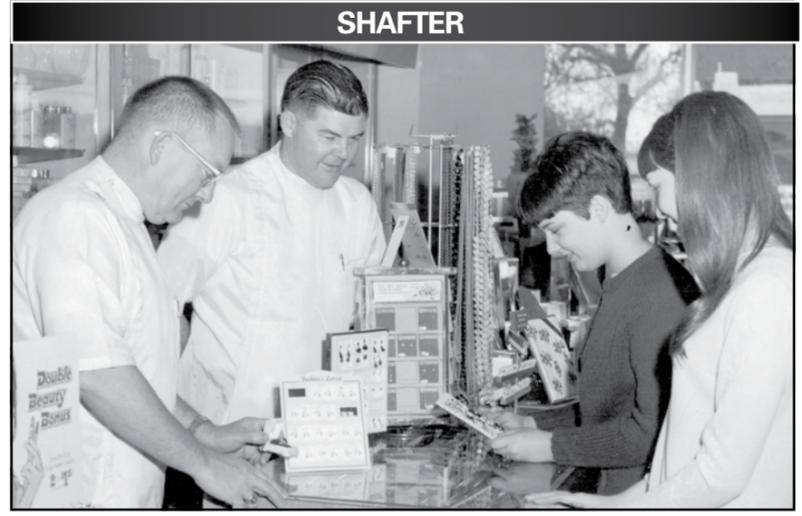
Virus testing — The City of Shafter and Kern County Latino Covid-19 Force are teaming up to host a free walk-up covid-19 testing site Saturday, Dec. 19 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. No charge, no appointments, everyone and all ages welcome. Located at Rodriguez Park, 215 Rodriguez Ave., Shafter.

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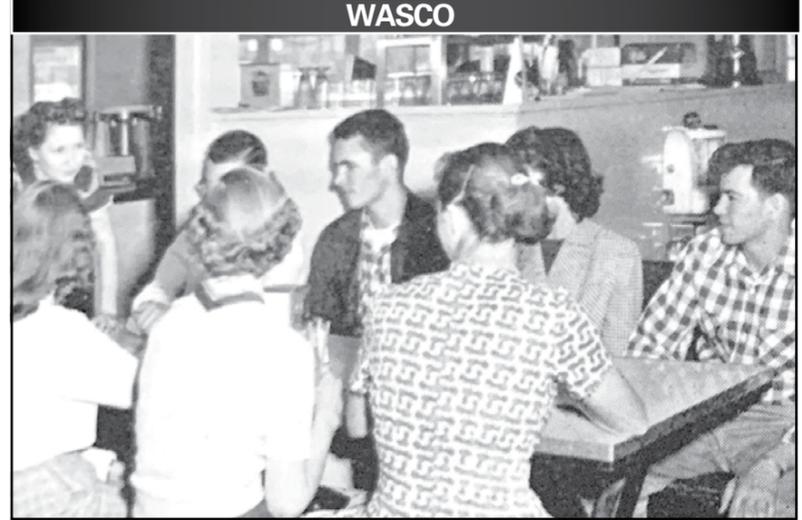
SUNDAY

Christmas on the Green — Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church is hosting Christmas on the Green Sunday, Dec. 20 from 5 to 6 p.m. The event will be at the corner of Kern and California and include Christmas carols, a children's feature, hot chocolate, hot cider and goodie bags for each family. Dress warm, bring a chair. Rain will cancel the event. For more information, call 661-746-4969.

Mystery history



Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to [The Press, 406 Central Ave., Shafter 93263](mailto:ThePress,406CentralAve.,Shafter93263), or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** 1994 Shafter Christmas Decorating Janice Smith, Cathy Prout.



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ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

Dec. 6

Joe Alvarez, 43, of Shafter, was arrested for DUI/drugs and driving with a suspended license.

Dec. 8

Jessica Hernandez, 27, of Shafter, was arrested on an outside felony warrant.

Dec. 10

Michell LeeAnn Anderson, 29, of Shafter, was arrested for possession of identifying information of 10 or more IDs, driving with suspended license, on a felony bench warrant, both plates required on vehicle and mud guards required.

Dec. 11

Rafael Garcia, 20, of Shafter, was arrested for evading public officers, disregarding safety, fail to stop at red light, driving with a suspended license and on a felony bench warrant.

Dec. 12

Marc Raymond Zuniga, 51, of Shafter, was arrested on an outside agency warrant.

Dec. 13

Andrew Darren Crain, 26, of Shafter, was arrested

for conspiracy to commit a crime, possession of blank checks and defraud, receiving knowing stolen property and forge narcotic prescription.

Waldo Sydney, 22, of Shafter, was arrested for conspiracy to commit a crime, possession of blank checks and defraud, receiving knowing stolen property and forge narcotic prescription.

Ricardo Salgado, 29, of Shafter, was arrested for DUI.

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As reported by the Buttonwillow Substation

Dec. 12

Guillermo Ramirez, 27, of Bakersfield, was arrested at the intersection of Twisselman Road and Shelco Road for vehicle theft and being in possession of a stolen vehicle. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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As reported by the Wasco Substation

Dec. 7

Anthony Flores, 28, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of H Street for misdemeanor trespassing, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of

a controlled substance paraphernalia. He was cited and released at the scene.

Andy Magallanes, 28, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of H Street for felony vehicle theft and possession of a stolen vehicle. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Dec. 9

Christopher Regalado, 29, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Via Barcelona Court and Krista Court on his active misdemeanor warrant and felony possession of a stolen vehicle. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Dec. 10

Eleazar Maya, 34, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of 7th Place for misdemeanor battery on spouse and disorderly conduct while under the influence of alcohol. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Dec. 11

Brandon Dwight Dickey, 36, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of Rosewood Avenue for felony obstruct

tion of a peace officer. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Dec. 12

Paul Dean Weaver, 45, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1400 block of G Street for felony possession of a controlled substance for sale, selling or furnishing marijuana, keeping a place to sell narcotic controlled substances, buying or receiving stolen vehicle or equipment, and owning a chop shop. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Dec. 13

Antonio Cruz Eulgio, 41, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Griffith Avenue and 17th Street for misdemeanor driving without a license and driving under the influence of alcohol. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Mario Pacheco, 20, of Delano, was arrested at the

intersection of Rose Street and Annin Avenue for felony carry and concealed weapon that was loaded, carry and concealed weapon that was

in a vehicle, misdemeanor destroy or conceal evidence, and obstruct a peace officer. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

CORRECTION

In last week's Wasco Tribune, the story about Planet Dance was cut off. It should have read:

Hernandez further announced that the studio selected a 2020 scholarship winner, Klarissa Pruitt.

"Klarissa takes all the disciplines," Hernandez said. "All her fees are paid for the year, which includes tuition and costume fees and any registration fees required to compete."

The school selects a scholarship winner each year in December; however, the studio announces the name of the scholarship winner after the December show. This year, the announcement is made in spite of the lockdown.

Morale is high for the staff at the studio and "we are in a place of peace, I hope," Hernandez said.

For additional information contact Hernandez at 661-240-5924.

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Streets full of holiday spirit with lights, decorations

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

Families have their homes lit up bright as they entered the Recreation and Parks District competition.

Most of the houses had blow-up decorations such as snowmen, candles, the nativity scene and reindeer with Santa on rooftops along with strings and strings of lights.

A drive down Poso, Griffith, Broadway and 10th Place provided holiday enjoyment to bring out the anticipation of Christmas.



This house is on Griffith and was the most brightly lit one on the tour.

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Most decorators seem to be moving away from the use of small clear lights and are using large colored bulbs instead these days.

The tour began before it was dark enough to thoroughly enjoy the brilliance of the lights.

Once the Recreation and Parks District maps out their route, residents will have the opportunity to enjoy the houses that are competing for best decorated house.



Frosty the Snowman's family lights up the front yard.

New council prepares for projects

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Valley Air District Board. At an earlier Special Board meeting, the council watched a slide presentation depicting the numerous building projects that the city has going, including several properties at the Wonderful

Industrial Park, as well as residential tracts being developed.

It was brought to the council's attention that the volume of work to be done by the city's building inspection team, that it has become necessary to hire an additional

building inspector.

Dennis Fidler, building official for the city, said, "With the increase and volume of the projects being developed in Shafter, we are in danger of having a decrease in performance that is usually enjoyed by the city, making a

need for another building inspector on board."

Fidler is going to produce a report for the council's review, including what the city will need, and how a budget amendment would be produced to deal with the financial aspects of the position.

Virus cases on the rise despite safety guidelines

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The city has seen its confirmed cases of covid-19 increase despite a mask covering campaign and safety guidelines in place.

Last week there were 133 confirmed cases in Shafter, bringing the total confirmed cases in Shafter to 1,832. City officials say that the most important thing is the health and safety of its citizens and they are encouraging everyone to do their part in keeping all of its residents safe. This means adhering to Gov. Gavin Newsom's stay-at-

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home order, which instructs all Californians to stay home as much as possible and to not mix between households, which may lead to the spread of the virus.

The city has announced that its online utility payment service is still not available due to the ransomware incident that the city suffered a few weeks ago. Erring on the side of caution, the vendor of the software used by the city has not released access to the systems to receive payments.

City officials said that at this time, no date has been set for access to the system to be restored. They also said that using a drop box, paying in person, and paying by mail are still options for payment, but they did announce that no late penalties will be assessed to customers while online payments are not an option. Once the city has a date for restoration, they will notify the public with the information.

In this tier of covid-19 restrictions, the following guidelines are in place:
Schools will remain open for distance

learning, while the conditioning and workout sessions for all sports have been suspended until further notice. Childcare businesses and non-urgent medical dental care facilities are also open.

Those activities that are not allowed at this time are large gatherings, parades, drive-thru events and Christmas events. Movie theaters, hair salons, museums, zoos and gyms are temporarily closed. City officials are encouraging residents to keep active by going for a walk or run, walking their dog, working out at home or going for a bike ride.

Girl has donated nearly \$1K to animal shelter

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ed more food, Frisbees and bags to collect animal waste.

Jackie has begun selling eggs and it's a



Jackie holds one of her many chickens.

family effort.

Jackie's three older sisters contribute to her endeavors by posting information on Instagram advertising what project she is working on.

"Friends and family all donate," Maria said. "We had someone call from Los Angeles to buy a dozen eggs from Jackie; however we had to tell them we were selling them locally only."

Maria said that many times if she can't find Jackie, she is helping her dad around the farm.

She gets up early, feeds and cleans the chickens in the coop, cleans and feeds the goats in the pen and makes sure to spend time with the horses on the property.

"We also had a vegetable garden this year," Maria said.

Jackie loves to be outside. She has no desire to be inside playing computer



Jackie shows the amount of dog and cat food she was able to buy for the animal shelters.

games.

She spends a lot of her time reading and working on projects. Her library consists of The Babysitter's Club books along with some of the classics such as Alice in Wonderland and Black Beauty.

The Silva family is very close knit and they ride quads together, work the farm together and sometimes watch movies together.

"Jackie likes to watch movies with her

older sisters," Maria said. "Sometimes she gets upset when her sisters tell her she has to leave the room because they are watching a scary movie that isn't age appropriate."

The family has placed a bright red mailbox on their front porch so youngsters can write their letter to Santa and the letters will be delivered to the local post office.

Jackie's next question for her mom was, "Mom, what are we doing next?"

City ready to begin work on former farm labor camp

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

The City Council is ready to begin work on the former farmer labor camp by creating an agreement with Anderson Integrated Services for the labor camp asbestos testing project.

The council also authorized the city manager to sign and award an agreement with Rudnick Fence Co. in an amount not to exceed \$25,000 for the labor camp fence

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ing project. The city is also making plans to utilize a building at the camp for an expanded animal shelter.

The council swore in new council member Vince Martinez. It also nominated new Mayor Alex Garcia and Gilberto Reyna as Mayor Pro Tem. Both made a statement to the council thanking everyone for their sup-

port and voting for them.

Garcia and Reyna were also voted in as chairman and vice-chairman respectfully for the Successor Agency and the Public Finance Authority. Garcia was selected as the representative to the San Joaquin Valley Air Pollution Control District and Reyna was selected as an alternate.

Former council member Danny Espitia expressed his appreciation for the voters

voting for him for the past 20 years.

A capital improvement project to purchase more lights for the city was discussed and City Manager Daniel Ortiz-Hernandez asked the council members what type of lights they were looking for. He described several different lights the city currently has and indicated they serve different purposes. This item will be brought back to the council for further discussion.

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Lavender Garden shop offers array of soothing items

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

Sundays are usually a lazy day for those who work five days a week; however Dec. 13 several Wasco friends drove out to the Lavender Garden to browse the little gift shop and take a walk in the field.

Celeste Valdivia works in the gift shop

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nestled in the lavender fields. "Lavender blooms from March to May," Valdivia said. "However, we are lucky because our lavender blooms twice a year, which is unusual and the shop is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The shop sits on property owned by Blackwell Farms.

Valdivia was a student and worked as a mental health counselor for kids prior to working part time and then full time this year for Blackwell.

"I've been here for three years," Valdivia said.

She works alongside her brother, Marcus Valdivia, and part-time employee, Marco Hinojosa.

Valdivia is a Wasco High School graduate and still calls Wasco home.



A table filled with jars of honey, bottles of cocktail mix and liquid lavender butter.



A front view of the gift shop with Marco Hinojosa and Celeste Valdivia on the porch.

The little shop is currently filled with Christmas items such as old-fashioned ornaments, lavender wreaths, lavender creams, lotions and oils as well as bars of lavender soap. The store sells tea in various flavors such as CBD Ginger and Turmeric plus different varieties of herbal teas. There are marinades, spices and rubs for those special meals and a lot of jars of lavender honey.

There are five varieties of lavender span-

ning across four acres on Kern County's only lavender garden.

The gift shop also offers lavender lemonade or La Rosa Fruit Bars. There is a patio to sit on and a 1,000-square-foot dog park.

The Lavender Garden and Gift Shop is located in the Northwest corner of Kern County, half-way between Bakersfield and the Central Coast.

"We're just 30 minutes from Paso Robles off Highway 46," Valdivia said.

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Dried lavender is in the center of the display next to soaps and various collectibles.

Cortez, Martinez, Valadao win after final results certified

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

The November election was a nail biter for many candidates and constituents.

In the District 4 City Council race, current Mayor Tilo Cortez kept his seat by one vote with candidate Eddie Saldana catching up near the end of the race. On Nov. 30, the two candidates were tied; however, by Dec. 3 that changed on when Cortez led by one vote.

Although District 2 council candidate David

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Ward led the race after the election, candidate Vince Martinez eventually took the final lead and was declared the winner on Dec. 3 of that open seat left vacant by Danny Espitia. Espitia has been a council member for 20 years serving as 2020 Mayor Pro Tem.

Newly elected council member Martinez thanked Espitia for his many years of dedicated service to the city of Wasco and looks forward to serving the city where he has lived his entire life.

The state races were also extremely close with Congressman TJ Cox and David Valadao flip flopping the lead. Cox led the race almost to the end of the month of November, but in December Valadao took the lead when the final votes were tallied. Valadao added votes from his constituents in Fresno and Tulare. Last week, Cox called Valadao to concede the race for California's 21st Congressional District.

"Almost three years ago, I entered the race for California's 21st District as an

underdog," Cox said. "But we out-worked our opponent and pulled off the most stunning upset in Central Valley history. Unfortunately, this year due to the coronavirus we weren't able to engage in door-to-door personal canvassing and the election results reflected that."

Valadao attained 85,928 votes or 50.4% with Cox attaining 84,406 votes or 49.5% of the vote.

Cox said that he was happy that he was able to provide opportunities, internships and jobs to many young men and women from the Valley.

"My proudest moment as a member of Congress was when a young woman from the Valley said to me on the day we passed the Dream and Promise Act, 'Thank you Congressman Cox. You finally make me feel as if someone cares.' I do care and will continue to fight to make a positive difference in the lives of Central Valley residents."

The above elections were certified on Dec. 10 by California Secretary of State Alex Padilla.

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Winter break will give way to spring changes

SARAH VELARDE
For the Wasco Tribune

Winter is coming, and I'm not just quoting my current favorite series. With winter and a series binging comes the long-awaited Christmas break.

Last year at this time, parents would be shopping for their children, trying to find the perfect holiday program attire. Teachers would be working tirelessly to fit in as many festive lesson plans as possible. College students would be solidifying winter recess plans; a ski trip with friends or family bonding. Seeing that Cal State Bakersfield will be on break from Dec. 8 until the beginning of the spring semester, Jan. 25, a student can do both. The Wasco Union School District Christmas break will be Dec. 21 through Jan. 4;

OBSERVATIONS

Maple School students have the same time off.

Based on a number of conversations, the holiday recess this year seems to be much more anticipated than previous years, for both the students and staff. The school year has been quite tumultuous, and with the winter break fast approaching, there's plenty of question. *What will it look like this year? How will the time be spent, and what can students, K-12 and college alike, look forward to?*

Post break, Wasco Union School students will "definitely" be completing the third quarter via distance learning, says Superintendent Kelly Richers, as he takes a call while also attending a Zoom meeting with the Kern County superintendent of schools,

covering the latest restrictions and guidelines of the "Purple Tier."

The discussions to "stay open" are ongoing, with Richers making assurances, "This is a statewide issue, with the main goal to limit the number of student exposures." Maple School Principal Stephanie Trickey concurs, "We are all doing our best to put a great plan in place. Unfortunately that does take time."

CSU Bakersfield student Isabel Romero is living with changes at the college level. "CSUB is conducting classes virtually for Spring 2021 in order to reduce the spread of Covid-19. Although online classes propose their own challenges, I believe CSUB is doing a great job of trying to keep students safe. Now, would normally be the time to gather with my entire family but due to the pandemic,

my family is taking precautions to keep our loved ones healthy."

It has been a drastically different school year than ever predicted, and students and staff members are showing tenacity to power through.

And don't overlook the parents.

Local mother Estella Armenta said her children will be spending Christmas break this year at home with the family. "We will still keep to our traditions even though it will be different. We're just happy to have each other."

"Navidad sigue siendo Navidad, el espíritu sigue vivo. Los niños están felices y agradecidos independientemente." – translating to "Christmas is Christmas, the spirit is alive. The children will be happy, regardless of the circumstances."

Kiddie Kollege is now accepting Applications for the spring.



School will start January, 11 2021. Three year olds will attend the Tuesday and Thursday program and the 4 year olds will attend on Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays. If space allows, the 5 day/week option may be available for the 4 year olds. All sessions run from 8:30 - 11:30 am.

Due to COVID-19 regulations, space will be limited.

For more information or an application, contact Helen Gaede at (661) 746-4960.

Shafter Depot Museum Saturday, December 19th 10:30am

Local Brass Musicians Will be playing Christmas Carols outside

Community Christmas trees will be on display 10am-3pm



Christmas comes early for families

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Over 50 families received an early Christmas present as they were given a box full of food.

The Shafter Kiwanis Club organized the event and were assisted by volunteers and other organizations that came together to help the community.

Phillip Jimenez, district manager of the Shafter Recreation and Park District, and his crew helped prepare the boxes.

The boxes contained beans, rice, canned goods, as well as potatoes and other items going toward a holiday meal and helping the families through the season.

The families were selected with the help of Shafter's Healthy Start organization, who provided the names of those in need in the community.

Jimenez said that it was a great time for him and his organization. "We were happy to be a blessing



Over 50 boxes were given away at the event.

to these families," said Jimenez. "It was a community effort with everyone coming together as a community."

Jimenez was thankful to be a part of this event. During the Recreation Department's Thankful Thursday event, which gave families Thanksgiving ingredients for a holiday meal,

Jimenez was sidelined after being diagnosed with covid-19, forcing him to miss the event.

"It was tough not being able to be there for the event. But, it was such a huge success that we are planning on having another Thankful Thursday event next year," he said.

DEATH NOTICES

Michael Eugene Mattly, 71, of Bakersfield, passed away Dec. 8 in Bakersfield. Basham-Lara Funeral Care Shafter.

William Alfonso Argueta, 31, of Shafter, passed away Dec. 6 in Shafter. Basham-Lara Funeral Care Shafter.

Patricia Ann Hosman, 84, of Shafter, passed away

Dec. 10. Peters Funeral Home Shafter.

Paula A. Rojas, 86, of Wasco, passed away Dec. 9 in Tulare. Peters Funeral Home Wasco.

Elizabeth Ann Rogers, 73, of Bakersfield, passed away Dec. 11. Peters Funeral Home Shafter.

Agustin Valencia, 47, of

Arvin, passed away Dec. 10. Peters Funeral Home Arvin.

Alicia Avila Martinez, 71, of Wasco, passed away Dec. 9 in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home Wasco.

Viola M White, 98, of Bakersfield, passed away Dec. 13. Peters Funeral Home Arvin.

Pasqual Perez, 92, of

Wasco, passed away Dec. 14 in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home Wasco.

Ana E Rodriguez Reyes, 58, of Arvin, passed away Dec. 11 in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home Arvin.

Juan Ceja Cerda, 66, of Delano, passed away Dec. 12 in Delano. Peters Funeral Home Wasco.

OBITUARY

Josie Martinez
Feb. 2, 1939 –
Dec. 13 2020

Josie Rodriguez Martinez was born Feb. 2, 1939 in Hill, New Mexico, to parents Jesus and Telesfora Rodriguez. She married Santiago Martinez in Shafter on March 26, 1975.

Josie was the type of person who would care for everyone; in addition to her own children, she would often cook and look after her children's friends, too. A giving and generous heart will define her memory.

Josie was a Godly wom-



She was a part of the Ethiopian ministry at Valley Bible Fellowship and was constantly looking for ways that she could help others. Josie had a clear and distinct love for the Lord; she loved God with all her strength, soul and might. Her unconditional love and forgiving nature made her children feel truly blessed to call Josie their mother.

She was also a hardworking and determined woman. She spent over 30 years working in the roses in Wasco, and the friendships she built through those years lasted a lifetime. Josie was content if she could help others feel welcome and comfortable around her, she loved to laugh and be surrounded with joy.

In her spare time she enjoyed watching the Dodgers or Lakers play on TV or listening to her favorite singer, Ramon Ayala, but spending time with her family is what brought the most joy to her heart. If you were blessed to spend time with Josie, you were better off because of it. Her spirit will be truly missed.

Josie is survived by her children, Tony Padilla (Corina Lozoya), Renee Sobarzo, Vera (Enrique Gauna), Becky Hayes, Jimmy Martinez (Leslie) and Frank Martinez (Monica), as well as her siblings, Luis Rodriguez, Tony Rodriguez, Dolores Madrid and Lupe Robles; her 26 grandchildren, 46 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her husband, Santiago Martinez; her parents, Jesus and Telesfora; her daughter, Polly Martinez; and her siblings, Jesus Soliz, Ignacio Rodriguez and Jesse Rodriguez.

Josie passed away Dec. 13, 2020, in Bakersfield surrounded by her loved ones. A viewing will be held at Peters Funeral Home in Shafter on Mon-

day, Dec. 21, from 9 to 11 a.m. The funeral service will begin at 11 a.m., and burial will follow at Wasco Memorial Park.



an; she had a passion for learning about her Lord through reading her Bible or watching her religious TV shows, and she enjoyed listening to Christian music.

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COUCH'S CORNER

Vaccine offers hope, stay-at-home order in place

DAVID COUCH District 4 Supervisor

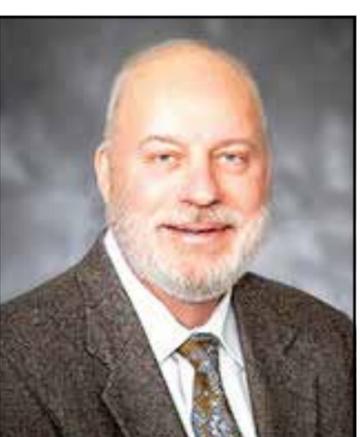
District 4, we now have a vaccine that offers us hope that we can finally begin to see the light at the end of the pandemic tunnel, but we still have a stay-at-home order we need to follow, at least for a while, until the vaccine starts to make a difference.

At the beginning of this month, Acting State Public Health Director Erica S. Pan announced a Regional Stay-at-Home Order that supersedes the state's tier based "Blueprint for a Safer Economy."

In an effort to reduce the rise of test positivity rate and hospitalizations, Gov. Gavin Newsom's new regional stay-at-home order is based on capacity at hospital intensive care units in five regions of the state. If a region's ICU capacity reaches less than 15%, a region has 24 hours before the order goes into effect. The San Joaquin Valley con-

sists of the following counties: Calaveras, Fresno, Kern, Kings, Madera, Mariposa, Merced, San Benito, San Joaquin, Stanislaus, Tulare and Tulumne. Currently, the San Joaquin Valley's ICU availability is less than 10%. The term of the order is for at least three weeks from the date the order takes effect in a region.

Upon the completion of three weeks, the order will remain in place until the California Department of Public Health's four-week projection of a region's available adult ICU capacity is greater than 15%. After



District 4 Supervisor David Couch.

CDPH terminates the order for a region, each county within the region will return to the tier-based system in the "Blueprint for a Safer Economy." According to CDPH, the number of new hospital admissions has increased from 777 on Nov. 15, to 1,651 on Dec. 2. Please remember to wear a mask, wash your hands, and watch your distance to slow the spread.

Also, support small businesses in District Four. During this period of economic uncertainty, businesses spent financial resources to implement public safety measures de-

veloped by CDPH and Kern County Public Health Department.

I look forward to collaborating with the County Administrative Office to acquire additional relief funding that continues the success of the Kern Recovers Small Business Relief Program. Several of California's 58 counties, including Kern, voice concerns with Gov. Newsom's use of executive authority to move the goal posts for reopening.

Thank you to Public Health Director Matt Constantine for your coordination with CDPH to ensure the network of hospital systems in Kern County's expanded ICU availability. Please stay encouraged by the progress our county has made to save lives and protect livelihoods.

If you have any questions about this or any other matter, feel free to contact us at district4@kerncounty.com or at 661-868-3680. Have a safe week.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE T.S. No. 093101-CA APN: 028-231-11-00-8

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 6/4/2002. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 1/4/2021 at 10:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 7/3/2002 as Instrument No. 0202106882 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Kern County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: MARIA E. SKEEN, A MARRIED WOMAN WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL, 1501 TRUXTUN AVENUE, 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: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 282 EAST ORANGE AVE, SHAFTER, CA 93263 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured 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: \$43,082.39 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The undersigned under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor 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 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 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 (800) 280-2832 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.AUCTION.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 093101-CA. 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. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924M of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (866) 931-0036, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 093101-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (800) 280-2832 CLEAR RECON CORP 4375 Jutland Drive San Diego, California 92117 Publish Shafter Press 12-10, 17, 24, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of: Abelino Reyna Abarca Case Number: BPB-20-002262

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Abelino Reyna Abarca 2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: David Reyna and Maclovia P. Reyna in the Superior Court of California, County of Kern 3. The Petition for Probate requests that: David Reyna and Maclovia P. Reyna be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. 4. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. 5. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: a. Date: JAN. 27, 2021 Time: 8:30 AM Dept.: P b. Address of court: 1215 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301 7. If you object to the granting of the petition you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. 8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months

from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. 9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. 10. Attorney for petitioner: Stephen H. Boyle, ESQ. 1430 Truxtun Ave., Ste. 900 Bakersfield, CA 93301 661-322-6023 Publish Shafter Press December 10, 17, 24, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO SUBCONTRACTORS, MATERIAL SUPPLIERS AND WORKERS: THE CITY OF SHAFTER IS ACTIVELY SOLICITING BIDS FROM PROSPECTIVE SUBCONTRACTORS OR MATERIALS SUPPLIERS WHOSE BUSINESSES QUALIFY AS A SMALL BUSINESS UNDER THE CRITERIA IN 13 CFR PART 121 AND/OR QUALIFY AS SECTION 3 BUSINESS CONCERNS, AS WELL AS INDIVIDUALS WHO QUALIFY AS SECTION 3 RESIDENTS IN CONNECTION WITH THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT 2020 SHAFTER AQUATIC CENTER IMPROVEMENTS (CDBG 18.18.1) PROJECT TO BE LOCATED IN THE CITY OF SHAFTER AND FUNDED BY THE HUD. A SECTION 3 BUSINESS CONCERN IS A BUSINESS: (1) THAT IS 51% OR MORE OWNED BY SECTION 3 RESIDENTS; OR (2) WHOSE PERMANENT, FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES INCLUDE PERSONS, AT LEAST 30 PERCENT OF WHOM ARE CURRENTLY SECTION 3 RESIDENTS, OR WITHIN THREE YEARS OF THE DATE OF FIRST EMPLOYMENT WITH THE BUSINESS WERE SECTION 3 RESIDENTS; OR (3) THAT PROVIDES EVIDENCE OF A COMMITMENT TO SUBCONTRACT IN EXCESS OF 25% OF THE DOLLAR AWARD OF ALL SUBCONTRACTS TO BE AWARDED TO BUSINESSES THAT MEET THE QUALIFICATIONS SET FORTH IN PARAGRAPHS (1) OR (2) IN THIS DEFINITION OF A SECTION 3 BUSINESS CONCERN. A SECTION 3 RESIDENT IS: (1) A RESIDENT OF PUBLIC HOUSING LOCATED IN KERN COUNTY, OR (2) AN INDIVIDUAL WHO RESIDES IN THE COUNTY OF KERN AND WHO IS A LOW OR VERY-LOW INCOME PERSON. QUALIFIED INDIVIDUALS AND FIRMS MAY OBTAIN A LIST OF PLAN-HOLDING GENERAL CONTRACTORS AT CITY OF SHAFTER CITY HALL, ENGINEERING OFFICE, 336 PACIFIC AVENUE, SHAFTER, CA 93263 UNTIL 10:00AM ON JANUARY 5, 2021. GENERAL CONTRACTORS SHOULD BE CONTACTED DIRECTLY FOR POSSIBLE USE IN THEIR BID PROPOSALS ON THIS PROJECT. THE CITY OF SHAFTER AND PROSPECTIVE GENERAL CONTRACTORS ARE SEEKING SUCH SUBCONTRACTORS IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE PROCUREMENT STANDARDS FOUND AT 24 CFR 85.36(e) AND SECTION 3 OF THE HUD ACT OF 1968, WHICH PROVIDE THAT SMALL BUSINESSES (SBS) AND SECTION 3 BUSINESS CONCERNS/RESIDENTS BE GIVEN THE MAXIMUM PRACTICAL OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE IN HUD FUNDED CONTRACTS. HIRING IS ANTICIPATED FOR THE FOLLOWING TRADES: METAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, CONCRETE WORK, EXCAVATION, DEMOLITION, MINOR ELECTRICAL. SUBCONTRACTS MAY BE LET FOR THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES OF WORK ON THIS PROJECT: METAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, CONCRETE WORK, EXCAVATION, DEMOLITION, MINOR ELECTRICAL Publish Shafter Press December 10, 17, 24, 31, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement GoBe Ranch 2020-B5447

34929 Flyover Ct Bakersfield, CA 93308 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 34929 Flyover Ct Bakersfield, CA 93308 Wegis & Young Property Management, LLC 34929 Flyover Ct Bakersfield, CA 93308

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Oasis Holsteins 2020-B5117

18041 Palm Avenue Shafter, CA 93263 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 18041 Palm Avenue Shafter, CA 93263 Peter J. DeJong, Trustee 18041 Palm Avenue Shafter, CA 93263 Agnes J. DeJong, Trustee 18041 Palm Avenue Shafter, CA 93263 Agnes J. DeJong 18041 Palm Avenue Shafter, CA 93263 The business is conducted by: General Partnership Date the business commenced: 07/01/1991 A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.) /s/Peter J. DeJong Date Statement Filed: 11/16/2020 Date Statement Expires: 11/16/2025 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Dutch Trading Company 2020-B5116

10251 Stenderup Ave Bakersfield, CA 93307 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 10251 Stenderup Ave Bakersfield, CA 93307 Wilma Jo Palmer 10251 Stenderup Ave Bakersfield, CA 93307 Terri Jo Vandborg 15414 Cuda Dr Bakersfield, CA 93307 The business is conducted by: General Partnership Date the business commenced: 10/20/20 A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.) /s/Wilma Jo Palmer Date Statement Filed: 11/16/2020 Date Statement Expires: 11/16/2025 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/N Franco Publish Shafter Press November 26, December 3, 10, 17, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Red Wagon Cafe 2020-B5093

18800 Beech Avenue Shafter, CA 93263 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 2608 Slender Oak Ct Bakersfield, CA 93311 Elliott Vaughn Meacham 2608 Slender Oak Ct Bakersfield, CA 93311 Matthew Alexander Hernandez 184 Redwood Dr Shafter, CA 93263 The business is conducted by: General Partnership Date the business commenced: N/A A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.) /s/Matthew A Hernandez Date Statement Filed: 11/13/2020 Date Statement Expires: 11/13/2025 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/N Franco Publish Shafter Press November 26, December 3, 10, 17, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of: Andrew Harding Sharp, aka Andrew H. Sharp, aka Andrew Sharp Case Number: BPB-20-003035

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Andrew Harding Sharp, aka Andrew H. Sharp, aka Andrew Sharp 2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Estevan T. Soliz in the Superior Court of California, County of Kern 3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Estevan T. Soliz be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent. 4. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court. 5. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority. 6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: a. Date: 01/28/2021 Time: 10:30 AM Dept.: P b. Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Kern, 1215 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301, Metro Justice Building 7. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. 8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law. 9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. 10. Attorney for petitioner: Joshua G. Wilson, Esq. 1626 19th Street, Suite 23/PO Box 2411 Bakersfield, CA 93303 (661) 325-5075 Publish Shafter Press December 17, 24, 31, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Lemona Locks 2020-B5252

1712 K Street Bakersfield, CA 93301 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 1712 K Street Bakersfield, CA 93301 Kelly D Giblin 15626 Marty Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93314 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: 12/01/2010 A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.) /s/Kelly D Giblin Date Statement Filed: 11/24/2020 Date Statement Expires: 11/24/2025 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/N Franco Publish Shafter Press December 3, 10, 17, 24, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Lemona Locks Wig Boutique 2020-B5253

1712 K Street Bakersfield, CA 93301 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 1712 K Street Bakersfield, CA 93301 Kelly D Giblin 15626 Marty Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93314 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: 12/01/2010 A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.) /s/Kelly D Giblin Date Statement Filed: 11/24/2020 Date Statement Expires: 11/24/2025 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/N Franco Publish Shafter Press December 3, 10, 17, 24, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Dutch Trading Company 2020-B5116

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18487 S Shafter Ave Shafter, CA 93263 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 468 Maple St Shafter, CA 93263 Smith's Corner Market Inc 18487 S Shafter Ave Shafter, CA 93263 The business is conducted by: Corporation Date the business commenced: 11/04/2015 A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.) /s/Abdulla Saeed Mohsen, President Date Statement Filed: 11/24/2020 Date Statement Expires: 11/24/2025 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/N Franco Publish Shafter Press December 3, 10, 17, 24, 2020

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PASTOR'S CORNER

It's not easy being like Jesus

PASTOR JIM GLASCO

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It's not easy being like Jesus in forgiveness. Jesus said Father forgive them they know not what they do. Man did his worst to Jesus and yet he forgave them. He showed us how to treat people who do us wrong. It's not easy being like Jesus in forgiveness. Jesus said pray for your enemy. He said if we do not forgive our heavenly Father would not forgive us.
Paul said be kind to each other, and forgiving each other as Christ forgave us. Un-

forgiveness gives the devil a small area of jurisdiction in our heart.
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It's not easy being like Jesus but we are to try to pattern our life after him.

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/s/P. Juarez, Deputy (Asistente) Publish Wasco Tribune November 26, December 3, 10, 17, 2020

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City receives almost \$100K to enhance virus prevention

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

The city has received over \$96,000 in Community Block Development grant funds from the Kern County Board of Supervisors to use toward covid-19 public service and facilities improvements.

The project consists of personal protective equipment, sanitizing equipment, pub-

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lic outreach, and other measurements to provide prevention from the covid-19 virus for frontline Public Works employees and the community at large.

Covid-19 response activities include new office and warehouse air filtration systems, portable toilets and hand washing sta-

tions, park and public outreach signs, PPEs including gloves, face shields, protective masks, office and warehouse restroom upgrades and sanitizing stations. In addition, the city has proposed to include portable disinfection systems with chemicals, driver barrier protection and sanitizing dispenser for its public transit vans.

The city's Public Works corporation

yard will be used as the storage and staging area for all equipment purchased. Many of the enhancements will be installed for the direct benefit of city employees and crews that work at the corporation yard. Any portable or mobile equipment previously listed will be used by crews at a job site in the field to have immediate access to sanitizing equipment without having to leave the site.

Christmas Store lives on after cancellation

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

It came as no shock last week when it was announced that the annual Shafter Christmas Store had been canceled, but it was still a disappointing one for many families who had shopped online for their children in the program that allows families to buy toys for their children at discounts.

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This program was started a few years ago by a group of volunteers, giving families the satisfaction of buying their own presents for their kids. Toys are donated by local businesses and people, with select families able to shop in the store, buying them at about 10% of their retail value.

Due to safety concerns, the event was canceled, leaving the fate of the families and the accumulated toys in the air.

Melissa Bergen, of Listen to Shafter, said that they decided to donate the toys to the Shafter Healthy Start organization. After the donation was made, work started on getting the toys packaged up. The majority of the Christmas Store's participants had already picked out their toys and ordered them.

Volunteers then packaged the toys, made sure



Daisy Rodriguez, Marisza Rodriguez, Mayra Helo, Yvonne Martinez, Margaret Ramirez, Carla Arcello, Isabel Gutierrez and Melissa Bergen.

they were going to the correct families, and got them ready so the families were able to pick them up.

"We had help from so many people and organizations," said Bergen. "We understand that we have to keep everyone safe, which is the most important issue, but it was great that we were still able to give these families the Christmas that they were hoping for."

Margaret Ramirez, of the Shafter Healthy Start, said that they have been working hard to get the presents ready, as well as a lot of different events that are taking place to give the residents of Shafter who need it most, a special holiday.

"We are so thankful to all of the people and organizations who were able to help us make this such a special event," Ramirez said.



Mayra Helo, director of Student and Family Services of the Richland School District, and Margaret Ramirez, director of Shafter Healthy Start, pack up toys.

Superintendent: 15 teachers may get laid off

TONI DEROSA

Wasco Tribune

In a meeting before the district's board meeting, Wasco Union Elementary School District Superintendent Kelly Richers said that the district doesn't know what type of funding will be available for the 2021 school year.

"If the state goes with the previous budget cut of \$54 billion, the district was told in

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May that it could lose as many as 30 teachers," Richers said. "On the other hand, the state was able to find \$28 billion in new funding so the state will only be \$26 billion in default. Which means the district could lose 15 teachers."

Richers said that information changes daily.

"Cal State Bakersfield and Bakersfield

College have already decided their students will continue distance learning for the rest of the school year," Richers added.

He also said that the number of teachers that need to be laid off will depend on how many take retirement.

"We hope they tell us by Dec. 27 so we can plan for it," he said. "They aren't legally required to tell us until June 30."

Kelly said that the district hopes that

there are enough retirees so the district can save teachers.

In addition, Richers said that Anna Poggi is the new board president. Danny Rueda was named clerk, Richard Reding made trustee representative and Cheryl Wegman is trustee representative alternate. Richers also announced Niza Perez, formerly a district psychologist, has been named director of student services.

PET OF THE WEEK

Blue Heeler puppy in need of a home



Comet came in as a stray alongside with Tiny. He is approximately a 3-month-old, male, Blue Heeler mix. He is great with staff and other dogs. He has been tested with small and large breeds. At the time it is unknown if Comet is house/crate trained. Dogs are not tested with children and cats.

He is available for adoption or rescue. His Petfinder information is up to date. If this is your dog, contact the shelter as soon as possible.

Everyone is welcome to adopt from our facility. Adopters can be from out of town and/or local.

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ICU capacity needs to improve before reopening

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regional ICU hospital capacity if it should fall below 15%. The new order is for three weeks.

The state is starting its second week of the three-week closure period and numbers are continuing to rise.

As of Dec. 8, the number of cases increased in Wasco from 2,034 to 2,295 and rose once again on Dec. 14 to 2,588. Recovered persons also increased Dec. 1 to 687 to 713 by Dec. 8 and rose once again to 722 on Dec. 14. The presumed recovered numbers for Wasco on Dec. 18 were 595 and remained the same on Dec. 14.

Shafter's numbers reflect a similar pattern. On Dec. 1, there were 1,677 cases, which rose to 1,832 on Dec. 8 and rose again on Dec. 14 to 1,932. Those recovered on Dec. 1 were 751, which also rose again to 768 by Dec. 8 and presumed re-

covered on Dec. 1 was 472, which rose to 492 on Dec. 8 and remained the same for Dec. 14.

Wasco State Prison confirms that there have been 267 active cases among staff with 190 returned to work, 77 current active cases and 14 new cases within the past 14 days.

In addition, their inmate population has reported zero deaths due to the virus, 340 active cases in custody with 339 active within the last 14 days. Thirty three inmates have been released while active and 290 cases have been resolved.

Pfizer-BioNTech's coronavirus shots have been approved by the FDA and health-care workers are first in line to receive the vaccine.

"We don't have access to the vaccine yet," Administrator at Adventist Health on 7th Street Dulce Belo said.

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