

Apart, yet together



Shafter High's Class of 2020, masked and socially distanced, get their diplomas at a unique ceremony on the high school football field last week. The event met standards set by the state and the Kern Unified High School District. **Story, more photos on Page 7.** (Jamie Stewart | The Shafter Press)

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Crackdown on fireworks



Sign remind motorists of fireworks enforcements.

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter City Council held a special meeting this week to assist the Police Department in their fight against violators of illegal fireworks ordinances.

On Thursday, June 25, the council voted unanimously to approve a resolution that would cost those citizens who shoot off or have possession of illegal fireworks \$1,000.

City Attorney Marco Martinez addressed the council and said that there are different ways that violators can be pursued. “There is the criminal route, in which the Police Department presents the District Attorney’s Office with a report and the violator is charged with different code violations,” he said. “There is also a civil avenue that can be lengthier and can result in monetary penalties for violations.”

The proposed resolution presented to the council would give the police the authority to issue violators a \$1,000 fine. The violator would have seven days to pay the fine. The fine can be the result of the person or

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persons lighting off illegal fireworks, being in possession of illegal fireworks, or owning the property on which the fireworks are being shot off.

Martinez said the problem this year has escalated from previous years and is still getting worse. He also said the problem is difficult to enforce.

In years past, those people who have even been found using or possessing illegal fireworks faced a fine of only \$50, which did not serve as a deterrent. According to Police Chief Kevin Zimmermann, the danger of illegal fireworks is not just the threat of injury, but there is also a risk of

property damage, including the chance of a burning ember landing on a roof or a field. “It is also dangerous for residents’ pets and their owners as they try to deal with the ongoing problem.”

Zimmermann added, “We are hopeful that with the real risk of facing a sizable

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–City Attorney Marco Martinez

Reopening questions

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

As tough as it has been for groups to get together with the quarantine and 6-foot social distancing, some activities in town have been able to move forward with a modified schedule.

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The Wasco Tigersharks Swimming Organization is now led by President Joaquin Castillo. He provided an update on the upcoming Tigersharks schedule.

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Reform WHS attacks harassment at WHS

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

Harassment, no matter what kind, often leads to serious consequences.

Students at Wasco High School (WHS) who are a part of Reform WHS are getting the word out that they demand to be heard and listened to by the powers that be.

About 25 students were in front of the high school auditorium with signs declaring their intent to be heard and that action must be taken against anyone who bullies or verbally or sexually harasses students. The complaint is that they are tired of any type of harassment that occurs on campus by anyone and want something done about it besides just talking and being told to stay away from each other. The students are demanding that changes be made to protect them and future generations of students

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from these types of situations.

The protest on Thursday, June 24, was a peaceful one with students prepared for a long, hot afternoon by bringing plenty of water and snacks for participants.

They insist they are not out to damage property or assault anyone, but just want the district to hear what they have to say and make some needed changes.

One of their demands is that the district hire professional mental health therapists instead of using school counselors, who are not trained to treat mental health issues.

They also want the school to reprimand those accused and charged with harassment and to quit telling the victim and perpetrator to stay away from each other.

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Reform WHS leaders, from left, Diana Flores and spokeswoman Citlali Arrazate.

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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

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

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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HEADLINES IN HISTORY



Front page, June 27, 1980.

20 years ago: June 28, 2000

The Wasco Valley Golf Course had their 4th Annual Junior Golf Camp. It helps introduce the young people how to play and enjoy golf. Eighty kids attended the camp.

30 years ago: June 27, 1990

A groundbreaking ceremony was held for the new

Stringham's Park, on the corner of James Street and East Lerdo Highway.

40 years ago: June 25, 1980

The Shafter Shuttle was in full operation for the very first time on June 25, 1980. A round trip was 50 cents and 25 cents for senior citizens.

—Compiled by Erica Soriano

CORRECTION

Due to a production error, a photo of the school staff at last week's graduation was misidentified. It was the Wasco

Independence High School staff at their commencement, not WHS. The Tribune regrets the error,

Mystery history

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Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to *The Press*, 406 Central Ave., Shafter 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** Ed Thiessen and Lowell Thiessen on Lerdo Highway, west of Shafter. **CORRECTION:** Last week we gave the details away, but didn't give the information on the previous week's picture. They were Camp Fire Girls at the "experimental farm," Oct. 31, 1953.



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ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

June 28

Luis David Palacios Vasquez, 26, of Shafter, was arrested for corporal injury on spouse and on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

June 26

Amy Rae Fauver, 37, of Shafter, was arrested for obstruction of a public officer, petty theft in a state of emergency, and cruelty to animals.

June 25

Cheyenne Xochiquetzal Sandoval, 29, of Shafter was arrested on a felony bench warrant.

George Ralph V. Odom, 21, of Shafter was arrested for domestic violence.

June 24

Isaac Jacob Medrano, 26, of Shafter was arrested for false ID to specific public officer and domestic violence.

June 22

Thomas Montel Jordan, 21, of Shafter was arrested for attempted burglary and disorderly conduct: alcohol.

Jerry Daniel McCaslin, 37, of Shafter was arrested on an outside agency warrant, and for obstruction of a public officer and possession of controlled narcotic.

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

June 22

Luis Antonio Mendez, 34, of Wasco, was arrested in the 900 block of Cedar Avenue for disobeying a court order and obstructing a peace officer. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Paul Dean Weaver, 44, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of 7th Street and D Street for possession of a controlled substance, expired vehicle registration, no vehicle insurance and no vehicle registration tab. He was cited and released at the scene.

June 23

Simon Jaime, 25, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1100 block of Poso Drive for failure to stop at a stop sign and possession of unlawful paraphernalia. He was cited and

released at the scene.

Erik Quevado, 20, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Leonard Avenue and Augusta Manor Drive for unlawful paraphernalia. He was cited and released at the scene.

Christopher Regalado, 29, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Palm Avenue and Poso Drive for driving on a suspended license and expired vehicle registration. He was cited and released at the scene.

Kelley Dean Stafford, 25, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1700 block of Highway 46 on an active felony arrest warrant for the charges of attempted murder, participation in a criminal street gang and conspiracy to commit a crime. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

June 24

Carlos Enriquez, 22, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Oak Creek Court and Beckes Street on an active felony warrant, and for possession of a controlled substance for sale, conspira-

cy to commit a crime, transporting a controlled substance, possession of a stolen vehicle, hit and run, driving on a suspended license and on active misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Aaron Garcia, 21, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of 9th Street and Broadway on a felony arrest warrant for attempted murder. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

June 25

Patrick Isidro Arrambide, 22, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2500 block of Sunset Drive for occupying an unsafe red tagged residence and a probation violation. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Brycen Cabrai Dugan, 27, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2500 block of Sunset Drive for occupying an unsafe red tagged residence. He was cited and released at the scene.

Astrid Iniguez, age 28, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2500 block of Sunset Drive

for occupying an unsafe red tagged residence. She was cited and released at the scene.

Joseph Mancilla, 27, of Wasco, was arrested in the 800 block of E Street for inflicting corporal injury on a spouse, illegal possession of an assault weapon, battery on a person and possession of a controlled substance. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Diego Miranda, 23, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2500 block of Garden Street for disobeying a court order. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Gustavo Soto, 35, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2500 block of Sunset Street for occupying an unsafe red tagged residence and obstructing a peace officer. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

June 27

Shawn Hasty, 23, of Wasco, was arrested in the 800 block of 8th Street for second degree burglary, conspiracy to commit a crime, burglary during a

state of emergency, and on an active misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Gracy Josefina Vasquez, 30, of Wasco, was arrested in the 800 block of 8th Street for second degree burglary, conspiracy to commit a crime and burglary during a state of emergency. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

June 28

Frank Philip Sandoval, 21, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1900 block of Poplar Avenue for disorderly conduct and an active misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Anthony Leobardo Cisneros Trujillo, 20, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Poso Drive and Poplar Avenue on two active misdemeanor warrants, and for driving on a suspended license, illegal exhaust modification, incorrect display of license plates, unsafe speed for the prevailing conditions and operating a vehicle with obstructed windows. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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With 31 positives, PrimeX shuts down

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Wasco Tribune

PrimeX, a local grower, producer and international trader, has shut down until July 3 after 31 employees tested positive for the Covid-19 virus. A worker first tested positive for the virus on June 10.

After picketers protested outside the company's facility on Wildwood on June 25 demanding free protective masks, gloves and more information from the company, all workers were sent home that day.

On Thursday, a message on the PrimeX website said, "PrimeX office and warehouse will be closed Monday, June 29, through Friday, July 3, to allow 9our employees time with their families."

PrimeX owns and farms over 5,000 acres of pistachio orchards in California.

The number of 31 infected employees "is correct," PrimeX's chief operating officer, Mojgan Amin, said in an email Sunday evening. "Since March, we have been checking the temperature of all the employees starting their shift. We require them to

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follow Center for Disease Control and Prevention quarantine guidelines before they are allowed to come back to work."

Amin denied in the email that workers at the company had gone on strike. "A few days ago, around ten of our employees were practicing their right to have their voices heard. We have listened and will continue to listen to their voices."

Amin added that the company has already been providing face coverings, gloves, sanitation supplies and training on how to prevent the spread of COVID-19, as well as disinfecting materials. She also said PrimeX has been communicating with all their employees since early March. "This is not a new practice," she said.

"Again, no strike has taken place," Amin said. "Not a single employee walked out nor participated in a work stoppage and no one has definitely participated in a strike."

In addition to the pistachio orchards, PrimeX markets nuts (pistachios and cashews as well as dried fruit, such as raisins.

PrimeX became the first Pistachio farm to go solar and prides itself on maintaining a "green" environment.

Amin said the following steps will be taken:

■ A professional 27-person team wearing HazMat suits will

be rolling out the Anti-Covid-19 spreading protocols.

■ Among other methods and techniques for deep cleaning and sanitation, this team will be using a process known as Liquid Atomization. This process is used to sanitize

the area, previously cleaned equipment and environment that liquid sanitation solutions alone cannot reach.

■ Once the sanitation has been completed, the company will be using a process known as ATP Bacterial Testing (Adenosine TriPhosphate), which measures the metabolic activity of a molecule to identify the presence of any remaining microbes.

■ Once the ATP testing is completed and PrimeX can meet the state and federal guidelines and food safety certification, Safety Food Quality Level 3 (SFQ) levels, which are the highest standards for food quality and safety, the company will then be one critical step away from re-opening the plant.

■ The company will also have a mobile FDA-approved rapid Covid-19 testing unit set up in the facility to test every employee.

"Employees who test negative will be allowed to start working in our facility that will be completely sanitized and free of SARS-CoV-2 (Covid-19)," Amin said. "Employees who test positive will be required to follow the CDC quarantine guidelines."

COO Majgan Amin Amin denied that workers at the company had gone on strike.



Luis and Alma Aguirre with their new edition to the family, Roxie.

Shelter resumes rescues

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

One group of the population that has been hit hard with the current pandemic is the animal residents of the county, with its shelters limiting their services, including suspending all adoptions and rescues.

In March, all adoptions and rescues were suspended. Last week, however, Shafter's shelter reopened to the public, with all services in operation, including adoptions. There are guidelines to follow: All business is by appointment only, and face coverings are required to enter the shelter building.

During the past three months, the Animal Control Department has been hard at work, responding to calls of stray or injured animals, as well as emergency calls. "We were not allowing any adoptions but we were kept busy maintaining the facility, caring for the animals, and making sure that everything would be ready once it was safe to reopen," said Nick Riddick, animal control officer for the city of Shafter.

Since the reopening, the shelter has enjoyed a brisk business with several adoptions and a number of rescues.

"Since we reopened, within the last week and a half, we have had over 100 animals rescued and sent with our different rescue partners, giving so many animals a chance at a great home." Among those finding a new home is Roxie. Roxie was adopted by Luis and Alma Aguirre. Aguirre said that their little girls picked out Roxie and they recently took her home after her spaying

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surgery. "Nick and the staff were great and we are so happy with our Roxie. Our girls love her and we now have a great new addition to our family!"

Riddick said they are still encouraging residents to call and take care of business that can be handled over the phone, or that can be resolved with the department responding to a call rather than the resident having to come to the shelter. "We don't want to have to have people waiting outside, especially in the heat, when something can be taken care of with a phone call," he said.

With the issue of illegal fireworks in the news, Riddick said it is especially a challenging time for the pet population. "With an increase in the use of illegal fireworks, it poses not only a threat to personal injury and safety, it also puts our four-legged friends in deep distress. Dogs are sensitive to sound, and when frightened by the loud booms, they sometimes flee from their safe home environments into the public streets."

While loose, according to Riddick, they are a danger to themselves and others, particularly when hit by cars causing their injury.

"This makes it even more important for people to report those people who are lighting those fireworks. Reporting violators can keep all of our members of the community safe, even the little furry ones."

For more information on the operations and guidelines of the Shafter Animal Control Department, please call 661-746-2140.

Walmart raises its first flag

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Walmart Distribution Center in Shafter, which has seen its opening date pushed back into the spring of 2021, celebrated the Fourth of July with a flag raising and

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a fundraiser benefiting the Children's Miracle Network. Caleb Dobbs, the event coordinator, said this was the first time the flag was raised at the facility. The Shafter Police Department was on hand as well.

Distribution Center 8522 has hit some delays in scheduling its opening date. With much of its equipment coming from Germany, it has been slow in getting equipment and personnel to the United States. Add the Covid-19 restrictions, and it has resulted in a delay that will probably mean an opening date in March or April of 2021 instead of at the end of this year.

Robin Woodward of the Children's Miracle Network was at the flag-raising to receive a gift from Walmart as a result of the fundraiser.

Employees paid for the chance to hit members of management in the face with whipped cream pies. Three of the managers took turns getting pies in the face, with Ade Silesia leading the dollar total by a huge amount. The good sport took more than five pies in the face for a good cause. Also getting a big helping of pie was the facility's general manager, Ignacio Villa. Joining in the fun was Aaron Mealy. Employees took their turns planting whipped cream in their faces. Afterward, the attendees were treated to a lunch of tri-tip prepared by Mealy, macaroni salad and roll.

The facility, when open, will mean 300 jobs for local residents, with the majority of them STEM-related in nature.



Event coordinator Caleb Dobbs welcomes everyone to the event.



Police Chief Kevin Zimmermann takes his turn "pie-ing" Ade Silesia.

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Walk-in welcome

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Stay at Home order for one county in the state, 12 more counties have been put on a watch list, creating the possibility that the order may be reinstated. To try to negate the need for it, an order has been made that makes it necessary for residents to wear a face covering whenever entering most public buildings in the state. In Shafter, more than 75 percent of businesses now require customers to wear a face mask to enter.

Even businesses that didn't have such an order in place while the Stay at Home order was in effect are now requiring a face covering. Dollar General and Family Dollar, both considered essential businesses that were allowed to stay open through the entire Stay at Home order, are now making sure that customers wear face masks.

On a recent visit, a woman pushing a stroller with a child in it was not able to enter the Dollar General because she didn't have a face mask. A fellow resident saw

this and gave the woman a mask to wear, allowing her to do her shopping. After Governor Newsom opened the state back up, allowing more businesses to reopen, California was quickly hit with an increase of Covid-19 cases. Kern County was one of the counties with the highest increases in cases, making leaders consider the possibility that the reopening may have been premature.

The new requirement, cumbersome to some residents, still has not hurt local businesses. Angel Saavedra of the Family Dollar said, "We require all customers to wear a mask now, but it has not hurt our business. People have been real understanding about it."

Dania Gomez of the Dollar General said, "We have had a few people getting really angry about having to wear the masks, but we have to abide by the order. Business has been good even



Sydnie Colvard dons a mask to serve customers at the local store.

through the order, with most of the customers having patience with the requirement."

Another development is the closure of the state's bars, which includes Shafter's Foxy Lady. Newsom determined that bars

create an environment conducive to spreading the virus. This could be followed by the re-closure of other non-essential businesses.

For mask-free shopping,

you can still go to Apple Market in Shafter, which is not requiring customers to wear masks. They are practicing social distancing and the employees are wearing masks in the store.

Questions about reopening

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"Practice begins July 6 and ends July 30," he said. "There are no swim meets this year, but we will be working with swimmers to improve their technique for the 2021 season, when (hopefully) we're able to get back to competitions."

He mentioned that only previous Tigersharks may attend this summer's practices because new swimmers need more one-on-one training and during this time, that does not allow for safe distancing.

Seeking activities where kids can burn off calories or energy, Wasco Recreation and Parks has been able to come through with numerous activities for kids in town.

"As we all are aware, guidelines and recommendations change every day, so this may change at any moment but as for now the pool will remain closed." Wasco Recreation and Parks District Manager Vickie Hight said.

She reminded everyone that playgrounds, restrooms, courts, youth sports and workout equipment remain closed to meet the guidelines of the Kern County health officer.

The department is looking into screening movies in the park and will provide dates and times when they become available.

"The park walking paths are open, we all need fresh air and exercise and Wasco Parks walking paths are great for that," Hight said. "Remember if you are in the parks, please practice social distancing, wearing of masks and washing your hands when you return home. Parks make life better!"

Probably the hardest hit this year have been the schools. Superintendent of the Wasco Union Elementary School District (WUESD) Kelly Richers said that summer school was held for Migrant and Special Ed.

"Schedules varied, and are still ongoing," he said. "What is required in an IEP (Individual Education Plan), speech, other help, was offered individually or in small groups as per the individual education plan wherever we got caught up enough to do it."

Richers said the district is still struggling to cover everyone because sometimes many were not able to be contacted. "Migrant also had summer school," he said.

Richers also anticipates that school will start as stated previously on August 10; however, the district will be using social distancing, which means that only one-fourth of the school's total number of students will be attending school each day of the week. They will

be continuing with virtual classroom instruction the remainder of the week.

Richers also said staff is working on a final preparation plan for the opening of school and that information will be forthcoming. "Unless we are shut down completely," he said.

The animal shelter has been closed since March 17. They are currently not taking in animals nor adopting any out.

Within the past week as the numbers have been rising, businesses have placed signs requesting masks for anyone who enters an establishment.

This is most noticeable in grocery stores where the wearing of a mask is not enforced; however, most shoppers are donning them.

Also, at the Knights of Columbus fireworks booth in the Tropicana shopping center, volunteers all had on masks and extra masks were available for customers as well as hand sanitizer for all who arrived without a mask or wanted to clean their hands. The volunteers all maintained their safe distance from the customers.

"Wasco Rotary has not been meeting due to going dark in the summer months," incoming President Brad Maberry said. "Additional information will be forthcoming."

Students make a statement

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Citlali Arrazate is the spokeswoman for the group. She was willing to share her story as to how she became a part of the group.

Arrazate originally attended Delano High School for her freshman year and was in the Wonderful Academy where she could not only earn her diploma but also an Associates degree at the same time. When she was told she could not participate in any other school activities, she decided she wanted out of the program because there were other things she wanted to do.

"I didn't want to continue in the program because I couldn't participate in any athletics at school," Arrazate said. "It was after I left Delano High that I attended Wasco High my

sophomore year."

She said that when she arrived at WHS, one of her male classmates began harassing her on her first day in class. He would follow her wherever she went. Then, he began touching her. "One time, he grabbed me around my waist and pressed me into his body," she said. "I told him I didn't want him touching me."

She also said that the boy took switches (tree branches) and hit the backs of her legs with them. "I didn't feel safe going to class anymore," Arrazate said.

Arrazate said the classmate would tell her he knew she wanted him, so why was she fighting it? He also told her he knew she liked him. She demanded that he stop bothering her. When she did that, he got mad at her and

she feared for her safety.

The harassment continued and Arrazate reported the incidents to the vice principal, Mr. Prado.

"The boy was told to stay away from me at school," Arrazate said. "But he continued to follow me and finally I just stopped going to school because I didn't feel safe." She also said that nothing happened to him. He remained in her classes.

"He was a track and field athlete," she said.

Arrazate said nothing else was done about the situation. "I began to get angry at my mom and argue with her because of how I felt about everything," she said. "I had so much anger in me."

Arrazate said her grades started slipping. "I started out with a 4.2 Grade Point Average and ended with a 0.2 when I left WHS,"

Arrazate said she met with Wasco Independent High School (WIHS) staff and told them about the problem. WIHS set her up with a counselor from Grizzly Academy. "The Academy was started by the National Guard," Arrazate said.

"I didn't go back to WIHS," she said. "Instead I finished high school at the Academy."

Arrazate described Grizzly Academy as a military-type school, which is located on a military base in San Luis Obispo. "It's part of the National Guard."

"I never thought about

going to a military school," Arrazate said. "But the discipline and structure were just what I needed, and I ended up loving it. I was able to graduate from high school early."

Grizzly Academy is a residential program and is funded by the National Guard, so her schooling there was free of charge.

Arrazate is now in living at home with her mother in Wasco. She spent the past year at Bakersfield College majoring in psychology.

She excitedly shared that she has enlisted in the Navy and will be leaving November 16 for the Great Lakes Naval Station in Illinois.

Arrazate described arriving at the Academy and said that the first two weeks were the toughest. "They try to break you out of your civilian lifestyle," she said. "We got 30-second showers."

She believes Grizzly Academy instilled in her a way to control her temper. "I used to just blow up at anything," she said. "I've learned how to get out of my shell."

She is looking forward to being in the military and can't wait to do some traveling. She will be doing anti-submarine work and search and rescue.

Arrazate arrived with her friend, WHS student Diana Flores, who is also a member of the Reform WHS group.

Flores was present to provide moral support for her friend.

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Graduate dreams through nonprofit

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

Wasco Independence High School graduate Lucio Rivera was one of the speakers at the June 17 independence high graduation. Rivera shared his story about his mother getting cancer and how unprepared he was for the impact it had on his life and schooling.

“When my mom got sick during my senior year, I didn’t know what to do.”
—Lucio Rivera, Class of 2020

He has always known he was destined to do something that involved giving back. Making money was never his goal. Rivera’s nonprofit is called TigersGive and can be found on Facebook and Instagram. “I want people to donate school clothes,” he said. “I want to have two collections; once before the summer and another in the winter.” He is hoping people will visit his Facebook page and leave him a message that they are interested in helping him

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in whatever way they can. “I will not take cash” Rivera said. “That can get too complicated, and I don’t want anyone to think I am an 18-year-old trying to get money out of people under the assumption that I have a nonprofit.” “But when my mom got sick during my senior year, I didn’t know what to do,” he said. “Everything I had worked for before had changed and I wanted to be there

for her.” Rivera wants everything to be above board. As he gets older, Rivera said, he loves meeting new people and through his new venture, he can do that. In fact, he has been working closely with Joel Ackernecht, president of the board of trustees for the high school district. “There are so many things to be careful of, such as liability,” he said. “I’m still working on finding a place where people can drop off items.” “I’m sure there will be

plenty of people willing to help him succeed,” Ackernecht said in an email. “I feel it is a great thing for him to be starting right now, and I will personally support him in every way possible to help him succeed.” Ackernecht added: “This community and the school could use some positivity right now, and I’m proud of Lucio for being the one to initiate this.” Rivera would like to see his non-profit distribute clothing and school supplies twice a year – at the beginning of summer and in the middle of the winter. He said the beginning of summer would be a good time to donate school supplies and summer clothes and the winter is a good time to donate sweaters, sweats, and jeans. Rivera described himself as quiet and shy during his freshman and sophomore years while at Wasco High School (WHS) and he started coming out of his shell during his junior and senior years. When his mother got sick during his senior year, life fell apart for him and his grades started to suffer. He said he did not realize how much his mother’s illness affected him until



2020 WIHS graduation speaker Lucio Rivera, founder of TigersGive nonprofit.

he acknowledged what was happening to him at school. That was when he decided to go to WIHS. While at WIHS, “I was able to call Mrs. Soto anytime and she was always there for me,” he said. He has a long-term goal of working in the law enforcement field. He thinks being a prison guard would be interesting and he plans on stopping by the Wasco Substation to talk with the sergeant and deputies about a career in law enforcement. His newest passion, TigersGive, is near and dear to his heart. This was something he has been thinking about for a long time and

now that he is out of high school, he is able to pursue his dream. Rivera is currently employed at the Ross Distribution Center in Shafter. If anyone is interested in

donating school supplies or clothing, for all school-ages, please visit Lucio Rivera’s Facebook or Instagram page (TigersGive). Get in touch with him if you want to help in any way.

VBS kids learn of creation

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

In the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, the community of Shafter still held its annual Community Vacation Bible School, letting the kids delve into the mystery of creation. This event was the result of a collaborative effort, involving local churches and a host of volunteers. Put on by Valley Bible Church, De La Saron Church, Shafter Christian Fellowship and New Hope Church, the Vacation Bible School was a chance for local children to gather for the first time for a lot of fun and learning. The theme this year was Mystery Island, with participants going on a quest for answers to questions such as “Who is God?”, “What is God like?”, and “Does God Love Me?”. With the help of the VBS, they learned the answers to a lot of their questions and

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as well. They managed to track down God with a variety of quests and activities that taught them Bible lessons and scriptures. They also had a lot of fun with lessons that gave them a better understanding of the Creator and the salvation He offers through Jesus Christ. Each day, the kids went on a different adventure, learning about some of God’s attributes, such as Great, Almighty, Emmanuel, and trustworthy. They also learned how those traits can be applied to their own lives every day. The week was also full of great music and fun moves that accompanied the songs, letting the kids learn while having fun. There also were Ride The Tide games that let the kids compete in a series of games that delivered lessons

as well. To keep their energy up, the children also were treated to some yummy snacks during breaks. They also had the opportunity to express their artistic sides with a variety of science experiments and crafts. Valley Bible’s Jennifer Russell said the event was a true community effort, with support from so many churches and individuals that made it a success. Cris Starrh and Effie VanderHelm were directors this year, with Sandi Brown in charge of crafts and Rochelle VanderHelm directing the music. “We ended up with 37 kids for this year’s event and had 35 volunteers from the different churches and some individuals. It was a real success.” “This shows what a great community we have and how much they care about our children. It really says a lot about the faith we have as a community.”

Fines for illegal fireworks



Council members voted to approve a resolution that will mean larger fines to fireworks violators.

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fine, that this resolution will serve as an effective deterrent to this problem.” With Zimmermann reaching out to the public recently, asking those who have information on violators or actually witness the activity, and the hefty fine for violators, the city is taking a stronger stance that they hope will result in a

quieter holiday weekend. City Manager Gabriel Gonzales mentioned to the council that there are digital signs in Shafter that are letting the residents know that they will take action. “The signs say ‘You Light, We Cite.’ It follows that message with the number of the Police Department that can be called to report those who do not heed the warnings.”



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Andrew Pompa completed boot camp and graduated May 8.

SHS grad is a Marine

Andrew Pompa, a member of the Shafter High Class of 2019, recently completed boot camp at the Marine Corps Depot.

The ceremony was streamed for family members and friends to view, with the ceremony not being a public event due to the precautions regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

Pompa enlisted for the next eight years, with four on active duty and four in the Marine Reserves.

Andrew is the son of Gerardo and Michelle Pompa, and brother to sisters Adrianna and Alicia.

It is not disclosed where Pompa will be stationed during his active duty.

EDITOR'S NOTE | JAMIE STEWART

For fireworks, leave it to the pros

It is that time of year again. The weather is warming, trees and plants are needing to drink more water to keep that green hue, and there are the sounds of bombs bursting in air. No, you are not in downtown Baghdad. You are in Shafter coming close to the Fourth of July.

Yes, the city seems to be under siege, and it's not some terrorist organization, it is all friendly fire.

This year seems to be a lot worse than any in recent memory. You can't go one night without seeing a bunch of illegal fireworks lighting up the sky and hearing those obnoxious blasts.

This not only a nuisance, but I hope people realize that it is not just the noise and flashes that can damage a quiet night. They can also mean a trip to the emergency room, or a visit from the Fire Department.

If you need proof, you could remember back a couple of years ago to the plight of the Scales family, who had their home burned down when it was lit up by a stray firework.

I really think that even the fire-

I love a good fireworks show that is done by a professional company, trained in putting on the displays. But, people left to their own devices can mean a big mess, including the risk of fires, injury and property damage.

You are dealing with explosives when you come down to it. Add to that the fact that some of the people are already half "lit" themselves, and you have a recipe for disaster. I know with the cancellation of the professional shows makes it even more desirable to take the show into your own hands. But please consider what the risk is just for a minute or two of enjoyment. Now, with the addition of the \$1,000 fines that will be doled out for violators with the illegal fireworks, maybe there will be a chance of a legitimate "safe and sane" holiday.

People left to their own devices can mean a big mess, including the risk of fires, injury and property damage.

works that you can buy at those booths are another nuisance and danger. There are just as many reports of damage and injury from results of mishaps with the "safe and sane" fireworks as there are illegal ones.

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OBITUARIES

Alejandro Carlos Lopez Sr.
Oct. 19, 1951 –
June 21, 2020

Alejandro Carlos Lopez Sr. was born in Edcouch, Texas, to parents Juan Lopez and Flavia Perez. He served his country in the Army as a young man. Alejandro was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, and was a man of faith. Alejandro prayed the Rosary daily and attended St. John's Catholic Church.

Alejandro enjoyed trips to Morro Bay with his family, listening to music and sharing his contagious laugh. He was proud of his children and grandchildren, who were the focus of



his life. Alejandro passed peacefully at his home on June 21, 2020, surrounded by his loving family.

Alejandro is survived by his beloved wife, Teresa G. Lopez; sons Rudy (Yesenia) Galvez, Carlos (Maria) Lopez and Alex Jr. (Steph-

anie) Lopez; daughter Veronica (Pete) Ramirez; brothers Estevan Lopez, Raul Lopez and Ramiro Lopez; sisters Josie Arvizo, Raquel Gutierrez and Diana Garcia; and 14 grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents; Juan and Flavia Lopez; brothers Jose Lopez, Fernando Lopez, Ricardo Lopez, Juan G. Lopez and Ruben Lopez; and sister Maria Isabel Lopez.

A mass of a Christian Burial was held Monday St. John's Catholic Church in Wasco. A viewing was held Sunday with a recitation of the Holy Rosary at Peters Funeral Home in Shafter.

June 22, 2020, at 86.

Visitation was June 29 at Basham & Lara Funeral Care Chapel, 343 State Ave. Shafter. Services were June 30 at Truelight Missionary Baptist Church, Wasco.

Sidney Toliver Jr.
Dec. 12, 1933 –
June 22, 2020

Sidney Toliver Jr., a long-time Wasco resident and a fixture in the Wasco/Shafter farming community for 55 years, passed away



DEATH NOTICES

Baudelia Vargas Mendoza, 94, of Shafter passed away June 29. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Kathy Gentry, 66, of Wasco, passed away June 27. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

Maria Elena Hinojosa, 79, of Corcoran, passed

away June 25 in Wisconsin. Basham & Lara Funeral Care Shafter.

Daniel Marquez Chavez, 43, of Wasco, passed away June 28 in Los Angeles. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco

Miguel Angel Antonio, 43, of Wasco, passed away

June 26 in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco

Billy Joe Cox, 83, of Wasco passed away June 27 in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home Wasco.

Gloria Cox, 77, of Wasco passed away June 30 in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home Wasco.

PASTOR'S CORNER

PASTOR STEVE DOBBS

Have you ever thought to yourself, "Why did God create me with stinky armpits?"

Maybe it's just me. But I have often wondered what purpose armpit odor has.

Before I give you my answer, let me tell you a short story that may give us some insight.

A college professor was teaching his class. The professor challenged his students with this question; "Did God create everything that exists?"

One student bravely answered, "Yes, He did."

So the professor responded stating, "I guess since evil exists then God created evil."

Another student boldly stood up and asked the professor, "Professor, does cold exist?"

The professor answered back, "Of course cold exists. Haven't you ever been cold?"

The student replied back to the professor, "Sir, in fact cold does not exist. According to the laws of physics, what we consider cold is in reality the absence of heat."

The student wasn't finished with the professor yet. He asked the professor, "Sir, does darkness exist?"

Annoyed the professor answered back, "Of course darkness exists. What kind of question is that?"

The student responded to the professor, "Professor, again that is incorrect. You see what we call darkness is simply the absence of light. So in reality there is no such thing as darkness."

The brave student was not finished yet. "Professor, you asked if God created everything, including evil. I would surmise that there is no such thing as evil, simply an absence of God. All the things in this

world that we refer to as 'evil' are simply people acting and living in a state absent of God."

Now, I do not know if this story actually happened or not. We can look at this as a parable or a short story used to make a point like Jesus used to tell.

Let's not get wrapped up in things that don't really matter.

It doesn't matter where evil comes from. What matters is that we recognize that evil is simply an absence of God.

I have heard people say my whole life that they don't need God, that religion is just a crutch for the weak-minded and that they can do life by themselves.

That all sounds great, until your marriage falls apart, your kids go wild or you get a bad report from the doctor.

When any of those things happen, I want to be as close to God as possible.

Hebrews 13:5:
For God has said, "I will never fail you. I will never abandon you."

Proverbs 18:24:
A man who has friends must himself be friendly. But there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.

That friend is Jesus.

I don't want to be evil, to have an absence of God in my life.

I don't think many of us want that either, if we are truly honest with ourselves.

Let's reach out to God and see what he will do in our lives when we get out of our own way and let Him have His way.

By the way, the answer to the question from earlier on "Why do armpits stink?" They don't stink. There is an absence of deodorant.

Steve Dobbs is pastor of Community Circle Church in Shafter.



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Eddie Avalos, flanked by Sandra Aragon and Eduardo Avalos.



Michelle Gurrola Quinonez with Laura and Amy Quinonez.

A different graduation to remember for 400

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

Amidst the Covid-19 pandemic, Shafter High School sent their senior class across the stage, ending what was an unprecedented school year where a graduation ceremony had seemed unlikely just a couple of months ago.

Wednesday, June 24, at the Shafter High Football stadium, the Class of 2020 received their diplomas, opening the next chapter in their lives.

Each senior was allowed two guests who could be seated with them on the football field. The bleachers were empty, with the full area of the football field being utilized. As the students' names were read, the student and his or her guests walked to the front of the dais, ending at the end of the stage where a photographer wait to take their picture.

Principal Russell Shipley gave a few opening remarks and introduced Student Body President Jackson Sanchez. Sanchez told the crowd that the Class of 2020 faced a year like no other in the history of Shafter High. "It started out amazing, with a big

win against Wasco on this field," he said. "When 2020 hit, that is where everything would never be the same again."

Sanchez said that with everything that has gone on in the world, the fact that they made it through is a statement on how special this class is. "I honestly didn't even think that we would get this graduation, but here we are, and we look pretty darned good," he said. "If this year has taught us anything is that we can make it through whatever life throws at us. I love you Class of 2020."

Another testament to the perseverance of this class is the record-breaking number of students who are lifetime members of the California Scholastic Federation. There are 59 students in the Class of 2020 who earned this honor.

Another tradition that was honored this year was the decades-long presentation of

the Stringham Memorial Awards given out to the top four students ranked in the class. The top student for 2020, with a perfect GPA of 4.50, was Clarissa Vanderpool. The second-ranked student was Stephenia Ledezma, followed by Ethan Lopez and Rafael Acosta.

Cynthia Brakeman, a member of the Kern High School District Board of Trustees, then addressed the graduates. Brakeman said she understood that there had been obstacles and disappointment this year, and she applauded the class for handling the setbacks with class.

"One thing I would like to encourage you guys to do is, instead of dwelling on the many things that you have missed out on this year, to focus on the fact that you have experienced something that no other class in the history of the district has endured.

"It started out amazing, with a big win against Wasco on this field. When 2020 hit, that is where everything would never be the same again."

—Graduate Jackson Sanchez

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You will have a story for the ages."

As each student was called, they made their way across the stage one last time as high school seniors. It was a moment of relief and pride, but also a bittersweet one for many of the graduates.

Graduate Eddie Avalos said, when asked if there was any disappointment at the moment, "At first, I didn't think it was a big deal, but once it got closer to graduation time, I honestly started thinking, 'This is it. We will never be able to experience so much of what was supposed to be a part of our senior year.'"

Michelle Gurrola Quinonez commented, "Yeah, the last part of the year kind of sucked, but we did get to have a graduation which is great."

This ceremony and last part of the year was a double-edged sword for many of the students. Although they will be remembered for their perseverance and strength, there will always be a part of them that might have preferred a more traditional end to their high school careers.



New leaders at Woman's Club

Hoping to restart meetings in August, the Wasco Woman's Club will be led by incoming President Cheryl Woody, center, First Vice President Linda Dieter, left, and outgoing President Marlene Swan.

Video results in community support and arrests

BY JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

An arrest was made over the weekend and three other cases were handed to the District Attorney's Office for investigation regarding a rash of illegal fireworks activity in and around Shafter.

Police Chief Kevin Zimmermann posted a video reaching out to the community for assistance in catching the perpetrators, who have been inundating the community with a series of explosions, some strong enough to rattle windows. Shafter's pet population has

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also been disturbed by the noise.

Zimmermann said he doesn't know the reason for the increase in illegal fireworks activity, but he said it has been a bad year already. "I don't know if it is from people being cooped up due to the quarantine or what, but this year has seen a big increase in the number of illegal fireworks being set off in town, and also the period of the activity is a lot longer."

Zimmermann said the best defense

against the activity is the involvement of the community. "The best-case scenario we have is if a resident sees the activity and knows either who is doing it, or the precise location of the activity," he said. "A lot of people don't want to go as far as a private citizen arrest, but even the precise location of the activity while it is going on can help us tremendously in catching the lawbreakers."

Zimmermann said it is not only the fireworks the police are dealing with this year, but also a number of acetylene bombs, which put off a very big explosion. "It is

not only the fact that our pets go crazy, or the noise and nuisance of the activity, but there is a real danger of physical harm with these illegal fireworks," he said. "I would hate to think what would happen if one of those landed on an older roof. It would be so dangerous."

Zimmermann thanked the community for their cooperation and continues to encourage the community to get involved. Residents with information about illegal fireworks are asked to contact the Shafter Police Department at 661-746-8500.

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U1704 Jorge Luis Jr Ortiz household
U1614 Christopher Peter Millan household
U0718 Luis M Regalado household
U1612 Alejo Robledo Yanes household
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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Wasco on Tuesday, November 3, 2020, for the following Officers:
One Member of the City Council – District 2
Full term of four years
One Members of the City Council – District 4
Full term of four years
One Member of the City Council – District 5
Full term of four years
The nomination period for these offices begins on Monday, July 13, 2020, and closes on Friday, August 7, 2020, at 5:00 p.m.
If no one or only one person is nominated for an elective office, appoint-

ment to the elective office may be made as prescribed by § 10229, Elections Code of the State of California.
The polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
Those wishing to file may obtain nomination papers from the City Clerk by appointment only, please call 661-758-7215.
s/ Maria O. Martinez, City Clerk
Publish *Wasco* Tribune July 2, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE

Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District
NOTICE of Board Meeting Time & Date Change
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the July 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors of Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District will be held Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 16294 Highway 43, Wasco, CA 93280 (corner of Kimberlina Road and Hwy 43). Subsequent meetings will be held the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m.
Dated: June 11, 2020
Dana S. Munn
General Manager-Secretary of the Board of Directors
Publish *Wasco* Tribune June 25, July 2, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Shafter Pediatrics 2020-B2408

501 Munzer St, Suite C
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
P.O. Box 22694
Bakersfield, CA 93390
Shafter Pediatrics
501 Munzer St, Suite C
Shafter, CA 93263
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
The business is conducted by: Corporation
Date the business commenced: 09/19/2016
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/Ayodeji Ayeni, President
Date Statement Filed: 05/27/2020
Date Statement Expires: 05/27/2025
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/N Franco
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement

Healing Vine Counseling Services
2020-B2464
The Healing Vine
2020-B2465
Guadalupe Maria
2020-B2466
455 Kern Street Suite D
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
455 Kern Street Suite D
Shafter, CA 93263
Guadalupe Reyes-Garcia
560 Butte Ct
Shafter, CA 93263
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Guadalupe Reyes-Garcia
Date Statement Filed: 06/03/2020
Date Statement Expires: 06/03/2025
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/N Franco
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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF INTENTION TO SELL REAL PROPERTY

The Buttonwillow Union School District Board of Trustees gives notice that on June 8, 2020 it adopted a Resolution declaring its intention to sell property located at 168 Dunford Street, Buttonwillow, California. The minimum bid which will be considered is \$168,000.00
No commission will be paid to a real estate broker.
Sealed bids will be received at the Buttonwillow Union School District Office until the hour of 3:00 p.m. on July 13, 2020, and will be opened and considered at the hour of 6:00 p.m. at its Regular Board meeting on the date of July 13, 2020, at the following address:
42600 Highway 58, Buttonwillow, California.
A copy of the complete resolution and required documents, including a complete legal description of the property, is on file at the District office.
Dated: June 8, 2020

J. Stuart Packard
District Superintendent
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Ramona Herrera State Farm Insurance Agency 2020-B2474

551 Central Avenue
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
551 Central Avenue
Shafter, CA 93263
Ramona Herrera
1912 Classen Street
Bakersfield, CA 93312
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 07/01/2001
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/Ramona Herrera
Date Statement Filed: 06/03/2020
Date Statement Expires: 06/03/2025
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/M Hernandez
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Fresh Journey 2020-B2480

340 Mannel Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
340 Mannel Ave

Shafter, CA 93263
Jennifer Neufeld
340 Mannel Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Jennifer Neufeld
Date Statement Filed: 06/4/2020
Date Statement Expires: 06/04/2025
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/N Franco
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PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of: Estella Delgado Arismendez Case Number: BPB-20-002328

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Estella Delgado Arismendez
2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Joe F. Arismendez in the Superior Court of California, County of: Kern
3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Joe F. Arismendez be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
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: JUL 02, 2020 Time: 8:30a.m. Dept.: P
b. Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Kern, 1215 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301, Metropolitan Division.
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.
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
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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF FILING AND PUBLIC HEARING ON ENGINEER'S REPORT REGARDING SEWER AND REFUSE SERVICE CHARGES TO BE ASSESSED AND COLLECTED THROUGH THE TAX ROLL OF KERN COUNTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2020/21 PURSUANT TO HEALTH & SAFETY CODE SECTION 5473

NOTICE is hereby given that, pursuant to the California Health and Safety Code section 5473, et seq., the City of Shafter has elected to collect sewer and refuse charges for properties located within the Gossamer Grove Specific Plan Development, through the tax roll of Kern County. Accordingly, the Public Works Department has prepared a written report ("Report") describing each parcel of real property receiving sewer and refuse services in the Gossamer Grove Specific Plan Development in the City of Shafter, and the sewer and refuse service charges for such parcels for the fiscal year 2020/21, computed in conformity with the sewer and refuse rates set forth in the Shafter Municipal Code. The Report has been filed with the City Clerk and is available for public review at the City Clerk's office during regular business hours.
NOTICE is further given that on Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 7:00 PM (or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard), at the Shafter Police Department Conference Room, 201 Central Valley Hwy, Shafter, CA, the City of Shafter City Council will hold a public hearing to consider any objections to the charges set forth in the Report. Any person wishing to make any objection to the Report may appear and make such objections at the public hearing. At the conclusion of the public hearing, the City Council may adopt, revise, change, reduce or modify any charge in the Report or overrule any or all objections to the Report and shall make its determination upon each charge as described in said Report, which determination shall be final. If the City Council finds that a majority of the owners of the parcels of property described in the Report object to the Report, the Council shall not adopt the

Report and shall collect the sewer and refuse services charges separately from the tax roll and the changes set forth in the Report shall not constitute a lien against any parcel or parcels of property described therein.
All interested persons are invited to attend this hearing and be heard at the time and place specified above regarding the matter under consideration. All supporting documents are available for review during normal business hours of the City of Shafter at the City Clerk's office, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA. The purpose of this notice is to inform the public of the public hearing and that the Report has been completed and is available for public review until the City Council hearing.
Consistent with Executive Order N-29-20, in person participation by the public will not be permitted and no physical location from which the public may observe the meeting will be available. You are strongly encouraged to observe the City Council meetings live via YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofShafter/> If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item or public comment, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 16, 2020 to the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com. If you wish to make a written comment to the City Clerk, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. If you wish to make a comment during the live meeting, callers must first register with the City Clerk at 661-746-5012 before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. Please call by 5:00pm on the Monday prior to the Council meeting to allow ample time for sign up. You will need to provide your name, phone number and the item number you wish to address. All public comments are provided to the City Council and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the Board prior to taking action on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the Council meeting.

All written comments concerning this matter should be directed to the following address: Shafter Engineering Department, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA. Written comments should be submitted by 5:00 PM on Tuesday, July 7, 2020, so they may be reviewed prior to consideration of the matter; comments sent via facsimile to (661) 746-9125 will be accepted.
If you challenge any of the foregoing actions in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing for final action described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City Council at, or prior to, the public hearing.
Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk
Dated: June 19, 2020
Publish *Shafter* Press June 25 and July 2, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Gerald Zinn Trucking 2020-B2669

3410 Fruitvale Ave.
Bakersfield, CA 93308
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
3433 Heath Rd.
Bakersfield, CA 93314
Gerald A. Zinn
3433 Heath Rd.
Bakersfield, CA 93314
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 09/01/2001
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/Gerald A. Zinn
Date Statement Filed: 06/18/2020
Date Statement Expires: 06/18/2025
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/R Roberts-Martin
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PUBLIC NOTICE SHAFTER RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT NOTICE TO ADOPTION 2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET (Cal. Pub. Res. Code § 5788.1

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
PLEASE BE ADVISED that the Board of Directors of Shafter Recreation and Park District will adopt the 2020-2021 budget at the regularly scheduled Board meeting on July 13th, 2020. The preliminary budget is available for inspection at the District office located at 700 E. Tulare Avenue, Shafter California during normal business hours. Please be further advised that the Board will meet to adopt the final budget at 6:00 p.m. on July 13th, 2020, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the District Board, at 505 Sunset Avenue, Shafter California. Any person may log on to ZOOM at that time and be heard regarding any item in the budget or regarding the addition of other items. If you have any questions, please email us at district@shafterrec.com
CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) ADVISORY
To ensure the safety of the members in our community, SRPD Staff and Board members, we ask the public to follow the California Department of Health Services' advice and refrain from events to maintain social distancing regulations.
Executive Order N-29-20 "allows local legislative or state bodies to hold public meetings via teleconference without having to provide a physical location from which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment, as long as members of the public are allowed

to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically, subject to specified notice and accessibility requirements."
TELECONFERENCE NOTICE
We will be broadcasting our meeting on ZOOM. To enter through ZOOM, you will have to provide an ID Meeting Number: (825 6769 2650) and Password: (587241). Further instructions are included below.
Public Instructions
ZOOM:
Please use the following information to join the ZOOM broadcast ID Meeting Number: (825 6769 2650) and Password: (587241)
Participants will be muted on entry. If you would like to speak during designated public comment times, please "raise" your hand or enter your question in the chat.
If you would like to do this through your mobile phone, press (*9) to raise and lower your hand.
Meeting Information:
Topic: Regular Meeting – 07/13/2020
Time: July 13, 2020 06:00 PM Pacific Time (US and Canada)
Meeting ID: 825 6769 2650
Password: 587241
If connecting via cell phone:
Dial by your location
+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)
+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)
+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)
+1 253 215 8782 US
+1 301 715 8592 US
+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)
Publish *Shafter* Press June 18, 25, July 2, 9, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District NOTICE of Board Meeting Time & Date Change NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the July 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors of Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District will be held Tuesday, July 7, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at the District Office located at 16294 Highway 43, Wasco, CA 93280 (corner of Kimberlina Road and Hwy 43). Subsequent meetings will be held the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m. Dated: June 11, 2020 Dana S. Munn General Manager-Secretary of the Board of Directors Publish *Shafter* Press June 25, July 2, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHAFTER, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING CERTAIN PORTIONS OF CHAPTER 1.12 OF THE SHAFTER MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO ADMINISTRATIVE CITATIONS AND FINES FOR VIOLA- TIONS OF THE CITY'S FIREWORKS REGULATIONS NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 26, 2020, the Shafter City Council adopted Urgency Ordinance No. 718. The following is the official adopted ordinance: WHEREAS, the use of illegal fireworks has sparked fires throughout the City of Shafter ("City") and caused fire crews to respond to fires caused by illegal and dangerous fireworks; and WHEREAS, the use of illegal fireworks create a significant hazards to personal safety and property; and WHEREAS, the Police Department receives numerous calls related to the use of fireworks in the days leading up to and after the 4th of July holiday each year; and WHEREAS, the use of fireworks within the City is ongoing, and enforcement of these regulations has proven difficult; and WHEREAS, in order to address this serious public safety issue, City staff has sought ways to deter the possession and lighting of illegal fireworks in the City, including by increasing penalties; and WHEREAS, there is a need to amend the regulations to further deter the use of illegal fireworks within the City; and WHEREAS, the City Council has determined that the public health, safety, and welfare will be served by: (1) authorizing the Chief of Police or designees to issue administrative citations for illegal firework violations; (2) authorize the City Council to establish administrative fines by separate resolution; and (3) authorize the issuance of a citation to a property owner or person leasing or occupying property where an illegal firework is observed. THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHAFTER DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS: SECTION 1. Urgency Findings. In accordance with California Government Code, Section 36937 in order to protect the public health, safety and welfare, the City Council of the City of Shafter find as follows: A. The use of fireworks within the City is ongoing, and enforcement of these regulations has proven difficult. The use of illegal fireworks cause property damage and a danger to life. The Council, therefore, adopts this Urgency Ordinance to become effective immediately upon adoption pursuant to Shafter City Charter Section 4.12 and Government Code Section 36937 and to remain in effect until rescinded to provide City enforcement officials with a means to deter the use of illegal fireworks. B. In addition, the City wishes to have these new regulations in place for the 2020 Fourth of July celebration when access and use of illegal fireworks increases throughout the region. The City would like to further mitigate the use of illegal fireworks in order to protect the public peace, health, and safety of its residents. C. The City Council also finds that this Urgency Ordinance is necessary to promote the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety by establishing administrative fines for the possession or use of fireworks and their associated dangers within City's boundaries. D. Finally, the City Council finds that the regulation contained in this Ur-

gency Ordinance are reasonable in order to preserve the public peace, health and safety of its residence ahead of the Fourth of July holiday.
SECTION 2. Section 1.12.020 of Title 1, Chapter 1.12 of the Shafter Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:
"Responsible person' means a natural person or legal entity, a natural person or legal entity who is the owner, tenant, cotenant, lessee, sublessee or other person with any right to possession of the property where a violation of city codes occurs that is related to the use of property; the owner, majority stockholders, corporate officers, trustees, and general partners of a legal entity; and the on-site manager who normally works daily at the site and is responsible for the activities at such premises. Responsible person also include the parent of legal guardian of a minor that commits a violation of this code."
SECTION 3. Section 1.12.030 A.3. is hereby added to Title 1, Chapter 1.12 of the Shafter Municipal Code to read as follows:
"Fireworks violations. Violations of Section 8.12.020 of this code shall subject a responsible person to an immediate citation and fine in an amount determined by separate resolution of the City Council. Fines for fireworks violations shall be due within seven (7) calendar days of the date of issuance of the administrative citation."
SECTION 4. Section 1.12.050 A. of Title 1, Chapter 1.12 of the Shafter Municipal Code is hereby amended to read as follows:
"A. All fines are due on the day of the administrative citation is issued or the date noted on the administrative citation except that fines imposed for substantive violations or nonemergency health and safety violations shall be due on the day following the expiration of the reasonable period of time granted to correct or otherwise remedy the violation or upon the expiration of any extension granted."
SECTION 5. Section 8.12.060 is hereby added to Title 8, Chapter 8.12 of the Shafter Municipal Code to read as follows:
"8.12.060 Enforcement. Penalties.
(a) The Chief of Police or his or her designee, upon determining a violation of this Chapter, may issue an administrative citation, in accordance with Chapter 1.12, to the responsible party, person leasing or occupying the property or the property owner of where the firework was observed or discharged.
(b) The City Council may establish an administrative fine for violations of this Chapter by separate resolution."
SECTION 4. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phase, or portion of this Urgency Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by the decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted this Ordinance, and each section, subsection, subdivision, sentence, clause, phrase or portion thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, sentences, clauses, phrases or portions might subsequently be declared invalid or unconstitutional.
SECTION 5. CEQA Determination. The City Council finds that this urgency ordinance is not subject to the requirements of the California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to (Guidelines) Section 15060(c)(2) & (3) as there is no potential for physical changes to the environment as this ordinance implements administrative regulations only for the possession, sale and discharge of fireworks only.
SECTION 6. Effective Date. This Urgency Ordinance was adopted by the necessary four-fifths vote of the members of the City Council pursuant to California Government Code Sections 36934 and 36937, and shall take effect immediately upon its adoption for the preservation of the public health, safety and welfare.
SECTION 7. This urgency ordinance was adopted by 4/5 vote of the City Council. The City Clerk shall certify the adoption of this Ordinance and shall cause the same to be posted as required by law.
Printed certified copies of Ordinance No. 718 are available for inspection by any person at the office of the Shafter City Clerk, City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California. The ordinance was passed by the City Council on June 26, 2020, with the following vote:
AYES: Alvarado, Givens, Lopez, and Prout
NOES: None
ABSENT: Garcia
ABSTAINING: None
Dated: June 29, 2020
Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk
Publish *Shafter* Press July 2, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE SHAFTER PLANNING COMMISSON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 14, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., the Shafter Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider the project described below:
Tentative Parcel Map No. 12152 – A request for a two-year extension of time for this map proposing to subdivide approximate 24.23 acres into five lots for commercial/industrial development and a dump lot. The site is generally located on the west side of Zerker Road at New Kapittel Court, approximately 1/3 mile south of E. Lerdo Highway. The City of Shafter adopted a Negative Declaration for Tentative Parcel Map No. 12152 on August 16, 2016 (Resolution No. 16-273).
Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. The project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Section 15305 of

the CEQA Guidelines. Copies of the above project are on file in the office of the Planning Department at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, and are available for public review. Any person wishing to be heard, or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of said project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments to the Planning Director at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263. Anyone challenging any proposed development entitlement listed in this notice in court may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at or prior to this public hearing.
Consistent with Executive Order N-29-20, in person participation by the public will not be permitted and no physical location from which the public may observe the meeting will be available. You are strongly encouraged to observe the Planning Commission meetings live via YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofShafter/> If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item or public comment, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, June 9, 2020 to the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com. If you wish to make a written comment to the City Clerk, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. If you wish to make a comment during the live meeting, callers must first register with the City Clerk at 661-746-5012 before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. Please call by 5:00pm on the Monday prior to the Planning Commission meeting to allow ample time for sign up. You will need to provide your name, phone number and the item number you wish to address. All public comments are provided to the Planning Commission and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the Commission prior to taking action on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the Planning Commission meeting.
Dated: June 25, 2020
Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk
Publish *Shafter* Press July 2, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE SHAFTER PLANNING COMMISSON NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 14, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., the Shafter Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider the project described below:
Development Agreement No. 20-18 for Tentative Tract No. 6398: Development Agreement No. 20-18 is being proposed for the completion of Tentative Tract No. 6398 located at the southwest corner of North Beech Avenue and East Tulare Avenue. The City Council of the City of Shafter adopted a Negative Declaration and approved Tentative Tract No. 6398, with conditions of approval, on July 18, 2006, under Resolution No. 06-1845. The tentative tract map subdivides 1.54 acres into 5 single-family residential lots ranging in size from 12,342 square feet to 14,975 square feet (net). Condition No. 89 of Resolution 06-1845 requires the developer of Tentative Tract No. 6398 to enter into a development agreement with the City of Shafter prior to recordation of the final map. The purpose of the development agreement is to address minimum dwelling unit size, parking fees, traffic fees, and other fees and requirements established by the City of Shafter. An Addendum to the adopted Negative Declaration for Tentative Tract No. 6398 has been prepared for the project.
Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Copies of the above project are on file in the office of the Planning Department at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, and are available for public review. Any person wishing to be heard, or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of said project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments to the Planning Director at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263. Anyone challenging any proposed development entitlement listed in this notice in court may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at or prior to this public hearing.
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Dated: June 25, 2020
Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk
Publish *Shafter* Press July 2, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
SHAFTER PLANNING COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 14, 2020, at 7:00 p.m., the Shafter Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider the following:

City of Shafter 2020 Municipal Services Review Update and Sphere of Influence Amendment No. 20-04: The Kern County Public Works Department is proposing to expand sanitary sewer service to several rural residential areas located south and west of the City of Shafter through the South Shafter Sewer, Trunk Line Sewer & Lift Station Project. The new sanitary sewer collection system will connect to

the City of Shafter's existing sewer infrastructure for effluent treatment at the Shafter/North of the River Wastewater Treatment Facility. The City of Shafter has prepared an update to the Shafter Municipal Services Review (MSR) document and proposed expansion of the City's sphere of influence (SOI) boundary by 1,147 acres to facilitate an out-of-area service adoption by the Kern County Local Agency Formation Commission (LAFCO). The SOI amendment proposes two expansion areas. Expansion Area 1 includes 180 acres located on the City's western sphere of influence boundary and is generally located north of Orange Street, east of Scaroni Avenue, and south of W. Riverside Street, and one 20-acre

parcel located north of W. Riverside Street. Expansion Area 2 includes 967 acres located on the City's southern sphere of influence boundary and is generally located south of Orange Street, east of Mannel Avenue, west of S. Cherry Avenue, and north of San Diego Street. An Addendum No. 2 to the Kern County adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration for the South Shafter Sewer, Trunk Line Sewer & Lift Station Project has been prepared for the project. Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Copies of the above documents are on file in the office of the Planning Department at City Hall, 336 Pacific

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