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One last Alma Mater.

SHS seniors bid farewell to high school

#### **JAMIE STEWART** The Shafter Press

The seniors walked across the stage at the football stadium as their last official act as Shafter High School students, completing their high school education, moving on to the next stage of their lives.

Principal Russell Shipley welcomed

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the crowd of students, staff, friends and family to the commencement exercises on Wednesday night. Each student was seen entering the stadium on the new video screen at the football stadium, giving family members a chance to see their graduate on the big screen.

Senior Class President Audrey Chavez spoke at the ceremony, talking about the challenges she and her classmates faced, including wading through the pandemic, getting through online classes and going back to school their junior year, having to learn how to be together again. She also thanked her teachers, her parents and her friends for making these four years so spe-

Selfies were the rage.

cial. "It all seems to go by so fast in the end. Before we knew it, we were receiving our caps and gowns, awaiting those last few days till graduation. Well, the wait is over; we're here, graduation day. I could not be more proud of this year's 2023 graduates."

Kern High School District's David Manriquez spoke on behalf of the district, See GENERALS Page 4



Council hears plan for distribution centers growth

> JAMIE STEWART The Shafter Press

Will Shafter become a central hub for distribution of all



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Brooklyn Allred was named Valedictorian. RIGHT: Camilla Acosta Serrato gave a speech as the Salutatorian.

# Trojans transition to Generals

#### **JAMIE STEWART** The Shafter Press

The eighth grade class of Richland Junior High took their last bows as Trojans, transitioning to their status as incoming Shafter Generals on Thursday night, receiving their diplomas at the SHS football stadium.

Richland Superintendent Rosa Romero congratulated the gradu-

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ates on all of their hard work and dedication. "I want you to remind you of the importance of this moment. Graduating from Richland Junior High is not only a culmination of your academic achievements, but also a celebration of your growth as an individual," Romero said.

She also encouraged them to

embrace new challenges, continue to learn and never be afraid to ask for help. She congratulated them and told them to take pride in this moment, in their accomplishments and look forward to all of the promising opportunities that lie ahead.

Every year, Richland Junior High selects a Tommy and Tammy Trojan, who help with the ceremonies and activities. This year, they

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#### types of goods through the state and onward through the country?

Mayor Chad Givens

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reported to the City Council Tuesday night that he and Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Prout met with members of State Rep. Vince Fong's office to talk about such a future, with Shafter becoming an inland port.

In a follow-up interview on Wednesday, Givens said the Shafter rail spur was specifically built for the city to be an inland port to release pressure from the Long Beach and Oakland ports and to be a north/south connector for the Central Valley and California. The city's rail strategy hasn't caught on with large agencies as yet.

This year, the city has made a push to change how they view us, including meeting with Fong's office, though he does not represent the Shafter area. Fong's office says that the Long Beach Port Authority, along with the BNSF railroad, is now considering Shafter a viable option for port activities.

Givens and City Manager Gabriel Gonzalez also spoke with the committee for the Central Valley Council of See COUNCIL Page 7

# Principal Ellis switches to Teresa Burke

#### VERONICA JACUINDE Wasco Tribune

After a long career as an educator, Palm Avenue Middle School Principal Dr. Zachary Ellis will move on to serve Teresa Burke Elementary School as its new principal.

Dr. Ellis began his career in education 19 years ago, first as a teacher at various schools and then as a principal.

He left education for a period of time

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because of the severe budget crisis in 2011-12, when thousands of educators were laid off.

After that, he entered the private workforce, which he said allowed him to financially support his family in a way he would not have been able to in education.

But after a severe illness, he began to reflect on what was important to him – goals

and life lessons he wanted to teach his children. "Pursue what you are passionate about," he reflected. "Don't allow money to drive the focus of your life."

Then, he ran into an old college friend, Stephanie Pollard, the principal at Palm Avenue.

'She began to profess more things over me that were inspirational for the feelings I had felt working in the private sector. She said, 'You have a gift for education...you need to come back... ... education needs you.'

"Those quick little conversations forever impact people; at least they did me. She was not the only one I had run into during that time, but much of what she said stuck with me.'

In 2017, he re-embarked on his path as an educator at Palm Avenue as a fifth-grade teacher.

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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.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cooling Center - 2023 Kern County Cooling Center (Centros De Enfriamiento Condado De Kern 2023) at 505 Sunset Ave at the Walker Senior Center in Shafter from 1 to 8 p.m. Sponsored by Kern County Aging & Adult Services.

50-year reunion - Wasco High cllass of 1973 is looking for classmates for their 50-Year Reunion Saturday, Oct. 7. Contact Marta Rodriguez-Poe at mapoe1982@gmail.com or 661-303-3770.

First First Friday - City of Shafter Downtown Summer Concert Series with music, food, vendors, fun. June 9 at Downtown Square, 4-9 p.m. Sponsorships available by contacting Rachel Zermeno at rzermeno@shafter.com.

Summer school fun – Wasco Union High School has open enrollment starting for transitional kindergarten-7th grade. Summer school starts Thursday, June 1, to Thursday, June 29. Call 661-758-7443 for more information.

Summer youth program - Shafter Youth Center free summer. Registration at www.cpak. org or call 661-746-8235. Starts Monday, June 12, to Friday, Aug. 4. Sports, arts and crafts, computer lab STEM activities and field trips.

ONGOING Basic office skills classes - Wasco Adult School offers Bakersfield College basic office skills certificates. Register now. Call 661-758-7414 for more information.

PRIDE Pantry donations needed - Help hurting families at Shafter High through donations of personal hygiene items, clothing, household items and nonperishable food. Drop off at the school office, 526 Mannel Ave. Call Katie Young at on-campus intervention, 661-746-4961.

Free covid tests - All residential households can order four free at-home covid-19 tests. Visit covidtests.gov

#### MONDAY

North Kern 4H – Meetings are held at Karl Clemens cafeteria at 7 p.m. the second Monday of the month. For more information, contact Chris at 661-809-2851.

Richland School board - Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at Golden Oak Cafeteria, 195 S. Wall St.

#### TUESDAY

Shafter City Council - Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month at City Hall, 336 Pacific Ave.

Wasco City Council - Meetings every first and third Tuesday of the month. Meetings are held at 746 8th St. at 6 p.m.

Wasco Woman's Club – Meetings are at the clubhouse, 1601 7th St., on the second Tues-

day of the month. There is a \$15 fee for the lunch meetings.

Senior lunch program - Meals offered the first and third Tuesday of the month at Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith St. Sack lunches for seniors will be given out at 11 a.m. Sponsored by Golden Gleaners.

#### WEDNESDAY

Shafter Rotary - Meetings at 7 a.m. at the Shafter Veterans Hall.

Shafter Kiwanis - Meetings Wednesdays at 12 p.m. at the Shafter Veterans Hall.

Shafter Woman's Club - Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month, September through May, starting at 11 a.m. at the

Shafter Youth Center, 455 Euclid Ave. THURSDAY

Wasco High School board - Meetings the second Thursday of the month at 1900 7th St. in Room 202, or alternatively in Library Room 1101. Visit wuhs.wascouhsd.org for agenda information.

Wasco Recreation and Park board - Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Hall at Barker Park.

Food distribution - Shafter Recreation and the Gleaners have food distribution every first and third Thursday of each month at the W.C. Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset Ave.

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 served. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith St., Wasco.

Bulky waste pickup - American Refuse offers free bulky waste pick-up service Fridays to all City of Shafter core residents. To schedule a pickup, use the app or call 661-758-5316. No sabes que hacer con esos articulos de basura grande? Llame a American Refuse 661-758-5316 o use su aplicación para programar una recojida de estas articulos. Este servicio es gratis para todos los residents de la ciudad de Shafter (core residents).

#### SATURDAY

Depot Museum - Shafter Historical Society presents the city's history. Free admittance. 150 Central Valley Highway. Open Saturdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Green Hotel tours - Shafter Historic Green Hotel is open to tours on the first Saturday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information about renting the hotel for events, email thegreenhotel@gmail.com or phone 661-746-1913 and leave a message.

Minter Field Air Museum - Open Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 401 Vultee, Shafter. Admission free, donations accepted.

## **ARREST REPORT**

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department JUNÊ 1

Rogelio Barajas, 34, of Shafter, was arrested at Orange and Nickel for obstruction, resisting, contempt of court order: disobeying a court order and burglary,

#### JUNE 3

**JUNE 5** 

Joanne Ali Dunning, 32, was arrested in the 6600 of East Lerdo Hwy on an outside bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge

Jose Leonel Chavez Ro-

Joshua Stuart Goland, 41, of Buttonwillow, was arrested at the intersection of Highway 58 and Wasco Way in Buttonwillow on a felony warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

the Kern County Jail.

JUNE 1

JUNE 2 Abraham Rodriguez-Garcia, 60, of McFarland, was arrested in the 17000 block of Zachary Avenue in Bakersfield on two misdemeanor warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

# 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, 455 Kern St., Suite E, Shafter, CA 93263, or e-mail it to mystervphoto@The ShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** K. Malofy & Son shed crew in June 1950. The foreman was Cliff McGraw.



WASCO



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second degree, of a motor vehicle.

Juan Ramon Mercado, 27, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Orange Avenue for contempt of court: disobeying a court order and battery on a person.

Enrique Guzman Luis Lomas, 30, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Walnut Avenue for inflicting corporal injury onto spouse or cohabitant and child abuse.

#### JUNE 2

Rosendo Tellez Jr., 27, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of Central Valley Highway on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a felony charge.

Stephanie Yvette Hernandez, 36, of Shafter, was arrested in the 800 block of Central Valley Highway on disorderly conduct: drug/narcotics violations.

Brian Burr, 27, was arrested in the 200 block of East Lerdo Highway on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge and an outside agency warrant.

Rodolfo Gerardo Mendoza, 33, of Shafter, was arrested near Shafer AutoZone on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a felony charge.

driguez, 32, of Shafter, was arrested in the 9200 block of Blossom Creek Drive on bat-

#### tery: onto spouse. BUTTONWILLOW

As reported by the Kern County Sheriff's Office, Buttonwillow substation:

#### **MAY 29**

Noel Eugene Armstrong, 46, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 400 block of Sudan Avenue in Buttonwillow on a felony warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jesse Cruz, 64, of Shafter, was arrested in the 30700 block of Martinez Street in Shafter on a felony warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jonathan Daniel Ramirez, 34, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 4300 block of Judd Street in Bakersfield for possession of a stolen vehicle and a misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Victor Jones, 32, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 20600 block of Tracy Avenue in Buttonwillow for threatening with intent to terrorize, exhibiting a deadly weapon other than a firearm and carrying a concealed firearm in public. He was booked into

#### JUNE 3

Eduardo Orozco, 29, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 400 block of Sudan Avenue in Buttonwillow on a felony warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### JUNE 4

Carlos Tot, 37, of Lost Hills, was arrested in the 21100 block of Universal Street in Lost Hills on a felony warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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As reported by the Kern County Sheriff's Department,

### Wasco substation:

#### **MAY 29**

Arthur Anthony Arellano, 57, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of H Street on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

David Castillo, 42, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of 6th Street for felony possession of a stolen vehicle, and on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Joseph Castillo, 38, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of 7th Street and 6th Street on his felony bench



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warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Sandra Castillo, 58, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of 6th Street on her misdemeanor bench warrant. She was cited and released at the scene.

Mario Contreras, 49, of Wasco, was arrested for misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He was cited and released at the scene.

Lori Marie Ramirez, 39, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of H Street on felony and misdemeanor bench warrants. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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## CORRECTION

Due to an editing error, a quote in the May 18 story on the Grocery Outlet's opening was erroneously printed. It should have read: "There will be over 50 varieties of wines, with some under \$5," owner Amor Regis said. The paper regrets the error.



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# Fire at former farm labor camp

#### **VERONICA JACUINDE**

Wasco Tribune

A fire broke out on June 3 at the former farm labor housing complex in Wasco, causing an estimated \$100,000 in damages. There were 18 firefighters on the scene to contain the fire.

According to the Kern County Fire Department, firefighters responding to the fire from the Wasco fire station could see significant smoke from a distance. The response was increased to include additional resources from surrounding communities based on the smoke seen from a distance.

Firefighters were delayed by a train while responding to the incident. Once on scene, they encountered a single-story, multi-unit residential building with a fire in the attic.

They began searching for possible vic-



The cause of the former farm labor camp fire is yet to be determined. (Photo by Joshua Cooley)

tims and extinguishing the fire. No victims were found. There were no reports of injuries on the scene by civilians or firefighters. The cause is undetermined.

Other fires at the complex have happened in the past.

"We investigate all of them, but due to the homeless population there, we of-

ten don't have eyewitnesses or not much to go on with the investigations," Kern County Fire Division Chief Joe Appleton said.

He added, "The sheriff's do a good job in helping us clear out the homeless and trespassers that should not be in the old labor camp."

The former complex has become a hot spot for criminal gang members and crime, attracting transients.

"There are several transients that go out there. I keep them out as much as possible. I can't say those are the ones that started the fire," Sergeant Corey Stacy of the Kern County Sheriff's Office Wasco Substation said.

"We patrol the area and contact subjects seen in the area, trying to run them out or making arrests whenever we can if we can prove they committed a crime or have warrants."

# SnoFun a sweet treat for 30 years

#### JAMIE STEWART The Shafter Press

SnoFun, on Central Avenue in Shafter, has been doling out happiness, one scoop at a time, for over 30 years. Owners Amando and Ilyana Chavez operate the shop, assisted by their daughter, Audrey, who just celebrated her graduation from high school as SHS senior class president.

Chavez said that her father, Fidel Gonzalez, started running the shop after acquiring it over 30 years ago. "We were from Monterey County, and my father heard of an ice cream shop for sale here in Shafter,

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and he decided to take the chance and buy it."

The shop has survived and thrived through all of the challenges over three decades, including recessions, a pandemic, hard times and good times. Asked what they liked about the Shafter area, she said, "I love everything. The community, the people, everything is just great here."

Chavez said that their best seller right now has to be the shaved ices, especially the Mango/Chile flavor. "It has mango syrup on the ice, sprinkled with chile; ev-



**Owners Ilyana and Amando Chavez.** 

Shafter man charged

with child molestation

eryone seems to love this one."

Chavez said that they make their own syrups, as well as their own huge ice blocks for the shaved ices.

Residents of Shafter, no matter the age, probably have fond memories of the local shop. "I used to love coming here as a kid, getting a double scoop of rocky road. Now, my grandkids love the shaved ice," said Ricardo Hernandez. "I wish we had more of these kinds of businesses left in town."

The shop serves ice cream, shaved ice, sundaes, banana splits and milkshakes, as well as drinks. SnoFun, 101 Central Ave. in Shafter, is open 12-8:30 p.m. every day. Phone (661) 477-5786.

# Shooting leaves man with traumatic injuries

#### **VERONICA JACUINDE** Wasco Tribune

A shooting in Wasco on Sunday left one man with traumatic injuries. Two suspects have been identified as father and son, Alberto Padilla, Sr., 62 and Alberto Padilla, Jr., 40, of Wasco.

Both fled the scene in a GMC Yukon. They are considered to be armed and dangerous.

The incident occurred in the 2400 block of Jo Ellen Court, where deputies from the Wasco Substation were dispatched for a report of a shooting.

iff's Office, before deputies arrived, they were informed the possible victim arrived hotline at 661-322-4040.

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at the county fire substation, in the 2400 block of 7th Street, with gunshot wounds. The 34-year-old male victim was ul-

timately transported to an area hospital for treatment.

There is an warrant for the arrest of Alberto Padilla, Jr. for attempted murder, a felon in possession of a firearm and prohibited possession of ammunition.

Alberto Padilla, Sr., also has an active warrant as a suspected accessory.

The investigation is ongoing. Anyone with information regarding the According to the Kern County Shercrime is asked to contact the KCSO at 661-861-3110 or the Secret Witness

## **JAMIE STEWART**

The Shafter Press

A Shafter man was arrested on May 23 in a possible child molestation investigation.

Tulare County Sheriff's Office deputies say that around

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4:30 a.m. they received a call from a home in Dinuba for a call about a possible child molestation. Upon arrival, authorities learned that the grandmother of a 12-year-old Dinuba girl had found a man, later identified as 26-year-old Genaro Almanza Morales III, of Shafter, in her granddaughter's bedroom.

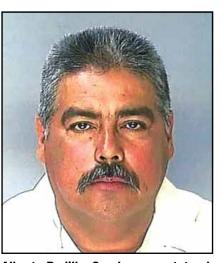
While investigating, detectives say that the juvenile victim had met Morales online, where he portrayed himself to be a 14-to 16-year-old teen. Morales had driven to the victim's home and forced her to engage in sexual acts with him, deputies said. Morales fled the area, but was found in a Shafter gas station. He was apprehended by the Sheriff's County Apprehension Team Tracking Criminals in Hiding, or CATTCH, team.



**Genaro Almanza Morales III** 



Alberto Padilla, Jr., is wanted for attempted murder.



Alberto Padilla, Sr., has an outstanding warrant for accessory. (Photos courtesy of KCSO)

Deputies say that Morales was taken into custody without further incident and was booked under the suspicion of eight counts of child molestation.

The investigation is still active. The Sheriff's Office urged anyone with information on the case to contact them at 559-733-6218.

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#### **MAY 29**

Mintzie Monserat Sanchez, 37, of Wasco, was arrested in the 900 block of Birch Street for misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. She was booked

into the Kern County Jail. Stephanie Villegas Gonzalez, 34, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of 6th Street on misdemeanor bench warrants. She was cited and re-

leased at the scene. **MAY 30** 

Jose Vibanco, 32, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1900 block of 7th Street for misdemeanor trespassing, and on felony and misdemeanor bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

JUNE 1

Breshyia Jafai Johnson, 33, of Wasco, was arrested in the 800 block of D Street for misdemeanor battery on spouse,

willful cruelty to child, violating a court order to prevent domestic violence, and on a misdemeanor bench warrant. She was booked into the Kern County Jail

#### JUNE 2

**ARREST REPORT** 

Mario Alberto Calderon Cruz, 44, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2700 block of Flower

Street for felony vehicle theft, possession of a stolen vehicle, and on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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Marisol Acosta Guerrero, 34, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1700 block of Poplar Avenue for felony possession of a stolen vehicle. She was booked into the Kern County Jail. JUNE 4

Alfredo Padilla, 37, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2400 block of Joellen Court for felony assault with a deadly weapon: not a firearm and accessory. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.





# Wasco prison inmate convicted of battery

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Wasco Tribune

A Wasco State Prison inmate, Jose Carrasco, was convicted by a Kern County jury on Tuesday for battery causing great bodily injury to a correctional officer.

Carrasco, 27, was convicted of four separate counts, including assault with force likely to cause great bodily injury and three counts of battery on a correctional officer.

The jury also made special findings that one of the correctional officers suffered great bodily injury by the defendant during the commission of the crime.

According to a press release by the Kern

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County District Attorney's Office, the crime occurred on July 22 last year when Carrasco asked a correctional officer for toilet paper within a week of arriving as an inmate.

He then attacked the officer by punching him in the face and nose, pushing him inside an office, and locking the door behind them.

Carrasco continued to attack the officer with multiple punches to the face, head and upper torso keeping his back against the door to slow down responding officers.

Further, the release stated that when of-

ficers could unlock the office door, Carrasco used his body weight to slam the door shut. Officers eventually forced entry into the office.

Once inside, Carrasco attacked the two responding officers but was eventually detained. The victim suffered a fractured nose and face causing severe breathing problems, extensive bleeding and required surgery. The initial officer also injured his hand and back during the attack.

Carrasco was sentenced to the Department of Corrections in 2022 for robbery and has a prior robbery conviction from 2015. Both prior violent felonies were committed in Los Angeles County. District Attorney Cynthia Zimmer commented on the conviction: "Inmates that continue to commit violent crimes despite being incarcerated in prison will be prosecuted and their sentences extended."

"Carrasco, who had already been convicted of two prior 'strike' offenses, committed yet another violent crime while in prison. He is eligible for a third-strike life sentence that will protect the public from additional harm at his hands."

Sentencing is scheduled for Aug. 2.

Carrasco was scheduled to be released in 2024 but now faces a sentence of up to 48 years to life in prison for the latest convictions.

# Mustangs move on to bigger things

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Wasco Tribune

It was an emotion-filled ceremony celebrating the graduation of Maple School's 8th-grade stu-

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dents who will

be moving on to begin the next chapter of their education.

Maple School is a small, tight-knit community with some students attending from transitional kindergarten to 8th grade.

Arianna Bernal said, "I am excited but also sad to leave my friends because they are going to different schools. I will miss all the memories and the friendships I had with everyone." She added, "I am a little nervous be-

cause it's a big change to a bigger school." Her favorite teacher was Rocky Salcido. "I grew up with him and did the track

program with him."

As one of the featured speakers, she said, "Big hearts is what makes us unique." Like many of the 32 graduating students, she received extra recognition for her exemplary academics.

"I earned two medals for honor roll and all-time honor roll. It makes me feel good about myself knowing I can accomplish things I set my mind to."

It was a good turnout of friends and family who came to support their loved ones.



Arianna Bernal said she is going to work hard in high school with her academics and athletics activities.

Brent Bryan came to see his granddaughter, Kallie, walk the stage.

"I wish her the best of luck. She's got a good head on her shoulders. She is a lovely young lady, and we're very proud of her."

Principal Stephanie Trickey has been with Maple School for 12 years as a teacher, with four of those years as principal.

"This is a great class. I was their firstgrade teacher years ago, and even back then, they had a special spunk. They've been a fun-loving group," she said. "I hope they will find their passion and pursue it with everything in them."



Students Ezra Rodriguez, David Espinoza and Josiah Salcido warmly greeted the guests.

Her advice for them in high school was, "Get involved, try new things and just enjoy every moment."

Jesse Cranfill, an education tech specialist teacher, said, "They have a lot of potential for high school and beyond."

Teacher Rocky Salcido said, "All of our students are amazing, and this class is nothing short of that. Seeing them split up and go to different schools is always hard. It's also rewarding to see them continue doing well in high school."

Parent Amando Chavez said of his daughter, Isabel, " She's ready for high



Teresa Cummings with Camila Castillo who was presented with the Robert E. Clancy award.

school. She's worked really hard for it. She was honor roll all her 8th-grade year and was voted volleyball player of the year."

Marshall Johnson, a teacher, said of his graduating student, Juan Gallardo, "I'm going to miss him tremendously. Not all students make an impact on a teacher, but he's definitely one of them."

He said that he grew really close to his students by spending a lot of time with them.

"I got to see them grow and mature." Superintendent Bryan Easter left be-

Superintendent Bryan Easter left behind a final message.

"Mustangs, go and do great things."





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Audrey Chavez speaks to the crowd.

# Generals bid farewell to high school days

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congratulating the class on their dedication and hard work. "You can reach your dreams. Everything you want is achievable, if you dream it and work for it."

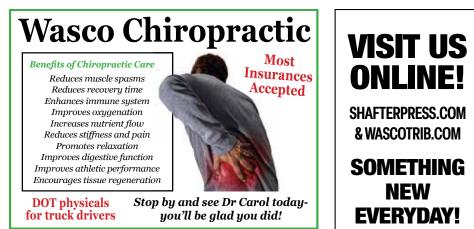
Every year, the Stringham awards are given out to the top four seniors in the class, based on their cumulative GPA for the 10th through 12th grades. This year, there were six students that received awards because there were three students who tied at the top with a perfect 4.5 GPA.

Ranked fourth was Laura Neufeld with a 4.246 GPA. Third in the class was Dafne Corral.

Second in the class was Hailey Castro with a 4.346. Tying at the top of the class were Erik DeJesus Rodriguez, Cassandra Gutierrez and Charlotte Franz.

They all received plaques for the accomplishments.

Another speaker for the evening was Armando Loera. Loera said that this class had a lot of obstacles in their way, but they persevered and met every challenge. "Now we are here on our field ready to graduate and be highschoolers for the last time. Some of us here are more eager to be done with high school than others while some are more prepared to leave. At the end of the day, we all have a general idea of what we want to do. I wish everyone the best of luck with what you are going to do for the last time, Generals Nation, let's ride!"



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# City making strides with new Police Department

#### VERONICA JACUINDE Wasco Tribune

At the regular meeting, the Wasco City Council moved forward with several resolutions related to the start-up of the Police Department, including salaries for positions and a CalPERS safety plan, with permission to begin recruitment and training activities.

"CalPERS will review those job descriptions to ensure they are actual safety employees [full law enforcement officers]," Wasco Police Department Chief Charlie Fivecoat said. "We do salary comparisons with other agencies throughout the region to ensure our salaries are comparable."

The salaries approved at the meeting included the following:

Police lieutenant with a salary range of \$104,573.69 - \$133,465.47. Police records administrator

with a salary range of \$61,276.28 -\$78,206.18.

Police records clerk with a salary range of \$46,701.72 - \$59,604.48.

Police dispatcher with a salary range of \$\$50,292.58 - \$64,186.98.

Senior police dispatcher with a salary range of \$55,513.38 - \$70,850.78. Police officer with a salary range of \$61,276.28 - \$78,206.18.

Senior police officer with a salary range of \$65,987.74 - \$84,219.46

Police sergeant with a salary range of \$78,439.92 - \$100,110.66.

Of the recruitment process, Chief Fivecoat said that it could be initiated at any time.

"We are going to start with the lieutenant position, and then we will follow up with supervisors, patrol officers, and dispatchers."

He added, "We are very happy with how quickly the project is moving and how everyone has come together to make this a reality."

Another resolution that passed involved signing a professional services agreement with Mary Valenti, Ph.D., for law enforcement clinical psycho-

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logic services.

Dr. Valenti is a California Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) approved law enforcement-related clinical psychological services provider.

She provides pre-employment psychological screenings, fitness for duty evaluations, critical incident debriefings and wellness interventions and is recognized and used by law enforcement agencies throughout Kern County.

The council also approved the appropriation of \$275,000 for the Police Department start-up expenses related to network infrastructure, internet services and office reconfiguration for the fiscal 2022-2023 year.

This is required to operate the department records system, computeraided dispatch and general office systems.

In addition, the council approved an internet services agreement with New Horizon Communications Corp., with a monthly cost proposed is \$928.90.

Sentinel Engineering was approved to provide Police Department network infrastructure, including equipment, configuration and installation.

The department requires a secure computer network, including infrastructure to support computer-aided dispatch and police records administration. The department network design must meet state cybersecurity standards.

The network designed by Sentinel Engineering will meet or exceed the state of California standards to provide protection from internal and external threats.

The council also saw the new department vehicles designed with the city's logo.

"The local designs were created inhouse by Neomi Perez of the marketing/IT department, and we are quite



Josh Bernard and Carlos Hermosillo of the Public Works Department.

pleased with the graphics that were designed for the cars."

In other actions, the City Council presented several proclamations for National Public Works Week, National Police Week and Professional Municipal Clerks Week.

Public Works Director Luis Villa said, "I think that the proclamation presented to public works staff is a special way of showing how much they are needed and appreciated and that they each play a role in maintaining excellent service to our residents."

He added, "I want to thank the staff that showed up and accepted the proclamation. Again they each play a huge role in how the City provides service on a daily basis."

"I appreciate that anytime I call anyone, with no hesitation, they are quick to respond and take care of any issues. Staff is dedicated to our community and provides excellent service. We have a great team.

Carlos Hermosillo, a public works mechanic/supervisor, said, "It's an honor to be recognized and to show everybody we are doing our best to keep the city going."

Regarding Professional Municipal Clerks Week, Mayor Vincent Martinez said, "Our clerks are amazing. They really hold our city together in a lot of ways."

## RICHLANDSA SCHOOL DISTRICT

Richland School District is pleased to announce its continual participation in the *Seamless Summer Program*. The Nutritional Services Department will be offering **FREE breakfast & Iunch daily, to all children ages 2-18 years-old**.

The Seamless Summer Program will run, Monday-Friday from June 12, 2023 through July 21, 2023 (Closed for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday).

Breakfast will be served from 7:45 a.m.-9:00 a.m. and lunch from 10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m. at Redwood/Richland Jr High Cafeteria located at 331 N. Shafter Ave. Shafter, Ca, 93263. An adult must accompany children.

The Richland School District Nutritional Services Department encourages community members to take part in the nutritious/free meals made available to children.

Please note: Students enrolled in the RSD Summer School 2023 session will automatically receive free breakfast and lunch.

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Workshop assesses and plans for 2023-24 budget

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special workshop to review and discuss the 2023-24 budget before its final approval on June 20. The total budget is \$88 million, including \$29 million in capital projects the city does not anticipate completing in the fiscal year 2023-2024. The purpose of the budget workshop last week was to plan and allocate financial resources effectively, providing a framework for setting financial goals, managing revenues and controlling expenses. "A budget helps individuals, organizations and governments make informed decisions, prioritize spending and achieve financial stability and success," Finance Director Perez-Hernandez Isarel said. According to Perez-Hernandez, the general fund's financial health is positive, with the city projecting an unassigned fund balance of 47% over operating expenditures, exceeding the recommended practice of a minimum of 35% unrestricted fund balance.

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for the capital project fund The City Council held a is \$29.6 million; and the fees or rates paid into the fund, fully cover the expenses."

The start-up costs of the

through all our funds. We have worked diligently to maintain a strong financial position, ensuring the well-

"This projection is a healthy indicator of the general fund's strength and stability," he said.

City Manager Scott Hurlbert said, "All funds have reserves and exceed the reserve percentage policy."

The total budget for the general fund is \$19.2 million; the total budget for the enterprise funds is \$35 million' the total budget total budget for the special revenue funds is \$4.5 million.

The top four general fund revenues are property taxes, property taxes in lieu of VLF (vehicle license fees), sales taxes and Measure X.

Perez-Hernandez said that the general fund is a primary component of a city's budget. It is a central pool of money used to finance various governmental operations and services, such as public safety, education, infrastructure and administration.

"The general fund typically consists of revenue from taxes, fees, fines, and other sources, and it is managed to support the overall financial stability and functioning of the City of Wasco," Perez-Hernandez said.

The two departments that account for the largest percentage of general fund operating costs will be public safety and public works.

An enterprise fund is used to provide goods and services to the public and is primarily self-sustaining through user fees and charges for services.

"The purpose of enterprise funds (wastewater, water, solid waste, compressed natural gas, public transit) is to ensure financial independence and accountability for specific activities, such as utilities, transit system or other selfsupporting operations."

Hurlbert added, "Enterprises are designed to be self-contained, that is the Police Department, that will be funded by ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) followed by Measure X.

"Ongoing operation will be primarily through the general fund, similar to the Sheriff's contract," Hurlbert said.

A total of 23 new positions are being recommended for consideration for the Police Department startup. The 23 positions include 13 sworn officers and 10 nonsworn staff.

The city is anticipating an allocation of \$1.2 million in gas tax funding.

The State imposes a tax on each gallon of gasoline and diesel fuel. These funds are apportioned to local governments according to the various provisions of the Streets and Highways Code.

"Local governments use these tax revenues for research, planning, construction, improvement and maintenance of public streets, highways and mass transit," Perez-Hernandez said.

The outcome of the budget workshop was a unified consensus to proceed with the recommended operating and new capital improvement program budgets."

The next steps will encompass the preparation of the budget documentation for City Council approval on Tuesday, June 20.

Perez-Hernandez said, "I want to emphasize the consistent theme of financial stability that runs being of our organization and the services we provide to the community."

He added, however, that it is essential to remain vigilant and acknowledge potential economic threats that could impact our local economy.

"While we have successfully navigated past challenges, the finance team must proactively monitor market conditions, regulatory changes and emerging trends that could potentially impact our funds in the future." Ruth Ramos, Agent Insurance Lic#: 0C65654 1071 7th Street Wasco, CA 93280 Bus: 661-758-5164 Se habla Español

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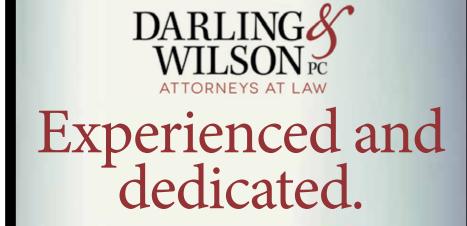
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# Richland Trojan grads transition to Generals

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were Rey Villalobos and Thanya Galindo. The pair introduced Principal Monica Garza, who told the class that she knew that they had faced challenges in their time at Richland, but she knows that they had the perseverance to meet those challenges. "You know what struggles look like, you know what overcoming struggles looks like." She said that they have accomplished so much in their time at RJH, but academic accomplishments are only part of what they have accomplished. "You have excelled in music, art, sports, coding and, really, in life."

Garza said that they strive to build a culture where their scholars demonstrate Trojan PRIDE. "To have Trojan PRIDE is to demonstrate Productivity, Respect, Integrity, Dedication and Excellence."

She said that they will take these quali-

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ties with them and build upon them. "As Generals, you will continue to grow. High school is full of amazing opportunities for you, but you, freshmen, are responsible for taking those opportunities and transforming them into meaningful experiences for yourselves."

Also speaking was Richland School District Board President Melissa Dewitt, who told them that she encouraged the kids to get involved in high school. "My heart's desire tonight is that you understand the potential you have is big. Know that you are enough, you are important, and you matter."

Valedictorian Brooklyn Allred and Salutatorian Camilla Acosta Serrato also spoke at the event. Serrato spoke about the goal that she had in mind when she embarked on her junior high journey. "I wanted to walk wearing a golden gown like

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my brother." She said that she knew that it was going to be hard, but she stuck it out. Serrato didn't dream that she would ever be named salutatorian. "I just thought that I would graduate with a golden gown and cord. That was it. I never imagined that my efforts would pay off to this amount. This just proves that you cannot only achieve your goals if you really want to, you can exceed them."

Allred spoke about the "fantastic and amazing" teachers that Richland has. Allred thanked those teachers, as well as the staff that helped shape them into the best versions of their selves. She also wanted to thank one very special teacher. "I want to thank my very first teacher, my mom. She has always pushed me to do my best- not to be perfect, but to be my personal best."

She also said that as they go on to the

next chapter of their education, some of them may go in different directions, many to Shafter High, some to Wonderful, or even Delano. "But one thing I hope is that you all think back on these years at Richland Junior High fondly, with those memories that we have been able to share together here at Richland Junior High."

Allred said that eighth grade may be ending, but that there are so many great things ahead of them. "I can't wait to see what the future holds for each and every one of you."

Shafter High Principal Russell Shipley welcomed the class into the SHS family and said that he looked forward to seeing all of them in August.

Diplomas were given to each graduate, with everyone getting an opportunity to walk up to the stage one last time as a Richland Trojan.

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF DIVIDED PUBLICATION Pursuant to Sections 3381 through 3385, Revenue and Taxation Code, the Notice of Power to Sell Tax-Defaulted Property in and for County of Kern, State of California, has been divided and distributed to various newspapers of general circulation published in said county, for publication of a portion thereof in each of said newspapers.

NOTICE OF IMPENDING POWER TO SELL TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY Notice is hereby given that real property taxes and assessments on the parcels described below will have been defaulted for five or more years. By law on July 1, 2023, at the hour of 12:01a.m. the herein described real property will become subject to the Treasurer-Tax Collector's power to sell for failure to pay said duly assessed and legally levied taxes against said property, unless the property is redeemed or an installment redemption plan is initiated prior to 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2023. If the property is not redeemed the

right of redemption will terminate upon any subsequent sale by the Treasurer-Tax Collector. All information concerning redemption, or the initiation of an installment plan of redemption will upon request be furnished by Jordan Kaufman,

be furnished by Jordan Kaufman, County of Kern Treasurer-Tax Collector, Bakersfield, California, (661) 868-3490 or E-Mail: ttc@kerncounty.com.

The amount to redeem, in dollar and cents, is set forth opposite its parcel number. This amount includes all defaulted taxes, penalties, and fees that have accrued from the date of tax-default to the date of this publication.

I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

JORDAN KAUFMAN, TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR, COUNTY OF KERN Executed at Bakersfield, Kern County on June 1, 2023.

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PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business Name Statement** Veneto West 2023-B3474 **Recording Boot Camp** 2023-B3475 2221 Symonds Drive Pine Mountain Club, CA 93222 County: Kern PO Box 6363 Pine Mountain Club, CA 93222 Ronan Murphy 2221 Symonds Drive Pine Mountain Club, CA 93222 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: 05/01/2001 /s/Ronan Murphy Date Statement Filed: 05/25/2023 Date Statement Expires: 05/25/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: P Del Villar Publish Shafter Press June 8, 15, 22, 29.2023

#### PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION for City of Shafter 2023-2031 Housing Element Update

NOITCE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Shafter intends to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND) for the City of Shafter 2023-

modate 9,365 total units (37 Very-Low Income; 125 Low-Income; 5,023 Moderate Income; and 4,179 Above-Moderate Income). Also, the HEU indicates that other available properties within Shafter that could be re-zoned for residential use could accommodate an additional 19,135 residential units (949 Very-Low Income; 3,792 Low-Income; 7,113 Moderate Income; and 7,281 Above-Moderate Income). MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARA-TION: The Mitigated Negative Declaration, proposed rule, and supporting documents are available for review at the City of Shafter's website at: https://shafter.com/385/ www. Environmental-Documents Written comments on the Mitigated Negative Declaration must be addressed to: Steve Esselman, Planning Director City of Shafter 336 Pacific Avenue Shafter, CA 93263 Please include a return address and contact name with your written comments. Comments can also be sent via email with subject line "City of Shafter 2023-2031 Housing Element Update EIR" to Steve Esselman, sesselman@shafter.com. REVIEW PERIOD: The MND has a review period of 30 days, starting on June 2, 2023 and ending on July 2, 2023. Any comments on the MND should be sent to the address at the address noted above. At the close of the public comment period on the MND, the MND will be set for public hearing before the City of Shafter Planning Commission. Notice of the date, time and place for such public hearing will be published and/ or mailed as provided by California state law. Publish Shafter Press June 8, 2023 PUBLIC NOTICE

SHAFTER CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY AND INTENT TO ADOPT 2023-2024 DRAFT ANNUAL BUD-**GET AND CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT** PLAN AND ADOPTION OF THE 2023-2024 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT Notice is hereby given that on JUNE 20, 2023, at 6:00 P.M., in the City Council Chambers at the Shafter City Hall, located at 336 Pacific Ave., Shafter, California, the Shafter City Council will consider ADOPTION OF THE 2023-2024 DRAFT ANNUAL BUDGET AND CAPITAL IMPROVE-MENT PLAN AND ADOPTION OF THE 2023-2024 APPROPRIATIONS LIMIT. The Draft 2023-2024 Annual Budget and Capital Improvement Plan and appropriations limit is available for public review and comment. The Draft 2023-2024 Annual Budget and Capital Improvement Plan is available for public review and on file in the City Clerk's Office at Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA, 93263, (661) 746-5000. The appropriations limit is posted at City Hall Said meeting is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Any person wishing to be heard, or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of the project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments at or prior to the meeting to the City Clerk at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. Should anyone challenge any proposed action which is the subject of the meeting listed on this notice, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the meeting, or in written correspondence delivered to the

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Council and applicable Staff, for

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#### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Tacos J Torres 2023-B2874 4949 Bannning St

Bakersfield, CA 93314 County: Kern 4949 Bannning St Bakersfield, CA 93314 Martha Mercedes Torres 4949 Bannning St Bakersfield, CA 93314 Josue Caleb Alamillo 4949 Bannning St Bakersfield, CA 93314 The business is conducted by: Married Couple Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Martha Torres Date Statement Filed: 05/01/2023 Statement Expires: Date 05/01/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M De La Rosa Publish Shafter Press May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 2023

#### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Avitia's Auto Repair

2023-B3122 640 Belle Terrace Space 4 Bakersfield, CA 93307 County: Kern 3104 Durrwood St Bakersfield, CA 93304 Jesus Avitia-Diaz 3104 Durrwood St Bakersfield, CA 93304 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: 05/09/2023 /s/Jesus Avitia-Diaz Date Statement Filed: 05/09/2023 Date Statement Expires: 05/09/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: P Del Villar Publish Shafter Press May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2023

County. The standard parcel numbering system consists of, first; the map book number; secondly, the page number within the map book, and block number if one exists; and the parcel number within the block. By this system a county is divided into geographical areas called map books, each map book into geographical areas called pages, each page into blocks, and each block into parcels as owned and used. The maps referred to are available for inspection in the office of the Kern County Assessor. EXAMPLE: Parcel number: 052-623-13-01-1 052-Book 52 of the Assessor's Maps 623-Map Page 62 and Block 3 13-Parcel 13 within Block 3

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ing integrity The real property that is the subject of this Notice is situated in the County of Kern, State of California, and is described as follows: PROPERTY TAX-DEFAULTED IN THE YEAR 2018, FOR TAXES, ASSESS-MENTS AND OTHER CHARGES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2017 - 2018 028-121-07-00-5 \$8,773.23 423 WALNUT ST SHAFTER WESTBROOK MICHAEL D & SANDRA JO 028-290-08-00-1 \$647.87 FRESHMAN S & A TRUST 028-310-05-00-7 \$3,997.20 555 ACACIA AV SHAFTER GAMBOA MICHAEL 029-061-08-00-8 \$4,438.13 1702 3RD ST WASCO O CAMPO ELIZABETH 030-350-05-00-6 \$45,356.66 930 BROADWAY WASCO CHAVEZ RITO & M RAQUEL 058-010-22-01-7 \$1,139.19 MARSHALL BARBARA 058-010-54-00-1 \$6,241.55 FERINI ROBERT P ET AL 058-080-16-00-2 \$147.43

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2031 Housing Element Update. LEAD AGENCY: City of Shafter CONTACT: Steve Esselman, Planning Director City of Shafter 336 Pacific Avenue Shafter, CA 93263 SUBJECT: Notice of Intent to adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration pursuant to Section 21092 and 21092.3 of the Public Resources Code and CEQA Guidelines Section 15072. PROJECT TITLE: City of Shafter 2023-2031 Housing Element Update PROJECT LOCATION: The City of Shafter is located in the southern portion of the San Joaquin Valley, in the northwest portion of Kern County. Shafter is central to many key metropolitan areas. To the north are the cities of Fresno (100 miles), Sacramento (270 miles), and San Francisco (265 miles). To the south are the cities of Bakersfield (12 miles), Los Angeles (130 miles), and San Diego (240 miles). Agricultural fields and open space, a typical characteristic of towns in the San Joaquin Valley, physically separate Shafter from these surrounding communities. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The City of Shafter Housing Element (currently termed the HEU or Housing Program) is a State-required General Plan Element. The intent of the Housing Program is to ensure the housing needs of all economic segments of the community will be met through December 31, 2031. The Housing Program includes Goals, Policies, and actions that the City will undertake to meet its housing needs, identification of funding sources, responsible entities, and time frames for implementation. The Shafter Housing Program provides an eight-year plan for the 6th Cycle reporting period that extends from 2023 to 2031. The Housing Program identifies strategies and programs that focus on the following: Conserving and improving existing affordable housing; Providing adequate housing sites; Assisting in development of affordable housing; Removing governmental and other constraints to facilitate housing development; and, Promoting equal housing opportunities. The HEU provides for five primary sites that are currently zoned for residential use and could accom-

#### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement 911 Restoration of Bakersfield 2023-B2649 911 Fire/Water Remediation

of Bakersfield 2023-B2650 4838 Burr St Unit B Bakersfield, CA 93308 County: Kern 9508 Laurelwood Ct Shafter, CA 93263 Ultimate Restoration, LLC 4838 Burr St Unit B Bakersfield, CA 93308 State of incorp. or org.: CA The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company\* Date the business commenced: 10/20/2018 /s/Eliezer Cabral, Managing Member Date Statement Filed: 04/20/2023 Date Statement Expires: 04/20/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: A Goodwin Publish Shafter Press May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2023

#### PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business** Name Statement The French Decor Construction 2023-B2972 **The French Decor Construction** Too 2023-B2973 **The French Decor Construction 2** 2023-B2974 545 Central Ave Shafter, CA 93263 County: Kern 545 Central Ave Shafter, CA 93263 Annette Erica Salazar 545 Central Ave Shafter, CA 93263 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Annette Erica Salazar Date Statement Filed: 05/03/2023 Date Statement Expires: 05/03/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: A Goodwin Publish Shafter Press May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2023

# Council learns of distribution hub plans

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Governments and expressed how Shafter is ready for what they are looking for and can connect the Stockton port (north) to Shafter (south) with rail, and since Shafter has one of the state's largest logistics centers between Highway 99 and Interstate 5, along with Highway 43 and it's location next to Bakersfield, the site becomes a viable option.

"We just need to be the ones to tell our story, and not allow others to do it, which is what has happened in the past. This will only increase the logistic traffic for the city in regards to industrial services and based on our commercial conference recently, it will increase Shafter's opportunities in retail



Irene Montoya was introduced as the new manager of the Shafter Learning Center.

services as well, including food and tourism."

In other action, the council was introduced to the new manager of the Shafter Learning Center, Irene Montoya. Montoya is no stranger to Shafter, as she was one of the founding members of the group that worked to get the GROW Academy in Shafter opened. Montoya was at GROW Academy since 2017. She said that she is very impressed with the Shafter Learning Center and has had such wonderful support from Director David Franz and the staff. "It is so different going from a school environment to the Learning Center, but it is a great one. It has been a wonderful experience and I am looking forward to meeting the entire community and serving them."

In the only item on the agenda, the Council approved the purchase of clay roofing tiles to improve the roof at City Hall. Problems with leaks and flooding in the building made the improvements necessary. They are acquiring the materials from ABC Supply Co. in the amount of \$30,000. They learned that the process for acquiring materials has a window of about three months, so the council decided to add the order to an existing order for other materials to it, relieving the city of having to wait for an extended period of time to receive the materials.

## **PASTOR'S CORNER** 'They're so mean'

#### **PASTOR RUBEN ZARTMAN**

Ebenezer Reformed Church, Shafter

Every church is flawed. People have bad experiences, of one kind or another, even at healthy churches. Churches are made up of people, so this isn't a big surprise. It can be a big disappointment, or an obstacle to going back, but it shouldn't be a shock when churches have problems.

A major source of problems is people. That's too big a subject for one article, though, so I'll narrow the focus substantially. Some of the difficulties churches have, and some of the bad experiences people have in churches, arise from a lack of purity. What I mean is that in a congregation containing many people who are both holy and kind, others may lack one or the other (or both) of those qualities.

That's applying a parable Jesus once told to an individual congregation. In the parable of the wheat and tares (Matthew 13:24-30), Jesus explained that in the field representing the kingdom of heaven, wheat and tares grow together until the harvest. In other words, good seed and bad seed are mixed together until the day of judgment.

Now that doesn't seem ideal. The farmhands in the parable asked if they should remove the weeds. Our instinct is to want a field with only good grain. We have a preference for purity, at least in some areas (e.g., pure air, pure water, pure gold).

But there was a very good reason not to weed, namely, the risk of removing good plants along with bad.

This parable about the kingdom of heaven is not primarily about us or local churches. It is most of all about God. The owner of the field is willing to tolerate the downsides of having tares growing in his field, because he is committed to the preservation of the good plants. To put it directly, the reason that the church is not pure is that God will not have his own removed prematurely. The negatives of impurity are outweighed by the imperative of preventing harm to good plants.

These words may raise a lot of questions

Barbara Jean Tolar, 81,

of Bakersfield, passed away

June 2, in Bakersfield. Pe-

ters Funeral Home, Shafter.

in those who read them. The parables Jesus told often had that effect, also. There would be much more to say about purity in the church, bad experiences and related topics. But this parable makes one unexpected point that is also good to chew on: God allows impurity in the kingdom of heaven during this stage of history because of his commitment to preserving his people.

Ruben Zartman has been the pastor at Ebenezer Reformed Church since 2017.

## **DEATH NOTICES**

of Wasco, passed away June 4, in Wasco. Peters Funeral 3, in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

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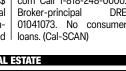
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# Principal Ellis switches schools

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"It was like I was home. My administration was so incredibly supportive; the teachers rallied around me. The parents were so friendly and welcoming. And the students, well, let's just say, they were what I needed."

That summer, he became the summer school principal at John L. Prueitt Elementary School. He later became the assistant principal at Thomas Jefferson Middle School.

"Again, I was the new guy to the campus. Teachers, staff and students all had to get to know me. Danny Arellano (principal) and Patrick Acosta (co-vice principal) were like a second family to me. I learned so much from both of them."

He said that Arellano is an amazing example of a servant leader and that he was so blessed to have had the chance to work for him.

"I became so closely connected with everybody there that it was difficult when I would end up transitioning back to Palm Avenue the following year in 2019 to assist in opening its doors as a new middle school for the Wasco community."

"Because of the growth of the Wasco community, an additional middle school was needed.'

In 2019, Palm Avenue was converted from an elementary school to a middle school, and an additional elementary school was built (James A. Forrest).

He served as assistant principal at Palm Avenue and later joined as principal.



Dr. Zachary Ellis with his wife, Nicole, and sons Everett and Zachary.

"For the last year and a half, the principal role at Palm Avenue has been my dream job. I got to continue working for a team I absolutely love."

"The staff, the students, the parent community of Palm Avenue has been so loving and supportive."

This fall, he will transition to work for another staff at Teresa Burke as principal.

The current principal is taking on a position at the district office, and Dr. Ellis was asked by his bosses to move.

"They felt that I had certain character-

istics that would serve the students, staff, and community of Teresa Burke well."

He added, "I have heard nothing but amazing things. And so, I will take those learned experiences to the next chapter of my life."

He said he will forever miss and cherish the experiences that have brought him to where he is today.

"But I will look forward to helping my next team, to serve them with passion, so that they feel supported, praised and uplifted."

Dr. Ellis said he pursued a career in education because he wanted to impact and influence our society.

"To make our communities better. To create an impact that could be felt for generations."

He has an extensive background that has prepared him for public service.

"I have a BA from CSU, Chico, teaching credentials, a master's in education administration and a doctoral degree in higher education and administration."

Dr. Ellis is passionate about empowering youth.

As educators, we get to see our students every single day. If we're good, we get to learn and know about each of our students, not only their names but also their needs," she said. "We get the opportunity to provide consistently positive undertones that can help positively influence students' overall impression and esteem."

He enjoyed his time as the principal of Palm Avenue, and will miss the students there.

"There isn't enough paper to describe the joy I have experienced at Palm Avenue. It has grown me as an educator and a human in many capacities. It will forever be home,'

For his future goals, he said, "To be present and to be mindful of the position of educator. I only hope that God will continue to use me as a vehicle to reach out and positively influence the community of Wasco, in whatever capacity that may be."

10/16/2012

/s/Maria Perez Bravo

## **PUBLIC NOTICES**

#### PUBLIC NOTICE 01-NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

- OWNER: Wasco Union Elementary School District
- PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NAME: Karl Clemens Modular Administration SITE IMPROVEMENTS 2.
- 3. PROJECT LOCATION: Karl Clemens ES, 523 Broadway St, Wasco, CA 93280

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: [attach extra page(s) if necessary] Demo of existing site structures and 4. prepare site for modular building; sitework includes new parking, bus loop, site paving, fencing, site utilities and site-wide irrigation/landscaping.

This project is anticipated to start on approximately 7/25/23 [date] and is anticipated to have a duration of 190 calendar days for completion.

- BID DEADLINE: Bids are due on 7/06/23 [date] at 1:00pm [time] or at any other date or time as set by Addendum.
- PLACE OF BID RECEIPT: WUESD District Office, 1102 5th, Wasco, CA 93280 6.
- METHOD OF BID RECEIPT: Personal delivery, courier, or mailed via United 7.
- States Postal Service to above address.
- 8. PLACE PLANS ARE ON FILE: TETER Archs & Engrs, Ralph Williamsen, ralph.williamsen@teterae.com and Kern County Builders Exchange,kcbex@kcbex.com.
- SEALED BID MARKING: 0321 Karl Clemens Modular Adminstration SITE IMPROVEMENTS. 9. ALTERNATES: If alternate bids are called for, the contract will be awarded to the lowest 10.
- responsive and responsible bidder on the basis indicated below: [check only one]
- The lowest bid shall be the lowest bid price on the base contract without consideration of (a) the prices on the additive or deductive items.
- The lowest bid shall be the lowest total of the combined bid prices on the base contract and (b)  $\boxtimes$ alternates [specify].
- The lowest bid shall be the lowest total of the bid prices on the base contract and alternates, taken in order, up to a maximum amount to be publicly disclosed before the first bid is opened.
- The lowest bid shall be determined in a manner that prevents any information that would (d) identify any of the bidders or proposed subcontractors or suppliers from being revealed to the public entity before the ranking of all bidders from lowest to highest has been determined.
- (e) Not applicable to this project, as no alternates are requested.
- MANDATORY JOB WALK: Meet at: WUESD District Office, 1102 5th St, Wasco, CA 93280 Date: 6/13/23 Time: 10:00am

Location: Karl Clemens Elementary School, 523 Broadway St, Wasco, CA 93280

If a job walk is required on this project, attendance at the entire job walk is mandatory and failure to

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING The City of Wasco City Council will conduct a public hearing on Tuesday, June 20, 2023, to provide the opportunity for public comment regarding the City's proposed increase of Traffic Impact Fees. The City will consider the following action: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY

COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AMENDING THE TRAFFIC IMPACT FEE SCHEDULE PURSUANT TO CHAPTER 13.24 OF THE WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE (ORD. 02-469)

The supporting documents may be reviewed during normal business hours at the Wasco City Hall located at 746 8th Street, Wasco, CA 93280. Any person wishing to testify on the above resolution or the adoption of the resolution may appear before the City Council at their hearing or may submit written comments on or before the hearing.

If you challenge this resolution or any aspect of it in court, you may be lim-ited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Wasco City Hall, 746 8th Street, Wasco, CA 93280, at, or prior to the public hearing.

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Deputy Superintendent/CBO Date 4/7/2023 PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement LOLLYS\_DIYCREATIONS 2023-B3445 LG Bookkeeping and Income Tax Services 2023-B3446 1824 Terrace Place Delano, CA 93215 County: Kern 1824 Terrace Place Delano. CA 93215 Laura Veloria Griialva 1824 Terrace Place Delano, CA 93215 vidual 04/01/2023 /s/Laura Veloria Grijalva

Statement Expires: Date Statement Expires 04/26/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk Bv: P Del Villar Publish Wasco Tribune May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 2023 PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business** Name Statement Agape Bookkeeping Services 2023-B3287 1101 Griffith Avenue Wasco, CA 93280 County: Kern 1101 Griffith Avenue Wasco, CA 93280 Agape Bookkeeping Services 1101 Griffith Avenue Wasco, CA 93280 State of incorp. or org.: CA The business is conducted by: Corporation\* Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Mariel Yanez Date Statement Filed: 05/17/2023 Date Statement Expires: 05/17/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: A Goodwin Publish Wasco Tribune May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 2023 PUBLIC NOTICE

Date the business commenced

Date Statement Filed: 04/26/2023

**Fictitious Business** 

Budget/LCAP Adoption Date: June 15, 2023 Ambelina Garcia Duran Publish Wasco Tribune June 8, 2023 The business is conducted by: Indi-Date the business commenced:

Date Statement Filed: 05/23/2023 Date 05/23/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Hernandez Publish Wasco Tribune June 1, 8, 15, 22.2023

Public Hearing:

LOCATION/ADDRESS

McFarland, CA 93250

405 Mast Avenue

P.M.

DATE(S) June 13, 2023 TIME 5:00

attend the entire job walk may result in your bid being rejected as non- responsive. Contact OWNER for details on required job walks and related documentation.

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13. This is a prevailing wage project. OWNER has ascertained the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which this work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker needed to execute this contract. These rates are on file at OWNER's office, and a copy may be obtained upon request, or at www.dir.ca.gov. Contractor shall post a copy of these rates at the job site. ALL PROJECTS OVER \$1,000 ARE SUBJECT TO PREVAILING WAGE MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT BY THE LABOR COMMISSIONER.

It shall be mandatory upon the contractor to whom the contract is awarded (CONTRACTOR), and upon any SUBCONTRACTOR, to pay not less than the specified rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the contract.

A Payment Bond for contracts over \$25,000 and a Performance Bond for all contracts will be 14. required prior to commencement of work. These bonds shall be in the amounts and form called for in the Contract Documents.

Pursuant to the provisions of Public Contract Code Section 22300, CONTRACTOR may substitute 15. certain securities for any funds withheld by OWNER to ensure CONTRACTOR's performance under the contract. At the request and expense of CONTRACTOR, securities equivalent to any amount withheld shall be deposited, at the discretion of OWNER, with either OWNER or a state or federally chartered bank as the escrow agent, who shall then pay any funds otherwise subject to retention to CONTRACTOR. Upon satisfactory completion of the contract, the securities shall be returned to CONTRACTOR. Securities eligible for investment shall include those listed in Government Code Section 16430, bank and savings and loan certificates of deposit, interest bearing demand deposit accounts, standby letters of credit, or any other security mutually agreed to by CONTRACTOR and OWNER. CONTRACTOR shall be the beneficial owner of any securities substituted for funds withheld and shall receive any interest on them. The escrow agreement shall be in the form indicated in the Contract Documents.

To bid on or perform the work stated in this Notice, CONTRACTOR must possess a valid and 16. active contractor's license of the following classification(s) B. No CONTRACTOR or subcontractor shall be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of § 4104 of the Public Contract Code, for a public works project (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) unless currently registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code § 1725.5. No CONTRACTOR or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the DIR. DIR's web registration portal is:

www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/Contractors.html

17. CONTRACTOR and all subcontractors must furnish electronic certified payroll records (eCPR) to the Labor Commissioner [specify weekly, bi-weekly or monthly] in PDF format. Registration at www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/Certified-Payroll- Reporting.html is required to use the eCPR system. The following notice is given as required by Labor Code Section 1771.5(b)(1): CONTRACTOR and any subcontractors are required to review and comply with the provisions of the California Labor Code, Part 7, Chapter 1, beginning with Section 1720, as more fully discussed in the Contract Documents. These sections contain specific requirements concerning, for example, determination and payment of prevailing wages, retention, inspection, and auditing payroll records, use of apprentices, payment of overtime compensation, securing workers' compensation insurance, and various criminal penalties or fines which may be imposed for violations of the requirements of the chapter. Submission of a bid constitutes CONTRACTOR's representation that CONTRACTOR has thoroughly reviewed these requirements.

#### 18. [check only one]

- (a) OWNER will retain 5% of the amount of any progress payments.  $\boxtimes$
- OWNER will retain 10% of the amount of any progress payments because the project has (b) been found to be substantially complex on the basis of

19. This Project 🛛 requires 🗌 does not require prequalification pursuant to AB 1565 of all general contractors and all mechanical, electrical and plumbing subcontractors. If required, a Prequalification package may be obtained by downloading the necessary forms from www.wuesd.org. A bid package will not be accepted from any bidder that is required to submit a completed questionnaire and supporting documents pursuant to AB 1565, but has not done so at least ten (10) business days prior to the date fixed for the public opening of sealed bids or that has not been prequalified for at least five (5) business days prior to the date.

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inas. Telephone (661) 758-7215 or via California Relay Service (Hearing Impaired Only). Requests for assistance should be made at least two (2) days in advance whenever possible. The public hearing will be held on June 20, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the Wasco City Council Chambers, at Wasco City Hall, 746 8th St. If you have any questions, you may contact City Hall at (661) 758-7214 /s/Monica Flores, Deputy City Clerk Publish Wasco Tribune June 8, 2023

> PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business** Name Statement Memorable Monuments 2023-B3238

2218 Rizal Dr Delano, CA 93215 County: Kern 2218 Rizal Dr Delano, CA 93215 Sandra Carolina Liera Hernandez 2218 Rizal Dr Delano, CA 93215 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Sandra Carolina Liera Hernandez Date Statement Filed: 05/15/2023 Date Statement Expires: 05/15/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk Bv: J Lozano Publish Wasco Tribune June 8, 15, 22, 29.2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE** NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING **McFarland Unified School District** Proposed Budget will be available for public inspection: DATE(S) June 9, 2023 LOCATION/ADDRESS 601 Second Street McFarland, CA 93250

PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business** Name Statement Alvie Snow Farms 2023-B3314 1907 7th Street Wasco, CA 93280 County: Kern 1907 7th Street Wasco, CA 93280 **Ronald Dean Snow** 1907 7th Street Wasco, CA 93280 **Rickv Alvin Snow** 1907 7th Street Wasco, CA 93280 **Beverly Marie Rogers** 1907 7th Street Wasco, CA 93280 The business is conducted by: General Partnership Date the business commenced: 01/01/2000 /s/Beverly Rogers Date Statement Filed: 05/18/2023 Date Statement Expires: 05/18/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk Bv: M De La Rosa Publish Wasco Tribune May 25, June 1.8.15.2023

PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business** Name Statement Aldo's Mexican Food 2 2023-B2760 205 Cecil Avenue Delano, CA 93215 County: Kern 2001 Bloomfield Avenue Wasco, CA 93280 Maria Perez Bravo The business is conducted by: Individual

#### Name Statement **Tero's Striking Academy** 2023-B3157

1303 Main Street #104 Delano, CA 93215-1790 County: Kern 1303 Main Street #104 Delano. CA 93215-1790 Jomar Mahinay Tero 1303 Main Street #104 Delano, CA 93215-1790 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Jomar Mahinay Tero Date Statement Filed: 05/10/2023 Date Statement Expires: 05/10/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: P Del Villar Publish Wasco Tribune May 18, 25, June 1, 8, 2023

#### PUBLIC NOTICE

**Fictitious Business** Name Statement Wasco Cleaning 2023-B2965

1332 5th Street Wasco, CA 93280 County: Kern 1332 5th Street Wasco, CA 93280 Ma Jesus Soto Serna 1332 5th Street Wasco, CA 93280 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: 04/21/2023 /s/Ma Jesus Soto Serna Date Statement Filed: 05/03/2023 Date Statement Expires: 05/03/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk Bv: J Lozano Publish Wasco Tribune May 18, 25, June 1. 8. 2023

