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New water wells for city



From the outside the MOT building.

Grand opening for MOT

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WUESD celebrate another milestone in its renovation master plan. The district officially cut the ribbon for the unveiling of the Maintenance Operations and Transportation building on Filburn Street, near Teresa Burke Elementary School. Richers introduced the board members who were present and had them do the official ribbon cutting. Also in attendance were WUESD administrators for the school district, teachers, staff and the city manager, Principals from some of

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From left, Director of MOT Robert Gonzalez and Director of Facilities Daniel Vargas.

Council says no to central treatment

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

The city plans to drill new wells and treat water at each site rather than centralize water treatment for nitrates and 1-2-3-TCP contaminants, Mayor Tilo Cortez said after Tuesday night’s City Council discussion of the issue.

“The city decided that it appears to be more practical to drill new wells and treat those wells at each individual site,” Cortez said.

The city had contracted for a study of its options for water treatment. The firm conducting the analysis, Dee Jasper & Associates, gave the city four different solutions:

- Well-head treatment
- Centralized treatment (one site)
- Centralized treatment (multiple sites)
- Replace four aging wells by drilling new wells in an effort to avoid treatment and treat well 12 at well-head.

The city’s water system relies on groundwater provided by six existing wells.

Councilmember Alex Garcia stated that with the hydrogeological study completed, the city opted to go with a local filtration at the wells requiring treatment for 1-2-3-TCP and nitrates.

“There are about four wells that require full replacement due to aging/lifespan of wells,” Garcia said. “This weighed heavily on the decision. Where those are placed (westside/eastside) will be decided at another meeting.”

He added that Tuesday’s decision was between local treatment versus regional or a central treatment facility.

The report said the fiscal impact of this option has not been determined.

In other council business, the city held a public hearing

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Bengals cheer team a National force

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Wasco Tribune

The Wasco Bengals varsity cheerleaders pulled off a difficult feat at two competitions this season. Achieving a perfect score – meaning without

person is out of sync with the music or a stunt goes awry; however, at the Six Flags competition in November and the JAMZ Nationals, the Bengals performed two perfect routines.

Participants received special pins commemorating their perfect score. The girls were also awarded special JAMZ sequined jackets in dark blue.

The parents present were complimentary about the cheer program. Jocelyn Foots commented that the best aspect of the program was watching the girls grow. “It’s exciting to see their growth from the beginning to the end,” Foots said.

Veronica Arrezola stated



The girls posing in front of the Starbucks sign with their first-place banner.

how happy she was with what the girls had overcome and how much they accomplished.

Parents such as Jeremiah Robinson were proud to have been in attendance. “I went to every Bengals game and cheer competition,” he

said. All that parent Yolanda Morse could say was, “Zero deductions!”

Anissa Vasquez created the Bengals’ winning routine for the JAMZ National Competition held Jan. 26 in Las Vegas. (The routine

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Bengal cheerleaders accompanied by a parent at Starbucks from left, Amaia Marquez, Leah Samarin, Ariana Nava and Betty Morse. Parents from left, Jeremiah Robinson, Jocelyn Foots, Veronica Arrezola and Yolanda Morse.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEW: Celebrate Black History Month — Colonel Allensworth State Historic Park and the Friends of Allensworth invite you to celebrate Black History Month on Feb. 8 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. For more information, tickets and directions to the park, call 661-849-3433 or email park staff at Jerelyn.Oliveria@parks.ca.gov

NEW: Libraries closed — All Kern County libraries will be closed Monday, Feb. 17, for Presidents Day.

Free citizenship class -- Open enrollment. Classes are Tuesdays, 7-8:30 p.m. in Room 302 of the Wasco Adult Education Center, 1445 Poso Drive. Call 661-758-7414 Monday-Thursday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. for information.

Free tax filing — The United Way of Kern County is once again offering free VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) Services for Shafter residents to help file their 2019 tax returns. The service begins in February. You can contact the city at (661) 746-5001 for more details.

Volunteer readers -- Karl Clemens Elementary School is looking for volunteer readers to read to classrooms Monday through Thursday from 9-10 a.m. Volunteers need to be trained for this project. Contact academic coach Tara Rojas at 661-758-7120, ext. 42007.

Wasco Animal Shelter — Donations are welcomed: nonplumping cat litter, kitten/puppy chow and stainless steel buckets. Drop off donations at the shelter, 5409 7th St. Open Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

MOFA -- Mexican American Opportunity Foundation of Bakersfield is a vocational training program at no cost. Career enhancement classes, externship, computers, typing and GED. Call for more information, 661-336-6821 or email MAOF.org

ONGOING

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

MONDAY

NEW: Kids Get Crafty — Devote an hour to the joy of crafts and conversation at the Wasco Branch Library Feb. 10 at 3:30 p.m.

Free Fit Camp — Get fit with Giselle, 6:30 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays, at the Shafter Youth Center, 455 E. Euclid Ave. On Instagram at [getfitgigi](https://www.instagram.com/getfitgigi).

Zumba Gold (modified Zumba) — FREE for all ages, 9:30 a.m. on Mondays and Wednesdays at 505 Sunset Ave., Shafter, at the Walker Senior Center. Call Shafter Recreation for information, 661-746-3303.

North Kern 4H -- Meetings 7 p.m. second Monday of each month at Karl Clemens Elementary School cafeteria, 523 Broadway St.

Mystery history

Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Wasco Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to the *Tribune*, 406 Central Ave., Shafter 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@WascoTrib.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** Bill Gaskell and then-Gov. Pat Brown in the 1950s.



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

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

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

TUESDAY

UPDATED: Free yoga — White Wolf Wellness Foundation offers a free yoga class continuing Feb. 18 and 31 at 7:15 p.m. at the Wasco Community Center, 1280 Poplar Ave. Yoga instructor Yani Valdez teaches stretching to help with pain, stress and anxiety. Provided by Kern Behavioral Health and Recovery Services.

FREE Adult Hip Hop Class -- 7 p.m. at the Shafter Recreation Walker Senior Center at 505 Sunset, Shafter. Classes are \$3 donation. Led by Brandi Root.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

NEW: Color Me Happy — Feb. 12 at 3:30 p.m. at the

Wasco Branch Library.

NEW: TAB — Teen Advisory Board Feb. 12 at 4 p.m. Teens, grades 7-12, you are invited to chat about your favorite books and movies, play awesome games with friends, and make the library a great place. Help plan events that spark teen interest at the Wasco Branch Library.

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THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

Storytime and craft — At 3:30 p.m. at the Wasco Library.

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

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

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ARREST LOG

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

JAN. 27

Brandon Christopher King, 34, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2000 block of Highway 46 for second-degree robbery and wearing a mask for unlawful purposes. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Manuel Navarro, 37, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1100 block of Griffith Avenue on four active misdemeanor warrants, possession of narcotics and possession of unlawful paraphernalia. He was cited and released at the scene.

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Sixto Hernandez-Cruz, 19, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street for trespassing and carrying a concealed dirk or dagger. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Justino Luis Hernandez, 65, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1100 block of D Street for possession of a controlled substance while armed, possession of a controlled substance for sale, keeping a place for the sale of a controlled substance, selling marijuana and possession of unlawful paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Vivian Rodriguez, 27, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1100 block of D Street for possession of a controlled substance while armed, possession of a controlled substance for sale, keeping a place for the sale of a controlled substance, selling marijuana and possession of unlawful paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

for an active misdemeanor warrant. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Samuel Warren, 32, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of 7th Street and Palm Avenue on three active misdemeanor warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

JAN. 29

Jesse Abarca, 32, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1900 block of Poplar Avenue for an active misdemeanor warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

Juan Estrada Carranza, 24, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1500 block of Griffith Avenue on an active misdemeanor warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

Sergio Cano, 29, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Griffith Avenue and 1st Street for driving on a suspended license. He was cited and released at the scene.

Joseph Castillo, 35, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of F Street and 7th Street on three active misdemeanor warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jaime Damien Cruz, 26, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1900 block of 7th Street for driving under the influence, driving under the in-

fluence over .08%, driving without a license, drinking alcohol in a vehicle on the highway, failure to stop at a crosswalk and failure to prove financial responsibility for his vehicle. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Paul Perez, 57 of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of D Street and Poso Drive on an active misdemeanor warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

JAN. 31

Shawn Hasty, 24, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1900 block of D Street on an active felony warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Josue Gibran Ramirez, 43, of Wasco, was arrested in the 400 block of Poplar Avenue on three active misdemeanor warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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Stephanie Aguilera, 42, of Wasco, was arrested in the 800 block of Lewis Court for an active misdemeanor warrant. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Steve Aguilera, 46, of Wasco, was arrested in the 800 block of Lewis Court for possession of unlaw-

ful paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Leonel Acevedo, 26, of Wasco, was arrested in the 500 block of North Maple for possession of burglary tools and possession of unlawful paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Christina Acosta, 37, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of Griffith Avenue on an active misdemeanor warrant and possession of a controlled substance in prison. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Nadia Flores, 31, of Delano, was arrested at the intersection of Aspen Street and Garden Street on an active misdemeanor warrant. She was cited and released at the scene.

Simon Jaime, 24, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2000 block of 9th Place for an active misdemeanor warrant, possession of a controlled substance and possession of unlawful paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jeremy Jameson, 50, of Wasco, was arrested in the 800 block of Lewis Court on an active misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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From left, City Manager Daniel Ortiz-Hernandez, Superintendent Kelly Richers, Assistant Superintendent Brad Maberry, WUESD Board President Richard Reding, Sergeant Peter Martinez and Board Member Danny Rueda.



From left, retired principal Steve Davis, Superintendent Kelly Richers and WHS Principal Kevin Tallon.

Next step in schools' renovation

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the schools and a retired principal coming back to check out the progress.
"For school districts, classified employees are usually the last ones to get improvements," Richers said. "It's been 80 years since [the original] MOT was constructed." Richers said that the previous MOT

building was 5,000 square feet; this one is 14,000. "This is not due to overbuilding; we are building for what we have the capacity for in our district."
Richers explained to the attendees that several years ago, the board members started with a five-year plan, which included the following:

- Build a new school (James A. Forrest Elementary School)
- Convert an elementary school into a middle school.
- Build a new MOT facility.

Richers thanked Director of MOT Robert Martinez and Director of Facilities (Construction) Daniel Vargas thanked them for all they did making the MOT building a reality.

He also took time to thank Klassen Construction, the main contractors for the project.

Once the introductions were completed, Richers invited everyone to take a tour of the new facility. He



A view of the training room.



From left, Palm Avenue Principal Oscar Luna, Assistant to the City Manager Neomi Perez, City Clerk Maria Martinez, City Manager Daniel Ortiz-Hernandez, Mayor Tilo Cortez and Principal TJ Danny Arellano.

offered refreshments in the training room, which was set up for a training session.

As attendees entered the training room, several could be heard complimenting the

design of the room with its large screen and ample room for the many chairs.

"This is such a nice facility," Sarah Reding said.



From left TJ Cox representative Joseph Lopez, board member Anna Poggi, President Richard Reding and board member Danny Rueda.



One of the many storage bays.

New water wells for city, but cost unknown

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on homeowner Tony Romero's administrative citation for abatement and removal of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicles or parts, including fines and abatement costs for the property located at 746 8th St.

Romero did not appear at the council meeting to discuss his options, which were: Declare all abandoned, wrecked, dismantled and inoperative vehicles and vehicle parts on the property (both front and rear yards) a public nuisance and authorize removal and destruction of the vehicles and parts, or

Declare only the abandoned, wrecked, dismantled and inoperative vehicles in the front yard/driveway area a public nuisance and authorize removal and destruction of these vehicles and parts.

The council decided on Option 1, with Councilmember John Pallares voting against it

The meeting started off with several proclamations when the council proclaimed February as Safely Surrender Baby Awareness Month. Representatives from the Kern

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County Fire Department and from Safely Surrender were in attendance to accept the proclamation.

In a second recognition, the Wasco Sheriff's Activities League were given a proclamation for the volunteer work they perform for the city, such as clean up days, remove graffiti, and assisting the deputies wherever needed. This group is led by Deputy Patrick Basquez.

The third proclamation was presented to the Wasco Varsity Bengals cheerleaders for placing 1st in the JAMZ National competition and improving from 3rd place to champions during their first year of competition.

"I wasn't sure the girls were going to be able to do it," said Bengals Head Varsity Coach Xina Vasquez. "We had so many girls new to cheerleading, it was a surprise when they placed in all their competitions."



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Gonzalez Cell tries to help everyone

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Wasco Tribune

A local cell phone company offers courtesy service

even if you don't carry any of its service plans.

The owner of Gonzalez Cell at 829 7th Street,

Christopher Montoya, has been a business owner for only a few months, but feels it's important to service anyone who walks into his store.

"You don't have to be one of our cellular customers in order to receive the same service I would give to a regular cell customer," Montoya said.

"I love it when my school friends come in and I can help them."

Montoya said that people will bring in phones, computers and iPads, and he troubleshoots for them.

He believes the best cell provider in the area is Verizon quickly responded Verizon. "I've tried several other cell companies and they all cut out at different times," he said.

He said most of his customers have picked Verizon.

"I think the Samsung phone is the best on the market today," he said. "Some of them are just as expensive as an iPhone."

Montoya charges \$15 for phone accessories such as cords, car chargers and knobs to grip the phone easier. "I have a friend who customizes Disney knobs and charges up to \$200 for each knob," he said.

Montoya feels like he has returned to his family when he assists older customers, because he takes care of his 94-year-old grandmother and helps her out. "I feel good that I can be there for her," he said.

He also mentioned that the previous owner's last name was Gonzalez, and he didn't feel the need to change the name of the shop because the shop has been there for over 20 years and was a familiar place in town.

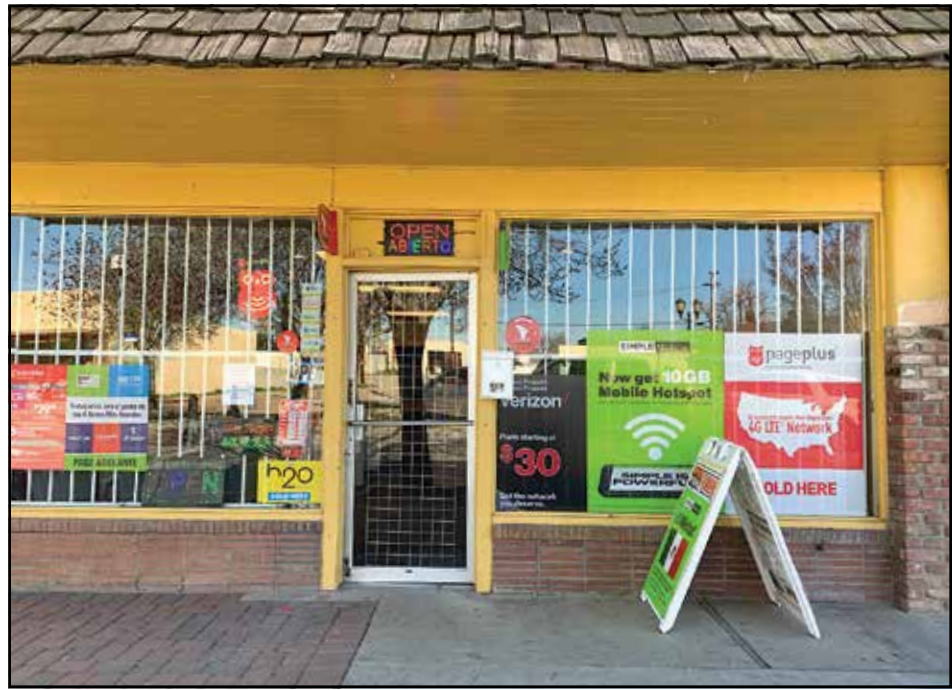
The shop offers service with Verizon, AT&T, T Mobile, Page Plus and Simple Mobile. In addition, he offers pre-paid telephone plans.

"If you have any phone-related or tech-related needs, anybody can come in and I will help them out," Montoya said.

His shop is open Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Sundays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. He can be reached at 661-758-0590.



ABOVE: Owner Christopher Montoya assists customer Adrian Velasquez. **RIGHT:** Owner Montoya. **BELOW:** The front of Gonzalez Cell on 7th Street. **BOTTOM:** Gonzalez Cell has a large selection of phone cases.



"You don't have to be one of our cellular customers in order to receive the same service I would give to a regular cell customer."
--Owner Christopher Montoya

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FFA selects winners at annual speech competition

TONI DEROSA

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Four WHS FFA students took home plaques and ribbons after the annual speech competition.

There are five categories in the competition such as Job Interview/Resumes, Extemporaneous (speaking or performing with little or no advance preparation, Public Speaking, Creed Recitation (five paragraphs memorized from the FFA Creed) and Impromptu and Prepared Public Speaking.

Diane Linn took 2nd place in Creed Speaking while Elisa Flores took 3rd place in Extemporaneous and Gladis Castillo also took 3rd in Prepared Speaking. Mackinley Wankum took 4th in Prepared Speaking and Sihomara Navarro took 5th in Prepared Speaking.

"Freshman are allowed to only compete in Creed



Diana Limon took 2nd place in Creed speaking portion of the competition.



Makinley Walkum took 4th place in Prepared Speaking category.

Recitation," said ag teacher and FFA Advisor Anthony M. Farao, "which is a five-paragraph state of beliefs that E. M. Tiffany wrote [in 1928] and it was adopted at the Third National FFA Convention."

This was the first time for the freshmen who had never competed before. They walked into a classroom,

presented their speech and were asked three questions on the topic by judges. The students hoped they were able to answer the questions to the judges' satisfaction.

The creed challenges the students to memorize and introduces them to public speaking as well as prepares them to answer impromptu questions.

Each student walked away from the competition with a plaque and a ribbon.

Students reacted favorably to the competition by stating that they were able to accomplish something they never thought they could do such as public speaking. The students also visualize FFA in their future as well.

FFA paints for love and money

TONI DEROSA

Wasco Tribune

The Wasco High School FFA Booster Club held a whimsical fundraiser where adults could paint to their hearts' content.

The fundraiser, "For the Love of AG," raised money for FFA student scholarships. Cost for participating in the event was \$25 per person, which included a blank easel, as much paint as needed and snacks.

The paint night was held Feb. 1 at the VFW Hall.

Booster Club members began arriving started with an artist-in-training session, painting a Valentine's Day image with red and white and a bit of black.

The background was red beginning

at the top of the easel to an ombre that shaded to a medium pink at the bottom.

The painting was a whimsical feathery flower with blossoms floating off into the air. Each artist learned how to create the correct brush strokes with directions from instructors Maria Salas and

Booster President Jocelyn Juarez doesn't even have a child at WHS this year, yet she took on the task of giving back to FFA by serving as its 2019-2020 president. "My daughter was passionate about FFA last year," she said. "She is in college and raised a pig for the fair this year. She is an ambassador for FFA at Fresno State."

Paint N Wonder owner and teacher Maria Salas is a WHS graduate and

a fourth-grade GATE teacher in Bakersfield. She started her paint company when her passion got the better of her. "I could paint all day," Salas said.

In addition to the snacks in the kitchen, a table was set up with some raffle items that could be won. The prize everyone wanted was an iron horseshoe wall hanging.

WHS ag teacher Denise Morales was one of the painters, as was her younger sister, Krista Colunga, and older sister, Tracy Steward – as well as Kasey Foreshee, who Morales described as their "sister from another mom and mister."

"I'm so glad we could all meet for this activity," Morales said. "We don't get to do things together that often."

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Mayor Tilo Cortez hams it up with the Bengals varsity cheerleaders.

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COUCH'S CORNER

Help us upgrade your community parks

Every week, I've been using Couch's Corner to inform you of things we've been trying to do in District 4. I hope you've learned a little about how I've tried to serve you and improve the quality of life in all the communities of the district, places like Lamont, Delano, Wasco, Shafter and Arvin, to name a few. This week, I want you to inform me.

You use the county parks. You gather with your families, you participate in activities, you know what park amenities are needed that could make your parks and communities better.

We're not asking you to do our job. We've already made major efforts in improving the county's parks in District 4. In Lamont, the county has applied for an \$8 million state grant to turn Lamont Park

into a major jewel of the county park system with improvements that could be truly transformative for that community.

In La Colonia, we've managed to set aside some funds to site a community center there, something that will allow kids and seniors and everyone in between a place to gather, play some hoops or soccer and a place to celebrate their history.

In Delano, the major improvements we've made to Delano Memorial Park have made the Little League experience dramatically improved.

But it's time to hear from you on things that might help. We don't have unlimited funds. Rather, we're talking about \$250,000 that we have set aside in our District 4 budget for an additional round of improvements.

To get a sense of value, this amount is

enough to build a walking or jogging trail, improve a restroom, get some lights installed or put a canopy over a court or playground so that it can be used year-round. Other improvements to consider might be converting playground surfaces into that soft rubber foam material, or improved landscaping and irrigation systems, LED lights, bleachers and baseball field scoreboards, to name just a few.

We make decisions all the time about how to spend your money. This time, we want you to provide greater input. You use the parks, you know what might be needed, you know first-hand what irritates you, or what you wish these parks had. Now is a time to tell us.

I believe this is the way government is supposed to work, where you tell govern-

ment officials what is needed, and we listen. Not all do but I've made it my life's work to serve the communities I represent in this way, where your input drives the initiatives. I hope you take me up on my offer to get your input and chime in on what you'd like to see in your parks, or for that matter, any issue where your county government can serve you.

Why don't you give it a try? Call the District 4 office at 661-868-3680 or email us at district4@kerncounty.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

David Couch is county supervisor for District 4, representing the Shafter and Wasco areas. The opinions expressed in this column are his own, and not necessarily those of the ownership or management of the paper.

Bengals 'perfect'

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can be viewed by searching "Wasco Bengals cheer at JAMZ" on Facebook.)

In preparation for the competition, Head Coach Vasquez asked the girls to watch the Netflix documentary "Cheer."

"We had five first-year cheerleaders this year," Nina Vasquez said. "There were seven eighth-grade girls, one seventh-grade and six sixth-grade cheerleaders competing. We originally started with 24 Bengal cheerleaders at the beginning of the year, but some felt it was too time consuming so they dropped out."

Competing for the first time were eighth-grade Amaia Marquez, eighth-grade Jennifer Chavez, eighth-grade Lexsi Amador, eighth-grade Mia Quintana and sixth-grade Vianey Velasquez.

"I love to perform in front of people," eighth-grader Amaia Marquez said. "Proving that we could do it was great," eighth-grader Ariana Nava said. Sixth-grade Betty Morse noted that she felt comfortable with her base.

Head Varsity Coach Xina Vasquez says the girls are like her family. Xina is responsible for scheduling practices and communicating with the girls and parents, while Meagan Garza and Anissa Vasquez teach

the girls their routines.

Coach Xina Vasquez said they have struggled to find a place to practice on a regular basis; however, when the weather permits, they practice at Westside Park. Occasionally, the team uses one of the school cafeterias in the WUESD when it's too hot to practice.

Another difficulty is the cost of participation. With competition entrance fees, coaches, summer camps, uniforms and travel expenses such as hotels, gas and meals, cheerleading can be expensive.

"We have several fundraisers for all of the above, which also vary from year to year, such as a cheer-a-thon where girls get donations for a day of nonstop cheering," Vasquez said. "We also sell ad space to local businesses, football parents and cheer parents. All ads are then used for the Wasco Bengals cheer and football programs that are sold at every home football game."

The girls aren't all about competitions as was proved when they displayed their loyalty to the football team the day before Nationals. They cheered for the all-star football game in Wasco on the Saturday before traveling to Vegas for the Sunday, Jan. 26, competition.



From left, Bengals Head Varsity Coach Xina Vasquez, Varsity Routine Coach Anissa Vasquez and Cheer Representative Cynthia Torres. Not shown is Varsity Routine Coach Meagan Garza.

The Bengals also hold a minicheer and football camp. "All ages are welcome to learn about cheer and football," said Coach Vasquez. "Each age group learns a cheer and performs what they've learned for par-

ents and friends at the end of the camp." Tryouts are held on the third day of camp.

The squad is part of the nonprofit Golden Valley Empire Youth Tackle Football and Cheer Organization of Bakersfield.

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Arly's Appliance keeping motors going

Father and son combine for a go-to repair team

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press /
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It has been over 60 years that Arly's Appliance first opened their doors for business, and today they are still the go-to repair men when it comes to appliances and small motors. Back in 1959, Arly Feil moved to Shafter and worked for Witham's. Arly would spend his spare time servicing his neighbors and other customers in the Shafter and Wasco area. He finally asked his bosses if he could work in Bakersfield three days a week and spend two days a week servicing the Shafter/Wasco

strike out on his own. Feil acquired the Maytag franchise eight years later and still holds it to this day.

Feil brought his son Rod on board a couple of years after he finished college. Rod had worked for his dad during his last two years of high school but took a couple years off to go to school at Fresno Pacific University. Rod would come back home after the two years and return to the shop, working side by side with his dad.

With Arly's eyesight starting to fail, Rod's and Arly's roles reversed, with Rod making the service



Rod Feil is in Shafter and Wasco every week.

men, Rod said that it is almost a blessing in disguise as it has

from God to be able to work with my son Rod for all these years,"

success through the years, according to Feil. "I am so thankful for the support we have received from the community through the years and we consider ourselves lucky to be a part of this wonderful community," commented Feil.

Feil said that business is still going good, if maybe a little different in its makeup. "In the earlier days, you could fix something on a washer without having to take the thing apart. Now, you end up having to replace an entire board or system, with today's technology," said Feil. One thing that has not changed over the years is the excellent reputation enjoyed

by the father-and-son team. "You know, a lot has changed, but some things stay the same. Take our reputation; we have a good reputation because of word of mouth. Sometimes you can't replace all of the online ads or Facebook things, except by good word of mouth. We are servicing residents and families who have parents and grandparents who were customers of ours."

Rod still services the Shafter, Wasco, Buttonwillow and Lost Hills area at least twice a week, usually on Tuesdays and Fridays. By visiting with this duo, it is easy to see why they are still going strong after all these years.



Arly Feil with a repair truck from the early days. The business is over 60 years old.

customers. Two days turned into three, and before you know it, Feil was deciding to

calls and Arly working on appliances in the shop. Although it was a trying time for the

enabled him to have such a special relationship with his dad. "It has been a gift

Arly said.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

01-SOLICITATION NOTICE NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

- OWNER: Wasco Elementary School District
 - PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NAME: Fencing at Thomas Jefferson Middle School Project Number 1517
 - PROJECT LOCATION: 305 Griffith Avenue, Wasco, California 93280
 - PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Erect new eight foot chain link fence and an ornamental wrought iron section at the intersection of Griffith Avenue and 4th Street.
- This project is anticipated to start on approximately 30 March 2020 and shall have a 75 calendar day performance period to complete the Work.
- BID DEADLINE: Bids are due on 27 February 2020 at 2:00pm PST or at any other date or time as modified by Addendum.
 - PLACE OF BID RECEIPT: Wasco Elementary School District, District Office, 1102 Fifth Street, Wasco, CA 93280
 - METHOD OF BID RECEIPT: Personal delivery, courier, or mailed via United States Postal Service to above address.
 - PLACE PLANS ARE ON FILE: Availability of Contract Documents (plans, specifications and bid forms) are at local builder exchanges in the Kern County area
 - SEALED BID MARKING: Print the Project Name and Project Number on the envelope.
 - ALTERNATES: If alternate bids are called for, the contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder on the basis indicated below:
- [check only one]
- ☐ (a) The lowest bid shall be the lowest bid price on the base contract without consideration of the prices on the additive or deductive items.
- ☐ (b) The lowest bid shall be the lowest total of the combined bid prices on the base contract and alternates [specify].
- ☐ (c) 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.
- ☐ (d) The lowest bid shall be determined in a manner that prevents any information that would 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.
- JOB WALK (NOT MANDATORY): Meet at: Wasco Elementary School District, District Office, 1102 Fifth Street, Wasco, CA 93280. You will have to sign in at office and present government ID to print pass.
Date: 18 February 2020 Time: 9:00 am
- Location: Job Site - Wasco California

12. PLAN DEPOSIT REQUIRED: \$0.00 Bid Documents, plans and specifications available to download or review from local builder exchanges only.

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.

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

15. Pursuant to the provisions of Public Contract Code Section 22300, CONTRACTOR may substitute 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.

16. To bid on or perform the work stated in this Notice, CONTRACTOR must possess a valid and active contractor's license of the following classification (B) General Building Contractor. 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 1 March 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 1 April 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.

☐ (b) OWNER will retain 10% of the amount of any progress payments because the project has 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 district web site. 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 that date.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
Trustee Sale No. F1910002 Title Order No. F1910002-LM APN 487-121-27-00 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 07/22/2015. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. 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ORDINANCE NO. 2015 – 651
AN URGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 643 AND WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE SECTION 13.22.050 TO PREVENT A LOSS OF WATER PRESSURE THAT COULD JEOPARDIZE FIRE SUPPRESSION AND CITIZEN SURVEY
Due to the length of this ordinance, it is being summarized as follows. Amending ordinance #643 and Wasco Municipal Code Section 13.22.050 to prevent a loss of water pressure that could jeopardize fire suppression and citizen safety. The original ordinance is available for review at the office of the City Clerk, 746 8th Street, Wasco, CA during regular business hours. The City Clerk is ordered to publish this Ordinance in summary form in accordance with law, in a newspaper of general circulation in the City. PASSED AND ADOPTED this 7th day of July, 2015 by the following vote:
AYES: Espitia, Cortez, Hively, Reyna, Wegman
NOES: None
ABSTAIN: None
ABSENT: None
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Aguila Real Transport 2020-B0526

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Date Statement Filed: 01/17/2020
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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: RUBEN VARGAS

CASE NUMBER: BPB-19002778
1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Ruben Vargas
2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Maria Del Carmen Maya in the Superior Court of California, County of Kern
3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Maria Del Carmen Maya 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: 5/8/2020 Time: 8:30AM
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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 personal delivery 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
10. Petitioner: Maria Del Carmen Maya
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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Wasco Union School District ("School District") will hold a public hearing at 6:30pm or as soon thereafter as is practical on March 10, 2020 to allow for public comment prior to consideration of adoption of a resolution which would approve a "School Facilities Needs Analysis" ("Analysis") for consideration of Alternative School Fees (Sections 65995.5 and 65995.7 of the Government Code) ("Analysis") prepared for the School District by Cooperative Strategies. The public hearing will be at the Board of Trustees meeting room located at 440 Griffith Avenue, Wasco, California 93280.
If adopted by the Board of Trustees, the Resolution and the Analysis would authorize the imposition of the Alternative No. 2 and Alternative No. 3 school impact mitigation fees on new residential development within the School District as permitted by Senate Bill 50, Chapter 407 of the Statutes of 1998. The Analysis can be reviewed during the public review period of February 6, 2020, through March 10, 2020 at the offices of the Superintendent, located at 1102 5th Street, Monday through Friday from 8:00am through 4:00pm. Copies may also be purchased from the same office. The Board of Trustees will respond to written comments on the Analysis at or before the public hearing.
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PASTOR'S CORNER

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Vince Lombardi, the coach of the winning team of the first two Super Bowls, once said, "Football is a great deal like life in that it teaches that work, sacrifice, perseverance, competitive drive, selflessness and respect for authority is the price that each and every one of us must pay to achieve any goal that is worthwhile."

This game has grown to proportion once reserved for Christmas, Easter, Memorial or Labor Day. At first it was just a championship game, then it became Super Bowl Sunday, and now 54 Super Bowls later, it is a "cash cow" for advertising moguls and U.S. corporations. It is the crescendo of what has become America's game-- pro football -- with well over 70% of all television sets in America tuned in -- if not for the game, at least for the half-time show, which

has also grown to gigantic proportions.

Whether you like football or sports in general, Lombardi's statement brings some relative truth to the subject. Football and athletics in general do instill many fine qualities into young athletes as they grow and mature. Unfortunately, with the onslaught of commercialism, pressure to win and fanaticism in many ways it has left the arena of instilling the attributes Coach Lombardi espoused and has been replaced by greed and the mantra "win at all costs." We as a community do not do a lot

to thwart those thoughts as we build pedestals for our favorite universities, players and teams, from which many of them fallen and fallen hard.

Let's do a reality check. All of us are in a game and it is for real, it is the game called life. It has many more turns, twists and detours than any make-believe athletic event and the results are far more personal and authentic. The

Apostle Paul uses athletic metaphors as he explains the Christian walk and life. In I Corinthians 9:24,25, he exhorts "Do you not know that in a race all the runners run,

but only one receives the prize? So, run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we are imperishable."

At the conclusion of his life he writes another fantastic athletic example and one worth emulating when he wrote: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing." II Timothy 4:7, 8. Now, that is worth much more than a Super Bowl trophy, right?

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Jim Neal is pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Shafter.

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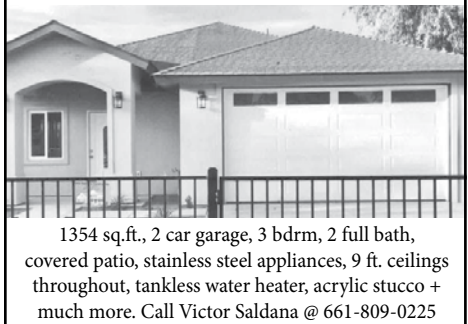
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