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Tallon appointed WUHSD superintendent

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

Longtime Wasco educator Kevin Tallon has been named Wasco Union High School District superintendent. This comes after many years of dedicated service to the dis-

"I am excited to serve as superintendent of this district. I've been blessed to work here for 21 years," Tallon said. "We have amazing students and staff, and to continue to work alongside them is an honor.

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"We have a beautiful campus that has been modernized over the last 15 years, but there are still ongoing needs, and we are evaluating our needs as it pertains to facilities. I'm anxious to help lead that work."

There are challenges he hopes to ad-

"We are still adding services that support our student's academic, social and emotional needs, especially after the pandemic. Social-emotional needs have come

to the forefront," he said. "Our work with our social workers, counselors, teachers and other staff will continue to evolve to support the mental health of our students."

Tallon grew up in Wasco and attended WHS. Wasco has a special place in his

"Having either lived or worked in Wasco my entire life, I feel connected to every aspect of it. I love the community and enjoy being involved in things outside of the

He said he does this through organiza-

tions like the Wasco Community Scholarship Association, the Wasco High Athletic Hall of Fame, the Wasco Rotary Club and other organizations when there is a need.

His is in his 22nd year with the district. He was a social science teacher at WHS for 12 years, the principal for seven and the director of programs and acting superintendent for two.

He said he loves every part of education, working closely with students and nourishing their learning aspirations.

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Periodical Postage



The Generals pose with their championship rings.

Generals receive championship rings

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

A celebration was held Sunday night that put an exclamation point on the season that SHAFTER ended with an appearance by the Generals football

team in the State Championship game in December. A ring ceremony was held and the

team was presented with their championship rings, made by Baron Ring Co. The event was attended by the players, coaches, family and friends at Shafter's Ford Theater. A dinner was included, along with several speakers, and a special video prepared by Coach Jer-

ald Pierucci and his student team that are in his media class.

The ring is a massive piece of jewelry that is encrusted with gems with the Generals logo on it, provided by a large group of sponsors from the community, who, according to Pierucci, are a major reason for their success. "Shafter is a special community, with fans who have been there for us through so many ups and downs, faithful on every Friday night, giving this and every other team in General history support like no

Pierucci talked to the crowd about the amazing season, telling the gathering that this was an outcome that almost wasn't. "This fairytale post-season wouldn't have happened at all without the wisdom of my wife, Jodie," he said.

Pierucci has a hard and fast rule when it comes to the playoffs. For his team to go to the playoffs, they have to have at least a .500 record. Well, after the loss to Kennedy High School, the Generals sat at just a game above



Koa Rhodes tries on his ring.

.500, preparing to face rivals Wasco the next week. Pierucci and his staff didn't know if the team was prepared, or even deserved to go to the post-season. "I was thinking of refusing the invitation to the playoffs," he said. "I really didn't think that we deserved to go to the

"I told my wife about this, and she said that she didn't agree with me. 'Jerald, you told those kids that they have to have a .500 record to go to the playoffs. I don't think that you should go back on that. I really think that you should be the man that I know that you

Pierucci decided to take the kids to the playoffs, and the rest is history. The Generals made an amazing run, beating the number #9, #4 and #3 seeds on their way to Shafter's first Valley championship in 67 years.

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A once in a lifetime opportunity in Spain

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

Traveling Tigers is a Wasco High School club that expands students' horizons through **WASCO** travel. This year

a group of 26 students visited Spain. Katie Moreno is the club advisor. She said she wanted to be the advisor because

she loves to travel. "I got to travel when I was in high school and college, and it just opened up my per-

ception of the world." Moreno has been an advisor since 2020 and has, in the past, taken students to Western Europe to visit London, Paris,

Florence and Rome. With their trip to Spain, the students spent five nights in Madrid, two nights in Barcelona and many day trips to Segovia, Toledo, El Escorial and Salamanca.

They visited the Prado Museum and the Real Madrid and Barcelona soccer sta-

'We took a cooking class for authentic Spanish foods and a flamenco lesson where we watched a show afterward."

The group also toured the university in Salamanca, Spain's oldest university.

"We saw the ancient Roman aqueduct



Julian Alvarez souvenir shopping in Toledo.

in Segovia and enjoyed a lot of fun time together having dinner every night, riding on the bus quite a bit and taking a bullet train

from Madrid to Barcelona." Moreno said they saw places that the students only have seen on TV. Next year she will take a group of students to Japan during spring break.

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New sergeant hopes to keep the city safe

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

There is a new sergeant in town. Corey Stacy was promoted in March and assigned to Wasco Kern County Sheriff's Department Office substation.

Stacy has tremendous experience in law He started with the Sheriff's Office in

2009. As a deputy, he worked court services, downtown jail, the Frazier Park substation and Lamont substation.

"I was assigned to the Kern County

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Sheriff's Office Rural Crime Investigation Unit, where I handled investigations regarding agriculture, ranching and oilfieldrelated crimes. I was promoted to senior deputy and assigned to the Internal Affairs Unit from 2019-2023."

He said what he has enjoyed the most so far is learning the responsibilities as a supervisor, including working with the patrol deputies and getting to know the Wasco personnel.

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Shafter to celebrate Cinco de Mayo

JAMIE STEWART The Shafter Press

A parade downtown and a variety of events at Mannel Park will highlight this year's Cinco de Mayo celebration on Saturday, April 29.

The Shafter Cinco de Mayo Committee is putting on the annual event, including the parade filled with bands, classic cars,

SHAFTER local clubs and organizations, as well as the

traditional horses and their riders. Grand marshals for the festivities are

Miguel Ayon and the Shafter Boxing Club, who have been putting Shafter on the boxing map for over a decade. There also will be trophies and special awards given out at the park following the parade.

The parade begins at 10 a.m. on Saturday downtown. Immediately following the parade, Mannel Park will host a wide variety of food vendors, games, activities for kids, music and much more. There also will be arts and crafts for the kids and a car show at the park, with a large number of vintage cars and trucks, from classic dreams to souped-up hot rods.

chi-Los Toros de Mexico will be performing, with a special guest appearance by the Richland School District Mariachi Strings. The Shafter Recreation and Parks District Golden Dancers Senior Folklorico will follow them for a performance. At 4 p.m., the Original Majesticks will

entertain the crowd.

There will be a variety of food at the event, At 11:30 a.m. at Mannel Park, Mariafrom tacos, burritos and burgers, to barbecue.

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

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.

Mammogram screening - Sunday, April 30, Wasco Parks and Recreation, 1280 Poplar Ave., offers screenings 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Must be over 40, at least 12 months since last mammogram, with no health insurance or Medi-Cal. Call/text/email the Community Wellness Program at 661-323-3238. Sponsored by Dignity Health – Mercy and Memorial Hospitals.

Wasco Woman's Club - Spring Tea for the community at Grace Community Church, Saturday, April 29. Call Jill Drescher for tickets at 661-758-2969.

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. Kern County Probation Department needs

peace officers - Shift work, safety retirement, supervise and mentor at-risk youth, growth and advancement opportunities with the county. Required: 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of college coursework, background check and drug screen. Contact Frank Herrera at 661-868-

Bookkeeping training - Free bookkeeping training program at MAOF, Mexican American Opportunity Foundation. 2130 Chester Ave., Suite 200, Bakersfield. Related occupations include accounts payable/accounts receivable clerks and payroll clerks. Entry requirements: At least 18 years of age, completed reading and math assessment, high school diploma or GED. Call 661-336-6821 for information.

Hospice volunteers needed – Bristol Hospice Bakersfield needs volunteers in Kern County. Must be vaccinated. There are a wide variety of volunteer opportunities. Call the volunteer department at 661-716-4000 or email Edward. French@bristolhospice.com or Ashley.Charles@ bristolhospice.com

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

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 infor-

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.

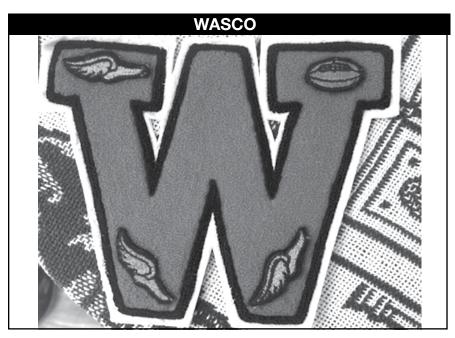
Minter Field Air Museum - Open Fridays and Saturdays 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at 401 Vultee, Shafter. Admission free, donations accepted.

Mystery history



Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/ or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to The Press, 455 Kern St., Suite E, Shafter, CA 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@The ShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. LAST WEEK: From the past, to name a few: Monica Aguilar (center), Vanessa Garza, Sarah Johnson, Karina Ochoa and Cindy Martinez





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As reported by the Shafter Police Department APRIL 17

Willie Joe Harris, 34, of Shafter, was arrested in the 300 block of Central Valley Highway on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor

Rosendo Tellez Jr., 26, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block of West Tulare Avenue on a bench warrant/ failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Omar Solano Reyes, 29, of Shafter, was arrested at Hicks and Venable for DUI alcohol, hit and run, property damage and driving with-

out a license. **APRIL 18**

Vanessa Martinez, 41, of Shafter, was arrested on Kelsey Court for battery: spouse and child abuse.

Marco Antonio Silva Jr., 24, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Pacific Avenue for disorderly conduct: alcohol

Jesus Mauricio Silva Zamora, 31, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 of Pacific Avenue for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

Mariano Rios IV Evaro. 46, of Shafter, was arrested at Burbank and Santa Fe Way on an outside agency war-

Vanessa Martinez, 41, of Shafter, was arrested in the 900 block Kelsey Court for violating court order: domestic violence.

APRIL 21

Emanuel Garcia, 28, of Shafter, was arrested on South Wall Street on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Hector Prado, 38, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Lerdo Highway on an outside warrant, bench warrant/ failure to appear on a felony charge and misdemeanor

charge. **APRIL 23**

Marvin Alexander Herthe influence of a drug.

of Shafter, was arrested in Shafter on an outside war-

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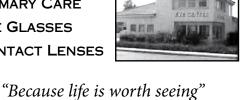


nandez, 31, of Shafter, was arrested in the 600 block of Central Valley Highway for obstruction, resisting arrest, attempting to escape and disorderly conduct: under

Juan Jose Flores, 47,

1301 Seventh Street, Wasco, CA 93280

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ARREST REPORT

Gelasio Esparza Sauceda, Lane for threatening a crime

with intent to terrorize. **BUTTONWILLOW**

No arrests were reported

as of press time. WASCO

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

APRIL 17

Daniel Ramos, 35, of Wasco, was arrested in the 900 block of Poso Drive for misdemeanor disorderly conduct: drunk in public. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

APRIL 19

Daveon Lawrence Cren-

shaw, 20, of Wasco, was ar-65, of Shafter, was arrested rested in the 2400 block in the 200 block of Caroline of Sharon Court for felony inflict corporal injury on spouse, assault with a deadly weapon: not a firearm, and misdemeanor obstructing an officer: resisting arrest. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Bri Anne Mcvay, 30, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on a misdemeanor bench warrant. She was cited and released at the scene.

APRIL 20

Vanessa Beltran, 39, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Wasco Avenue and Highway 43 for felony possession of controlled

crime, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance paraphernalia and on misdemeanor bench warrants. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

John Douglas Spencer, 52, of Bakersfield, was arrested near the intersection of Wasco Avenue and Highway 43 for felony possession of a controlled substance for sale, transporting a controlled substance and conspiracy to commit a crime. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

APRIL 21

Jose Ramon Garcia, 28,

substance for sale, transport- of McFarland, was arrested ing a controlled substance, in the 400 block of Central conspiracy to commit a Avenue on a felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

APRIL 22

Martin Torres, 43, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of Birch Avenue for misdemeanor violation of a court order, and on a felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern

County Jail. **APRIL 23**

Victor Garza, 28, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of 9th Street for misdemeanor disorderly conduct: drunk in public. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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Love of science leaves a legacy

JOSHUA COOLEY

For the Wasco Tribune

Wasco High School Alumni Fransisco Javier Baltazar passed away in the early morning of April 16. He was born Dec. 5, 1989, and from a young age was in love with science. His mother, Priscilla Baltazar, said, "He

loved learning, he always pushed himself to be the best.' Francisco was co-valedictorian of the

2008 graduating class. He had big dreams, and in order to accomplish them he left Wasco shortly after graduation at age 17. He attended UC Davis to obtain his

bachelor's degree in physics and San Fran-

cisco State University to earn his masters. While living in San Francisco, he was part of a startup scientific research company pioneering an artificial kidney. Mateo DeLeon, his closest friend, said,

"He always wanted to make a contribution to science, to make a change." The lives changed by Francisco were

phenomenal. "He was so many things, to so many people. Everyone he came across

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he impacted."

Francisco's family said that he did not consider his friends, friends, but he considered them family. Priscilla said her fondest memory is

when he lived in San Francisco. "I would visit. He would take me around the city sightseeing. He always loved when his family would come visit." Francisco's family said that if you spoke

with his friends they would all say he was an inspiration. "He was selfless, kind and generous, helping people was his lifelong dream." The family hopes that the research that

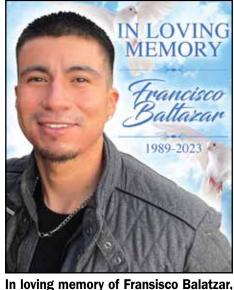
Francisco took part in developing the arti-

ficial kidney would soon be successful and

make a great change. "If this kidney takes off his legacy will be continued through this discovery," his mother said. Throughout high school Francisco's dream was to attend Stanford University, applying his senior year. Although he did not get accepted at the time it did not stop

him from accomplishing his dreams.

Before his passing he was accepted to



1989-2023. (Photo courtesy of Pricilla Baltazar)

Stanford in March. He was going to earn his PhD in quantum physics. Francisco also was a researcher at UC Berkeley, developing an air pollution sensor; he was both an educator and scientist.

Priscilla said, "I'm so proud to have Frankie as my son.".

Francisco broke the barrier of dream and reality by accomplishing his goals. Francisco was a first generation Mexican-American, his mother was born in Micho-

acan, Mexico. Francisco was featured during Hispanic heritage month by M.H. Family Counseling and Consulting in October.

Priscilla said that Francisco owed his success to his grandfather, Faustino Diaz.

"It's sad that Wasco had to lose such a

great person," Priscilla said. Advice Francisco would give to younger

generations aspiring to follow their dreams was, according to his mother, "Never ever doubt yourself and your capabilities, find your passion and put in the work to achieve your goals."

"He's a kid from a small town, who accomplished greatness," Priscilla said.

Support for the family is welcomed by making a donation to Basham & Lara Funeral Care by calling 661-746-4200 or donating to their GoFundme page by searching Francisco Javier Baltazar.

Succulents make life vibrant

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

Bethany Cranfill, with her husband Jesse, a teacher at Maple School, was growing their own succulent plants at their home for years when

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it would make a great business for her to try. Armed with a wide variety of plants and self-taught knowledge through experience, Cranfill set out to open her own succulent business. "I quit my job and decided to do this full

she decided that

time, making a living doing something that I really love to do." She grows the plants in a garden setting in her backyard, filled with different kinds of succulents, dotting the landscape with pops of color. "A lot of the succulents can have very vibrant colors when they bloom," said Cranfill.

Cranfill began by selling the plants at different pop-up events, as well as through her social media pages. She then started receiving invitations to speak at different



Bethany Cranfill with some of her homegrown succulents.

schools about growing the succulents. "They are a very drought-resistant plant, so they are perfect for our area. They do not need a lot of water and can withstand even

an unusually harsh winter."

Currently, Cranfill still sells the cuttings from some of her plants, but has focused more on holding workshops for growing succulents. She will be speaking to over 150 students next week at different classrooms, teaching the kids about growing them and how to care for them. "They learn how to plant them, and at the end of the workshop they receive their very own potted plant to take home"

Cranfill has a great helper in her son Levi, who she home-schools. "He loves helping me with the workshops and helping with the plants," Cranfill said . On top of the succulent business, Cran-

fill is also a published author. "I would use a couple of different children's books on plants for my workshops, but they didn't focus on succulents." So, with encouragement from her husband and son, Cranfill wrote a children's book, "Goldie the Ghost Plant."

"The book teaches kids about how strong succulents are and how they can have their own plants and take care of them," she said.

The book is available on Amazon, on Cranfill's social media pages or by emailing bethany@lifesuccswithoutplants.com.

Local runners make records in Boston

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

Three Shafter runners made the trek to Beantown to compete in the Boston Marathon. They qualified in different qualifying



Missy Espericueta and Peter Frantz in Boston.

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races throughout the year, obtaining times that earned them the opportunity to be a part of one of the most prestigious races in the world. In addition to the race,

> Farmer's Market, and of course eating a lobster roll. Missy Espericueta said that the race course was one of the toughest she has ever faced. "The course was difficult, with a lot of rolling hills in the second half. The weather wasn't our

> friend either, with showers

the locals took in some Boston culture, attending a Red Sox game, visiting the

for most of the race." She said that it made her grateful for the training that she had with her club, the Greyhounds, which prepared them for what they might face in this race.

She commented that the crowds were amazing



Missy Espericueta, Peter Frantz and Jose Montelongo with their running club, the Greyhounds.

and that they cheered from start to finish. Espericueta and Peter Frantz posted personal bests for 26 miles, with Frantz posting a time of 2:52:00, and Espericueta ran a 3:40:14. Jose Montelongo, of Golden Oak Elementary School, posted a time of 3:13:28. With their times, all three run-

ners qualified for the 2024 Boston Mara-

Espericueta said that this experience is one that she will never forget. "This race is the holy grail of running and being a part of it was an honor and a privilege. I can't wait until next year."

Wasco man killed in stabbing at Poso and D

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

Daniel Lopez, 31, was stabbed by another person on April 14. He died two days later.

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At 8:15 pm, Kern County Sheriff's Office Wasco Substation deputies were dispatched to a stabbing investigation that allegedly occurred at Poso Avenue and D

Street. Upon arrival, deputies found a man suffering from a stab wound.

The victim could not describe the suspects or the location of the incident. He was transported to Kern Medical but succumbed to his injuries.

This is the second stabbing in Wasco in

Anyone with information regarding this investigation is asked to contact the Kern County Sheriff's Office at 661-861-3110 or the Secret Witness helpline at 661-322-4040.

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WHS club aids community with food

JOSHUA COOLEY

For the Wasco Tribune

Wasco APLC is joining with Canyon Hills Food Ministry to feed the community, with an event to take place at the Canyon Hills church parking lot.

Food will be distributed from 4 until 6 p.m. The dinner includes spaghetti with

sauce, cheesy garlic bread and water, with a meat and a no-meat option.

The Wasco APLC is an organization on the Wasco High campus that focuses on student leadership and community service. The club's goal is to push future leaders to be involved as much as possible.

The APLC leaders have been planning the event for months. The club consists of six team leaders and about 30 members, and was founded in the beginning of the 2022-23 school year.

Emily Moldenhauer, the president of the club, said, "As we approach the end of the school year, we want to impact as many youth as possible, who will be the footing

as seniors."

Moldenhauer says that they plan to, host events for community service, incuding the Feed The Community event, which was proposed back in November of 2022 and has been in the works since.

For more information, follow the club on Instagram or Facebook at Agprepclub or email Wonderfulaplc@gmail.com.

A cleanup event to beautify the city

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

On Saturday, the City of Wasco Code Compliance Department hosted a spring community cleanup where almost 15 tons of bulky waste was disposed of at no cost to the residents of Wasco.

The event was in collaboration with the Wasco Public Works Department, American Refuse, Alianza and many local volun-

There were 127 loads dropped off and 65 curbside pickups for those that didn't have a way to transport the bulky waste.

Alianza collected several more tons of

"This addresses illegal dumping. It helps because there is so much out there. Illegal dumping in the alleyways is a big issue," said Public Works Director Luis Villa,

"Because of the lack of lighting, it cre-

WASCO

ates a perfect environment for illegal dumping.

Code Compliance hosts these cleanups twice a year.

"It's another great event where the community comes together to show their support for the city," Villa said. "These events are always successful. Compared to last time, the number of cars that came through doubled."

Jeff Martin, owner of American Refuse, said, "We do this because the people need it. We've been doing these events for at least 10 years. We keep doing this every year because we want to take care of Was-

"It's an outlet for community members to have a place to take their items, and it helps keep the city clean."

planning

Sergio Gonzalez, code compliance of-

ficer, said, "It's an opportunity to show pride for your home and city." John P. Pallares, Wasco

said, "I came out today to beautify the city. Wasco is home, and this keeps our town free of waste." Rafael Castillo brought

commissioner,

in three mattresses. "It saves me money on gas and time," he explained.

Sandra Rodriguez dropped off a TV, a washer and two baby cribs.

"I've had this stuff in my backyard for a long time, and I was happy to get rid of it. It was easy, fast and really convenient."



Local students helped clean up dirty alleyways. (Photo by Joshua Cooley for the Wasco Tribune)

Ramiro Rios also said it was an excellent way to declutter his home, and Mauro Mendoza thought the event was awesome.

"The best part was the community service and all of the volunteers. People are so generous with their time," he said.

Many local students came to lend a hand and helped collect trash from the al-Wasco High School student Addison

Vasquez said, "I like doing this. It is fun to come out and do something for the com-

The cleanup ended with a treat for the staff and all the volunteers, with tacos and

"It was a thank you for the volunteers that spent their time for fellowship and building community," Christian Tover, code compliance officer, said.



American Refuse workers moving trash into the dumpsters. (Photo by Joshua Cooley



American Refuse staff Juan Cervantes, Daniel Segovia and Gabriel Parra.

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for the Wasco Tribune)

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*Community Welcome & Opening Ceremonies

*Mariachi~Los Toros de México~11:30

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Group empowers farm working women

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

Lideres Campesinas is a nonprofit dedicated to strengthening the lives of farm working women in the areas of leadership and advocacy so they can be a voice in their communities.

The organization represents a culmina-

tion of decades of work by farm working women (campesinas). These women have been leaders of many grassroots and mobilizing efforts to improve conditions for farm working communities. It allows these long-time leaders and ac-

tivists to coordinate their work statewide and has built collectives so that campesinas may become more effective agents of The organization's principal goal is to

form a communication network throughout California to promote the develop-

ment of a united effort between campesinas and other groups that advocate the rights of the campesina community.

Lideres Campesinas makes available programs that help campesinas discover their own capacity to be a leader and serve as a vehicle to guide them on the path of finding their rights as a member of a family, local community, state, nation and global community. Yesenia Acosta is a testament to the

powerful transformation that women can experience through Lideres Campesinas. She first sought the organization's help

seven years ago and is now a North Kern County committee staff member. Acosta has received training to work

with other farm working women who have been victims of domestic violence and discrimination in the workforce.

As a leader of Lideres Campesinas, she also helps undocumented women navigate through the immigration process.

She is one of many women Lideres Campesinas has provided life-saving services to. Having lived with domestic violence and sexual assault and without legal status, she knows first-hand the challenges campesinas face. "I lived with fear," Acosta said.

Now as a staff member, she brings pas-

sion and commitment to other women in the same situation she found herself in. "We work to empower and convert

these women into leaders in their communities," she said. Lideres Campesinas brings women

information regarding their rights in the workforce, the use of cancerous pesticides in the farms and dangerous work conditions and teaches the importance of

Lideres Campesinas has an extensive reach serving not only Kern County but Coachella, Fresno, Greenfield, Soledad, Salinas, Sacramento, Sonoma, Napa, Merced, Madera and Huron.

Recently, leaders from the organization traveled to Washington, DC. "We came to speak with members of

Congress to look for solutions at a national

level for a greater impact on the lives of women in the agricultural community in California and throughout the country," Acosta said. Acosta encourages farm working wom-

en who may feel lost and scared to reach out to Lideres Campesinas.

"It changed my life, and could do the same for you."

To support the organization and donate to the cause, call 805-486-7776 or visit their website at liderescampesinas.org.

Tallon appointed WUHSD superintendent

"I've enjoyed supporting that work in administration. I have been blessed to have worked under tremendous leaders who helped grow my desire to serve students this way through their leadership."

Former WHS Superintendent Rob Cobb, who died earlier this year after a long battle with cancer, was one such leader who impacted his life as an educator. "I acknowledge the fact that I

am following Rob, and that Rob was a mentor to me for my entire career. I am grateful for his leadership and am still dealing with the emotion of losing him but committed to carrying on the work he led for many years."



Kevin Tallon with his wife, Gina, and daughters Brooke, Kaylee and Abigail. (Photo courtesy of Kevin Tallon)

He believes in the importance of education and thinks it is the foundation for helping students to become successful and productive 'We have a duty to help stu-

dents grow academically and socially so that they are prepared for whatever career and post-secondary educational opportunities they pursue." Tallon has the skills to thrive in

his new role. "I'm invested in our district and

the community. I want the best for our students,

so as we continue to deal with the challenges, I am determined help us and other staff overcome those so our students can be successful."

Student safety is a top priority for him. "We will continue to train our staff, up-

date our safety plan and employ district safety personnel to ensure the safety of our students and staff." He said his fondest memories of work-

ing for the district are the relationships he has built with students and staff.

"In the moment, you don't realize it, but then in time, you realize that you've developed a strong relationship or positively impacted someone's life. That is the most satisfying part of being an educator."

New sergeant hopes to keep city safe with partnership

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Stacy is looking forward to collaborating closely with the deputies assigned to the substation and providing the residents of Wasco with public safety

"In order to keep the

city safe, we need the public's help by their cooperation and their vigilance when it comes to reporting crimes," he said. "Working together provides the extra help deputies need to conduct thorough and in-depth investigations and will lead to apprehension and prosecution of those who commit crime.'

He chose his profession in law enforcement because he has always had the mentality to help those in need.

"Law enforcement has provided me with a great career where I can do that. I have always strived to do the right thing and maintain the utmost integrity in my everyday life."

His motto is "God is always in control."

Stacy hopes to improve the station.

"My goal as a sergeant is to always be there for the deputies. I have a lot of experience in different areas of law enforcement, and I want to share that experience with the deputies of Wasco," he said. "Doing that will motivate deputies

to always put 110% into all they do, which in turn will create a good working environment at the Wasco substation."

He is unique from other sergeants and believes his assignments have provided him with a different mindset from other supervisors. He said every supervisor is different and may have a different view of things, which is not bad.

Stacy said he strives to be the best he can be, and working with deputies with diverse backgrounds and experiences keeps him open to other ideas. "Although I am a super-

visor, it does not mean I always have the right or best answer. Listening to subordinates provides me with a different point of view and could also lead to better working relationships."

co Police Department is excellent.

"Although I have only been assigned to the Wasco substation for a short time, the City of Wasco will be in good hands with Chief Charlie Fivecoat leading the way."

Stacy plans to help with the transition.

"I will work with the City of Wasco and Chief Fivecoat to the best of my ability. A smooth transition will benefit both the Kern County Sheriff's Office and Wasco Police Depart-

He will address the gang situation in Wasco.

"I know Wasco City has dealt with gang violence for some time. Wasco deputies eration when investigating these types of crimes.'

"Due to Wasco being such a small city, the amount of crime can become overwhelming for the residents and the deputies. Our mission is to work in partnership with the community and enhance the safety, security and quality of life for everyone involved."



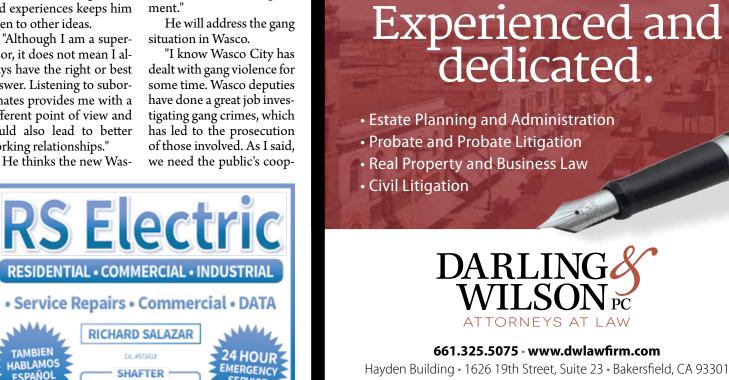
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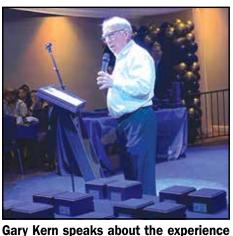
Generals receive championship rings

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"I want to thank our principal, Russell Shipley, our athletic director, Brian Feaster, my amazing coaching staff, the parents and our fans for such a wonderful season."

Another major role in their success, according to Pierucci, was the decision that was made to have him move to the press box, instead of spending the game on the sidelines. "I needed to do this, for our players, myself, and our staff. I was not contributing what I should have been doing on the sideline. This turned out to be a smart decision for our kids, our staff and myself as a man and a coach."

Also speaking at the event was Maleek



of being a General fan.

Diaz. Diaz has been taking pictures for the team for a few years. He spearheaded a project that culminated in banners being made for the team and the school, displaying the championship season that Shafter had. These will hang in the Shafter High gymnasium to honor this

The last speaker of the night was Gary Kern. Kern is a long-time educator at Shafter High and has been a faithful and fervent fan of the Generals for decades. "I was born a week before Shafter's Valley championship in 1949. I couldn't make it to that one, but I have been there for every Generals championship appearance since

then," said Kern. He was surprised and touched, when after he spoke, Pierucci announced that Kern would be receiving his own championship ring, along with the players, staff and coaches.

Pierucci ended the night by saying that this season was one for the ages, but he also said that he believes that it will not be another 67 years before another appearance is made. "I plan on holding another one of these ring ceremonies in the near future," which was met with a thunder of applause. With the majority of the team returning next year, they may be contacting Baron Ring Co. well before the year

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement **Isaguirre Transport Solutions** 2023-B2673 5519 Blanco Dr

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS Notice is hereby given that Pond

Union School District (hereinafter referred to as "Owner") will receive sealed bids prior to the date and time stated for the Bid Opening for the award of the Contract to supply and

Pond Union School District NEW MODULAR BUILDING 29585 Pond Road Wasco, California 93280 as per drawings and specifications which may now be obtained electronically from link below

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SCOPE: Contractor/Supplier to supply

(36'x40') modular building to Owner for future installation. Selected Contractor/Supplier shall coordinate with Architect for further approval of modular building from all legal agencies (DSA, City, etc.) and install the

building at a later date. The lowest bid shall be determined on the amount of the base bid. tract, and the time of Completion for

the Work ("the Contract Time") shall

be 180 calendar days from (a) the ect as established in the Owner's Notice to Proceed, or (b) if no other date is established in a Notice to Proceed from Owner, the date of Contractor / Supplier actual commencement of the Work (including mobilization). Bids will be sealed and filed in the

on May 18, 2023, before 2:00 p.m. on

Business Office of the Owner at:

Pond Union School District

Wasco, California 93280

29585 Pond Road

on the amount of the base bid. Time is of the essence in this Condate of commencement of the proj-

the clock designated by the Owner or its representative as the bid clock. Facsimile (FAX) copies of the bid will

not be accepted. Bids will be opened on May 18, 2023, at the Pond Union School District Office at 29585 Pond Road Wasco, California 93280 at 2:00 p.m. as calculated by the clock designated by the Owner or its representative as Bids must be accompanied by a bid-

der's bond, cashier's check, or certified check for at least ten percent (10%) of the amount of the base bid and made payable to the Owner. If a bid bond is used, it must be issued by an Admitted Surety (an insurance organization authorized by the Insurance Commissioner to transact surety insurance in the State of California during this calendar year), which shall be given as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into a Contract if awarded the Work and will be declared forfeited, paid to, or retained by the Owner as liquidated damages if the bidder refuses or neglects to enter into the Contract provided by the Owner after being requested to do so. The surety insurer must, unless otherwise agreed to by Owner in writing, at the time of issuance of the bond, have a rating not lower than "A-" as rated by A.M. Best Company, Inc. or other independent rating companies. Owner reserves the right to approve or reject the surety insurer selected by Contractor and to require Contractor to obtain a bond from a surety insurer satisfactory to the Owner.

ments, the successful bidder will be required to furnish a Payment (Labor and Material) Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum, and a Faithful Performance Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum, said bonds to be secured from Admitted Surety insurers (an insurance organization authorized by the Insurance Commissioner to transact business of insurance in the State of California during this calendar year). The surety insurers must, unless otherwise agreed to by Owner in writing, at the time of issuance of the bonds, have a rating not lower than "A-" as rated by A.M. Best Company, Inc. or other independent rating companies. Owner reserves the right to approve or reject the surety insurers selected by the successful bidder and to require the successful bidder to obtain bonds from surety insurers satisfactory to the Owner. The bidder will be required to furnish insurance as set forth in the Contract

Pursuant to the Contract Docu-

The successful bidder will be allowed to substitute securities or establish an escrow in lieu of retainage, pursuant to Public Contract Code Section

The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularity and to reject

Unless otherwise required by law, no bidder may withdraw its bid for a period of Thirty (30) days after the date set for the opening thereof or any authorized postponement thereof. The Owner reserves the right to take more than thirty (30) days to make a decision regarding the rejection of bids or the award of the Contract. Pond Union School District

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Notice is hereby given that Maple Elementary School District (hereinafter referred to as "Owner") will receive sealed bids prior to the date and time stated for the Bid Opening for the award of the Contract to sup-Maple Elementary School District

NEW MODULAR BUILDING 29161 Fresno Ave. as per drawings and specifications

which may now be obtained electronically from link below: Fresno Reprographics Plan Room Public Jobs :: Fresno Reprographics Online Planroom

Contractor/Supplier to supply (36'x40') modular building to Owner for future installation. Selected Contractor/Supplier shall coordinate with Architect for further approval of modular building from all legal agencies (DSA, City, etc.) and install the building at a later date. The lowest bid shall be determined

tract, and the time of Completion for the Work ("the Contract Time") shall be 180 calendar days from (a) the ect as established in the Owner's Notice to Proceed, or (b) if no other date is established in a Notice to Proceed from Owner, the date of Contractor / Supplier actual commencement of the Work (including mobilization). Bids will be sealed and filed in the Business Office of the Owner at: Maple Elementary School District 29161 Fresno Ave. Shafter, CA 93263 on May 16, 2023, before 2:00 p.m. on

the clock designated by the Owner or its representative as the bid clock. Facsimile (FAX) copies of the bid will not be accepted. Bids will be opened on May 16, 2023, at the Maple Elementary School

District Office at 29161 Fresno Ave. Shafter, CA 93263at 2:00 p.m. as calculated by the clock designated by the Owner or its representative as the bid clock. Bids must be accompanied by a bid-

der's bond, cashier's check, or certified check for at least ten percent (10%) of the amount of the base bid and made payable to the Owner. If a bid bond is used, it must be issued by an Admitted Surety (an insurance organization authorized by the Insurance Commissioner to transact surety insurance in the State of California during this calendar year), which shall be given as a guarantee that the bidder will enter into a Contract if awarded the Work and will be declared forfeited, paid to, or retained by the Owner as liquidated damages if the bidder refuses or neglects to enter into the Contract provided by the Owner after being requested to do so. The surety insurer must, unless otherwise agreed to by Owner in writing, at the time of issuance of the bond, have a rating not lower than "A-" as rated by A.M. Best Company, Inc. or other independent rating companies. Owner reserves the insurer selected by Contractor and to require Contractor to obtain a bond from a surety insurer satisfac-

tory to the Owner. Pursuant to the Contract Documents, the successful bidder will be required to furnish a Payment (Labor and Material) Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum, and a Faithful Performance Bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the Contract Sum, said bonds to be secured from Admitted Surety insurers (an insurance organization authorized by the Insurance Commissioner to transact business of insurance in the State of California during this calendar year). The surety insurers must, unless otherwise agreed to by Owner in writing, at the time of issuance of the bonds, have a rating not lower than "A-" as rated by A.M. Best Company, Inc. or other independent rating companies. Owner reserves the right to approve or reject the surety insurers selected by the successful bidder and to require the successful bidder to obtain bonds from surety insurers satisfactory to the Owner. The bidder will be required to furnish

The successful bidder will be allowed to substitute securities or establish an escrow in lieu of retainage, pursuant to Public Contract Code Section

insurance as set forth in the Contract

The Owner reserves the right to waive any irregularity and to reject

anv or all bids. Unless otherwise required by law, no bidder may withdraw its bid for a period of Thirty (30) days after the date set for the opening thereof or any authorized postponement thereof. The Owner reserves the right to take more than thirty (30) days to make a decision regarding the rejection of bids or the award of the Contract. Maple Elementary School District

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SHAFTER PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 9, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, the Shafter Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider the following: Specific Plan Amendment No. 23-07: Lennar Homes of California, LLC, a California Limited Liability Company (Lennar), is requesting to amend the Gossamer Grove Specific Plan to 1) relocate estate residential units from Planning Area (PA) 2 to PA-3 so that PA-2 will go from 166 estate units to 76 units and PA-3 from 0 estate units to 90 units and 2) relocate low-density residential units from PA-3 to PA-2 so that PA-3 will go from 1,320 low-density residen-

tial units to 1,161 units and PA-2 from

1,201 low-density residential units to

1,360 units. The overall previously

approved residential units of 3.432

for the entire Specific Plan area will not increase because of the reconfiguration of estate and low-density residential units within PA-2 and PA-3. Lennar is also requesting a change in the minimum interior lot width for a minimum 5,000 square-foot lot within PA-2, PA-3, and PA-5 from 50 feet to 45 feet. Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited

to attend and be heard. Copies of the project are on file in the office of the Planning Department at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, and are available for public review. Any person wishing to be heard, or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of said project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments to the Steve Esselman, Planning Director ((661) 746-5002) at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263 or by e-mail at sesselman@shafter. com. Should anyone challenge any proposed action which is the subject of a public hearing listed in this notice or otherwise, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at or prior to this public hearing. In compliance with AB 361 and the Resolution Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency Relating to the

COVID-19 Pandemic, adopted by the City of Shafter City Council, public meetings are currently Teleconference/Video Conference Meetings aligned with local and federal guidelines and social distancing recommendations for the containment of the Coronavirus. You are strongly encouraged to observe the Planning Commission meeting live via YouTube https://www.youtube.com/ user/CityofShafer/. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item or public comment, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 9, 2023 to the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter. com. If you wish to make a written comment please submit your comment to the City Clerk, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. If you wish to make a comment during the live meeting by joining the conference via Zoom (include making live comments during the public comment period), callers must first register with the City Clerk at CityClerk@ shafter.com before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. All public comments are provided to the Planning Commission and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the Commission prior to taking action on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF SHAFTER PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

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May 9, 2023, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, the Shafter Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider the following: Specific Plan Amendment 22-06: LGI Homes - California LLC is requesting to amend the Orchard Park Specific Plan to 1) revise maximum floor areas of proposed homes and rear yard setbacks based on lot size, 2) limit homes less than 1,800 square feet to a maximum mix of 33% of the total homes to be built, 3) limit homes less than 2,000 square feet to a maximum mix of 33% of the total homes to be built, 4) limit homes less than 2,200 square feet to a maximum mix of 60% of the total homes to be built, 5) place the required retention basin in new locations within the Specific Plan area, 6) revise the architectural

designs for the proposed housing, and 7) remove the plant palette to provide flexibility in designing the landscaping for the Specific Plan Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Copies of the project are on file in the office of the Planning Department at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, and are available for public review. Any person wishing to be heard, or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of said project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments to the Steve

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Council Chambers of Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, the Shafter Planning Commission will conduct public hearings to consider the following: Zone Change No. 23-71: The proposed Zone Change seeks to modify the existing zoning designation of Lot "B" (APN: 536-020-03 05, & 07). Lot "B" is located on the northwest corner of Seventh Standard Road and Jewetta Avenue North, and it is approximately 3.3 acres. Lot "B" is currently zoned Drilling Island (DI). Specifically, the proposed change would designate the westerly side of Lot "B", which is currently zoned as Drilling Island, to Specific Plan. Similarly, the northern part of Lot B, currently designated as a Specific Plan, would also be zoned to Drilling Island. Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Copies of the project have been included in this mail, and are on file in the office of the Planning Department at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, and are available for public review. Any person wishing to be heard, or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of said project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments (reference Zone Change No. 23-71) to the Mitzy Cuxum, Senior Planner ((661) 746-5002) at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263 or by e-mail at mcuxum@shafter. com. Should anyone challenge any proposed action which is the subject of a public hearing listed in this notice or otherwise, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the Planning Commission at or prior to this public hearing. In compliance with AB 361 and the Resolution Declaring the Existence

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Wrestler becomes two-time all American

VERONICA JACUINDE

Julieta Echeverria Aispuro is a senior

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at Wasco High School who has only been wrestling WASCO two years. In that brief time, she has managed to make history at the Reno World Wrestling tour-

nament.

"It was the state championships, and I was able to be the first girl from WHS ever to qualify." She took 1st place and all American,

competing against wrestlers from throughout the nation. In addition to earning the Eagle trophy for her achievement at this competition,

which is very hard to accomplish, she also has 11 medals. She is a two-time South Sequoia League champion and runner-up at the Valley Championship. She took third at

Bakersfield schools. "We never had a girl do that," coach Juan Gallardo said. "I'm very excited for her because it motivates the other girls on the team to do the same."

the masters in Morro Bay and made all-

area first team this year against all of the

Aispuro said her experiences in wrestling challenge her, and she has had the opportunity to build close relationships with her other teammates.



friend, Areli Solis.

"It's a fun time. You get to meet people and travel to other schools." What started as a bet from her two

brothers to join the team flourished into her decision to take up the sport. Since then, she has learned teamwork, time management, and leadership and developed a positive mentality knowing that she can



at the Reno World Wrestling competition.

achieve anything she puts her mind to. She credits much of her success to her

coaches, Joe Blanchard and Gallardo, and considers them father figures. "They held me under their shoulders,

encouraging me to try new things and make it big for myself and Wasco." "They never gave up on me and tried

their best to teach me different techniques. They knew before I did that I would suc-

Her plans for the future are to attend Sacramento State University and join the wrestling team. She also plans to study to become an elementary school

Aispuro said the most significant thing that has come out of wrestling is making her best friend, Areli Solis, who is also on

It's not about winning for her.

"It's about improving my skills and figuring out my mistakes so I can use those to learn outside of wrestling."

She lives by the motto her coach Gallardo instilled in her.

"In practice, we wrestle with the guys.

They are stronger and faster, but that enables me to be twice as stronger and faster

"By doing wrestling, it keeps me on to be a better student."

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In Philippians 3:14, the Apostle Paul writes, "I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus." Any athlete knows it takes clear goals

and consistent hard work to win an Olympic gold medal. Successful entrepreneurs are those who stay focused on their objectives and labor daily to achieve them. Dreams may inspire but are only trans-

formed from mere hopeful fantasies when they are defined by measurable goals with a clear plan or at least some specific starting While it's common to set a goal, it takes

discipline to keep pursuing it, especially when we are faced with daily obstacles and continual distractions. It is much easier to fall into a survivor mentality, just getting through each day, instead of seeking to do better, to be more. Stop for a moment today and think

about where you can and should be striving for more. Don't limit yourself to financial or career goals, as important as those may be. How can you be a more effective or patient parent, helpful family member or supportive friend? What practical steps can you take to improve your relationships and to work on them consistently?

I know this exercise can quickly become overwhelming; most of us feel the need for improvement in every area of our lives. So why not include God in the process? He knows everything, not only exactly where you are, but what your future holds. He knows which goals are a waste of time and which will change everything. He Himself has done nothing without a plan; from the moment He created the earth and humankind, He had a plan in place to rescue us from our own mistakes. What is more, He has created each of us

with divine purpose. In Philippians 3:12, Paul, recognizing that God already had a mission or goal in mind for his life, wrote, "Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus

your life and know that it mattered, that you fulfilled your own amazing destiny and made a difference in the lives around you. That is a goal worth working toward! And so you don't get discouraged along

the way, please remember that if you'll let Him, God will keep working toward His goals for your life, even when you struggle to stay focused and consistent. In Philippians 1:6, our friend Paul also wrote that he was absolutely confident that God "who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ."

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The Lady Generals softball team is tops in the SSL with a perfect record. RIGHT: Josephine Martin broke a 10- year-old record in the butterfly.

Shafter spring sports in full swing

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

Shafter High spring sports teams are in the backstretch of their league seasons, with Generals thriving in the South Sequoia League, battling for titles.

The Shafter High girls softball team is having an amazing season, raising their record to 14-2-2 with two wins over Kennedy last week. The squads play the same team twice in the week, having both a home and away series. Last week, the Lady Generals pitched a shutout for the series, blanking Kenney 14-0 and 16-0 in the wins. In the victories, Serenity Angulo pitched shutouts, while the offense exploded for over 20 hits on the week, to go with the 30 runs. Shafter still has Taft

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on their schedule, with a two-game finale with rival Wasco in May.

On the boys diamond, the SHS baseball team is currently 7-7 overall, with a 3-3 record in the SSL. Junior Jacob Bernal is leading the team at the plate, having one of the top batting averages in the SSL at .654. The Generals finished up a tough series with powerhouse Kennedy, losing in the finale of the series, 15-0. But, the Generals did beat the McFarland Cougars twice the previous week, improving their standing in the SSL by scores of 13-0 and 8-5. In the victory at home against the Cougars, the Generals offense slammed 14 hits on their way to the win. Sophomore Christopher Espinoza went a perfect 3-3 at the plate,

with Bernal going 2-4. One of Espinoza's hit was a triple. Junior Jesus Paez pitched the shutout, allowing only four hits and striking out 10 in the game.

On the track, the boys and girls teams are having strong SSL seasons, with a few of the athletes making their presence known in the invitationals throughout the season. Jocelyn Pierucci is leading the way for the Generals' girls team, near the top in the league in the shotput and discus events. She also threw a personal best at the Fowler Throwing Championships in Fowler with a throw of over 32' in the shot put, a personal best for her, good for third place in the prestigious Invitational division. Pierucci also placed third in the shotput at the Kern Invitational in Bakersfield. On the boys side, Koa Rhodes has placed near the top in the high jump event, with Jeronimo Ceja near the top in the throwing event in the Varsity division.

The Shafter swimming squads are completing their SSL seasons, battling Wasco for the league championship. The girls relay team has already qualified for the Valley Championships, as well as qualifying in individual events. The team, consisting of Josephine Martin, Annemarie Piuser, Sydnee Macias and Rilynn Lee, took a second place in a loaded invitational at Sunnyside High School in Fresno. Martin also broke a 10-year-old butterfly record in that same

League championships for these sports will be determined in the next three weeks, with the post-seasons in the first to middle part of May.

A once in a lifetime opportunity

From Page 1

"We have just started taking sign-ups for July 2025, where we will visit Germany, Switzerland, Austria and the Czech Republic."

What Moreno loves most about the club is helping kids do something they might not have any other chance to do.

"I love that it creates the desire to continue to travel with these kids."

The trips usually cost around \$4,000 for nine days of travel. There is fundraising all year long, and parents can make monthly payments.

"I encourage students to do as much fundraising as possible." she explained.

Moreno said the trips instill in the students a sense of pride and accomplishment, and just because they live in Wasco doesn't mean they are limited to traveling the world.

"The sky is the limit. A lot of the kids don't realize that it is even a possibility. Once they experience it, it's more likely that they will want to have more of those same experiences, whether it be for college or just for pleasure."

Student Penelope Jones has gone on two trips, with her first visiting London

She said of her travels to Spain this year, "It was really fun. I got to go with my mom since she was a chaperone, and it made it more special."

There was free time for the students,



Natalie Molina, Inez Uresti and Sydney Zavala putting the finishing touches on their tapas. (Photos courtesy of Katie Moreno)

She said she formed close friend-

"It allowed us to adventure in the city, go shopping and try different restaurants."

27, 2023

ships. "On the trip, we got to know each student personally. I made three really good friends, and I get to see them every



The best part for her was seeing all of

"It was a once in a lifetime opportunity."

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Fictitious Business Name Statement **Grocery Outlet of Wasco** 2023-B2185

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Lost Hills, CA 93249 County: Kern Mailing address of business: PO Box 591 Lost Hills, CA 93249 Jorge Torres 21189 King Street Lost Hills, CA 93249 The business is conducted by: Indi-Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Jorge Torres Date Statement Filed: 04/21/2023 Date Statement Expires: 04/21/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk Bv: M De La Rosa Publish Wasco Tribune April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 2023

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> **PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF** ROBERT SANCHEZ Case No. BPB-23-002314

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors. contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of ROBERT

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Nikolette Sanchez in the Superior Court of California, County of

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE re-

guests that Nikolette Sanchez be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the

decedent. 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.

A HEARING on the petition will be held on Sept. 28, 2023 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. J-1 located at 2100 College Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93305. 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 vour attorney. IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a con-

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Attorney for petitioner: RANDY D GRUEN ESQ SBN 105729 ELLE MUSSELMAN ESQ SBN 331088 THE WERNER LAW FIRM 27433 TOURNEY RD STE 200 SANTA CLARITA CA 91355 CN995886 SANCHEZ Apr 13, 20, 27, Publish Wasco Tribune

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