

Community Calendar

As activities restart and businesses reopen, we will try to update readers on the status of events and activities throughout the area. Please contact Erica Soriano with additions and changes at esoriano@TheShafterPress.com or call 661-292-5100 by Monday at 4 p.m. for that week's paper.

ONGOING

Warm clothing drive — District 4 Supervisor David Couch is collecting blankets, coats, gloves, hats, scarves and socks. Donations will benefit families in District 4. To schedule an in-person pickup, call 661- 868-3680.

Utility bills — The City of Wasco reminds residents that the city's official website is the only authorized avenue to pay your utility bill online.

Covid-19 testing — There will be free covid-19 testing at the Wasco Library, 1102 7th St., Wasco. If you have insurance, they will be billed. Appointments can be made at lhi.care/covidtesting or call 888-634-1123. **Donde?** Biblioteca de Wasco 1102 7th St, Wasco. Si no tiene acceso de internet llame al (888)634-1123.

Reopened — Shafter City Hall has reopened to the public from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Hours for the finance department are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Call 661-746-5000.

Food2Door — The program delivers 70 pounds of food once a month to seniors 65 and older, sponsored by the City of Shafter CAPK and Kern County. Call 661- 498-7831 ext. 1310 to find out if you're eligible for the program.

CAPK y el Condado de Kern "Programa FOOD2DOOR" atienden a personas mayores de 65 años . Una caja de comida de 70

libra cada mes se entrega directamente en la puerta. El programa no se basa en los ingresos, está diseñado para mantener a las personas en sus hogares y mantenerse saludables para que podamos vencer al COVID-19. Llame al 661-498-7831 ext. 1310 Para averiguar si es elegible para el programa e inscribirse hoy mismo.

TUESDAY

Senior lunch program — The senior sack program gives out lunches to seniors every first and third Tuesday of the month at 11 a.m., sponsored by the Golden Gleaners. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith St., Wasco.

THURSDAY

Wasco Recreation & Park Board — Meetings are on every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Hall at Barker Park, Wasco.

FRIDAY

Food giveaway — The Impact Program is a weekly food giveaway provided to anyone in need, Fridays beginning at 7 a.m., first come, first serve. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith St., Wasco.

SATURDAY

Museum — The Shafter Depot Museum will host their Christmas Tree Display every Saturday until the first Saturday of January from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m at 150 Central Valley Highway.

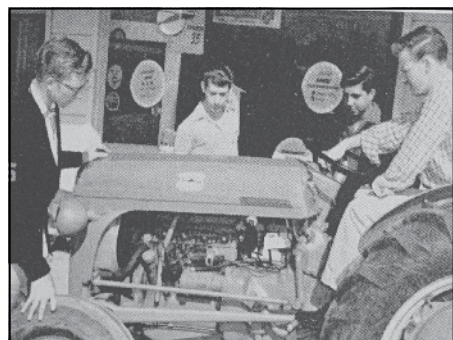
Mystery history

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Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to *The Press*, 406 Central Ave., Shafter 93263, or e-mail it to mystery-photo@TheShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** Camp-fire Halloween Parade Leslie Somers, Serena Bishop

WASCO



LAST WEEK: Kelly Blanton gets instructions from Dorman Movesesian, Richard Hurly and Henry Prado on how to run the new Ferguson 30 from Allen's Farm Equipment, 1234 G St.

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ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

Dec. 22

Jodi Kay Bevelheimer, 37, of Shafter, was arrested on an outside agency warrant.

Joshua Mark Hutchins, 27, of Shafter, was arrested on a felony bench warrant, on an outside agency warrant, obstruction of a public officer, controlled substance paraphernalia, driving without a license and both plates required on vehicle.

Dec. 23

Michael Lee Anthony Taber, 39, of Shafter, was arrested for inflicting corporal injury onto spouse.

Dec. 24

Joshua Mark Hutchins, 27, of Shafter, was arrested for theft, extortion of vehicle, receiving/knowning stolen property and on a felony bench warrant.

Jodi Kay Bevelheimer,

37, of Shafter, was arrested for bringing controlled substance to jail, possession of burglary tools, possession of bad checks, theft/extortion and possession of identifying information.

Dec. 25

Jose A. Colli Tzuc, 37, of Shafter, was arrested for disorderly conduct: alcohol, possession of open container in public and consumption of alcohol in public.

Miguel Palacios Angulo, 23, of Shafter, was arrested for DUI and driving without a license.

Dec. 27

Mauricio Enrique Quiroa, 23, of Shafter, was arrested for domestic violence.

WASCO

As reported by the Wasco Substation

Dec. 21

Eden Guerra Martinez, 31, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1500 block of

G Street for misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance. She was cited and released at the scene.

Antonio Hernandez-Martinez, 52, of Wasco, was arrested in the 900 block of D Street for misdemeanor disorderly conduct while under the influence of alcohol. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Dec. 22

Angelica Salazar, 24, of Shafter, was arrested at the intersection of Griffith Avenue and Poso Drive for felony vehicle theft, possession of a stolen vehicle, and misdemeanor driving without a license. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Dec. 24

Benito Santiago Cruz, 41, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of G

Street for misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol, possession of unlawful paraphernalia, hit and run with property damage, and driving without a license. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Dec. 25

Miguel Angel Hernandez, 20, of Wasco, was arrested in the 900 block of Redwood Avenue for misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol and driving without a license. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Dec. 26

Raul Alvarez, 36, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of 7th Street and Rosewood Avenue for felony infliction of corporal injury on a spouse or cohabitant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Antonio Ocampo, 21, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 1000 block of Hazelnut Street for felony possession of controlled substance for sale and conspiracy to commit a crime. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jorge Retamoza, 28, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of Hazelnut Street for felony possession of a controlled substance for sale, conspiracy to commit a crime, misdemeanor obstruction of a peace officer, and altering evidence. He was booked into the

Kern County Jail.

Dec. 27

Alfonso Acosta, 32, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1600 block of D Street for misdemeanor driving on a suspended license. He was cited and released at the scene.

Pedro Alejandro Soria Huerta, 48, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1300 block of D Street for misdemeanor disorderly conduct while under the influence of drugs and alcohol. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

CORRECTION

A photo that ran on Page 4 of last week's edition was labeled incorrectly. The photo on the left is of neighbor Salvatore Rodriguez.

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Year marked by pandemic, election

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final to the Rams.

At the end of January, the city gathered to celebrate a group of businesses, organizations and people being honored for their contributions at the Shafter Chamber of Commerce Awards banquet.

Several honorees were recognized in different areas, including Basham & Lara Funeral Care, who received the Commercial Award for their new property including a chapel, receptions area, and viewing room.

Jackson Sanchez received the Young Person Award for his outstanding performance in the classroom, as well as in the community.

FEBRUARY

In February, the city announced their find for the City Manager's position, Gabriel Gonzales.

Formerly the city of Gilroy's city administrator, he was the City Council's selection as the next Shafter city manager. The 4-1 vote ended a four-month search after the resignation of Scott Hurlbert.

Gabriel Gonzalez has 15 years of experience in the city manager role for three other cities, including Arvin and Mendota.

"Even when I was in Arvin, when John Guinn was the city manager for Shafter, I could tell that the city was growing and was doing things to set them apart from the rest of the cities in Kern County. Shafter has been on my radar ever since," he said.



Gonzalez has 25 years in municipal leadership roles, beginning in the City of Arvin. He was finance director there from 1995 to 2001. From 2001 to 2004, Gonzalez served as the director of managed care and facilities for Clinica Sierra Vista, a provider of health services in the Valley, then became Mendota city manager in 2004. Gonzalez then went from the city of 20,000 to Rohnert Park, with a population of over 40,000. Gonzalez was city manager there from 2010 to 2013. In 2013, Gonzalez had a five-month stint as city manager for Augusta, Kansas. He then returned to California and was the assistant city manager for a year and a half in El Monte. In 2016, Gonzalez returned to lead the city of Gilroy as city administrator.

February ended with a flourish as the annual Colours Festival took place the last week in February. A variety of mediums were on display including an art gallery, theater shows, music, and more. An original play by Larry Starrh was presented at the Ford Theater.

There were also silent movies, coffee house music and sculptures on display.



MARCH

March saw the first inkling of things to come, as the county and nation started to feel the ramifications of the coronavirus.

In the second half of March, it was decided that local schools would be closing their doors, relegating students to learning online.

All sports seasons were canceled, with Shafter faring very well in several sports, including their Varsity Girls Softball team, which had won an early season tournament that saw them beat Taft and Frontier.

Also in March, the Richland Junior High Girls Basketball team completed an undefeated season with a championship. The Richland Trojans junior varsity girls 7th grade basketball team finished their season with an unblemished record, claiming the league title. The Trojans won the championship by beating the Cougars of Thomas Jefferson from Wasco. The squad, coached by Celeste Zamora, finished the year with an 18-0 record. The Trojans' main competition over the season was

La Vina, and the team from McFarland, although Zamora said that by the end of the season, the team from Thomas Jefferson had improved and were tough. The JV champion team consisted of Elissa Munoz, Katie Avila, Haley Lindsey, Mariah Duarte, Cynthia Chavez, Angelina Acosta, Aliyah Escalera, Sydnee Macias and Rilyn Hanner.

Zamora said that about half of the team had played for the Recreation and Parks league and had some experience on travel teams. She also said that a couple of her players had never played basketball before this season. Zamora said that the season was just as beneficial for her as it was for the girls.

"This season was filled with a lot of hard work and dedication," she said.

She commented that she strives to focus on the fundamentals of the game, especially at the junior high level because she believes that is most important. Zamora also said that she tried her best to not only teach them on the court, but to also mold them into hard working, respectful players.

"As an example, I made sure that we prayed together before every game. I almost forgot to a few times, but the girls made sure to rip at the county level," she said.

At the end of March, Gov. Gavin Newsom announced a Stay-At-Home order for state residents, with all non-essential businesses ordered to close their doors. This included gyms, hair salons, restaurants, restricting them to take-out and delivery options only.

The annual Distinguished Young Woman of Shafter competition was moved to June because of the pandemic. The competition would ultimately be decided by a virtual competition that allowed

no spectators.

APRIL

April saw the beginning of virtual learning for the school districts in Shafter. Classes were held with the students using laptops provided by the school districts, who handed them out and set up mobile hotspots so all of the students would have access to WiFi and be able to attend online classes.

During this time, the school districts continued to provide free breakfast, lunch, and dinner for all students. Different locations were designated for the students to come pick up the grab and go meals, each location handing out more than 1,500 meals per day.

Also in April, the first confirmed covid-19 case of a Shafter High student was announced. Joel Herrera, 19, who had graduated from Shafter High, confirmed that he had tested positive for the coronavirus.

Joel works at a pharmacy in Bakersfield, and part of his job is delivering medications to patients. He believed that this is how he was exposed to the virus. Herrera said that he didn't have a cough but had been running a fever. His doctor had him tested for the virus because of the presence of the fever. The testing procedure "sucked," Herrera said, including having a long Q-tip put into his nose and swabbed.

"Take care of yourself," he told residents. "I can't stop repeating this, stay home and don't take this time of quarantine for granted. I am looking forward to being able to spend time with my family and friends again."

The Kern County Health Department provided coronavirus statistics by region. The valley region, which includes 11 zipcodes including Shafter and Wasco, had 16 confirmed cases of the disease. Four of those were in Wasco, one man on a ventilator and his wife, both in a hospital, and a second couple quarantined at home with less serious symptoms.



Also in April, the Shafter Press office had a close call when the building it

shares with the former Brookside Deli was involved in a fire. The fire started in the bathroom of the Brookside location, with the blaze contained to the Brookside portion of the building. Officials say that the fire was apparently started by squatters who had been inside. No damage was reported to the newspaper office.

At the end of April, the Shafter City Council began its meetings via Zoom. Residents could view the meetings on YouTube, and also participate virtually. Each meeting took place online, with council members participating from their homes, each in touch by computer.

MAY

In May, the virus was still disrupting everyday life in Shafter. Several businesses were forced to close their doors, be it temporarily or on a permanent basis. One restaurant that had vowed to keep fighting was Don Pepes, which had kept their doors open for take-out and delivery options. They also held a couple of events in which they gave out free meals for residents who needed a hand at the time. A line would form and residents would be provided with a meal to go.

Also in May, the first of many graduations took place when the Mustangs of Maple School held their ceremony. Students were escorted by their families in vehicles that paraded past the graduation dais. The students would then go up to the dais and collect their diploma before getting back in their vehicle.



JUNE

June saw the announcement of the winner of the Shafter Distinguished Young Woman of Shafter competition. With the competition held online, including video interviews, taping their routines, including Self Expression and the Talent competitions, this year's program navigated through uncharted territory.

With the event originally scheduled for March 20, the coronavirus made it necessary to first postpone the program. According to Toni Franz, of the Shafter DYW program, the event was shifted to June at Shafter's Ford Theater, with safety guidelines in place. With the restrictions still too much for the program to go on as planned, it was decided to hold the event online, with the contestants recording their routines.

Shelbee Ramos was named the winner of the competition. Ramos won the title, which includes a \$2,000 scholarship. She also received the Physical Fitness award and the Scholastic award, good for another \$400 in scholarships. Alicia Pompa was named the First Alternate and received a \$1,500 scholarship award. Pompa also won a \$200 scholarship for taking top honors in the Self Expression phase of the competition.

June also saw the graduations of Shafter High, Richland Junior High, as well as Wasco High School.

Amidst the pandemic, Shafter High School sent their senior class across the stage, ending what was an unprecedented school year where a graduation ceremony had seemed unlikely just a couple of months ago. Wednesday, June 24, at the Shafter High Football stadium, the Class of 2020 received their diplomas. Each senior was allowed two guests who could be seated with them on the football field. The bleachers were empty, with the full area of the football field being utilized. As the students' names were read, the student and his or her guests walked to the front of the

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City residents push past challenges

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dais, ending at the stage where a photographer waited to take their picture.



Also in the news the Kern County District Attorney's Office charged a Shafter woman with vehicular manslaughter. Breanna Jimenez, 31, was charged as a result of an accident in which she was driving on Lerdo Highway in February and lost control of her vehicle, rolling over and ending up in an orchard. Her 6-year-old son Jaden was killed in the accident. Jimenez was charged with vehicular manslaughter, three counts of willful cruelty to a child. This was Jimenez's second instance behind the wheel. In 2018, Jimenez was cited for driving without a license, failure to stop at a stop sign, and two counts of failure to restrain children in their restraints.

JULY
July 2020 was the first July in recent memory that did not include a fireworks show in Shafter. It also saw a campaign that the Shafter Police Department implemented regarding illegal fireworks. With the addition of a \$1,000 fine for the violation, the city saw several of the fines



being filed.
In mid-July, Bank of America branches closed, along with its DMV location. The DMV was closed for a few days to have the location cleaned and sanitized. Bank of America closed several of its locations throughout Kern County in light of employee pools that had dwindled due to the virus. This resulted in several days in which the ATMs were out of service because of the volume of use of the machines, having to wait for them to be serviced and refilled with cash.
Danny Escalante was honored by the Kern County Honor Flight Association and was awarded medals in honor of his service in the military. Escalante, a long-time Shafter resident, had been scheduled to go on an Honor Flight to the nation's capitol,

but health reasons kept Escalante from making the trip.
After Escalante was honored, it was just days before he passed away. Escalante will always be remembered for his bravery, kindness, and community spirit.
AUGUST
When August came, it was uncertain how the schools were going to open their doors. All Kern County schools started school with distance learning. The Richland School District had originally planned to start school with in-person sessions, but an announcement from

Newsom did not allow school districts to open their doors to in-person schooling that has had a certain number of days in a certain tier, due to the virus. This made it necessary for Richland to implement its distance learning plan instead.

Students were supplied with laptops and classes were taught by teachers virtually, with attendance programs in place as well as exercise plans to keep the kids active.

Also in August, Shafter lost another one of its pioneers, with the passing of Art Penner. Penner was born in Shafter in 1925, a year after his family had moved to Shafter from Canada. Penner farmed in Shafter throughout the years and served his church as well.

The city began its Wear a Mask campaign in August, trying to slow the spread of the coronavirus, which had increased to a total of over 1,000 cases at the time. With digital signs and ads, city officials encouraged all residents to wear a face covering whenever they went downtown or in the neighborhoods.

SEPTEMBER
September saw six candidates vying for the three open City Council seats available in the November election. Chad Givens, Manuel Garcia, and Gilbert Alvarado were trying to retain their seats and were challenged by Kris Lawrence, Pete Espinoza and Rafael Zamudio.

The race would end with Espinoza getting the most votes, and Alvarado and Givens getting the second and third seats. City Council meetings were still held virtually. Residents were also getting more flu shots this year than in past years. "People are now facing two viruses that can be deadly, with the influenza virus and the covid-19 virus, so there is a lot more call for the influenza vaccine this year," said Nora Garza, health screening specialist for Dignity Health.

Garza said that they were given extra vaccines because of the demand this year. "With the coronavirus out there, it is important to get protected from influenza. The governor is calling it a 'twindemic.' We know that covid-19 can kill you, and influenza can kill you, so the two together would be a very deadly combination," commented Garza.

OCTOBER
In October, the City Council announced a new pilot program designed to help new and existing businesses in the core city.



The program will give new and existing businesses up to 75% reductions in their permits and fees for expansions and construction.

During the pandemic, a number of businesses in Shafter have struggled to remain open while adhering to the governor's public safety guidelines. In particular, restaurants in Shafter have not been able to offer inside dining for months, with the only alternatives being take-out orders and outside dining.

For those restaurants that have adequate outdoor space, the reduction of outdoor dining fees has allowed them to remain open without the added burden of paying permit fees. City Manager Gonzales said this program would have results that are twofold, with the ability to attract new businesses to Shafter, while retaining those businesses already in place.

"In particular, there is a business possibility regarding a sporting goods store that would be able to build in the downtown area without the substantial cost that the different permits and fees would mean," Gonzales said. "This program will make it possible for Shafter to continue our reputation as being a proactive community that is business-friendly and keep us economically stable."

Also in October, a new trend was in full swing as local businesses and individuals were making their own way with home-based businesses while the pandemic is hurting big businesses.

Jewelry, soaps, crafts, homemade bread and more from 30 vendors were stockpiled high on tables for the bazaar at the Gathering Church. Over 300 shoppers gathered at the church on Highway 43 to peruse the wares, beginning to check off their holiday wish lists.

Shafter business owner Elizabeth Schull faced the challenge of the pandemic head on. Named after her daughter, Simply Serenity Boutique sells high-end clothing for children, brand name clothes that are either gently used or brand-new, sold at discount prices. Schull said that she was having a hard time shopping for her family with the pandemic, and thought that a lot of families were probably facing the same challenges. She decided to take their clothing and other items that she could get and sell them to others for a reasonable price, helping her family, as well as helping others who are looking for clothes for their kids at reasonable prices.

NOVEMBER
November saw a tight race in the City Council race that did not have official winners until the Dec. 1 deadline. After election night, Espinoza had led all vote getters, while Givens had the second most votes, and newcomer Lawrence had the third highest vote total. But, a few days

after the election, with ballots continuing to be counted, Alvarado overtook Givens and Lawrence, giving the third spot on the council to Givens. It became official in early December, as Espinoza, Alvarado and Givens were sworn in for their next terms.



In late November, 100 families were given all of the ingredients for a complete Thanksgiving dinner thanks to the Recreation and Parks District, as well as different clubs including Shafter Rotary, Shafter Lions Club, Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church and the Shafter Commanders.

Each group had a different item in the event, giving each family a portion of the ingredients.

November also saw residents of Northern Shafter gather for a design workshop for a new park that will be built near the intersection of Fresno Avenue and Highway 43. Residents were able to help design plans for the park, giving their opinions on what they would like to see Shafter's newest park would be offering.

DECEMBER
The year 2020 began its final month with students still distance learning, with no end in sight as the coronavirus pandemic is surging, with Kern County being put back on the high risk list for the pandemic. Santa Claus helped bring some cheer to children this past weekend as he touched down at the Minter Field Air Museum. Although the pandemic has been tough on children, with no in-person school memories or vacations planned, the event at Minter Field brought out smiles and laughter. Along with Mrs. Claus and elves, the children received stuffed animals courtesy of Petsmart in Bakersfield. The group gave out over 600 toys.

Because of preparation for different situations, the pandemic crisis has not hit the city of Shafter as strong as some other cities in Kern County and the state.

"Shafter is in a unique position because they have prepared so well for a rainy day. It is storming now, but Shafter is able to weather it," commented City Manager Gonzales.



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Christmas trees on display at museum until Jan. 2

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The winner of this year's contest was the United States Postal Service entry, which had a display of bright red, white and blues, with the motto of "Red, White and Blue, We Deliver for You." The entry had American flags, white and red delivery boxes, as well as red, white and blue ribbons.

Second place went to the Shafter Rotary Club, with their tree entitled "Proud to be an American."

The tree included red, white and blue ribbons, American flags, and a replica of an early space rocket that the United States used to go into space.

Third place was captured by the Maynard family, with their "Colors of the Advent" tree. It was

filled with purple bulbs, white lambs, camels, and stars.

It is not too late to see the winning trees, along with the other trees that made up the contest, 15 trees in all. The museum will be open on Saturday, Jan. 2, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.



White Gold is the name of this creation displayed by the Ingle family.



Third place went to this tree decorated by the Maynard family.



The Shafter Rotary Club received second place with this red, white and blue American-themed tree.



Red, White and Silver was the title of this tree created by the Shafter Women's Club.

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COUCH'S CORNER

Happy New Year, Kern County!

DAVID COUCH
District 4 Supervisor

Happy New Year! It's that time of year where we wring out the old and bring in the new. Happy New Year, Kern County! The pandemic made 2020 a difficult year for all of us, and I'm sure we are all ready to move on. With vaccines available and hope on the horizon, 2021 could be the year we rebuild from the pandemic, stronger than ever before.

In addition to the pandemic, a lot happened in 2020. Elections changed the names and faces of many District 4 community leaders. Congratulations to all you who were victorious in your campaigns. I look forward to working with all of you to make our communities a better place to be.

In addition to an election, a census happened this year, and this census will help determine whether our districts might change again. Regardless of where those lines are drawn, I promise to serve you.

While covid-19 stopped all our in-person events, public gatherings, meetings and town halls, we have learned that through Zoom and other online forums, we can continue to meet and discuss as a group important issues involving our district. I and my District 4 staff have worked with many of you through these forums and have found ways to continue to be productive and get things done.

As the pandemic added to our hard-

ships, I am pleased District 4 staff have been engaged with you at food banks, covid-testing sites and warm clothing drives, among other places, and I am grateful to my staff that they have handled any constituent issues over the phone or through email that we couldn't handle in person. We have worked to serve you and your constituent needs throughout this pandemic, and will continue to do so.

We completed some important work too. We finished 46, the Highway 46 widening project through Lost Hills. The bike trail extension in west Kern is near completion, major road work throughout the district has been funded and started, the sidewalk in Lost Hills is complete, and Lytle Avenue construction has been funded, among many other things. The important work of Kern County continued throughout this covid-plagued year.

But 2021 promises to be better. Near Shafter, the community center for La Colonia should be well-advanced this year. A property has already been purchased and plans are being developed, with a second



District 4 Supervisor David Couch.

property to be purchased for this community center. Major initiatives originating out of the District 4 office are bringing improved homeless services and response to our communities. In Delano, some delays forced us to push the opening of a proposed navigation center to March 2021, but we have the funds, the operator, the plan, and the facility to help the community of Delano deal with their homeless problem. This solution will help the homeless get back on their feet without costing the City of Delano a dime. Delano should be proud. This program is the first of its kind in rural Kern County. Delano was also the first rural community to receive a Recovery Station, a facility for those on the street who may be experiencing a mental health or substance abuse crisis and who need a place to detox, not a jail cell.

We took Delano's successful model and have begun using it as a baseline for solutions to homelessness in other District 4 communities. In Arvin, we are advancing toward securing funding and establishing a

navigation center that will serve the homeless of Arvin and Lamont. In Wasco, we are having conversations with the goal of developing a solution tailored to the needs of the Wasco and Shafter communities. In west Kern, we are working to find funding for local caregivers already serving the homeless.

Expect progress on other matters too. Caliente Creek flood plain solutions are moving forward in Lamont, as will air pollution mitigation measures in Shafter as a result of AB 617 discussions. Public safety continues to be a concern in the district, and increased involvement is needed to help our communities grapple with gang-related crimes.

Finally, as your Kern County supervisor, it is my responsibility to make sure the business of Kern County as it relates to you, and as it is performed through departments such as Public Works, Behavioral Health, the Sheriff's Office, Planning, and all the county departments, is performed with the highest quality. Let my office know if you are having any problem with the delivery of services by county departments. We will make sure county departments continue to do their job in providing service to you. That's my all-encompassing New Year's resolution for all of you.

Happy New Year, Kern County! Got any questions? Contact us at 661-868-3680 or email us at district4@kerncounty.com.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Opportunity

PASTOR FRANK CABRERA

Truth Church in Shafter

2020 was both our worst and best year ever for Truth Church! Let's not focus on the worst. Let's review the best.

This year, we purchased and moved into our very own building. Shutting down provided us

many unique opportunities to reach outside of our walls such as learning how to live stream and have outside services and be a beacon of light to those in darkness and distress.

In addition, we were able to partner with the CAPK Youth Center, the food bank, and the blood bank to help our community.

Here is the key word: Opportunity!

While many may ask, "How much worse will it get in 2021?" This year has formulated our question to be, "What is our opportunity for us to make a difference in 2021?" Let us not go into this next year expecting the worst. Rather, let us approach the New

Year with a desire to make a positive difference in our families, churches, work, school, community, and all of the world around us.

As a man by the name of Mordecai (in the Bible) asked Queen Esther, "Who knows whether you were made for such a time as this?" (Esther 4:14 paraphrased).

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO SUBCONTRACTORS, MATERIAL SUPPLIERS AND WORKERS: The CITY OF SHAFTER is actively soliciting bids from prospective subcontractors or materials suppliers whose businesses qualify as a small business under the criteria in 13 CFR part 121 and/or qualify as Section 3 Business Concerns, as well as individuals who qualify as Section 3 Residents in connection with the Community Development 2020 SHAFTER AQUATIC CENTER IMPROVEMENTS (CDBG 18.18.1) project to be located in the City of Shafter and funded by the HUD. A Section 3 Business Concern is a business: (1) that is 51% or more owned by Section 3 Residents; or (2) whose permanent, full-time employees include persons, at least 30 percent of whom are currently Section 3 Residents, or (3) within three years of the date of first employment with the business were Section 3 Residents; or (3) that provides evidence of a commitment to subcontract in excess of 25% of the dollar award of all subcontracts to be awarded to businesses that meet the qualifications set forth in paragraphs (1) or (2) in this definition of a Section 3 Business Concern. A Section 3 Resident is: (1) a resident of public housing located in Kern County, or (2) an individual who resides in the County of Kern and who is a low or very-low income person. Qualified individuals and firms may obtain a list of plan-holding general contractors at CITY OF SHAFTER CITY HALL, ENGINEERING OFFICE, 336 PACIFIC AVENUE, SHAFTER, CA 93263 until 10:00AM on JANUARY 5, 2021. General Contractors should be contacted directly for possible use in their bid proposals on this project. The CITY OF SHAFTER and prospective General Contractors are seeking subcontractors in compliance with the procurement standards found at 24 CFR 85.36(e) and Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968, which provide that Small Businesses (SBs) and Section 3 Business Concerns/Residents be given the maximum practical opportunity to participate in HUD funded contracts. Hiring is anticipated for the following trades: METAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, CONCRETE WORK, EXCAVATION, DEMOLITION, MINOR ELECTRICAL. Subcontracts may be let for the following categories of work on this project: METAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, CONCRETE WORK, EXCAVATION, DEMOLITION, MINOR ELECTRICAL

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Fictitious Business Name Statement

GoBe Ranch

2020-B5447

34929 Flyover Ct

Bakersfield, CA 93308

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:

34929 Flyover Ct

Bakersfield, CA 93308

Wegis & Young Property Management, LLC

34929 Flyover Ct

Bakersfield, CA 93308

State of Incorporation or Organization: CA

The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company

Date the business commenced: NA

A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)

/s/Michael C. Young, President

Date Statement Filed: 12/9/2020

Date Statement Expires: 12/9/2025

Mary B. Bedard, CPA,

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: /s/N Franco

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of: Andrew Harding Sharp, aka Andrew H. Sharp, aka Andrew Sharp

Case Number: BPB-20-003035

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Andrew Harding Sharp, aka Andrew H. Sharp, aka Andrew Sharp

2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Estevan T. Soliz in the Superior Court of California, County of: Kern

3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Estevan T. Soliz be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

4. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

5. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)

The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

a. Date: 01/28/2021 Time: 10:30 AM

Dept.: P

b. Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Kern, 1215 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301, Metro Justice Building

7. If you object to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

10. Attorney for petitioner: Joshua G. Wilson, Esq.

1626 19th Street, Suite 23/PO Box 2411

Bakersfield, CA 93303

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Fictitious Business Name Statement

J.J. & Sons Baling Services

2020-B5588

30709 Burbank Street

Shafter, CA 93263

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:

30709 Burbank Street

Shafter, CA 93263

Juan Jose Vazquez Fonseca

30709 Burbank Street

Shafter, CA 93263

The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: NA

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/s/Juan Jose Vazquez Fonseca

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Fictitious Business Name Statement

Fashion Shoe

2020-B5584

252 Central Ave

Shafter, CA 93263

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:

252 Central Ave

Shafter, CA 93263

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1109 Birch Ave

Wasco, CA 93280

The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: 08/01/2020

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/s/Saeed Aayed Aeed

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Fictitious Business Name Statement

Herrera Transport

2020-B5604

10805 Paul Ave

Bakersfield, CA 93312

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:

10805 Paul Ave

Bakersfield, CA 93312

Pablo Herrera Jr

10805 Paul Ave

Bakersfield, CA 93312

The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: N/A

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/s/Pablo Herrera Jr, Owner

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By: /s/M Hernandez

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Fictitious Business Name Statement

Front Street Mini Mart

2020-B5661

420 E. Front Street

Buttonwillow, CA 93206

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:

PO Box 1870

Delano, CA 93216

AAJ Ventures

162 Rd. 172

Delano, CA 93215

The business is conducted by: Corporation

Date the business commenced: 12/03/2020

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/s/Jose Angel Garcia, President

Date Statement Filed: 12/22/2020

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PUBLIC NOTICE

SUMMONS (Family Law)

Notice to Respondent (Name):

Hilario Rodriguez

Aviso al Demandado (Nombre):

You have been sued. Read the information below and on the next page.

Lo han demandado. Lea la información a continuación y en la página siguiente.

Petitioner's name is: Digna A. Rodriguez Bustillo

Nombre del demandante:

Case Number (Número de Caso): SFL – 20000137

You have 30 calendar days after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you.

Tiene 30 días de calendario después de haber recibido la entrega legal de esta Citación y Petición para presentar una Respuesta (formulario FL-120) ante la corte y efectuar la entrega legal de la corte no basta para protegerlo.

If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs.

Si no presenta su Respuesta a tiempo, la corte puede dar órdenes que afecten su matrimonio o pareja de hecho, sus bienes y la custodia de sus hijos.

La corte también le puede ordenar que pague manutención, y honorarios y costos legales.

For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/selfhelp), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org), or by contacting your local county bar association.

Para asesoramiento legal, póngase en contacto de inmediato con un abogado. Puede obtener información para encontrar un abogado en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en el sitio web de los Servicios Legales de California (www.lawhelpca.org) o poniéndose en contacto con el colegio de abogados de su condado.

NOTICE – RESTRAINING ORDERS ARE ON PAGE 2:

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1. The name and address of the court are (El nombre y dirección de la corte son):

Superior Court of California County of Kern

325 Central Valley Hwy

Shafter, CA 93263

2. The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney, are: (El nombre, dirección y número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante si no tiene abogado, son):

Digna A. Rodriguez Bustillo

18458 Poplar Ave

Shafter, CA 93263

661-201-5073

Date: (Fecha): Dec 03 2020

Clerk, by (Secretario, por) /s/Tamarah Harber-Pickens

/s/P Juarez, Deputy (Asistente)

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Henry Vander Poel and Son Dairy 2020-B5590 Solo Dairy 2020-B5591

11495 Jumper Avenue
Wasco, CA 93280
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
P.O. Box 8012
Wasco, CA 93280
Robert J Vander Poel Trustee of the Robert and Elizabeth Vander Poel Family Trust
16855 Griffith Avenue
Wasco, CA 93280
Elizabeth A Vander Poel Trustee of the Robert and Elizabeth Vander Poel Family Trust
16855 Griffith Avenue
Wasco, CA 93280
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
The business is conducted by: General Partnership
Date the business commenced: 01-01-2000

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/s/Robert J Vander Poel
Date Statement Filed: 12/17/2020
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Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/M Hernandez
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Warrior Bees 2020-B5501

28990 W. Cecil Ave.
Delano, CA 93215
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
28990 W. Cecil Ave.
Delano, CA 93215
Ever Gutierrez-Penalosa
28990 W. Cecil Ave.
Delano, CA 93215
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 08/17/2015
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rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Ever Gutierrez-Penalosa
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By: /s/N Franco
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PUBLIC NOTICE Statement of Abandonment Of Use Of Fictitious Business Name Diamond Truck Lines

2340 Algebro Drive
Delano, CA 93215
County: Kern
Mailing address:
2340 Algebro Drive
Delano, CA 93215
Dalbir Singh Dhillon
2340 Algebro Drive
Delano, CA 93215
I declare that all information in this Statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.)
Business was conducted by: Individual
/s/Dalbir Singh Dhillon, Owner
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2019-B5838
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 09/10/2019
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 12/16/2020
I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

Mary B. Bedard, CPA
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/N Franco, Deputy
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement RZ Welding Service 2020-B5552

13264 Wallace Rd.
McFarland, CA 93250
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
319 2nd Street
McFarland, CA 93250
Roberto Carlos Zacarias
319 2nd St.
McFarland, CA 93250
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 12/01/2020
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/s/Roberto Zacarias
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OBITUARY

Lydia Gutierrez Lopez

Lydia Gutierrez Lopez was born on July 13, 1949, as Lydia Gutierrez in Rancho San Francisco, Tamaulipas, Mexico to parents Fernando and Fedora Gutierrez.

Lydia was born the third of 10 children. As a young child, she traveled to California with her parents. She found herself in Shafter, where she met her husband

Ricardo at the age of 16. Ricardo and Lydia wed on May 13, 1966. The happy couple had four children together; Teodula, Israel, Margarita, and Lydia Lopez Jr.

Ricardo and Lydia opened their own agricultural business in 1992 and



they retired in 2013. Lydia loved to garden and took pride in her plants. Gardening was a love that both she and Ricardo shared as they spent their lives farming. Ricardo and Lydia were married for 51 years. Lydia loved her family and worked

hard to care for them. Lydia and Ricardo raised their family in Shafter, where all of their kids still reside as well as most of their 14 grandchildren and 18 great-grandchildren.

Lydia was a brilliant woman who made sure to pass down her knowledge of cooking, gardening, sewing, knitting, baking, and many other things to all of those whom she loved. Lydia's passing was sudden, and she will be greatly missed.

She is survived by all of her children, 14 grandchildren, and 18 great-grandchildren. Lydia's memory and love will live on in our thoughts and our hearts

forever. She is survived by her children Teodula, Israel, Margarita and Lydia Lopez Jr. Her siblings, Eva, Adan,

Ofelia, Oralia, Paulita, Fernando, Rogelio and Maria. She is preceded in death by her parents Fernando and

Fedora Gutierrez, her beloved husband Ricardo P. Lopez and her brother Juan Manuel Gutierrez.

DEATH NOTICES

Teofilo Farias Jr., 59, of Shafter, passed away Dec. 21 in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Frank Garza Saldivar, 71, of Wasco, passed away Dec. 21 in Wasco. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Alicia Pinon Lopez, 55, of Wasco, passed away Dec. 23 in Wasco. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Isidro Medrano Munoz, 48, of Wasco, passed away Dec. 22 in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Debra J Titsworth, 55, of Bakersfield, passed away Dec. 22 in Bakersfield. Peters

Funeral Home, Shafter.

Mary De Luna, 79, of Shafter, passed away Dec. 22 in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Jose Luis Aldape, 62, of Shafter, passed away Dec. 23. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Ermila Ochoa Ceja, 71, of Richgrove, passed away Dec. 26. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

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The count continues

Some races too early to call as counties tally results

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In the early morning hours of the 21st Congressional race, David Valadao holds a slim lead over incumbent TJ Cox, with a lead of about 4,500 votes.

REGIONAL
Rudy Salas retained his seat in the 12th Assembly District, beating challenger Todd Cota with 57% of the vote. Cota did well in Kings County, but Salas' support in Tulare and Kern County made back to the most competitive race. Salas and Kings counties, the support for Valadao in Kings and Tulare counties overwhelmed the 40% of Kern County voters who voted for Cox.

Kern may go to Purple Tier

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The news is currently grim for Kern County due to the increase in COVID-19 cases. The state is threatening to move Kern County back to the purple tier, however, the Kern County Board of Supervisors has been given an opportunity to keep the county in the most restrictive tier. The news is currently grim for Kern County due to the increase in COVID-19 cases. The state is threatening to move Kern County back to the purple tier, however, the Kern County Board of Supervisors has been given an opportunity to keep the county in the most restrictive tier.

Changes coming to City Council after election

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Thanksgiving meal giveaway announced for families

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