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Newsom lifts stay-at-home order

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

On Monday, Jan. 25, Gov. Gavin Newsom released the state from the curfew and placed 54 counties back in the most-restrictive purple tier.

According to Newsom, the San Francisco Bay Area, San Joaquin Valley and Southern California counties are in the

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purple tier now.

While still restrictive, this change will now resume outdoor dining and hair and nail salons are allowed to be open. Bars that only serve beverages are still closed.

On Monday, 4,569 Wasco residents have tested positive for covid-19 while that number has increased by 126 new positive tests

since Tuesday, Jan. 19.

Since the city's population includes Wasco State Prison inmates, Correctional Lieutenant of the Wasco State Prison Joshua Farley stated that the prison as of Tuesday, Jan. 26, had 2,143 inmates. That means Wasco — without counting the inmates — has almost 18% of the population testing positive at one time since the beginning of the pandemic.

There have been 1,382 recovered from the virus compared to 1,189 as of Jan. 18, which means 193 patients have recovered from the virus in one week's time. On Jan. 25, there were 1,061 reported as assumed recovered while on Jan. 21, there were 822 assumed recovered. In just one day, from Monday, Jan. 25 to Tuesday, Jan. 26, 149 additional people tested positive for the virus.

Wasco High celebrates Reopening Day



Wasco High staff welcome some students back with their signature black and orange spirit. STORY ON PAGE 3

Distance learning continues through third quarter

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

Sports practices have begun in the Wasco Union High School District although the district will be continuing distance learning throughout the third quarter and likely through the rest of the year, Superintendent Rob Cobb said.

"However, some students are returning to 'in-person' instructional support for distance learning beginning this week," Cobb said.

Cobb is currently working on a document that will be posted online on the district's website explaining how activities will be reintroduced.

The athletic programs at Wasco High School are managed by the California Interscholastic Federation Proposed Plan for the Return of Educational-Based Athletics.

Students, parents and coaches are anxious for their students to be able to return to in-person learning, sports and other co-curricular activities that are important to physical and mental wellbeing, Cobb said.

"All Season 1 sports resumed practice last week," Cobb said Wednesday. "Season 2 sports are scheduled to begin conditioning next week."

Because covid-19 transmission rates have been quickly

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First full-service car wash to come to city

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

New businesses are popping up in the city as the pandemic lingers in the nation.

The newest addition is going to be the Countryside Car Wash, which will be located at 406 Central Ave. The city sold the property to Rick Jara, whose family owns and operates Taco Bell in town.

The property used to house Brookside Deli and the Shafter Press office. Jara will be building the first drive-thru car wash in

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Shafter. It will add approximately 30 jobs and will also offer a deli-market as well.

This will be the family's second car wash, with the operation of similar business in Taft.

According to Bob Meadows, business development director, there is even more to come.

"There are a couple of nationally-known companies discussing coming to the Shafter

area at the Wonderful Logistics Park. They are in preliminary talks, with the intentions of calling Shafter home in the near future," he said.

Meadows said that the car wash will be the first of its kind in the city, with the more complete car wash experience compared to self-service car washes.

"Their family is very supportive of the city of Shafter and are looking forward to adding this business to community," said Meadows.

There are several factors that attract prospective companies to the city, such as the fiber optic network that Shafter offers new businesses, Meadows said.

"It is important for these companies, especially the distribution centers and also medical buildings, that they have a fast and reliable network, which Shafter offers," he said. "We are the only city in the county that offers a complete high-speed fiber optic network."

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Wasco man killed in shooting

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

A 23-year-old city resident was killed after being shot on Poplar Avenue the day after Christmas.

The Kern County Sheriff's Office reported that on Dec. 26, Vicente Hinojosa Regalado was shot in the 1500 block of Poplar Avenue. He died on the

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sidewalk at the scene.

Regalado's killing was ruled a homicide after cause of death was declared multiple gunshot wounds.

If anyone has any information regarding this shooting, contact the sheriff's office at 661-487-4553.

A big move for The Press and Tribune

The Shafter Press and Wasco Tribune will have new offices beginning Monday, Feb. 1. The paper's new address: 455 Kern Street, Ste E., Shafter, facing Central Avenue.

The City of Shafter is selling the building at 406 Central Avenue where

the Press is now, moving there 10 years ago after a fire destroyed its previous office near Five Points.

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Community Calendar

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

ONGOING

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 Wednesdays and Sundays 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 ensus 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 inscribase 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.

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ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

Jan. 17

Anthony Zuniga, 22, of Shafter, was arrested on an outside agency warrant, misdemeanor bench warrant and outside agency warrant.

Rafael Cervantes Ramirez, 32, of Shafter, was arrested for alter firearm ID Mark and concealed firearm within a vehicle.

Jan. 18

Kris Kristoferson Sousa, 42, of Shafter, was arrested on an outside agency warrant.

Jan. 20

Andy Chavez, 21, of Shafter, was arrested obstruction and resisting, obstruction of public officer and on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

Joe Samuel Vasquez, 59, of Shafter, was arrested for possession of destructive device, felon in possession of a firearm and disorderly conduct: alcohol.

Alex Anthony Sanchez, 45, of Shafter, was arrested for concealed firearm, possession of firearm, conspiracy to commit crime, 1st degree criminal storage of firearm and receiving known stolen property.

Jan. 21

Daniel Barajas Jr., 44, of Shafter, was arrested for in-

flicted corporal injury onto spouse.

Roberto Portillo Mario Rodas, 27, of Shafter, was arrested on an outside felony warrant, burglary in the state of emergency, possession of controlled substance and receiving stolen property.

Rome John Zaragoza, 42, of Shafter, was arrested for disorderly conduct: under the influence of drug.

Jan. 22

Vincenzo Rafael Osuna, 30, of Shafter, was arrested for theft/extortion, receiving stolen property and possession of burglary tools, malicious mischief to vehicle, driving with suspended license and on an outside felony warrant.

Jan. 23

Carlos Westine, 51, of Shafter, was arrested for disorderly conduct: under the influence of drugs.

Maria Louredes Mendez, 39, of Shafter, was arrested on a felony bench warrant.

Betty Villalpondo, 61, of Shafter, was arrested for DUI alcohol, impede the flow of traffic and unsafe or backing.

Jan. 24

Dirk Barton Underwood, 50, of Shafter, was arrested on a misdemeanor of bench warrant and an outside felony warrant.

Jorge Cuevas, 21, of

Shafter, was arrested for possession of controlled substance while armed, transports and sells of narcotics and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia.

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As reported by the Buttonwillow Substation

Jan. 24

Rome John Zaragoza, 42, of Shafter, was arrested in the 18800 block of Beech Avenue in Shafter for trespassing and resisting/obstructing a peace officer. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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As reported by the Wasco Substation

Jan. 19

Lorenzo Diaz-Gomez, 36, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on his active misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

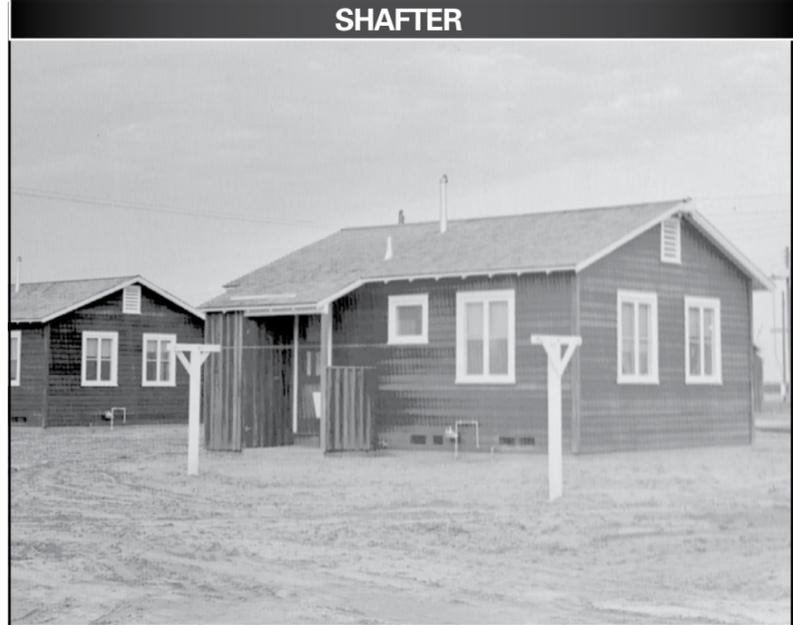
Jan. 20

Manuel Orozco Alanis, 46, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1200 block of Highway 46 for felony possession of a stolen vehicle, felony vehicle theft, and on his active misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Rozon Nicole Butler, 41, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Poso

Mystery history

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Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to *The Press*, 406 Central Ave., Shafter 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** 1976-77 Original Shafter Depot Dean Forney Location 13

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Drive and Griffith Avenue on her active felony bench warrant and misdemeanor driving without a license. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Oswaldo Castaneda, 18, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on his active misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

Jan. 21

Ana Lopez, 48, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on her active misdemeanor bench warrant. She was cited and released at the scene.

Gerardo Santiago, 35, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on his active misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

Jan. 22

Daniel Malanche, 19, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1700 block of Poplar Avenue in Wasco for attempted murder, felon in possession of a firearm, felon carrying loaded firearm, unlawful possession of firearm, willful discharge of a firearm, prohibited to own ammunition, participate in a criminal street gang, possession of a controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia, assault with firearm on person, and battery. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jan. 23

Angel Manuel Uribe, 24, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1300 block of Via Barcelona Court in Wasco for carjacking, criminal threats, intimi-

date victim and exhibit deadly weapon. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jan. 24

Pedro Alejandro Soria Huerta, 48, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1600 block of Poso Drive in Wasco on a misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Francisco Morales Gonzales, 66, of Wasco, was arrested in the 500 block of F Street in Wasco for public intoxication and on a misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jorge Alberto Millan, 20, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of Adams Street in Wasco for spousal battery. He was cited and released at the scene.

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Wasco High celebrates Reopening Day, sports practice begins

SARAH VELARDE
Wasco Tribune

The high school opened this week for some of its students that need additional

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support with their distance learning. The school celebrated Reopening Day at Wasco High along with launching the beginning of sports conditioning.

“Reopening day was for the 20% of students that opt in for in-person instruction to supplement their distance learning.” Superintendent Rob Cobb said. “Sometimes it’s just hard for some students to be motivated in class. They check in from home, while still in PJs, it’s very easy to fall in the cracks. We’re on a home-room schedule; 8:30 a.m. -



Staff welcome some students back with their signature black and orange spirit.

11:15 a.m. Tuesday through Friday, to offer that extra support to ensure our students are getting the help they may need.”

Conditioning for fall sports is also underway although it’s going to look a little different. The athletes will be monitored

before they are allowed into the gate to train, they will be assigned to cohorts, no mingling will be allowed outside their assigned cohort to minimize the possibility of spread, and students will be donning masks and the 6-foot rule will be enforced.



City reinstates online utility payment option

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Residents can now pay their utility bills online again after the payment system was restored.

Customers may pay online or via telephone. The recent bills were sent the week of Jan. 11 through Jan. 15. These bills did not include payments made on or after Dec. 1, 2020.

Autopay will resume Feb. 2.

In other business, the City Council unanimously approved the administrative budget for fiscal year 2021-22 last Friday during a special meeting. It also unanimously approved the proposed payment schedule for the city.

This move is required since the dissolu-

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tion of the Shafter Community Development Agency, as the Successor Agency took over the city’s administrative operations.

By state law in 2012, all cities in the state were required to dissolve their respective Development Agencies. The agencies oversaw the distribution of tax proceeds that would have been paid to the Redevelopment Agencies.

Currently, there is a single Oversight Board of Kern County that reviews each city’s administrative budgets and distribution of proceeds from property taxes paid to it.

Each city is allowed to claim an administrative budget of at least \$250,000, which



Members discuss approving the administrative budget.

is the amount approved for Shafter.

Present at the meeting were Mayor Cathy Prout, Pete Espinoza and Cesar Lo-

pez. Council members Gilbert Alvarado and Chad Givens were absent with excused absences.

City cleaning up residents’ leaves, limbs

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The city is still offering free brush and limb collection until the end of February.

Those residents who live south of Lerdo Highway can expect the city to pick up limbs in their neighborhoods from now to Jan. 31, and Feb. 16 to Feb. 28. Shafter residents who live north of Lerdo Highway will get serviced from Feb. 1 to Feb. 15.

Leave piles of leaves in public streets, not in alleys. Residents also need to make piles less than 10 feet in length, as well as leaving at least two feet of space between piles.

Customers who have stumps and limbs must make sure that they are smaller than

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1-foot wide. The city is also asking those residents who have palm trees to set palm trees in a separate pile.

Residents cannot mix leaves and limbs, and the city is also asking for customers to not mix limbs of different types of trees. Additionally, residents cannot block walkways or gutters.

Piles that do not meet these requirements will not be removed and will be the residents’ responsibility. This free service is offered only to the city’s refuse residential customers. For more information, call 661-746-5002.



City workers collect limbs and brush from a residence on Atlantic Avenue.

Peters Funeral Home in Arvin ‘total loss’ after fire

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

Peters Funeral Home in Arvin was one of several businesses damaged after a number of fires in the area.



The interior of Peters Funeral Home shows a significant amount of damage caused by the fire.

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The funeral home at 600 Tucker St., two abandoned buildings and an antique boutique off Bear Mountain Boulevard sustained damage after four fires ripped through the area.

Mayor Olivia Trujillo visited the sites of each of the fires and expressed her concern about the large number of fires in such a short period of time.

The Kern County Fire Department reported that the two businesses were burned down.

“The building will most likely be a total loss,” Peters Funeral Home Owner Rick Woody said. “Most estimates put the damage above \$250,000, due to the amount of smoke and water damage.”

He also stated that Peters will have to rebuild from the studs up.

“We will continue to do business in the city of Arvin at a location still to be determined as the rebuild is conducted,” Woody said.

He said the cause of the fire was electri-



Additional damage to the funeral home’s interior.

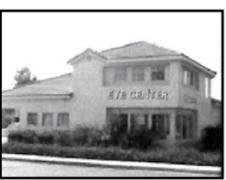
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Woody would like to thank the Kern County Fire Department for their “amazing effort at saving this unique building in Arvin.”

Peters Funeral Home Office Manager Elena Gomez said most likely scheduled Arvin funerals would be moved to Shafter because it is the closest facility to Arvin.

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Select cohorts back for some in-person learning

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rising in the state, communities must continue to take action to limit the spread. The CIF asks everyone to continue wearing a mask, practicing social distancing and limiting the mixing between households. This is the way to ensure the best chance for CIF competition to commence, as allowed by the guidance from the California Department of Public Health. The CIF has provided several links that

explain how the districts can proceed with these practices. Athletes can continue to learn skill building and training outdoors with 6-feet of physical distancing as well as establishing team cohorts. Some activities may be conducted indoors consistent with the Gym & Fitness Center Guidance Capacity. Competitions, meets, races, or similar events are authorized only if Both teams are located in the same

county and the sport is authorized. Teams are located in immediately bordering counties and the sport is authorized in both counties. Out-of-state competition is not allowed at this time. The county-based authorizations outlined in the document apply to the locations/counties in which the teams, schools, and leagues are functionally based. (Where the players reside and where facilities are located, etc.). Any tournaments or events that involve

more than two teams are not currently permitted. Exceptions may be made, with authorization from the local health department, for the following sports where individual competitors from multiple teams are routine: track and field; cross-country; golf; skiing and snowboarding; tennis; and swimming/diving. Schools must still follow all guidelines from their local county and the governing board of each district.

Fiesta Market is all about the customer

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

Management at Fiesta Market pride itself with its customer service. Manager of the store at 915 Poso Drive, Abraham Obaid is one of family members who work at the Fiesta, Fiesta Latina markets in Wasco and Bakersfield. They are part of a family-run supermarket chain. Obaid's focus is on making sure his customers have a good experience at the store, he said. Fiesta is just one of the several stores that will deliver groceries to residents who might not be able to shop in person. "We get our beef from Harris Ranch and our chicken from Tony Sanchez," Obaid said. "We also get our fruits and vegetables from the Los Angeles Produce District." Obaid added that they grind their own cornmeal and make their own cornbread without using flour. "We also make our own tortillas (flour and corn.)" Fiesta Market on Poso has approximate-

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ly 50 employees. Fiesta doesn't experience too much theft because every employee has a keen eye out for anything out of the ordinary, Obaid said. Cameras are placed strategically throughout the store and someone is always watching the monitor in the office. "We may get the person who has spent a lot of money on groceries and feels they are owed that candy bar," Obaid said. Fiesta Market wants to be the "one-stop-shopping experience" in town, he said. "Customers can pay their utility bills, get money orders and homemade goodies from the bakery as well as premium quality meats," Obaid said. "Customers are also able to order online and receive home delivery through Instacart." Fiesta Market can be reached at 661-758-2586. Other stores that deliver food include Fiesta Latina Market on 7th Street. Both stores are open 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.



From left, employee Mercedes Villalobos, Store Manager Abraham Obaid and Cashier Manager Carmelita Lombarde stand by their fresh produce display.

Other businesses showing interest in city

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Meadows also said that the new BEAR incentive program has been attracting interest in existing businesses and new businesses. This program gives the owners of businesses in the core downtown area up to

75% discounts to their permit and building fees. "We have had interest on how the program works and we think that this will be a valuable asset to the community as these businesses start building and doing im-

provements to the core downtown city," he said. Meadows also said that there are a couple of other businesses that are nationally known that are in negotiations with the city, but it is still premature to mention any

names or details. "But I can tell you that the city of Shafter, even in this uncertain time, is attracting folks to the city and letting Shafter become their next home," he said.

Property crimes on the rise in the city

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

There has been a rise in property crimes, including theft, in the last year, Shafter Police Chief Kevin Zimmermann said. He said one factor that has played a "more significant role" than the pandemic in drug and property crimes has been the release of thousands of state inmates ordered by Gov. Gavin Newsom in July. "We have found a different type of criminal now," Zimmermann said. "Instead of a low-level criminal who we do not consider as very dangerous necessarily, we are see-

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ing a more sophisticated criminal, with a lot of them carrying guns." Zimmermann also noted the slacking of laws that punish criminals not deemed to be dangerous. "Now, we can stop someone for having meth, or heroin, but we have to just cite them," he said. "We keep arresting these criminals over again until the judge gets tired of seeing them and might send them away for a while." Zimmermann said he hopes sometime soon to be able to host community events such as Coffee with a Cop.



The Shafter Police Department with members of the scouts. Zimmermann said that he is hoping this pandemic will be taken care of and they can resume their engagement with the community.

"Of course [the pandemic] has had an effect [on the department], but we believe that we have stayed aggressive in our ef-

forts to protect the city, and it has resulted in more arrests and the safety of our city," he said.

What to do if you have been exposed to covid-19

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

If you are one of the millions of people that have been exposed to the covid-19 virus, or you suspect you have, you should contact your physician and request a test. The virus has an incubation of 2 to 14 days, so you will need to personally quarantine for at least 14 days to protect those you live with and work with. It doesn't matter if you feel sick or not during that timeframe. Exposure is when a person has symptoms or who have been in close contact within six feet for a total of 15 minutes or more over a 24-hour period with someone with a confirmed case of covid-19. If you are asked by your healthcare pro-

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vider to get tested, you should do so immediately. People should get tested by their healthcare provider or local or state health department. Many doctors explain that everyone should be aware that the covid-19 tests are not exactly accurate. Someone could test a "false" positive or even a "false" negative. Scientists continue to study the virus because it's difficult to predict how it will affect each individual person. After you have been exposed to the virus, it can take a few days to show symptoms. The main symptoms include a fever or

chills, cough, shortness of breath or difficulty breathing, fatigue, muscle or body aches, headache, new loss of taste or smell, sore throat, congestion or runny nose, nausea or vomiting and diarrhea. Everyone should be aware that if you get tested immediately after being exposed, your test may come back negative. You need to have a certain viral load (the amount of virus present in your body) for the test to detect. If you have a false negative, it can be dangerous because you could be spreading the virus without realizing it. You still need to isolate and quarantine for two weeks. A study from the American College of Cardiology also found that most people develop symptoms about five days after

they're exposed and they're often the most infectious two days before they develop symptoms and up to a day after their symptoms start. The Center for Disease Control has not issued any guidelines on testing after the virus exposure. It's best to do what your doctor requests. Doctors at Kaiser Permanente in Bakersfield are requesting their covid-19 patients have no temperature for three days in a row, then continue to isolate for 10 days and finally confirm with your doctor that you can return to normal activities. If you get a positive result on the test but don't have any symptoms, you need to isolate for two weeks after you were exposed.

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Library offering in-person appointments, curbside services

SARAH VELARDE
Wasco Tribune

The Kern County Wasco branch library is making the most out of its limited hours, librarian Ethan Picman said.

The library is currently open Monday and Tuesdays from noon to 6 p.m. "It's important we do what we can to stay open to the public," Picman said. "Access to the internet or the ability to print or fax can really affect someone's livelihood."

Appointments are made at the top of each hour, for example noon, 1

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p.m. and 2 p.m. The half-hour slots in between are used for sanitizing the library, Picman said.

The half-hour slots have been working well, Picman said, and most library business such as browsing, computer access, printing, copying, faxing, account services or reference services can be done in that time.

Along with the appointments, the library is offering curbside pickup for holds.

"The KCL- Wasco Library Face-

book is updated weekly with new Storytime readings, virtual craft time, updates and information," Picman said. "As long as you have a library card you can still check out up to 30 items at a time."

The library is still a free covid-19 testing site as well; Wednesday to Sunday, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m., by appointment. You can call 1-888-634-1123 to make an appointment or visit the LHicare website.

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Breathe again

MARIO GOMEZ

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As they rush me to the emergency room in the ambulance, I wondered how bad my situation was. The fear of not knowing was killing me. How serious was covid affecting me?

We get to the emergency room and it was a scene of organized confusion. A doctor asking each patient their condition and she starts pointing where to take each person.

"Take Mr. Gomez to the secondary E.R." What does that mean? I thought. As they wheel me into the square shaped room I am surrounded by other sick patients, lined up like sardines against the walls and a woman in a chair by the bathroom. I can feel despair starting to come over me. A feeling of deep sadness and loss of hope for my situation. I thought, is this it, am I going to die? Chaos is around

me, it looked like a scene from an outbreak movie, sick people everywhere. God was up to something, God was about to doing something.

I had remembered New Life Church was having a revival and so I grabbed my phone and tuned in. The worship music was hitting my heart, tears ran down my face. I lifted up my hands right there, I was desperate for God to turn my situation around. I didn't care who was watching, I was going to worship my God. I balled my eyes out. I couldn't get through a song without crying. I started feeling peace, peace had come over me.

As I sat in my hospital room I can hear a person pulling off their mask, "I can't do this anymore." The sounds that would echo off the hospital floors would bring fear at times. I was sitting in a chair during the fourth morning of my stay.

A doctor comes in the room, "Mr. Gomez your vitals look good and you are going home." All I can do is cry, at that time I didn't know if I was going to die in the hospital or go home. The doctor hugged me and I hugged her, she cried and said "You are my Covid Survivor." We hugged again and we cried together.

I had felt a roller coaster of emotions, I had said my peace to God and my wife while I was in the hospital. God turned it around, my hope is in the name of Jesus. God is doing something right now, even if we cannot see it. He is healing, and saving someone. Be encouraged He is moving mountains, making a way for someone right now. Jeremiah 29:11 For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."

PET OF THE WEEK

Skip is looking for a family

Skip came in as a stray. He is approximately a 2-year-old male Pit Bull Terrier Mix, and has a medium apricot/beige short coat length.

Skip is slightly timid with strangers, and his behavior will be monitored daily. He is great with other dogs, and he has been tested with large and small dogs.

At the time it is unknown if Skip is house/crate trained. Dogs are not tested with cats and children.

Skip will be available for adoption/rescue on Feb. 1. Additional information is not available at this time. If this is your dog, please contact the shelter right away.

Everyone is welcome to adopt from the facility. Adopters can be from out of town or local.

Call on the day of availability to set up an appointment to visit Skip. First call, first serve. Appointments made before his availability or by email are not available. If he is reclaimed by his owner before his availability, he will be removed from Petfinder immediately.

All dogs will be neutered/spayed once adopted. Depending on the availability of our local vet, it is not a guarantee that the animal will be spayed/neutered the same day.

The Wasco Animal Shelter will not accept animal surrenders until further notice.

Rescue is a nonprofit organization with a tax exempt 501(c)(3). If you never pulled from the Wasco Animal



Shelter, email the shelter two references and a copy of your 501(c)(3) form.

If you have any questions, call 661-758-7240. The shelter is located at 5409 7th Street.

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200 new virus cases this past week in the city

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The city had 200 new cases of covid-19 in the last week, according to reports. That brings total number of cases since the pandemic began to 3,085 with about 1,135 presumed as recovered.

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The campaign to get residents to wear masks has seen higher participation, enabling residents to go shopping or get gas with their masks on.

The school district has begun opening

classrooms again for in-person learning, ordering Richland School District employees back to work.

A petition has been circulated stating that a number of teachers do not want to return to school. The Richland School Board approved in-person learning, although it

wasn't a unanimous decision.

Churches have gone back to in-person services, with the majority of the churches following social distancing guidelines and wearing a mask.

Shafter High School is following guidelines put forth by the Kern High School District, continuing distance learning.

City man charged with felony firearm offenses

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

A city resident was charged with multiple firearm offenses after a shooting days before.

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The Kern County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to the 1700 block of Poplar Avenue on Jan. 22 at 10:30 a.m. for an un-

lawful discharged of a firearm. They found Daniel Malanche, 19, of Wasco, was a loaded firearm.

"Malanche was arrested and booked into the Kern County Jail for various felony

weapons charges, participation in a criminal street gang, an active felony warrant, and additional misdemeanor drug charge," said Sgt. Peter Martinez.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
"Let's Go" RV Rentals
2020-B5693
"Explore" Recreation Vehicles
2020-B5694
EZ RV Rentals
2020-B5695

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Wasco, CA 93280
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
975 Redwood Ave
Wasco, CA 93280
Rosa Isabel Ocampo
975 Redwood Ave
Wasco, CA 93280
Ernesto Ocampo
975 Redwood Ave
Wasco, CA 93280
The business is conducted by: Married Couple

Date the business commenced: N/A

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

/s/Rosa Isabel Ocampo
Date Statement Filed: 12/22/2020
Date Statement Expires: 12/22/2025
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/M Hernandez
Publish Wasco Tribune January 14, 21, 28, February 4, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE
SUMMONS (Family Law)
Notice to Respondent (Name):
Paulino Arellano Aguilar

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: Magdalena De Jesus Arevalo
Nombre del demandante:
Case Number (Número de Caso): SFL-2020-000099

You have 30 calendar days after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120) to 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 una copia al demandante. Una carta o llamada telefónica o una audiencia 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/self-help), 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:

These restraining orders are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgement is entered, or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.

RECEIVED – LAS ÓRDENAS DE RESTRICCIÓN SE ENCUENTRAN EN LA PÁGINA 2:

Las órdenes de restricción están en vigencia en cuanto a ambos cónyuges o miembros de la pareja de hecho hasta que se despida la petición, se emita un fallo o la corte dé otras órdenes. Cualquiera agencia del orden público que haya recibido o visto una copia de estas órdenes puede hacerlas acatar en cualquier lugar de California.

FEE WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party.

EXENCIÓN DE CUOTAS: Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario un formulario de exención de cuotas. La corte puede ordenar que usted pague, ya sea en parte o por completo, las cuotas y costos de la corte previamente exentas a petición

de usted o de la otra parte. 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
North Division

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):
Magdalena De Jesus Arevalo
2518 Krista St.
Wasco, CA 93280
661-438-6041
Date: (Fecha): 9/11/2020
Clerk, by (Secretario, por) /s/Tamarah Harber-Pickens
/s/Erica Bravo, Deputy (Asistente)
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
Rainbow Clothing Department
2020-B5662

625 F Street
Wasco, CA 93280
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
625 F Street
Wasco, CA 93280
Maria Luisa Mendoza
516 E Street
Wasco, CA 93280
The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: 06-11-2006

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/Maria Luisa Mendoza
Date Statement Filed: 12/22/2020
Date Statement Expires: 12/22/2025
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/M Hernandez
Publish Wasco Tribune January 21, 28, February 4, 11, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of:
Kinuyo Honda Watt

Case Number: BPB-21-002021

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Kinuyo Honda Watt
2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Ayami Mitsui in the Superior Court of California, County of: Kern
3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Ayami Mitsui be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

4. 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.

5. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
a. Date: 02/25/2021 Time: 10:30 A.M. Dept.: P
b. Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Kern, 1215 Truxtun Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93301, Metro Justice Building

6. 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.

7. 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.

8. 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: Mykhal N. Ofili, Esq.
5455 Wilshire Blvd., 21st Floor
Los Angeles, CA 90036
909-212-7679
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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF WASCO
PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City Council of the City of Wasco will conduct a public hearing on FEBRUARY 2, 2021 at 6:00pm, at the Wasco City Hall, 746 8th Street, Wasco, CA 93280 (via teleconference), in order to discuss an application for funding under the State administered Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program.

COVID-19 NOTE: These meetings will be held by telephone consistent with the Governor's Executive Order N-25-20 and N-29-20 issued on March 18, 2020. The purpose of this is to provide a safe environment for staff and the public to conduct City business, while allowing for public participation. These meetings will be held by teleconference only unless the emergency has been lifted before the meeting date. Members of the public are encouraged to participate by phone or email at cityclerk@cityofwasco.org or by submitting written comments at City Hall prior to the hearing. At least 72 hours before the meeting the Agenda will be posted at the City Website at www.cityofwasco.org and posted at the following locations 746 8th Street, 748 F Street and 764 E street. Please check the Agenda for additional ways to participate in this matter.

The City Council will consider potential CDBG-CV programs and provide direction for staff to prepare an application in response to the release of the Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for CDBG-CV funds for COVID-19 related activities that benefit low- and moderate-income residents.

On March 27, 2020, Congress passed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act in response to the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. The State Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) is will be publishing a Notice of Funding Availability (NOFA) for Community Development Block Grant Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CDBG-CV2 and CV3) funds. Eligible cities and counties may submit applications for CDBG-CV funds under the upcoming NOFA. It is estimated that The City of Wasco will be eligible to receive funds based on a formula allocation provided by HCD. The State will receive \$113,263,490 in CDBG-CV2 funds and \$18,031,478 in CDBG-CV3 funds.

Eligible activities paid for with State CDBG funds must meet one of the three National Objectives listed in CDBG Federal Statutes as follows: benefit to low-income households or persons (also called Low/Mod Benefit), slum and blight (addressing physical problems in specific neighborhoods) or meeting urgent community development need (a need resulting from a state or federal declared disaster or posing unforeseen risks to health and safety). In addition, eligible activities must be used directly to prevent, prepare for or respond to COVID-19 and meet CDBG requirements as provided and directed by HCD in the published NOFA and outlined in their plan as follows:

Public services to respond to COVID-19 impacts
Public facility improvements to increase capacity for healthcare facilities and improve public facility safety
Housing facilities for persons experiencing homelessness, including acquisition and rehabilitation

Economic development to support needs of local businesses to retain and bring back jobs impacted by COVID-19
The City of Wasco anticipates submitting an application under the NOFA published December 18, 2020. The City of Wasco does not expect to expend CDBG Program Income dollars in the contract term.

The purpose of this public hearing is to give the public an opportunity to make their comments known regarding what types of eligible activities the City of Wasco should apply for under the State administered CDBG program.

If you require special accommodations to participate in the public hearing, please contact Maria O. Martinez, City of Wasco, 746 8th Street, Wasco, CA 93280, or you may telephone (661) 758-7215.

If you are unable to attend the public hearing, you may direct written comments to the City of Wasco, 746 8th Street, Wasco, CA 93280, or you may telephone Keri Cobb (661) 758-7250. In addition, information is available for review by appointment at the above address between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday and 8:00am – 5:00pm every other Friday. The State Action Plan Substantial Amendment for the CARES Act funding may be accessed at: https://www.hcd.ca.gov/policy-research/plans-reports/index.shtml#faap. State CDBG NOFA's can be accessed at: https://www.hcd.ca.gov/grants-funding/activefunding/cdbg.shtml.

The City of Wasco promotes fair housing and makes all its programs available to low- and moderate-income families regardless of age, race, color, religion, sex, national origin, sexual preference, marital status or handicap. /s/Maria O. Martinez, City Clerk

CIUDAD DE WASCO
NOTICIA PÚBLICA

POR LA PRESENTE SE DA AVISO de que el Concejo Municipal de la Ciudad de Wasco llevará a cabo una audiencia pública el 2 de FEBRERO de 2021 a las 6:00 pm, en el Ayuntamiento de Wasco, 746 8th Street, Wasco, CA 93280 (por teleconferencia), con el fin de discutir una solicitud de financiamiento para el próximo año fiscal (1 de Julio al 30 de Junio) Programa de Subvenciones en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG) administrado por el estado.

NOTA COVID-19: Estas reuniones se llevarán a cabo por teléfono de conformidad con la Orden Ejecutiva del Gobernador N-25-20 y N-29-20 emitida el 18 de Marzo de 2020. El propósito de esto es proporcionar un ambiente seguro para el personal y el público para realizar negocios de la Ciudad, permitiendo al mismo tiempo la participación pública. Estas reuniones se llevarán a cabo por teleconferencia únicamente, a menos que la emergencia se haya levantado antes de la fecha de la reunión. Se anima a los miembros del público a participar por teléfono o correo electrónico a cityclerk@cityofwasco.org o enviando comentarios por escrito al Ayuntamiento antes de la audiencia. Al menos 72 horas antes de la reunión, se publicará la agenda en el sitio web de la Ciudad de Wasco en https://www.cityofwasco.org y en las oficinas indicadas 746 8th Street, 748 F Street y 764 E street. Consulte la agenda para conocer formas adicionales de participar en este asunto.

El Ayuntamiento considerará posibles programas CDBG-CV y proporcionará instrucciones al personal para preparar una solicitud en respuesta a la publicación del Aviso de disponibilidad de fondos (NOFA) para fondos CDBG-CV para actividades relacionadas con COVID-19 que benefician a bajas y moderadas -residentes de ingresos.

El 27 de Marzo de 2020, el Congreso aprobó la Ley de Ayuda, Alivio y Seguridad Económica por el Coronavirus (CARES) en respuesta a los impactos de la pandemia COVID-19. El Departamento de Vivienda y Desarrollo Comunitario del Estado (HCD) publicará un Aviso de Disponibilidad de Financiamiento (NOFA) para los fondos de Ayuda, Alivio y Seguridad Económica del Coronavirus de Subvenciones en Bloque para el Desarrollo Comunitario (CDBG-CV2 y CV3). Las ciudades y condados elegibles pueden enviar solicitudes para fondos CDBG-CV bajo el próximo NOFA. Se estima que la Ciudad de Livingston será elegible para recibir fondos según una fórmula de asignación proporcionada por HCD. El Estado recibirá \$ 113,263,490 en fondos CDBG-CV2 y \$ 18,031,478 en fondos CDBG-CV3.

Las actividades elegibles pagadas con fondos estatales de CDBG deben cumplir con uno de los tres objetivos nacionales enumerados en los estatutos federales de CDBG de la siguiente manera: beneficio para hogares o personas de bajos ingresos (también llamado beneficio bajo / moderado), barrios marginales y deterioro (abordar problemas físicos en vecindarios) o satisfacer una necesidad urgente de desarrollo comunitario (una necesidad resultante de un desastre declarado estatal o federal o que presente riesgos imprevistos para la salud y la seguridad). Además, las actividades elegibles deben usarse directamente para prevenir, prepararse o responder a COVID-19 y cumplir con los requisitos de CDBG según lo dispuesto y dirigido por HCD en el NOFA publicado y descrito en su plan de la siguiente manera:

• Servicios públicos para responder a los impactos del COVID-19
• Mejoras en las instalaciones públicas para aumentar la capacidad de las instalaciones sanitarias y mejorar la seguridad de las instalaciones públicas.
• Instalaciones de vivienda para personas sin hogar, incluida la adquisición y rehabilitación
• Desarrollo económico para apoyar las necesidades de las empresas locales de retener y recuperar los trabajos afectados por COVID-19

La Ciudad de Wasco anticipa presentar una solicitud bajo la NOFA publicada el 18 de Diciembre de 2020. La Ciudad de Wasco no espera gastar dólares de ingresos del programa CDBG durante el plazo del contrato.

El propósito de esta audiencia pública es darle al público la oportunidad de dar a conocer sus comentarios con respecto a qué tipos de actividades elegibles debe solicitar la Ciudad de Wasco bajo el programa CDBG CV administrado por el estado.

Si necesita adaptaciones especiales para participar en la audiencia pública, comuníquese con Maria Martinez, a la ciudad de Wasco, 746 8th Street, Wasco, CA 93280, o puede llamar al (661) 758-7214. Además, el plan propuesto está disponible para su revisión en el sitio web de la ciudad de Wasco en https://www.cityofwasco.org.

Si no puede asistir a la audiencia pública, puede enviar comentarios por escrito a la ciudad de Wasco, 746 8th Street, Wasco, CA 93280, o puede llamar a Keri Cobb (661) 758-7200. Además, la información está disponible para su revisión en la dirección anterior entre las 8:00 a.m. y las 5:00 p.m. de Lunes a Viernes.

La ciudad de Wasco promueve la vivienda justa y pone todos sus programas a disposición de familias de ingresos bajos y moderados sin importar la edad, raza, color, religión, sexo, nacionalidad, preferencia sexual, estado civil o discapacidad. /s/Maria O. Martinez, City Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE
LEGAL NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of Wasco will hold a public hearing on the project listed below in this notice. The public hearing will be held on February 8, 2021 at 6:00 P.M. or as soon as possible thereafter. Due to current COVID-19 restrictions, this meeting will be conducted utilizing teleconferencing and electronic means consistent with Executive Order N-29-20, issued by Governor Gavin Newsom on March 17, 2020. For more information, or to confirm the format this meeting will be conducted in, please contact the City of Wasco City Clerk at 661-758-7215 or cityclerk@cityofwasco.org

Parcel Map 12398
Project: A subdivision of one 36.57-acre parcel into 4 parcels (1.31 acres, 1.31 acres, 1.43 acres, 1.31 acres and a designated remainder of 30.88 acres) on existing Rural Residential zoned land in the City of Wasco.

Location: The project site consists of 36.57 acres north of Grover Avenue between Annin Street and Griffith Street.
APN: 487-010-20
CEQA: Categorically Exempt pursuant to 15315 Minor Land Divisions
Applicant: Frank Sanchez
The project and supporting documents may be reviewed during normal business hours at the Planning Department located at 764 "E" Street, Wasco, CA 93280. Any person wishing to testify on the above project may appear before the Planning Commission at their hearing of February 8, 2021 or may submit written comments on or before February 8, 2021.

If you challenge this proposal, or any aspect of it in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Wasco Planning Department, 764 "E" Street, Wasco, CA 93280, at, or prior to the public hearing.

If you need special assistance to participate in the meetings described in this notice, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (661) 758-7215 to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to these meetings. Telephone (661) 758-7215 or via California Relay Service (Hearing Impaired Only). Requests for assistance should be made at least two (2) days in advance whenever possible.

If you have any questions, you may contact the Community Development Department at (661) 758-7200. /s/Maria O. Martinez, City Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE TO BIDDERS
CITY OF WASCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Sealed proposals for the work shown on the PLANS entitled: City of Wasco Department of Public Works Project Plans For: 2021 SB1 STREETS OVERLAY VARIOUS LOCATIONS; will be received at City of WASCO City Hall attention City Clerk, 746 8th St., WASCO, CA 93280, until 2:00 PM on February 25, 2021, and read aloud.

Bid forms for this work are entitled: City of Wasco Notice to Bidders & Special Provisions For: 2021 SB1 STREETS OVERLAY VARIOUS LOCATIONS
General work description:
The work to be done consists in general, but is not limited to cold plan, proof roll subgrade, pulverize, grade, compact, and overlay of existing roadway surface at various locations; Install underground electrical conduits and boxes; Install traffic stripes, pavement markings, and signage. Other items of or details, not mentioned above, that are required by the typical sections, Standard Specifications or the special provisions shall be performed, placed, constructed, or installed. Perform Roadway Finishing as specified in Section 22 of the Standard Specifications.

A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for February 09, 2021 at 10:00 AM, at WASCO, Public Works Dept. Yard, located at 801 8th Street, WASCO, CA 93280. Bidder's attendance at this meeting will not be mandatory. No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) unless registered with

the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)]. Bids are required for the entire work described herein.

Bids must be submitted on the Bid Proposal form provided by the City of WASCO. Each bid must be accompanied by one of the following forms of bidder's security equal to at least ten percent (10%) of the bid amount: (1) cash; (2) a cashier's check made payable to the City of WASCO; (3) a certified check made payable to the City of WASCO; or (4) a bidder's bond signed by a surety insurer who is licensed in California, made payable to the City of WASCO. Each bidder must be a licensed contractor as required by law at the time the contract is awarded.

The bidder who is awarded the project contract will be allowed pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300 to substitute securities for the payment of funds withheld under the contract. In addition, the successful bidder must furnish: (1) a faithful performance bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price; and (2) a payment bond (also referred to as a labor and material bond) in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price. All bonds must be in a form approved by the City of WASCO and must conform to California law (see Code of Civil Procedure section 995.010 et seq.). All documents submitted in compliance with the requirements of this bid package and the contract must be scannable and photocopiable. The City hereby invokes its protest right under California Code of Civil Procedure 995.660 for any proposed surety bond submitted in satisfaction of the requirements of this agreement if the submitted bond is not issued by an admitted surety rated A-VII or better by Best's Rating Service.

Bids shall be sealed in an envelope marked City of WASCO – 2021 SB1 STREETS OVERLAY - VARIOUS LOCATIONS - addressed to the City of WASCO Public Works Department attention City Clerk, and be delivered thereto on or before the day and hour set for the opening of bids in the notice inviting sealed bids, and shall bear the name of the bidder. It is the SOLE responsibility of the bidder to see that his bid is delivered and received in proper time.

Any bid received after that scheduled closing time for receipt of bids shall be returned to the bidder unopened. The contractor shall possess a Class A license at the time this contract is awarded. This contract is subject to state contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990. Inquiries or questions based on alleged patent ambiguity of the plans, specifications or estimate must be communicated as a bidder inquiry prior to bid opening. Any such inquiries or questions, submitted after bid opening, will not be treated as a bid protest. Technical questions should be directed to BHT Engineering, Inc., (Contact: Juan M. Pantoja, (661) 558-4641 or juan@bhtengineering.com).

All contract documents, plans, and specifications must be obtained from the City Clerk (661) 758-7214. A PDF copy of the plans and specifications can be requested from the City Clerk free of charge by emailing mamartinez@cityofwasco.org. Cityclerk@cityofwasco.org. Upon written request for the electronic bid documents, the contractor will be added to the Registered Plan Holders List.

The City of WASCO affirms that in any contract entered into pursuant to this advertisement, disadvantaged business enterprises will be afforded full opportunity to submit bids in response to this invitation.

Pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the general prevailing wage rates in the county, or counties, in which the work is to be done have been determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations and available from the California Department of Industrial Relations' Internet web site at http://www.dir.ca.gov/DLSR/PWD. Future effective general prevailing wage rates which have been predetermined and are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations are referenced but not printed in the general prevailing wage rates.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) provides a toll-free "hotline" service to report bid rigging activities. Bid rigging activities can be reported Mondays through Fridays, between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Telephone No. 1-800-424-9071. Anyone with knowledge of possible bid rigging, bidder collusion, or other fraudulent activities should use the "hotline" to report these activities. The "hotline" is part of the DOT's continuing effort to identify and investigate highway construction contract fraud and abuse and is operated under the direction of the DOT Inspector General.

All information will be treated confidentially, and caller anonymity will be respected. /s/ Maria O. Martinez, City Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

Statement of Abandonment Of Use Of Fictitious Business Name Henry Vander Poel and Son Dairy

11495 Jumper Ave Wasco, CA 93280 County: Kern

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: General Partnership

Original FBN Statement Filed on: 01/23/2019

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ment 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

16855 Griffith Ave Wasco, CA 93280

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Date the business commenced: N/A A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration.

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vided to the City Council and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the City Council prior to taking action on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the City Council meeting.

Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk Dated: January 22, 2020 Publish Shafter Press January 28, 2021

Notice of Public Hearing Shafter City Council

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 2, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., the Shafter City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the Unmet Transit Needs for Fiscal Year 2021/2022.

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OBITUARIES

Juan Diego Cantú Adame
 Nov. 30, 1965 –
 Jan. 8, 2021

Juan Diego Cantú, de 55 años de edad, falleció el día 8 de Enero del 2021 en Wasco. El nació en el día 30 de Noviembre del año 1965 en General Nuevo León México. Sus padres son Aureliano Cantú y su madre Ramona Adame. Juan Diego creció en China Nuevo León y se graduó de General Bravo Secundaria. Juan Diego trabajo por 35 años haciendo soldadura, troquero y mecánico. A Diego le encantaba la música y bailar con su esposa Josefa. Diego siempre



le encanto decir chistes y hacernos reír. Diego tenia un rancho en donde pasaba su tiempo con sus nietos dándoles de comer a los caballos y chivos. Su gran alegría era siempre estar

con sus nietos y hijos.
 Juan Diego estuvo casado por 31 años con su esposa Josefa. Tiene cuatro hijos Juan Angel, Diego Armando, Miguel, y su hija Julissa. Tiene cinco nietos Damian, Julian, Daniel, Matthew, y Abigail.
 Visitacion y Rosario: Lunes, 25 de Enero, a las 5-9 p.m.
 Rosario a las 7 p.m. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, 343 State Ave., Shafter, 661-746-4200
 Misa: Saint John's Catholic Church, Martes, Enero 26 a las 10 a.m., Wasco. Cementerio: Wasco Cemetery

Teofilo Farias
 April 11, 1961 –
 Dec. 21, 2020

Teofilo Farias Jr., 59, passed away on Dec. 21, 2020, at Mercy Southwest Hospital in Bakersfield. Born on April 11, 1961 in Galveston, Texas, to Teofilo and Lupe Farias, Teofilo was one of 12 children.
 Growing up in Shafter, Teofilo graduated from Shafter High School in 1979. After high school he attended Bakersfield College, where he studied auto mechanics. He worked for the City of Shafter and retired in 2010.
 Teofilo married Concha



(Cathy) Gutierrez in 1985, and they were happily married for 35 years. He loved his family and his sports and was an avid 49ers fan. He was a man of faith who loved God and attended St. Eliza-

beth Ann Seton Church. He enjoyed coaching his daughters and nieces' softball teams and was involved in the local 4H for many years. He found joy in attending family sporting events; and was always on board for a fishing and camping trip with family and friends.
 Teofilo is survived by his wife, Cathy; his daughters Constance, Valerie and Destiny; son-in-laws Michael and Juan; grandson Logan; and numerous siblings, brother in-laws and sister-in-laws, nieces and nephews.
 And he will be missed by all!

Dollie Imogene Burrow
 Aug. 20, 1942 –
 Jan. 18, 2021

Dollie Imogene Burrow, 78, of Shafter, passed away on Jan. 18, 2021, in Bakersfield.
 Dollie Imogene (Whitmire) Burrow was born in Kenefic, Okla., to William E. Whitmire Sr. and Minnie M. Ritchie on Aug. 20, 1942. She went to school in Quanah, Texas.
 Dollie married Floyd E. Burrow on Sept. 6, 1963.



They then moved to Shafter, where she lived for the rest

of her life.
 Dollie worked at the Richland School District for many years. She volunteered at the schools, worked as a classroom aide and as the district library secretary.
 Dollie was preceded in death by her parents, William E. Whitmire Sr. and Minnie M. (Ritchie) Whitmire, her siblings William E. Whitmire Jr., Marie Sharber, Estlene Norman, Arlis Whitmire, Geneva

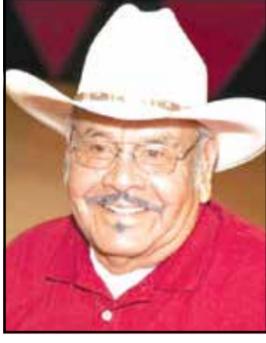
Wakefield, Hughie Whitmire and Loreese Wiseman, and her grandson, Michael Tweedt.
 Dollie is survived by her husband of 57 years, Floyd E. Burrow; her daughters, Vanessa Sims and husband Edmond Sims, and Kara Tweedt and husband Keith Tweedt. her grandchildren, Cody Tweedt, Leslie Tweedt, Steven Tweed and Amy Tweedt; and her great-grandson, Ethan Tweedt; her step-great grandchild-

dren, Adrian Sanders Jr., Emilee Sanders, Jeniah Sims, Elizabeth Sanders, Laisha Sims, Dominick Sanders, Mallory Sanders, Jonathan Sims, Kamryn Estes and Kaiden Estes; her sister-in-laws, Rose Stock and Millie Bentley; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.
 Dollie enjoyed traveling the United States with her husband. She enjoyed her time with family and friends. She loved sewing and quilt-

ing. She hardly ever missed the Pledge of Allegiance daily with Neal McCoy. She watched his online concerts every weekend. She loved to listen to all genres of music, especially gospel and country music.
 Dollie always had a smile and an ear to listen when others needed it. She always made friends where ever she went.
 She will be deeply missed by who loved and knew her.

Antonio G. Reyna
 June 13, 1937 –
 Jan. 16, 2021

Antonio G. Reyna, 83, passed away on Jan. 16, 2021 in Bakersfield. He was born on June 13, 1937 in Gregory, Texas to Severo and Andrea Reyna.
 Antonio grew up in Texas and Arizona and later made his home in Wasco. He attended schools in the



state of Texas.
 He worked for Armstrong Nurseries in Wasco as a farm labor where he worked for 40 years.
 Antonio enjoyed most of all attending gatherings with his family and friends. He was a life-long Dallas Cowboys fan and a favorite pastime of his was watching the games on Sundays. Antonio was a devout Catho-

lic and attended St. John's Catholic Church in Wasco.
 Antonio is survived by his sons, Tony, Jose and Jaime Reyna all of Shafter, and Ruben Reyna of Bakersfield; his brothers Carlos and Paula Reyna, Ramon and Letty Reyna, Juan and Rosalinda Reyna all of Wasco; Jose Reyna of Shafter, and Manuel and Pam Reyna of Bakers-

field; and sisters Guadalupe Reyna Lopez of Wasco, and Maria and Jesus Sanchez of Bakersfield; his grandchildren Joey, Eilina, Alex, Adam, and Reese; and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives from Arizona and Texas.
 Antonio was preceded in death by his parents, Severo and Andrea Reyna, his sisters Eladia Reyna, Petra

Reyna Valdez and Carmen Reyna Sandoval; and brother Eleno Reyna Sr.
 A funeral service will be held at St. John's Catholic Church 1129 9th Pl, Wasco, at 10 a.m. on Jan. 29, 2021. Visitation will be held at Basham & Lara Funeral Home, 343 State, Shafter, at 5 p.m. on Jan. 28. Burial will follow the funeral at Wasco Cemetery in Wasco.

WE'VE MOVED!

The Shafter Press and Wasco Tribune newspaper office is moving to a new location on February 1, 2021

The new office will be at:
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DEATH NOTICES

Lucio C. Torres, 55, of Shafter, passed away Jan. 23 in Bakersfield, Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.
Sabas Graciliano Carrizalez, 88, of Buttonwillow, passed away Jan.20 in Buttonwillow, Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.
Dustin Lee Colvard Jamison, 30, of Wasco, passed away Jan.15 in Wasco, Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.
Nazario Rios Hernandez, 64, of Wasco, passed away Jan. 23 in Bakersfield, Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.
Pedro Ramirez Ser-rato, 88, of Bakersfield, passed away Jan.20 in Lost Hills, Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.
Maria Torress de Leyva, 84, of Buttonwillow, passed away Jan.20 in But-

tonwillow, Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.
Frank Montes, 47, of Wasco, passed away Jan. 24 in Bakersfield, Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.
Brandon Fields, 38, Bakersfield, passed away Jan. 25, Peters Funeral Homes Shafter.
Mary Nunlist, 77, Shafter, passed away Jan. 26, Peters Funeral Home Shafter

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