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Schools weigh their options



The Shafter branch's future is uncertain, with the possible closure of several libraries in Kern County.

Combination of classroom, distance learning possible

TONI DEROSA
The Wasco Tribune

The Wasco Union Elementary School District has yet to make a final decision regarding the 2020-2021 school year. However, the district has decided on several methods that will be used for teaching.

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In a nine-page document, the district outlined the school board's plans for the academic year.

School will begin on Monday, August 10. The school year will be a combination of in-classroom teaching and distance learning in order to meet the needs of all students.

Priority for on-campus instruction may be given to students with the highest need, such as the lowest-performing students; students with disabilities; those at risk of child abuse and neglect; homeless students; foster children, and English learners.

In addition, on-campus instruction may be for subjects that are difficult to deliver through distance learning, such as science.

If the federal, state or local governments announce an updated guidance, that guidance will be followed by the district; however, the district may adopt resolutions to respond

See **SCHOOL** Page 4

Reprieve likely for libraries

Proposed budget cuts less drastic

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

With the Kern County Board of Supervisors adjusting the budget for the 2020-2021 year, the future may be a little brighter for some Kern County libraries that were facing permanent closure.

The libraries had been facing a 22% budget cut, but the Board of Supervisors adjusted the reduction to between 7 and 8%. It is still unclear which libraries will be able to open in 2021.

According to Ethan Picman, Shafter branch director, only eight libraries were going to reopen under the original budget, with those being the branches that are now offer-

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Shafter Library director Ethan Picman.

Richland schools to partially open

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Richland School District approved plans to begin its fall semester on August 6, with the district using an AA/BB scheduling system. Interim Superintendent Rosa Romero said the staff has been working diligently on a plan that will give students the best education and keep them safe and healthy for the school year.

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In the approved plan, students would be in either Group A or Group B. Each student would go to the school two days

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Anytime Fitness stresses safety, social distance

TONI DEROSA
The Wasco Tribune

Anytime Fitness has reopened after being closed during the lockdown and is welcoming back its members and says it

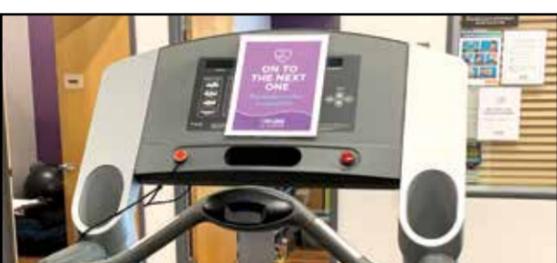
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While practicing social distancing, Juarez proudly showed off how the gym has been able to maintain the required safe distance between treadmill and stairmaster machines. Every other treadmill has a large sign, so users don't have to worry about maintaining a safe distance from others.

"We closed the gym from March 19 through June 2020," she said. "We just reopened June 22."

Attendees are encouraged to wear masks upon entering Anytime Fitness, but the owners understand it can be difficult to continue wearing a mask while exercising.

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A sign posted on one of the treadmills.

has plenty of room for newcomers.

Owners Stacy Juarez and her sister, Ginger Skaggs, take turns manning the front desk.



The Walker Senior Center at Shafter will be a cooling center.

Cooling centers ready

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

With the mercury climbing to the point where it's dangerous for seniors, several cooling centers are opening in Kern County, including one at the Walker Senior Center in Shafter.

Located at 505 Sunset Avenue, the cooling center will be open from 1 to 8 p.m. on days when the high temperature is forecast to be 105 degrees or higher.

With this week expected to have temperatures hovering around the 102 mark,

See **COOLING** Page 4

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ONGOING

Cooling off -- Shafter's cooling center will be open at the Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset Ave., from 1 p.m. to 8 p.m. Residents using the center are encouraged to bring their favorite nonalcoholic beverages, snacks, reading materials, games, etc. Face masks are required.

Emergency food pantry -- The food pantry is a one-time food service that is provided to families in need on an emergency basis. A food basket can be provided when the church is notified of the need, and if any further assistance is needed. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith Ave., Wasco. Contact the church, 661-758-2516.

Shower and laundry services -- We have a shower and washer & dryer available for the homeless to use by appointment. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith Ave., Wasco. Call 661-758-2516 for appointment.

TUESDAY

Gleaners (Senior Sack) -- The Senior Sack program is for senior citizens 60 years and older. Food is distributed on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month at GABC starting at 12 p.m. There is a one-time \$2 administration fee. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith Ave., Wasco.

Food giveaway -- The Impact Program is a biweekly food giveaway provided to anyone who is in need, Tuesday or Friday, 8 to 10 a.m. on a first come, first serve basis for those 18 years and older. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith Ave., Wasco.

Narcotics Anonymous -- Meets Tuesdays at 7 p.m. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith Ave., Wasco.

FRIDAY

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HEADLINES IN HISTORY



The Press front page, July 26, 2000.

From The Shafter Press archives

10 years ago: August 2010

A new Subway restaurant opened in the old Stringham Drugstore location at 301 Central Ave.

20 years ago: July 26, 2000

Ralph Fruguglietti, also known as the "Big Kahuna," was ranked first in the world in his age group in the discus and second in shot put, at the National Masters Championships in Eugene, Ore.

30 years ago: July 18, 1990

The Kern County Fire Department upgraded its Shafter fire station to a five fire fighter station. The increase was due to Shafter's population growth.

—Compiled by Erica Soriano

Mystery history

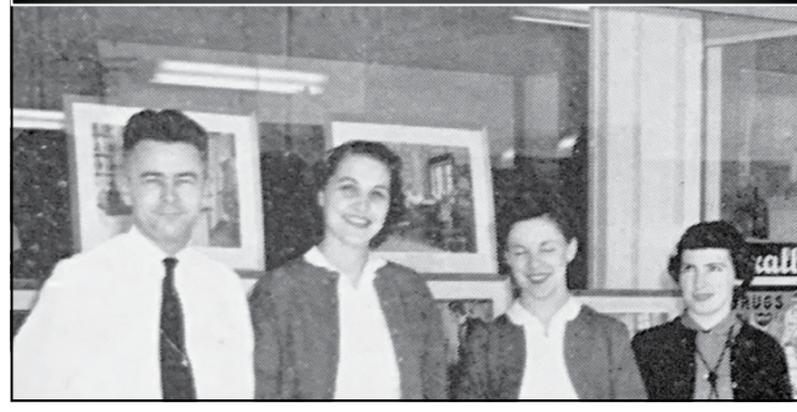
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WASCO



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ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

July 12

Armando Nunez Jr., 23, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block of Rodriguez Street for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

July 11

Elijah Gonzalez, 29, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block of Klassen Street for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

Timothy Micah Sierra, 24, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block Klassen Street for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

July 10

John Arthur Chavez Jr., 24, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block of South Shafter Avenue for possession of a controlled substance and paraphernalia.

July 9

Armondo Rene Villavicencio, 47, of Shafter, was

arrested for having a passenger in vehicle with an open container of alcohol.

July 8

Christoffer Quintanilla, 21, of Shafter, was arrested for first-degree burglary in a state of emergency and obstruction of a public officer.

Martin Estrada Paez, 57, of Shafter, was arrested for inflicting injury onto a child and threatening crime with intent.

July 7

Dirk Barton Underwood, 50, of Shafter, was arrested on an outside agency warrant.

Carlos Jose Garcia Chavez, 21, of Shafter, was arrested for inflicting corporal injury on a spouse and willful cruelty to a child.

Rafael Contreras, 28, of Shafter, was arrested on a misdemeanor bench warrant and an outside agency warrant.

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

July 6

David Juarez, 36, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Highway 43 and Jackson Avenue for driving on a suspended license, speeding, and possession of an open container of marijuana and an open container of alcohol. He was cited and released at the scene.

Eduardo Jesus Lopez, 20, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of 15th Street for inflicting corporal injury on a spouse and child cruelty resulting in possible injury or death. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Nallely Valadez, 33, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2400 block of Jo Ellen Court for reckless driving and failure to stop at a stop sign. She was cited and re-

leased at the scene.

July 7

Adrian Chavez, 22, of Shafter, was arrested at the intersection of Poso Drive and Poplar Avenue for driving on a suspended license. He was cited and released at the scene.

Christopher Aaron Regalado, 29, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Poso Drive and Maple Avenue for driving on a suspended license. He was cited and released at the scene.

Nancy Salas, 36, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1300 block of Palm Avenue for drunken disorderly conduct. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Juan Antonio Sanchez, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of Oak Avenue for inflicting of corporal injury on a spouse and obstruction of a police officer. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Bridey Villasana, of

Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Poso Drive and Poplar Avenue for driving without a license. She was cited and released at the scene.

July 9

Angel Soto, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Highway 46 and Palm Avenue on a felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

July 10

Jose Ocampo, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Heriberto Vidales, of Wasco, was arrested in the 400 block of Maple Avenue for contempt of court, violating a court order to prevent domestic violence, possession of a controlled substance, and possession of unlawful paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

July 11

Oliver Corral, of Wasco, was arrested in the 300 block of Broadway for assault with a deadly weapon that was not a firearm and conspiracy to commit a crime. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Alvaro Reyes, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Palm Avenue and Beanway Drive for filing a false police report and a hit and run with damages. He was cited and released at the scene.

July 12

Juan Carlos Pano Ibarra, of Earlimart, was arrested at the intersection of J Street and Poso Drive for exhibition of speed. He was cited and released at the scene.

Jonathan Rosalesmontes, of Shafter, was arrested at the intersection of Poso Drive and F Street for street racing and driving on a suspended license. He was cited and released at the scene.

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Apple Market was one of the last holdouts in Shafter, but now has posted a sign requiring masks to be worn in the store.



The City of Shafter is still recommending making an appointment for most of the services offered at its city buildings.

City steps backward as virus cases rise

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

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The cities of Shafter and Wasco, which had high hopes when Gov. Gavin Newsom reopened the state with certain precautions, have seen those hopes dashed with an increase in cases that has made it necessary for the cities to take a step backward.

Most of the businesses in Shafter and Wasco now require a face mask to enter, and restaurants have seen their dine-in options thwarted again. Those establishments that have outdoor dining space can offer that service for the time being, with the rest of the restaurants going back to take-out and delivery only.

The number of businesses seeking relief from the different programs being offered by the county and the state continues to grow. Even the few holdouts in Shafter, including Apple Market and Big Stop, which didn't require face coverings, now have signs posted that customers must wear

masks to enter.

To date, there have been two confirmed deaths in Shafter and Wasco, with husband and wife Billy Joe and Gloria Cox passing away within days of each other from covid-19. Shafter now has 224 confirmed cases, with 133 of those cases recovered, while Wasco has had 222 cases with 99 cases reported as recovered. Percentage-wise, that means that about 1 percent of Shafter's population has been confirmed as having the virus, or about one in one hundred residents.

Shafter is still having its city buildings remain open, with face masks required to enter, and the majority of the operations in the buildings are recommending that you make an appointment before going to City Hall. You can also take advantage of the various online services, such as bill-paying for -certain utility bills.

Live or virtual, Rose Queen Pageant will go on

TONI DEROSA
The Wasco Tribune

The date for this year's Rose Queen pageant is still scheduled for Thursday, Sept. 10; however, whether the pageant will be live or virtual has not yet been decided.

Meanwhile, the candidates and their sponsors are listed below:

■ Wasco Rotary is sponsoring Natalie Guerrero,

■ Saldana Welding and Fabrication is sponsoring Kimberly Gonzalez,

■ The Wasco Historical Society is sponsoring Mikayla Orozco,

■ The Veterans of Foreign War is sponsoring Talitha Arellano,

■ Westside Family Fellowship is sponsoring Mackinley Wankum,

■ Canyon Hills Assembly of God is sponsoring Maybeth Lopez,

■ Wasco Knights of Columbus is sponsoring two candidates – Wendy Cendejas and Elizabeth Padilla,

■ Maria's Tax Service is sponsoring Marlen Parades-Ruiz,

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■ Planet Dance is sponsoring Isabella Garcia,

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■ H & A Plumbing is sponsoring Irene Vargas,

■ Lady Elks is sponsoring Ray Hernandez,

■ Mike and Sunni Dobbs are sponsoring Idaly Flores and Crystal Rava,

■ Wasco Bengal Cheer is sponsoring

Cassandra Hinijosa, and

■ MV Autoworks is sponsoring Stephanie Garcia.

With the covid-19 pandemic, the pageant, Wasco Festival and music show are still up in the air. The committees are hopeful that all events will take place this year.



Ava Keller during game time.



David Bloemhof and Wendy Wilson help with the lessons.

PandaMania is theme at Vacation Bible School

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

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With the community still trying to return to some semblance of normalcy, it is important that we still have certain constants in our lives. One of those in Shafter is the tradition of Vacation Bible School. In

years past, there were several vacation bible schools, but this year there have been just a couple. The one held this past week was a community effort, with several churches participating. This information came from

Rachel Friesen:

"Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church hosted PandaMania, a Vacation Bible School, the week of June 29-July 3. It was a fun-filled week of games, crafts, skits, and Bible lessons, for kids in kindergarten through sixth grade.

We implemented daily temperature checks, lots of hand washing, hand sanitizers everywhere, individual craft stations, and lots of personal space. We had to limit the number of children to 70, so that we could keep groups small and not exceed the occupancy cap for the sanctuary."

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Anytime Fitness reopens with safety in mind

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"People get sweaty and have a hard time breathing while exercising," Juarez said.

The showers continue to be taped off and are not in use. Before the virus, Juarez said, the facility was open 24 hours a day so out-of-town truck drivers who were members that arrived after hours and needed to shower were able to do so. Now that the showers are taped off, that is no longer possible.

"Because of covid-19, our new hours are Monday through Thursday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Friday from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.," Juarez said. "We are closed Sunday."

When it first opened, the gym offered classes; however, Juarez said classes are no longer being held. "Clients come in and either use the machines or do weightlifting," she said.

Juarez said the gym offers a seven-day free pass for those who wishes to try out the facility and see if it works for them.

Anyone is welcome to stop by Anytime Fitness and request a pass.

Juarez said that either she or her sister is always present to answer any questions that might come up.

"My sister and I investigated several different gym franchises, and we decided on Anytime Fitness," she said.

Prior to opening Anytime Fitness, Juarez was a dental assistant. Once she and her husband decided they wanted to raise a family in their small town of Wasco, they relocated from Orange County back to Wasco and opened the business. Juarez said she is happy to be back home.

Anytime Fitness in Wasco currently has 900 members.

Membership costs vary according to the length of your contract. A one-year contract costs \$38 a month; an 18-month contract is \$34 a month, and a 23-month contract costs \$30 a month.

New members can use a checking account or debit or credit card from which monthly dues will be automatically deducted.

Anytime Fitness also offers a senior hour from 9 to 10 a.m. by reservation only.

Anytime Fitness is located at the Tropicana Shopping Center, 2445 Highway 46. They can be reached at 661-758-4500.



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Cooling centers to open if temperature hits 105

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The Shafter center will not be open unless the forecast changes to over 105.

Many seniors in Shafter do not have air conditioning, fighting the heat instead with swamp coolers, which don't effectively cool a house at higher temperatures. Seniors are encouraged to watch their television or listen to the radio for an announcement on whether the centers will be open.

The cooling centers are operated by the

Shafter Recreation Department. People visiting the center are encouraged to bring a favorite book or magazine, hobby materials, or some cards to play. The centers also require facial coverings and social distancing.

"I think that these centers are a god-send," said resident Lucy Renetos. "I have a cooler at my house that doesn't help much when it gets this hot. I also like to visit with the other people that show up, especially after being cooped up for so long."

School district weighs options

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to orders or will provide further direction to parents and students during the pandemic.

The board is aware of the consequences the covid-19 pandemic has had on student learning and the importance of everyone's safety, the economic crisis, the loss of school-based relationships and disruptions in education. The board also realizes the pandemic has affected all students but most importantly younger ones, students with disabilities, and other at-risk students.

Once school reopens, the staff will provide a caring and nurturing educational environment for all students, the district's statement said. The district may also provide instruction on social-emotional well-being to all students, including information on how to deal with stress and anxiety and the importance of emotional well-being.

The district will evaluate each student's academic progress following last year's campus closure.

■ Specific needs of the students will be addressed once the transition is made from a closed campus and distance learning to on-campus instruction.

■ Each student will be evaluated on whether they experienced a loss or regression of skills and/or lack of progress.

■ If a student has regressed or has made a lack of progress, that will be identified and opportunities for recovery, including additional educational services and/or new or different support services will be offered.

For students with disabilities, the evaluation of academic progress will be

used to determine if another individual educational plan needs to be created.

Students with covid-19 will be excluded from on-campus instruction until a medical provider says in writing that the student is no longer contagious.

In addition, students at high-risk for complications from covid-19 may continue receiving instruction off campus.

In order to maintain social distancing, the district will assess the capacity of school facilities, including classrooms, cafeterias, multi-purpose rooms, gyms, and outdoor areas and determine how the facility can best be used.

The district may:

■ Space desks at least six feet apart and position them in a way that limits students facing each other.

■ Stagger students in high areas of traffic such as lining up for class,

■ Mark six-foot boundaries in classrooms, common areas, outdoor spaces and places where students gather,

■ Use restroom sinks and stalls, which allow safe distancing between students. This may mean blocking off every other stall and marking six-foot boundaries,

■ Limit the mixing of students between classrooms,

■ Hold physical education and recess so that students can continue safe social distancing,

■ Check out the capacity of school busses and develop a bus route that allows for safe distancing on the bus

■ Encourage students to walk, ride a bicycle or travel to school in a home vehicle.

■ Large gatherings such as assemblies, rallies, field

trips, extracurricular activities and athletic events will be suspended until the board determines, with the guidance from state and local health officials, that it is safe to resume the activities.

Face coverings shall not be required, although recommended, for children

below third grade. Accommodations will be made for anyone who is unable to wear a face covering.

The superintendent will provide updated information to all students regarding the free and reduced-price meal program, eligibility and how to apply for the program.

Richland schools opt for AA/BB

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a week and would distance learn the other three days. "Our desire is to return to school as normal as possible," Romero said. "However, we must be proactive and be prepared for ever-changing circumstances."

At the school, students will have their temperature taken upon entering, and will also be given verbal health checks. Students must also wear masks and practice social distancing, with each class limited to 12 to 14 students. There will be no recess. Students will have a 15-minute break, but there will be no playground equipment use, with nothing utilized that would be considered a shared item. School will begin at 7:45 a.m. and dismiss at 12:30 p.m.

Parents are encouraged to bring the children to and from school, avoiding riding the bus. For those students who ride the bus, students will be loaded from back to front, and will unload front to back, to avoid students crossing paths. In order to maintain social distancing, buses will be limited to 12 to 14 students, and buses will be disinfected before

and after each trip. While at school, all staff are required to wear face masks and students will wear them also. They can bring their own from home, or masks will also be provided.

All students will be provided a laptop for distance learning. With the week broken up, students will have a chance to work and learn from their online instructors and will still get the opportunity to assemble with their classmates and return to a classroom environment.

If parents do not want to have their children go to the school, they can elect to have their child do strictly distance learning. They can have their children use the online resources and work from home the entire week. Romero said all school activities that have students assemble in a large group, such as rallies, shows, etc., will not take place until the Center for Disease Control and Prevention and the county deem it safe to do so.

"We are just excited to get back to school and give our kids the best education we can in these trying and challenging times," Romero said.

Supervisors keep open book on libraries

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ing curbside service. That list does not include the Shafter or Wasco branches.

With the adjustment to the budget, it is possible that more of the branches will reopen. "If the Board of Supervisors allocate the funds for the Shafter branch, it would be able to reopen in the summer of 2021," Picman said. He added that even this new budget could mean the end of several of the branches in the Kern County library system, including the branches in Shafter, Wasco, Buttonwillow, McFarland, several in Bakersfield and some in the eastern part of Kern County.

Picman has been moved to Delano

during the first part of the week and is at the Beale Library on Fridays. "I don't know if, or when, I will be back in Shafter, but I am advocating for Shafter and Wasco and we can still try to make our case at Supervisor Couch's office," he said.

Picman said the Shafter branch had made such great strides since he arrived, with the circulation increasing and the community support outstanding. Foot traffic had grown to between 4,800 and 5,200 people each month, with some months as many as 8,000 people visiting the library.

Picman said Shafter was steadily in the top ten of the county's branches in program attendance, with an average of

1,200 people a month participating in its various programs and activities. These activities included story times, reptile shows, different activities for children as well as presentations for adults by guest speakers such as Stan Wilson from the Shafter Historical Society.

Shafter boasted a circulation of between 1,500 to 2,000 books a month, which ranks between 8th and 12th of the county's 24 branches, despite the branch having the fourth smallest collection in the county with 12,000 books.

Picman hopes that with the support that the community gives to the Shafter library and the adjustment that was made to the budget, the Shafter branch will be able to reopen.

Show of support for cops

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The community showed its support for and appre-

partment with gift bags and lunch.

Chief Kevin Zimmermann said the group gave

gift cards and other items. Each water bottle had the officer's badge number on it, which was very special,

Zimmermann said. "This means so much to me and the department, especially in this time of challenges we are in," he said. "This is normally a demanding job, but with recent events, it has been even more of a challenge. Things like this mean more than they can imagine."

The bags were presented by Sandy McCuan and her husband, Scott, on behalf of

a large group of residents who wanted to show their appreciation of the job the department does for the community. Other members in the community who were involved included John and Donna Coletti, Troy and Betty Witham, Katrina Huckins, Jack and Jariann Hudson, Mark and Debbie Kindell, Randy Packer, David and Rita McGill, Sofie Zimmermann, Andy and Kim Kitsch, Nicole Escalera, Justin and Chelsey McCulley, Susan England, Dean and Susie Whaley, David and Tammy Powers, Chuck Zavala, and Martina Nino, among others.

The department has, like many other departments, has been under pressure as law enforcement has come under scrutiny in the wake of national protests.

The Shafter Police Department has worked to build its connection to the



Chief Zimmermann with Sergeant Joseph Stephens and Sandy McCuan.

ciation of the Shafter Police Department recently when a group presented the de-

partment with gift bags full of items including a water bottle, coffee mug, stress ball,



Bags contained a variety of items such as a water bottle, coffee mug, a stress ball, packed in a flag-adorned tote bag. Chief Zimmermann said that the department appreciated the gesture.

community with events like Coffee With a Cop and A Night Out with the Shafter PD. However, the coronavirus pandemic made such events impossible to hold.

The presentation comes at a time when the community is connecting with the department even with the obstructions due to the pandemic.

COUCH'S CORNER

Victims deserve justice

SUPERVISOR DAVID COUCH

In the aftermath of the George Floyd killing, folks started saying things like "defund the police." In the aftermath of the gang-related killing of 11-year-old Makaliah Osomo and 12-year-old Elayna Saidee of Delano July 2, I hope those conversations are put to bed.

Improving the police force should always be on the table, certainly no police or sheriff's department is perfect, but this recent media blitz on how cops are bad is a false narrative that is so much more harmful than helpful.

Those poor girls deserved the protection, and they definitely deserve the justice, that can only come from good police work. Finding the killer, breaking up the gangs, and creating a community where people feel safe are the work of local law enforcement.

Any false narrative that cops are bad, or that you can't trust the police, or that you can't report a crime, helps criminals. Incidents like the shooting of these two young girls are more likely when criminals feel emboldened. Criminals are more emboldened these days after the media coverage that makes it difficult for cops to do their job effectively and when laws are passed that allow criminals to commit crimes without appropriate levels of punishment.

Protests can be useful to help bring awareness to an injustice. But sound bites like "abolish police" and "defund police" hijack good initiatives to bring forth change and turn them into more extreme causes that alienate

many people who want to see change but are not comfortable with abolishing police.

Communities throughout Kern County want to establish a better dialogue between the community and law enforcement. Earlier this year, before the pandemic made gatherings unsafe, we initiated a community forum in Lamont attempting to build trust and we had great initial results.

The Delano police chief, Robert Nevarez, similarly has conducted block parties, town halls, and "coffee with a cop" sessions to help

Narratives that say "cops are bad" need to be stopped.

build trust, and if there is a push for improved relations between a community and its police force, he's your champion.

So we should listen when he says narratives that "cops are bad" need to be stopped. By the time this article publishes, he will have already conducted a town hall meeting, on July 15, to help bridge the gap between a community and its police force. These kinds of false narratives that "all cops are bad" embolden gang members, as do state laws that remove the tools that help law enforcement do their job better. State rules that release criminals with little or no consequence for their crimes are examples of this.

Other improvements to the system, in schools, in homes and in the community, separate from law enforcement, that build trust and a sense of belonging in the community help, too. Healthy communities and healthy families improve communities before law enforcement is even needed and should be developed in all communities in Kern County.

Nevarez says that, yes, there are a small percentage of police officers who shouldn't be in this line of work, where people are held to a high standard. He also reasons that since police officers are selected from the human race, there will never be a perfect police force. Because of this reality, he welcomes changes like a national database that communities like Delano can use to hire the right recruits. He also believes it would be helpful to increase and improve training for police and there should always be a push to

improve the police. Cries to "abolish" and "defund" police don't appear logical, particularly in the days following the death of two innocent girls. He takes that message personally, because it has been his life's work to build relationships with communities and to take pride in his police force. And when gangs terrorize his community, he takes that personally, too. We should all work with him to improve public safety and quality of life in Kern County.

Feel free to drop us a line about this or any matter by emailing us at district4@kerncounty.com or by phone at 661-868-3680. Have a safe week.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Faith versus fear

PASTOR FRANK CABRERA

Fear: "An unpleasant emotion caused by the belief that someone or something is dangerous, likely to cause pain or a threat" (The Oxford Dictionary)

Faith: "Confidence or trust in a person or thing." (dictionary.com) Mind: "The element of a person that enables them to be aware of the world and their experiences, to think, and to feel" (The Oxford Dictionary).

In the Bible, fear cre-

ated a giant in the minds of armies able to destroy that giant, while faith empowered the mind of a single young man named David to conquer the same giant. Fear is able to reduce armies to cowards in shining armor while faith is able to make a shining star of one believer not afraid to confront any danger, pain or threat.

Fear imprisons. Faith delivers. Fear weakens. Faith strengthens. Fear gives up.

Faith says, "Never give up!" "Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evi-

dence of things not seen." (Hebrews 11:1). Faith subdues kingdoms, produces victories and overcomes adversity. Faith is not superficial, limited or confined to earthly boundaries, but reaches into the realm of supernatural ability. Fear is governed by negative emotions, circumstances and perceived realities, while faith knows, and trusts, the Author and Finisher of all things.

Faith conquers Fear! Frank Cabrera is pastor of Truth Church in Shafter.

DEATH NOTICES

Jorge Daniel Flores, 21, of Earlimart, passed away July 7 in Earlimart. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Gordon Skeels, 87, passed away July 8. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

Roberto Osorio Ortega, 76, of Shafter, passed away July 7 in Culver City. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Chelsey R. Lerma, 29, of Bakersfield, passed away July 8 in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Rudy Estavillo, 80, of Wasco, passed away July 11. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

Jose Montes, 21, of Wasco, passed away July 11 in Wasco. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Jesse Abarca, 32, of Wasco, passed away July 12 in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

Maria Hortencia Lopez, 57, of Lost Hills, passed away July 13 in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Care, Shafter.

Nicolas G. Martinez, 69, of Shafter, passed away July 12 in Shafter. Basham & Lara Care, Shafter.

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OBITUARIES

Martin Rodriguez April 9, 1977- July 10, 2020

Martin Rodriguez was born in Mexicali, Baja California, Mexico, on April 9, 1977, to parents Encarnacion and Lidia (Zavala) Rodriguez. His family moved to Shafter, California when he was still young; he attended local schools and graduated from Shafter High in 1996.

Martin married his life-long love, Marina (Martinez) Rodriguez, in Shafter, on Dec. 12, 1999. Shortly after, the couple moved to the Antelope Valley area, where they started their family and Martin worked as a manager at Costco before he began a career in law enforcement.

In 2019, they moved to Tehachapi, where he was



stationed with the Kern County Sheriff's Department. Martin felt called to serve others; he loved his job. He was also passionate about collecting guns, and recently started collecting knives as well. Martin was a fun guy to be around; he was very sarcastic and loved to laugh. He enjoyed nice things, and when he purchased items,

he was always concerned with quality over quantity. Go big or go home! Martin is survived by his wife of 20 years, Marina; their children, Little Martin, Faith and Achilles Rodriguez; his parents, Encarnacion and Lidia; one brother, Jesus Rodriguez, and wife, Christina; and a nephew, Nathaniel. Martin Rodriguez passed away in Tehachapi on July 10. Visitation will be held at Peters Funeral Home in Shafter on Friday, July 17, from 4 to 8 p.m. Funeral services also will be held at Peters Funeral Home on Saturday, July 18, beginning at 1 p.m., and interment will follow at Shafter Memorial Park.

Online condolences to the family may be made at PetersFuneralHomes.com

Vera Streiff 1929 -- 2020

Vera May Streiff was born in Wasco on May 6, 1929, to parents George and Sadie Emerson. Vera died on July 11, 2020, in Bakersfield.

She attended local schools and graduated from Wasco High in 1947. At one of her high school dances, she met Joe Streiff, and the two were inseparable. They were wed in their hometown on Sept. 23, 1950, at St. John's Catholic Church. The couple remained in Wasco to raise their family, and as the kids grew, Vera went back to work; she handled the bookkeeping for Emerson Farms. She was always active at St. John's with the Women's Club and volunteering for special events; she was capable and strong-willed, and she had a lot to give.

Above all, Vera loved to entertain the grandkids; whether it was making mud pies or playing board games



and puzzles, she just loved to have fun and make them laugh. Vera loved to spoil her family; she knew everybody's favorite foods and candy, and never forgot. When she got the giggles, nothing was cuter, and she would make everyone around her laugh. A lot of her time was given nurturing, cooking and caring for the family, but she did make time for her soap operas and couponing. Vera was blessed in life.

Vera was preceded in death by her husband of nearly 68 years, Joe Streiff.

ff. She is survived by her children, Rodney and Betty Streiff, Kevin and Jayne Streiff, and Jolene Streiff; grandchildren, Lori Streiff and Tim Jackson, Lindsay and Aaron Duncan, Janelle and Ken Austin, Maureen and David Koons, and Michelle and Dustin Culy; and her great grandchildren, Kadin, Tristan, Quinn, Lindsay, Connor, Reagan, Ryan, Andrew, Kaylee, Jackson, Dylan, Maxwell, Colton and Zoe.

Vera also leaves behind a sister, Ruby Croonian of Bakersfield; and her sisters-in-law, Lorraine Laughlin of Wasco and Betty and Greg Porte of Arroyo Grande.

The family wishes to thank the entire team at Pacifica Senior Living for the care they provided.

Funeral Mass will be held at St. John the Evangelist Church on Thursday, July 16, beginning at 10 a.m. Interment will follow at Wasco Memorial Park.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE SECTION A SHAFTER-WASCO IRRIGATION DISTRICT Kern County, California NOTICE INVITING BIDS (PUBLISHED VERSION) SHAFTER-WASCO IRRIGATION DISTRICT

Leonard Avenue Pipeline
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the SHAFTER-WASCO IRRIGATION DISTRICT (hereinafter "District") until 2:00 p.m. on August 6, 2020, for the construction of Specifications No. SWID 20-01 Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District Leonard Avenue Pipeline ("Project") including, but not limited to, the furnishing of all labor, services, materials, tools, equipment, supplies, and facilities necessary therefore, and transportation, utilities, and all other items as provided in the Contract Documents associated herewith, of which each and every document comprising the entirety of the Contract Documents are incorporated at length as if fully set forth herein. The Project is located within Kern County and in the vicinity of Wasco, California.

Bids will be received at the offices of the District, 16294 Central Valley Highway, Wasco, CA 93280, until the stated time and date, at which time and place the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

If a contract is awarded, it will be awarded to the responsible Bidder submitting the lowest responsive Bid Proposal on the basis of prices in the Base Bid and/or the Alternative Bid Items which are selected by the District in accordance with Public Contract Code Section 20103.8(a). The bidding requirements and the Work are fully described in the Contract Documents. Electronic Adobe Acrobat® Portable Document Format (PDF) of Contract Documents are being made available to Bidders either by email or a download link. No paper (hard) copies of Contract Documents will be provided to Bidders. Requests for electronic Contract Documents may be requested from Sarah Atmadja, GEI Consultants, Inc. at satmadja@geiconsultants.com. Request must include company name, requesting person's name, requesting person's physical address, requesting person's email address, and requesting person's phone number. Addenda will only be distributed to requesting person.

In light of the California Governor's March 19, 2020 executive order, and other emergency executive orders regarding COVID-19, and consistent with applicable laws, regulations and orders, the District will conduct the bid opening and mandatory pre-bid conference via teleconference. The District is requiring all bidders to perform a mandatory self-guided tour of the project site.

Bidder shall contact Sarah Atmadja, GEI Consultants, Inc. at satmadja@geiconsultants.com or (626) 497-6030 to schedule appointment for self-guided tour. Self-guided tours will be limited to a duration of two (2) hours. Self-guided tours will be limited between the hours of 9:00 am and 5:00 pm and start July 20, 2020 and end July 23, 2020. A sign-in form will be provided at time appointment is made for Contractor to sign and return after completion of self-guided tour. The mandatory pre-bid teleconference will be conducted by the Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District on July 24, 2020. The pre-bid teleconference will start promptly at 9:00 a.m.

While the Work to be performed with respect to the Project is more fully described and detailed in the Plans and Specifications, the principal components of Work to be performed includes the following:

Construction of approximately 7,800 LF of new pipeline using 27-inch, CL 125 SDR 32.5 PIP, pipeline. This includes the installation of the pipeline, including all crossings, straight piping, valves, fittings, specials, appurtenances, and air valves. Construction of four (4) 27-inch and one (1) 12-inch road crossings via open cut trench. Connection to four (4) existing dis-

trict owned farm turnouts, one (1) connection of new 27-inch CL 125 SDR 32.5 PIP to existing 27-inch RCP pipe, and one (1) connection of new 18-inch CL 125 SDR 32.5 PIP to existing 18-inch RCP. Removal and abandonment of existing irrigation pipe, including but not limited to reinforced concrete pipe, steel, and asbestos cement pipe.

Work must be completed during the period identified in the Specifications.

Pursuant to Public Contract Code section 6100(b), any contractor, subcontractor, and/or specialty contractor, as defined under Business and Professions Code Section 7026, submitting a proposal shall possess, at the time the contract is awarded, that classification of contractor's license required by law to enable the contractor to perform the Work contemplated under the Contract Documents, as more specifically set forth in the specifications. Specifically, a Class A - General Engineering contractor's license is required for the project. Contractors shall provide the District with their Contractor's license number and expiration date as provided in the proposal. It is the District's intent that "plans," as used in Public Contract Code Section 3300, is defined as the construction contract documents, which include both the drawings and the specifications.

Pursuant to Labor Code Section 1725.5 et seq., in order to be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, or engage in the performance of the work set forth herein, a contractor and/or subcontractor shall be registered with the Department of Industrial Relations in the manner prescribed and set forth under Labor Code Section 1725.5. The District reserves the right, after opening bids, to reject any or all bids, to waive or to make award to the lowest responsible bidder and reject all other bids. This published notice does NOT reproduce all the bidding requirements; accordingly, the above-referenced Plans and Specifications are hereby incorporated herein by reference and made a part of this Notice Inviting Bids. An acceptable bid can only be prepared by reading and following all of the instructions that are found in the Specifications, which includes Sections A and B thereof. Each Bidder is required to sign a Noncollusion Affidavit and submit it with his bid.

The successful Bidder is required to furnish a Payment Bond in an amount of 100% of the contract and a Faithful Performance Bond in an amount of 100% of the contract; the bonds to be secured by a surety company or surety companies satisfactory to the District.

Bids shall be based on the payment of not less than the prevailing rate of wages for this locality and project as determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code Section 1770 et seq. and the Davis-Bacon Act, whichever is greater. Prevailing wage schedules for Kern County are available from the Department of Industrial Relations-Division of Labor Statistics & Research via the internet at www.dir.ca.gov. Copies of the prevailing rates of per diem wages are on file at the office of the District and will be made available to any interested party on request. Davis-Bacon Act prevailing wage schedules can be found at www.wdol.gov. This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations. (See Labor Code section 1771.4(a)(1)). Each contractor and subcontractor shall furnish the records specified in Labor Code section 1776 directly to the Labor Commissions, in the manner set forth in Labor Code section 1771.4(a)(3)(A)-(B). Contractors shall be required to post job site notices, as prescribed by regulation. (See Labor Code section 1771.4(a)(2).)

Pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300, equivalent securities may be substituted for monies withheld to ensure performance of the contract.

Questions regarding the type of work required, or requests for plans and specifications may be addressed to the following: Sarah Atmadja - satmadja@geiconsultants.com

This project is funded in part by a Federal grant from the Bay-Restoration Program: CALFED Water Use Efficiency Grants, which is being administered by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (Reclamation), as well as a State grant from the IRWM Grant Program: Prop 1 - Round 1 IRWM Implementation Grant, which is being administered by Department of Water Resources (DWR). Since both a Federal and State grant is providing funding for the project, the Contractor, its Subcontractors and Suppliers will be required to comply with all applicable Federal and State requirements. Date: July 9, 2020
Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District
By: /s/ Dana Munn
General Manager
Publish *Shafter* Press July 9, 16, 23, 30, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE SHAFTER RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT NOTICE TO ADOPTION

2020-2021 OPERATING BUDGET (Cal. Pub. Res. Code § 5788.1)

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT the Board of Directors of Shafter Recreation and Park District will adopt the 2020-2021 budget at a special Board meeting on July 20th, 2020. The preliminary budget is available for inspection at the District office located at 700 E. Tulare Avenue, Shafter California during normal business hours. Please be further advised that the Board will meet to adopt the final budget at 6:00 p.m. on July 20th, 2020, at a special meeting of the District Board, at 505 Sunset Avenue, Shafter California. Any person may log on to ZOOM at that time and be heard regarding any item in the budget or regarding the addition of other items. If you have any questions, please email us at district@shafterrec.com

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE (COVID-19) ADVISORY

To ensure the safety of the members in our community, SRPD Staff and Board members, we ask the public to follow the California Department of Health Services' advice and refrain from events to maintain social distancing regulations. Executive Order N-29-20 "allows local legislative or state bodies to hold public meetings via teleconference without having to provide a physical location from which members of the public may observe the meeting and offer public comment, as long as members of the public are allowed to observe and address the meeting telephonically or otherwise electronically, subject to specified notice and accessibility requirements."

TELECONFERENCE NOTICE

• We will be broadcasting our meeting on ZOOM. To enter through ZOOM, you will have to provide an ID Meeting Number: (828 5285 8145) and Password: (350403). Further instructions are included below.

Public Instructions

• Please use the following information to join the ZOOM broadcast ID Meeting Number: (828 5285 8145) and Password: (350403)

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Gerald Zinn Trucking 2020-B2669

3410 Fruitvale Ave.
Bakersfield, CA 93308
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
3433 Heath Rd.
Bakersfield, CA 93314
Gerald A. Zinn
3433 Heath Rd.
Bakersfield, CA 93314
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced:
09/01/2001

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/Gerald A. Zinn
Date Statement Filed: 06/18/2020
Date Statement Expires:
06/18/2025
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/R Roberts-Martin
Publish *Shafter* Press June 25, July 2, 9, 16, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement R & J Farm and Dairy Mobile Services 2020-B2722

333 Meadow Street
Buttonwillow, CA 93206
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
333 Meadow Street
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Rafael Martinez Perez
333 Meadow Street
Buttonwillow, CA 93206
Juan Sinecio Garcia Merino
255 1st Street
Buttonwillow, CA 93206
The business is conducted by: General Partnership
Date the business commenced: 06-08-2020

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/s/Rafael Martinez Perez
Date Statement Filed: 06/23/2020
Date Statement Expires: 06/23/2025
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/M Hernandez
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PUBLIC NOTICE KERN-TULARE WATER DISTRICT RESOLUTION NO. 2020-05

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS DECLARING ITS INTENT TO ADOPT A BUDGET FOR 2021, TO FIX AND COLLECT 2021 STANDBY CHARGES AND WATER TOLLS,

DECLARING NECESSITY FOR LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, AND CALLING AND NOTICING PUBLIC HEARING

WHEREAS, the Board has heretofore directed the General Manager to recommend to the Board (1) a District budget for the year commencing January 1, 2021, and ending December 31, 2021, (2) the tolls for 2021 standby charges and Water Tolls to be fixed and collected by the Board, and (3) the tolls for 2021 special assessments to be levied by the Board; and

WHEREAS, the General Manager has submitted his recommended budget, a copy of which is available at the District office for inspection, and has made the following recommendations:

1. The amount required to discharge all District obligations for the year 2021 is estimated to be

\$18,698,997; and

2. The amount which should be obtained from standby charges is \$2,425,375 and standby charges should be levied on about 19,403 acres of land being offered water service by the District resulting in a toll of \$125 per acre; and

3. The amount which should be obtained from Water Tolls is \$15,726,262 based on the sale of 35,000 acre feet within the District's Service Area at an average toll of \$449 per acre foot; and

4. The amount which should be obtained by special assessments on undeveloped land within the District is \$528,660 and such special assessments should be levied on about 19,580 acres of land resulting in a toll of \$27 per acre; and

5. The amount which should be obtained by special assessments on undeveloped land within the District is \$3,700 and such special assessments should be levied on about 185 acres of land resulting in a toll of \$20 per acre; and

6. The amount of funds available on the first day of the fiscal year and the amount of miscellaneous revenue estimated to be collected during the fiscal year is \$15,000; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 218 requires the District to hold a majority protest proceeding to adopt an increase in the District's Water Tolls; and

WHEREAS, on September 10, 2015 the Board held a Proposition 218 Majority Protest proceeding and set the District's water tolls at up to \$640 per acre foot. As there will be no increase in the water tolls, Proposition 218 procedures for the 2020 Water Tolls are unnecessary, and in future years the District reserves the option to increase the rate up to \$640 per acre foot without future Proposition 218 proceedings; and

WHEREAS, on August 10, 2017 the Board held a Proposition 218 proceeding and set the District's Standby Charge of up to \$125 per acre. As there will be no increase in the standby charges Proposition 218 procedures for the standby charges are unnecessary; and

WHEREAS, as there will be no increase in the special assessments, Proposition 218 procedures for those assessments are unnecessary; and

WHEREAS, the Board finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the District for the Board to declare its intention to adopt the budget, implement the recommendations of the General Manager, and call and notice a public hearing thereon.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Directors of KERN-TULARE WATER DISTRICT as follows:

Board Declarations Regarding District Water Tolls, Standby Charge and Special Assessment; Setting of Hearing Date

1. Each of the matters set forth above is true and correct and the Board so finds and determines.

2. The Board hereby declares its intention to (a) adopt the recommended budget for 2021 (b) fix and charge water tolls of up to \$449 per acre foot for water delivered by the District (c) levy and collect 2021 standby charges of \$125 per acre upon land being offered water service by the District, (d) levy a special assessment of \$27 per acre on developed land within the District, and (e) levy a special assessment of \$20 per acre on undeveloped land within the District.

3. The Board hereby declares its intention to continue its existing policy of refusing to deliver water for use upon lands as to which any levy of a standby charge, Water Toll or special assessment is delinquent.

4. The Board hereby calls a public hearing with respect to its declared intention to adopt the budget and to fix, levy and collect standby charges, special assessments for August 13, 2020 at 2:30 P.M.

In accordance with the Governor's Executive Orders (N-29-20 and N-35-20) and the declared State of Emergency, including social distancing directives as a result of the threat of the COVID-19 virus, Board members and Kern-Tulare Water

District staff will be participating in this hearing remotely. There will not be a physical location for this hearing. Members of the public may participate in the hearing in the following ways via WEBEX:

1. Join by phone +1-415-655-0001 US Toll.

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Hearing password: gH7AhRwmc48 (44724796 from phones and video systems)

2. Join from a video system or application Dial 1265492892@webex.com

You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your hearing number.

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5. The Secretary shall publish this resolution in the manner required by Government Code section 6066 and Water Code section 36601 in *The Shafter Press* and *The Visalia Times-Delta*, and mail a copy thereof of postage prepaid, to each holder of title to land within the District as shown by the District's assessment roll.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Directors of KERN-TULARE WATER DISTRICT this 9th day of July, 2020 by the following vote:

AYES: Kent H. Stephens

Andrew Pandol

Curt Holmes

Joshua Nugent

NOES: None

ABSENT: Bruce Kelsey

ABSTAIN: None

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement June Studio 2020-B2755

5549 Calloway Drive St #1
Bakersfield, CA 93312

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:

5549 Calloway Drive

Bakersfield, CA 93312

Darcy June Hardenbrook

9400 Cripple Creek Ave

Bakersfield, CA 93312

The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: 06-22-2020

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/Darcy Hardenbrook

Date Statement Filed: 06/23/2020

Date Statement Expires: 06/23/2025

Mary B. Bedard, CPA,

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: /s/M Hernandez

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF SHAFTER NOTICE OF ORDINANCE SUMMARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 7, 2020, the Shafter City Council adopted Ordinance No. 717. The following is the official summary of the adopted ordinance:

Summary of Ordinance No. 717: An Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Shafter Adjusting Water Service Capacity Fee.

A printed certified copy of Ordinance No. 717 is available for inspection by any person at the office of the Shafter City Clerk, City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California. The ordinance was passed by the City Council on July 7, 2020, with the following vote:

AYES: Alvarado, Garcia, Givens, Lopez, and Prout.

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

ABSTAINING: None

Dated: July 13, 2020

Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Goodfellas Barbershop 2020-B2735 1336 F St. Wasco, CA 93280 County: Kern Mailing address of business: 2101 San Ardo St. Wasco, CA 93280 Nestor Daniel Landeros Martinez 2101 San Ardo St. Wasco, CA 93280 The business is conducted by: Individual 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/Nestor Landeros Date Statement Filed: 06/23/2020 Date Statement Expires: 06/23/2025 Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: s/M Hernandez Publish Wasco Tribune July 16, 23, 30, August 6, 2020

Walk-in Refrigerator & Freezer Box Project Number 1520 3. PROJECT LOCATION: 1017 Palm Avenue, Wasco, California 93280 4. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Demo existing freezer and erect new refrigerator/freezer unit. Make accessibility improvements to existing restroom and related minor work on fire alarm system. This project is anticipated to start on approximately 24 August 2020 and shall have a 60 calendar day performance period to complete the Work. 5. BID DEADLINE: Bids are due on 6 August 2020 at 2:00pm PST or at any other date or time as modified by Addendum. 6. PLACE OF BID RECEIPT: Wasco Elementary School District, District Office, 1102 Fifth Street, Wasco, CA 93280 7. METHOD OF BID RECEIPT: Personal delivery, courier, or mailed via United States Postal Service to above address. 8. PLANS ARE ON FILE: Availability of Contract Documents (plans, specifications and bid forms) are at local builder exchanges in the Kern County and nearby areas. 9. SEALED BID MARKING: Print the Project Name and Project Number on the envelope. 10. ALTERNATES: If alternate bids are called for, the contract will be awarded to the lowest responsive and responsible bidder on the basis indicated below: [check only one] (a) The lowest bid shall be the lowest bid price on the base contract

without consideration of the prices on the additive or deductive items. (b) The lowest bid shall be the lowest total of the combined bid prices on the base contract and alternates [specify]. (c) The lowest bid shall be the lowest total of the bid prices on the base contract and alternates, taken in order, up to a maximum amount to be publicly disclosed before the first bid is opened. (d) The lowest bid shall be determined in a manner that prevents any information that would identify any of the bidders or proposed subcontractors or suppliers from being revealed to the public entity before the ranking of all bidders from lowest to highest has been determined. (e) Not applicable to this project, as no alternates are requested. 1. JOB WALK (NOT MANDATORY): Meet at: Palm Avenue MS, 1017 Palm Avenue, Wasco, CA 93280. Date: 28 July 2020 Time: 9:00 am Location: Job Site - Wasco California 1017 Palm Avenue 2. PLAN DEPOSIT REQUIRED: \$0.00 Bid Documents, plans and specifications available to download or review from local builder exchanges only. 3. This is a prevailing wage project. OWNER has ascertained the general prevailing rate of per diem wages in the locality in which this work is to be performed for each craft or type of worker needed to execute this contract. These rates are on file at OWNER's office, and a copy may be obtained upon request, or at www.dir.ca.gov. Contractor shall post a copy of

these rates at the job site. ALL PROJECTS OVER \$1,000 ARE SUBJECT TO PREVAILING WAGE MONITORING AND ENFORCEMENT BY THE LABOR COMMISSIONER. It shall be mandatory upon the contractor to whom the contract is awarded (CONTRACTOR), and upon any SUBCONTRACTOR, to pay not less than the specified rates to all workers employed by them in the execution of the contract. 4. A Payment Bond for contracts over \$25,000 and a Performance Bond for all contracts shall be required prior to commencement of work. These bonds shall be in the amounts and form called for in the Contract Documents. 5. Pursuant to the provisions of Public Contract Code Section 22300, CONTRACTOR may substitute certain securities for any funds withheld by OWNER to ensure CONTRACTOR's performance under the contract. At the request and expense of CONTRACTOR, securities equivalent to any amount withheld shall be deposited, at the discretion of OWNER, with either OWNER or a state or federally chartered bank as the escrow agent, who shall then pay any funds otherwise subject to retention to CONTRACTOR. Upon satisfactory completion of the contract, the securities shall be returned to CONTRACTOR. Securities eligible for investment shall include those listed in Government Code Section 16430, bank and savings and loan certificates of deposit, interest bearing demand deposit accounts, standby letters of credit, or any other security mutually agreed to by CONTRACTOR and OWNER. CONTRACTOR

shall be the beneficial owner of any securities substituted for funds withheld and shall receive any interest on them. The escrow agreement shall be in the form indicated in the Contract Documents. 6. To bid on or perform the work stated in this Notice, CONTRACTOR must possess a valid and active contractor's license of the following classifications: (B) General Building Contractor. No CONTRACTOR or subcontractor shall be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of § 4104 of the Public Contract Code, for a public works project (submitted on or after 1 March 2015) unless currently registered with the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR) and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Labor Code § 1725.5. No CONTRACTOR or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public works project (awarded after 1 April 2015) unless registered with the DIR. DIR's web registration portal is: www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/Contractors.html 7. CONTRACTOR and all subcontractors must furnish electronic certified payroll records (eCPR) to the Labor Commissioner [specify weekly, bi-weekly or monthly] in PDF format. Registration at www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/Certified-Payroll-Reporting.html is required to use the eCPR system. The following notice is given as required by Labor Code Section 1771.5(b)(1): CONTRACTOR and any subcontractors are required to review and comply with the provisions of the California Labor Code, Part 7, Chapter

1, beginning with Section 1720, as more fully discussed in the Contract Documents. These sections contain specific requirements concerning, for example, determination and payment of prevailing wages, retention, inspection, and auditing payroll records, use of apprentices, payment of overtime compensation, securing workers' compensation insurance, and various criminal penalties or fines which may be imposed for violations of the requirements of the chapter. Submission of a bid constitutes CONTRACTOR's representation that CONTRACTOR has thoroughly reviewed these requirements. 8. [check only one] (a) OWNER will retain 5% of the amount of any progress payments. (b) OWNER will retain 10% of the amount of any progress payments because the project has been found to be substantially complex on the basis of. 9. This Project of ☒ requires ☒ does not require prequalification pursuant to AB 1565 all general contractors and all mechanical, electrical and plumbing subcontractors. If required, a Prequalification package may be obtained by downloading the necessary forms from district web site. A bid package will not be accepted from any bidder that is required to submit a completed questionnaire and supporting documents pursuant to AB 1565, but has not done so at least ten (10) business days prior to the date fixed for the public opening of sealed bids or that has not been prequalified for at least five (5) business days prior to that date. End of Section Publish Wasco Tribune July 16, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE SECTION 00 11 13 SOLICITATION NOTICE NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS 1. OWNER: Wasco Elementary School District 2. PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NAME:

2. AUTO/MOTORCYCLES FOR SALE 2005 Chrysler 300, \$1,800 Clean Tags, NON-OP. NEW parts, custom rims, needs work etc. Call (661) 340-1544

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