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# Mayor brings a fresh perspective

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

**WASCO**

Since being elected in November last year, Mayor Vincent R. Martinez has brought passion and commitment to the Wasco community for its residents' betterment.

Despite not having a political background, he has brought into the role leadership and knowledge gained through other experiences.

"I went to the California State University of Bakersfield and majored in political science, intending to go into politics. Instead, I went into law enforcement for over a decade," Martinez said.

Before being elected to the City Council, he served on various boards, including the Wasco Recreation and Parks District board and the Measure X Committee.

From 2021 to 2022, he was a member of the City Council. This prepared him to take on his current position as mayor.

He said he is passionate about the community of Wasco because it has given him so many opportunities in life.

"I was born and raised here. I started my family here. This is my home. It's easy to point out all the things that are wrong in our city, and for a long time, I did. But serving the community and working towards these solu-

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Mayor Vincent R. Martinez with his wife, Samantha; his mother, Sandy; sons Mathew and Josh; and daughter-in-law Madeline Grandos. (Photo courtesy of Vincent Martinez)



A group of volunteers at the booth selling raffle tickets to raise money for Italy Gonzalez, a Shafter girl who is battling leukemia.

# First Friday fun brings many to downtown Shafter

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

**SHAFter**

The City of Shafter held its inaugural First Friday event last week, attracting hundreds of people to downtown Shafter.

Centrally located at the downtown square, the event had numerous vendors, music, food and entertainment. Included in the entertainment was a dance performance by a group of seniors from Shafter's Walker Senior Center. Dressed in colorful costumes, the group danced to a traditional Spanish number, complete with streamer-covered batons.

The event was presented by the city's Downtown Business Development Committee, which has been meeting to find ways to revitalize the area. With residents wanting more from their downtown, the city delivered, holding this event

and announcing that there will be many more to come.

Mayor Chad Givens said, "I was kind of criticized when I first suggested the idea, but just look at the turnout. What do you see? You see a lot of residents here with their families. Shafter has a very large number of residents with young families, and they are here enjoying themselves, instead of spending their dollars in a different city."

Several organizations were on hand at the event, including the Shafter Recreation Department, who is beginning their tennis lessons, tennis camp and a number of other activities.

There are a few days left for those interested in participating in the department's volleyball program. The deadline is June 16.

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Mayor Chad Givens welcomes the community.

# A warm send-off for Supt. Richers

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

**WASCO**

After 9 1/2 years as the Wasco Union Elementary School District superintendent, Kelly Richers is retiring. A celebration was held in his honor last Friday, where many fellow educational professionals, friends and family attended.

Richers started his career in education as a substitute teacher in 1975. He was a physical education and 8th grade science teacher. After that, he came to Wasco and served as an administrator here for 30 years.

Although he had different intentions, life brought him to education.

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English Learner Coordinator Angela Devin with WUESD Superintendent Kelly Richers, who said he wanted to thank the Board of Trustees who made him superintendent.

FOCUS ON FARMING | Derric Kirschenmann

# Continuing a family tradition

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

**SHAFter**

Derric Kirschenmann was a teenager when he started working with his family on their farm, doing a little of everything, learning as he went. When he graduated from high school, he went off to college. "I tried the college thing, but it just wasn't for me," said Kirschenmann.

He went back to work for his family's farm and has been getting a real education that he uses every day.

Kirschenmann is a fourth generation farmer, following in the footsteps of farmers that began with Leroy Kirschenmann. They have grown everything from potatoes, to cotton, to almonds and grapes. He said that they moved away from row crops a few years ago, adjusting to the industry's needs and limitations. "We are mainly in

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# Storm Encounter makes disaster real

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

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Nearly 80 people toured the Storm Encounter exhibit at the Mennonite Brethren Church in Shafter last week. According to Deanna Thompson, a member of the Mennonite Brethren Church and a volunteer for the Mennonite Disaster Service, said that she and her husband, Corwin, had

the trailer for a couple of weeks, taking the exhibit to different areas of Kern County. "We had a great time meeting a lot of new people and sharing this experience with them."

The Storm Encounter trailer is a multimedia theater that gives a group of eight people at a time, an experience that mim-

ics a natural disaster. The chairs in the trailer rattle and shake, as well as a dip in the temperature in the room, as well as mists of "rain" as the windows are shattered on screen when the tornado hits the structure.

It was a moving and touching presentation, as the viewer can see the aftermath of a tornado, and what devastation it causes. "You really can't imagine what people go

through to lose everything. From their home, their belongings, a lot of times their sense of peace."

Mennonite Disaster Service works to bring back that peace, and help them rebuild their communities, one home and one day at a time.

The MDS went to Lake Isabella when they had a series of wildfires that

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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](mailto:esoriano@TheShafterPress.com) or call 661-292-5100 by Monday at 4 p.m. for that week's paper.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cooling center – 2023 Kern County Cooling Center (Centros De Enfriamiento Condado De Kern 2023) at 505 Sunset Ave. at the Walker Senior Center in Shafter from 1 to 8 p.m. Sponsored by Kern County Aging & Adult Services.

50-year reunion – Wasco High class of 1973 is looking for classmates for their 50-Year Reunion Saturday, Oct. 7. Contact Marta Rodriguez-Poe at [mapoe1982@gmail.com](mailto:mapoe1982@gmail.com) or 661-303-r770.

Summer school fun – Wasco Union High School has open enrollment starting for transitional kindergarten-7th grade. Summer school runs to Thursday, June 29. Call 661-758-7443 for more information.

Summer youth program – Shafter Youth Center free summer. Registration at [www.cpak.org](http://www.cpak.org) or call 661-746-8235. Starts Monday, June 12, to Friday, Aug. 4. Sports, arts and crafts, computer lab STEM activities and field trips.

## ONGOING

Basic office skills classes – Wasco Adult School offers Bakersfield College basic office skills certificates. Register now. Call 661-758-7414 for more information.

PRIDE Pantry donations needed – Help hurting families at Shafter High through donations of personal hygiene items, clothing, household items and nonperishable food. Drop off at the school office, 526 Mannel Ave. Call Katie Young at on-campus intervention, 661-746-4961.

Free covid tests – All residential households can order four free at-home covid-19 tests. Visit [covidtests.gov](http://covidtests.gov)

## MONDAY

North Kern 4H – Meetings are held at Karl Clemens cafeteria at 7 p.m. the second Monday of the month. For more information, contact Chris at 661-809-2851.

Richland School board – Meetings are held the second Monday of the month at 6 p.m. at Golden Oak Cafeteria, 195 S. Wall St.

## TUESDAY

Shafter City Council – Meetings are held the first and third Tuesday of the month at City Hall, 336 Pacific Ave.

Wasco City Council – Meetings every first and third Tuesday of the month. Meetings are held at 746 8th St. at 6 p.m.

Wasco Woman's Club – Meetings are at the clubhouse, 1601 7th St., on the second Tuesday of the month. There is a \$15 fee for the lunch meetings.

Senior lunch program – Meals offered the first and third Tuesday of the month at Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith St. Sack lunches for seniors will be given out at 11 a.m. Sponsored by Golden Gleaners.

## WEDNESDAY

Shafter Rotary – Meetings at 7 a.m. at the Shafter Veterans Hall.

Shafter Kiwanis – Meetings Wednesdays at 12 p.m. at the Shafter Veterans Hall.

Shafter Woman's Club – Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month, September through May, starting at 11 a.m. at the Shafter Youth Center, 455 Euclid Ave.

## THURSDAY

Wasco High School board – Meetings the second Thursday of the month at 1900 7th St. in Room 202, or alternatively in Library Room 1101. Visit [wuhs.wascouhsd.org](http://wuhs.wascouhsd.org) for agenda information.

Wasco Recreation and Park board – Meetings are on the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Hall at Barker Park.

Food distribution – Shafter Recreation and the Gleaners have food distribution every first and third Thursday of each month at the W.C. Walker Senior Center, 505 Sunset Ave.

## FRIDAY

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

Bulky waste pickup – American Refuse offers free bulky waste pick-up service Fridays to all City of Shafter core residents. To schedule a pickup, use the app or call 661-758-5316. No sabes que hacer con esos articulos de basura grande? Llame a American Refuse 661-758-5316 o use su aplicación para programar una recojida de estas articulos. Este servicio es gratis para todos los residents de la ciudad de Shafter (core residents).

## SATURDAY

Depot Museum – Shafter Historical Society presents the city's history. Free admittance. 150 Central Valley Highway. Open Saturdays, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Green Hotel tours – Shafter Historic Green Hotel is open to tours on the first Saturday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information about renting the hotel for events, email [thegreenhotel@gmail.com](mailto:thegreenhotel@gmail.com) or phone 661-746-1913 and leave a message.

Minter Field Air Museum – Open Fridays and Saturdays 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at 401 Vulture, Shafter. Admission free, donations accepted.

# 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*, 455 Kern St., Suite E, Shafter, CA 93263, or e-mail it to [mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com](mailto:mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com). Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** Fred Starrh Sr., Bill Hildebrand, Kirk Bergman, Betty Bergman and Lowell Bergman on June 8, 1974.



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# ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

### JUNE 5

Israel Almanzacastro, 42, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Central Valley Highway on an outside agency warrant.

Dale De Wayne Webb, 53, of Shafter, was arrested in the 30000 block of Orange for violating a court order for domestic violence.

### JUNE 6

Erick Alcalá Arellano, 32, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of California for first-degree burglary, lewd or lascivious acts with a child under 14 year, rape and disorderly conduct: alcohol.

Alejandra Yasenia Astorga, 28, of Shafter, was arrested in the 300 block of Atlantic for trespassing, obstruction, elder cruelty, first-degree burglary and on a bench warrant/failure to appear on misdemeanor charge.

### JUNE 8

Carlos Vicente Aguilar, 36, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of East Euclid for DUI, evading police, on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

### JUNE 9

Stephanie Yvette Hernandez, 36, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of Orange Avenue for inflicting corporal injury on a spouse/cohabitant, battery with serious bodily injury, on a bench warrant/failure to appear felony charge and for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

Juan Manuel Nava Valencia, 43, of Shafter, was arrested in the 30000 block of Riverside on a bench warrant/failure to appear on misdemeanor charge.

David Wayne Rosales, 64, of Shafter, was arrested in the 30000 block of Riverside on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge and for obstruction.

### JUNE 10

Sharnita Laurie Callahan, 32, of Shafter, was arrested in the 300 block of Terra Vista for child abuse, on a bench warrant/failure to appear on misdemeanor charge and for obstruction.

Arthur Joseph Martinez, 39, of Shafter, was arrested at Shafter and Beth Eden for possession of unlawful paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance and obstruction.

### JUNE 11

Andy Chavez, 23, of Shafter, was arrested in the 300 block of Village Avenue on a bench warrant/failure to appear felony charge and misdemeanor warrant.

Francisco Roman Ayon, 28, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Nickel Avenue for inflicting corporal injury on a spouse/cohabitant and obstruction.

Joshua Gus Stevens, 25, of Shafter, was arrested on the North Shafter and Kimberlina Road for evading peace officer, hit and run resulting in death or injury, reckless driving with injury, DUI: causing bodily injury and operating an unregistered vehicle.

## BUTTONWILLOW

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

### JUNE 7

Jose Alfredo Jimenez, 29, of Shafter, was arrested in the 300 block of Milo Avenue in Buttonwillow for possession of a stolen vehicle, false information to a specific peace officer, obstructing, resisting, delaying a peace officer and two (2) felony warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Marissa Ramirez, 32, of Wasco, was arrested in the 300 block of Sudan Avenue in Buttonwillow for possession of a stolen vehicle. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Gabino Enrique Ortiz Salazar, 24, of Shafter, was arrested in the 300 block of Central Valley Highway in Shafter on a felony warrant remand. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

### JUNE 8

Fernando Quevedo, 25, of Shafter, was arrested at the intersection of Enos Lane and Highway 43 in Bakersfield for driving on a suspended license, giving false information to a specific peace officer, fail to maintain license plate lamp and a misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the

Kern County Jail.

Paulino Cota, 28, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 500 block of Milo Avenue in Buttonwillow on three (3) misdemeanor warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Teri Renee Ornelas, 45, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 20600 block of Tracy Avenue in Buttonwillow for willful cruelty to a child, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

### JUNE 5

Mario Calderon Cruz, 44, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2700 block of Flower Street for misdemeanor violation of a court order to prevent domestic violence. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Efrain Camacho Mora, 36, of Wasco, was arrested in the intersection of Palm Avenue and Bay Meadow for felony vandalism. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

### JUNE 6

Rodrigo Gonzalez Bonilla, 21, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1100 block of Poso Drive

for felony possession of a stolen vehicle, false registration, misdemeanor giving false identification to an officer and possession of burglary tools. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Troy Butler, 30, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Krista and Beckes for misdemeanor disorderly conduct: under the influence of drugs. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

John Glenn, 45, of Wasco, was arrested in the 900 block of 2nd Street for felony assault with a deadly weapon: not a firearm, and misdemeanor cruelty to an elderly dependent. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Veronica Martinez, 48, of

Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of D Street and 6th Street for misdemeanor disorderly conduct: drunk in public. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

### JUNE 7

Alberto Padilla Castillo, 63, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2400 block of Jo Ellen Court on a felony probable cause warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

### JUNE 8

Michael Diaz, 20, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Beckes Street and Camellia Street for felony infliction of corporal injury on spouse, misdemeanor damaging a wireless device, and false imprisonment. He was booked

into the Kern County Jail.

### JUNE 9

Brandon Alexander Galvan-Bedoy, 19, of McFarland, was arrested in the 2600 block of Parkside Drive for felony CCW in vehicle, carrying a loaded firearm, having a firearm at school, possession of a controlled substance while armed, misdemeanor drive without a license and possession of a controlled substance. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

### JUNE 10

Ryan Shamik Sims, 51, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Broadway Street and 7th Street on a felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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# Summer Night Festival set for Saturday

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

The Orange Heart Foundation, in partnership with Wasco Families Wrestling is hosting their first Small Town Summer Night Festival on Saturday, June 17.

The event will feature music by DJ BoomDog with lots of dancing. There will be food, drinks, a 50/50 raffle and a cornhole tournament.

"We are doing our first joint event to fundraise for our organizations." Wasco Families Wrestling President Juan Gallardo said.

All proceeds will benefit the two organizations equally.

WFW encourages and supports Wasco youth who join their team by purchasing gear, providing transportation and lodging when necessary, and providing food and meals for wrestlers and their families.

"Coaches dedicate their time to not

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only coaching, but mentoring, their wrestlers on and off the mat," Gallardo said.

The Orange Heart Foundation partners with other local nonprofits and community organizations to host events that promote family, community and fun, bring attention to community issues and fill gaps in community needs.

Gallardo said the cornhole tournament will be a highlight of the event and that they plan to hold it every year because so many people love it.

"There are a lot of good teams out there in the cornhole world. Many like to do it and have fun, but some people are very competitive."

First-place winners will take home a WWF championship-style belt and trophies for second, third and fourth place.

"Not to mention bragging rights," Gallardo said.

"It's a time for us to get together and have a good night with people from all over Wasco, Shafter, McFarland and Delano."

"Come out, enjoy yourself, and get out of the house," Gallardo said. "It's summertime. You can make it a date and have something to do on a Saturday night."

Pre-sale tickets online are \$20 and can be purchased on eventbright.com at Summer Nights Music and Cornhole Tournament.

At the door, tickets are \$25.

To participate in the cornhole tournament, the fee is \$65 for a team of two, and one must register before the event on eventbright.com.

The party begins at 4 p.m. and will go to 11 p.m. It will be held outdoors on the Wayne Johnson Transportation property, 28700 Kimberlina Road (corner of Kimberlina Road and Central Avenue).

For more information and sponsorship opportunities, contact Traci at 661-742-6900 or Juan at 661-340-5801.



Small Town Summer Night Festival event flyer.

# Carrington receives donation for needs

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

A Shafter club made a donation to the Carrington Home in Shafter, helping the residents with toiletries and necessary items they may need. According to Executive Director Alicia Webb, the group had contacted her and told her that they wanted to help out their residents, just a little something to brighten up their day.

Members of the He-Man Woman Haters Club visited the Carrington House and presented Webb and the residents a check for \$700 to go towards anything that the residents may need. Louis Torres, a member of the club, said that they were initially going to buy the items themselves, but they were having trouble getting a comprehensive list together, thinking that it may be better for everyone to just give them a check so they can buy what they want and need.

The HeMan Woman Haters club is comprised of a group of men who gather together, sip a few cold ones, and talk about what is going on in town, and what

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needs there may be in the community.

"In the past, we have helped organize backpack drives, free dinners, sponsoring kids to go on trips, or maybe sponsor a sports team," said Torres. A couple of months ago, they decided that they would like to help out the folks at Carrington. "They are such great people, and you know that anyone can use a little something to give you a little hand up," said Steven Garza, another member of the club.

The club meets once a month and pay dues. They then use that money to help out different people and causes that they want to help. The members of the club met with a few of the residents and presented Webb and staff member Teresa Hernandez, who contacted the Shafter Press office about the generous gift. Residents Gladys Zobel, Doris Unruh and Doris Friesen were on hand to meet with the members of the club and pose for a picture. There was an amusing moment when Unruh was slightly taken aback when she heard the



The two groups had a good time visiting with each other.

name of the club. "You guys are woman haters?" asked Unruh. Torres laughed and explained that the club adores women, the name of the club is just a play on words, getting the name for the club from the famous clubhouse including the Little Rascals from the Our Gang television show. "Oh, I remember that show", exclaimed Friesen. "That was a cute show."

The two groups had a good time visiting with each other and Torres assured

the group that they would be back in the future, wanting to continue helping the residents and keeping in touch with them.

Webb said that they would use the money to purchase toiletries and other items that the residents may need. She wanted to thank the club for their generosity and said that they were looking forward to the club returning in the future. "They are a great bunch of guys that do a lot of good in the community."

# Summer reading challenge kicks off

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

For June and July, the Wasco Branch Library, along with other libraries in Kern County, is kicking off its annual summer reading challenge.

The goal of the challenge is to encourage children, tweens, teens and adults to read over the summer to instill a love of recreational reading and curb summer learning loss.

The challenge involves reading 10 books or 10 hours by July 31. A free book and other prizes, while supplies last, will be awarded to those who complete the challenge.

The Shafter Library and Reading Center, independent from the county system, has its own challenge this summer, with different incentives for young readers. Details are available at shafterlearning.com.

There are other ways to participate in the fun with the free programs and events the library offers the community, like family storytime with music and singing, lego building, magic shows, arts and crafts, dance performances, sewing classes for adults and bridging the digital divide for seniors to help them with technology.

All of this exposes residents to new skills, ideas and learning opportunities.

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Studies show that youth who read for fun over the summer often outperform others once in school, giving them an advantage and putting them on the path to success.

When parents model reading, it helps show children there is enjoyment and purpose in learning. For adults, reading can help reduce stress, lower blood pressure and heart rate and can even prevent cognitive decline as you age.

Another program that the Kern County libraries provide over the summer is a free lunch, from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., for children ages two to 18, along with other educational activities.

The summer meal program aims to combat child hunger when school is out by making healthy meals available.

Suzanne Beard is a library associate and branch supervisor for Wasco.

She joined in September but has worked at school libraries and as a substitute teacher for over 15 years.

She said of the summer reading challenge, "I went through it as a child, and my kids went through it. Reading is the best thing for me in the world."

Other team members like Tina Garcia, have been with the Kern County library



Library patrons Mary and Ashley Gomez, who said reading is a nice escape to another world.

system for over 40 years, and Shellie Ornelaz, who has 20 years of experience also with the county.

Ornelaz said, "There is never a dull moment. There is always something to do."

Beard said, "If we don't carry it in our library, we can get it for you."

Library cards are free; with one, you can access additional resources like a com-



Library associate and branch supervisor Suzanne Beard said the library is a great place to be for the summer.

puter lab, printing, faxing and a meeting room available for the community. In addition, there are special speakers and performers, and it's all free.

To sign up for the challenge, visit the library at 1102 7th St. or go to the KCLsummerchallenge.org website. A calendar of events on Facebook at KCLWascoBranch.

# Storm Encounter makes disaster real

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caused severe damage to homes and terrain throughout the area. Workers were there helping the homeowners with labor to help rebuild. Roger Riley, project manager of the Kingsburg MDS, said that the homeowners do not have to pay a penny out of pocket for rebuilding that is done.

"Donations are made and materials are donated, as well as if the homeowner happens to have any insurance that might pay for some of it, the project is done by a community effort."

MDS provides the labor for the projects. They welcome anyone who would like to make a difference in someone's life,

who may have experienced a devastating loss. Thompson said, "No experience is needed. They will teach you whatever needs to be done. They have wonderful leaders that are experienced and show you what to do."

Thompson and her husband are on their way to Idaho this week, going for a couple

of weeks to help at a site in that area. "I will be cooking in the kitchen and my husband will be helping direct the workers on what to do and how to do it."

"It has been such a life-changing experience for us," added Thompson.

For more information, go to mds.org, or call 800-241-8111.

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# Jesse Bravo: WHS senior pursues dreams

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

Jesse Bravo is a graduating senior from Wasco High School. Throughout his four years there, he has thrived and set an example for other students to be the best version of themselves.

He said his time at WHS has set him up for success post-graduation.

Through his involvement in extracurricular activities like football and choir, he can manage his time and keep a positive mindset with his academic and career goals.

Jesse said the best part at WHS was seeing his friends grow from the beginning to now and how well they got along with one another.

"I had fun in class, making people laugh and enjoying our time together over the four years."

## WASCO

A highlight for him was learning to be disciplined, hard-working and a dedicated and passionate student.

"I learned time management, to be humble, respectful and be committed to my dreams."

WHS changed him as a person.

"I developed my social skills and working with people from different backgrounds and cultures."

Jesse excelled with a 3.8 GPA. He will attend Bakersfield College, with plans to transfer to California State University, Bakersfield.

His career aspirations are to become a police officer for the Wasco Police Department.

Jesse said he was inspired to pursue this career because of his favorite teacher, Mr. Martinez, who taught criminal justice.

"And how to never quit even if people thought I wouldn't succeed."

Choosing law enforcement as a career, he said, "I

want to help people in need and show that all cops are not as bad as people think. I want to make a difference in our community."

Jesse was born and raised in Wasco, attending John L. Prueitt Elementary School and Thomas Jefferson Middle School.

"I like that everyone in town knows one another and because the people in Wasco are always willing to help each other."

He has three sisters and thinks he has been a good role model for them.

"By showing them that you can succeed in life by putting all of your efforts into it and not giving up."

Jesse juggled school and employment while working for True Value Hardware, all the while being able to maintain his grades.

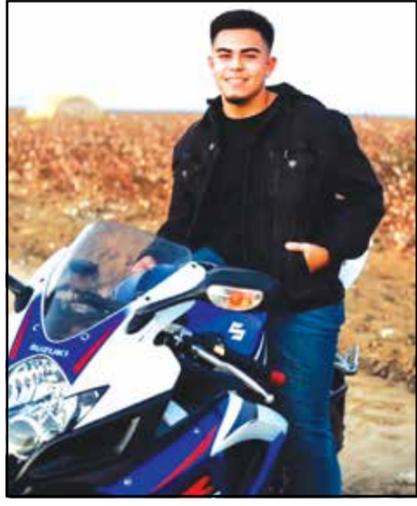
WHS was fun, he said.

"We had good times with friends at the rallies and school dances."

His hobbies outside of school are playing drums for his church, riding his motorcycle and playing soccer.

What he will miss most about WHS are his friends and teachers that supported him.

He is looking forward to graduating from high school.



Jesse Bravo enjoys riding his motorcycle in his free time.

"I want to start a new chapter in life and get to work towards accomplishing my goals."

Whatever his chosen path, Jesse will be sure to continue being a shining example of someone who will never give up on their dreams.

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## First Friday fun for many

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There was also a booth set up at the event to raise money for a Shafter girl who is battling leukemia. Italy Gonzalez is fighting the biggest fight of her life and there has been an outpouring of support for this special little lady. They raised money by raffling off a number of gift packages, including a five-pack Dodgers game package, a big screen television, a summer-time gift package, and many others.

One of the organizers, Daniela Trujillo, said that they had been



A group of Shafter musicians performed.

receiving donations and support through so many people in town that it was very touching.

First Friday is the first in a series of events planned for this summer, including free concerts.

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# Mustangs move on to bigger things

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

## WASCO

It was an emotion-filled ceremony celebrating the graduation of Maple School's 8th-grade students who will be moving on to begin the next chapter of their education.

Maple School is a small, tight-knit community with some students attending from transitional kindergarten to 8th grade.

Arianna Bernal said, "I am excited but also sad to leave my friends because they are going to different schools. I will miss all the memories and the friendships I had with everyone."

She added, "I am a little nervous because it's a big change to a bigger school."

Her favorite teacher was Rocky Salcido.

"I grew up with him and did the track program with him."

As one of the featured speakers, she said, "Big hearts is what makes us unique."

Like many of the 32 graduating students, she received extra recognition for her exemplary academics.

"I earned two medals for honor roll and all-time honor roll. It makes me feel good about myself knowing I can accomplish things I set my mind to."

It was a good turnout of friends and family who came to support their loved ones.

Brent Bryan came to see his granddaughter, Kallie, walk the stage.

"I wish her the best of luck. She's got a good head on her shoulders. She is a lovely young lady, and we're very proud of her."

Principal Stephanie Trickey has

been with Maple School for 12 years as a teacher, with four of those years as principal.

"This is a great class. I was their first-grade teacher years ago, and even back then, they had a special spunk. They've been a fun-loving group," she said. "I hope they will find their passion and pursue it with everything in them."

Her advice for them in high school was, "Get involved, try new things and just enjoy every moment."

Jesse Cranfill, an education tech specialist teacher, said, "They have a lot of potential for high school and beyond."

Teacher Rocky Salcido said, "All of our students are amazing, and this class is nothing short of that. Seeing them split up and go to different schools is always hard. It's also rewarding to see them continue doing well in high school."

Parent Amando Chavez said of his daughter, Isabel, "She's ready for high school. She's worked really hard for it. She was honor roll all her 8th-grade year and was voted volleyball player of the year."

Marshall Johnson, a teacher, said of his graduating student, Juan Gallardo, "I'm going to miss him tremendously. Not all students make an impact on a teacher, but he's definitely one of them."

He said that he grew really close to his students by spending a lot of time with them.

"I got to see them grow and mature."

Superintendent Bryan Easter left behind a final message.

"Mustangs, go and do great things."



**Arianna Bernal said she is going to work hard in high school with her academics and athletics activities.**



**Delayla Solis wants to do well in high school so she can go to college.**



**Students Ezra Rodriguez, David Espinoza and Josiah Salcido warmly greeted the guests.**

## RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Richland School District is pleased to announce its continual participation in the *Seamless Summer Program*. The Nutritional Services Department will be offering **FREE breakfast & lunch daily, to all children ages 2-18 years-old.**

The *Seamless Summer Program* will run, **Monday-Friday from June 12, 2023 through July 21, 2023 (Closed for 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday).**

**Breakfast will be served from 7:45 a.m.–9:00 a.m. and lunch from 10:30 a.m.–11:30 a.m.** at Redwood/Richland Jr High Cafeteria located at **331 N. Shafter Ave. Shafter, Ca, 93263.**  
**An adult must accompany children.**

The Richland School District Nutritional Services Department encourages community members to take part in the nutritious/free meals made available to children.

*Please note:* Students enrolled in the RSD Summer School 2023 session will automatically receive free breakfast and lunch.

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# Continuing a family tradition

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grapes, dehydrated onions, processing tomatoes, corn, and carrots." They also manage several hundred acres for other people.

"Our grapes are my primary focus — from spraying to controlling crews all the way through harvest to making sure everything gets out to the distributors.

"I didn't go to a trade school to learn about farming; I've learned by trial and error. There's challenges in that path, of course. When I'm told to call a mechanic to fix something, I can't.

We can't do that nowadays because of how much stuff costs. One of my challenges is trying to find ways to do as much as we can ourselves."

The water situation is challenging as well, with the farm not getting a lot of water from the canal some years. "We have to use our wells for the only source of water, which gets very expensive and makes our margins on our crops small," he explained.

Kirschenmann said that another challenge is the regulations that are put in place regarding pesticides and dealing with air pollution. "It just makes it really hard these days to farm. It really takes the fun out of farming because all we are doing is worrying about regulations."

Kirschenmann Bros. have 500 acres of almonds, 325 acres of tomatoes, 157 acres of grapes and 80 acres of onions. They also



**Derric Kirschenmann is a fourth generation farmer.**

custom harvest and farm for other people, adding 2,000 to 2,500 acres.

Kirschenmann still finds joy in farming, though — especially when it comes to the fact that he gets to be with his family every day. "I get to be with my dad [Kenny Kirschenmann] on the farm every day, and that is the best thing in the world. He is my mentor and hero."

Kirschenmann said that his dad is the best thing in the world, the best farmer in the world. "If I can be half the farmer that he is and accomplish half of the things he has, then I can be great too."

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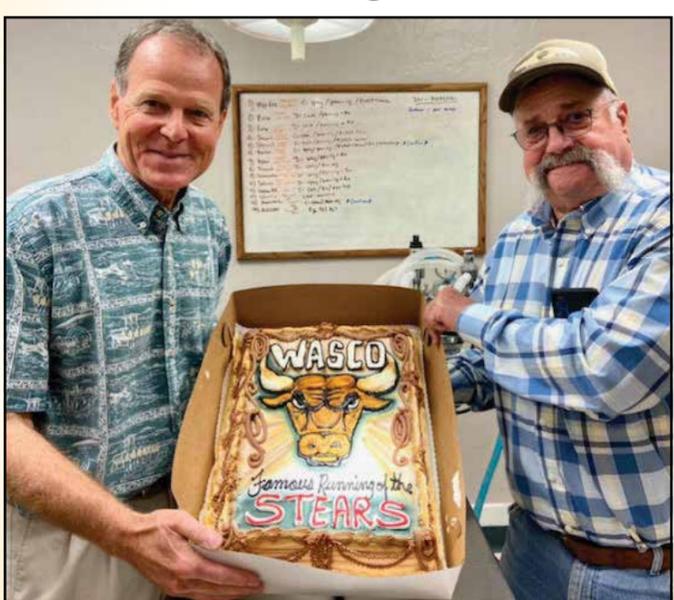
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# Shafter wrestlers are high rollers in Vegas

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

## SHAFTER

A group of Shafter wrestlers traveled to Las Vegas over the weekend, coming back with 11 awards from the Rocky Mountain Nationals.

According to Head Coach Eli Espericueta, the wrestlers competed in two different styles of wrestling, freestyle and folkstyle. "The tournament had about 2,000 wrestlers, making it one of the biggest tournaments of the year," he said.

There were younger wrestlers from the Shafter Spartans competing, as well as a couple of Lady Generals wrestlers, including Julissa Gonzalez. Gonzalez made history earlier this year, being the first Lady General wrestler to qualify for the Girls State Wrestling Tournament.

Gonzalez competed in the 18u, 130lb. division. She came home with a second place in folkstyle and a first place in Free-

style. Other Shafter wrestlers competing were Josiah Ruelas, who wrestled in the 10u, 100lb. division, Gabriel Bailey competed in the 12u, 78.lb. division, Mikayla Weller wrestled in the 18u, 109 lb., Janali Gonzalez in the 12u, 94 lb., Jayden Gonzalez in the 12u, 146 lb., and Julian Gonzalez. Ruelas wrestled to a fifth place in folkstyle and a fifth in freestyle. Bailey won the freestyle and placed second in folkstyle. Weller placed first in folkstyle and second in freestyle. Janali Gonzalez won the freestyle event in her division and placed second in folkstyle. Jayden Gonzalez received a second place award in the 12u, 94 lb. folkstyle.

Shafter wrestlers compete in a variety of tournaments throughout the season, including one of the biggest of the year in Reno, Nev.



The Shafter contingent came home with 11 awards.

# Wasco Tigers opens the swim season

**JOSHUA COOLEY**  
For the Wasco Tribune

Wasco kicked off its swimming season Saturday at the Wasco Recreation pool, attracting participants of all ages and skill levels.

"This is a fun event, and we look forward to a great season. We can't wait for the kids to get back in the water," Wasco Tiger Shark Club President Andrew McCuan said.

Head coach Espie Garza added: "I hope to see improved times and results, seeing all the hard work paid off." Garza started swimming at age 10 and continued through high school before becoming a coach in her final year. She worked her way up to become the head coach.

"My favorite part of coaching is building connections with the swimmers and coaching alongside my colleagues," she said.

Parent Justin Thompson came out to watch his daughter compete for RBG. "This is her first year back after a break, and



Wasco coaches ready for the swimming season.

I hope everyone has fun swimming with their friends," Thompson said.

Many competitors were excited for this meet, with some participating in their first-ever competition. Emily White, a first-time competitor for the Taft Tiger Sharks, said she hopes to have fun with her friends and win.

Grandparent Beth Houlihan was ex-

cited to see her granddaughter compete. "I love watching her swim, and I know she loves to compete," she said. With multiple clubs coming together to compete, Houlihan hoped all the teams had a good day and view it as a learning experience.

The event not only celebrated the achievements of seasoned athletes but

also welcomed novice swimmers who were participating in their first-ever competitive meet. The supportive atmosphere fostered a sense of camaraderie and encouraged participants to push their limits.

Jacob Black, a competitor for BSA, has been swimming for five years and hopes to win. He said he loves swimming as it works the muscles and his family has a long history with the sport.

Coach Faith Garza works with the younger kids in the club and was excited to see "the kids smile in their first meet. I do this for the kids, to see them happy as they compete," she said.

"These kids are more capable than we realize. The parents are very helpful and supportive. This is a community that I am proud to be a part of," Garza added.

As the meet concluded, swimmers left the pool with smiles of satisfaction, carrying memories of personal achievements and friendships forged. The event served as a testament to the town's vibrant swimming community and its commitment to nurturing athletic talent.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF DIVIDED PUBLICATION

Pursuant to Sections 3381 through 3385, Revenue and Taxation Code, the Notice of Power to Sell Tax-Defaulted Property in and for County of Kern, State of California, has been divided and distributed to various newspapers of general circulation published in said county, for publication of a portion thereof in each of said newspapers.

### NOTICE OF IMPENDING POWER TO SELL TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that real property taxes and assessments on the parcels described below will have been defaulted for five or more years. By law on July 1, 2023, at the hour of 12:01a.m. the herein described real property will become subject to the Treasurer-Tax Collector's power to sell for failure to pay said duly assessed and legally levied taxes against said property, unless the property is redeemed or an installment redemption plan is initiated prior to 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2023.

If the property is not redeemed the right of redemption will terminate upon any subsequent sale by the Treasurer-Tax Collector.

All information concerning redemption, or the initiation of an installment plan of redemption will upon request be furnished by Jordan Kaufman, County of Kern Treasurer-Tax Collector, Bakersfield, California, (661) 868-3490 or E-Mail: ttc@kerncounty.com.

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JORDAN KAUFMAN, TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR, COUNTY OF KERN Executed at Bakersfield, Kern County on June 1, 2023.

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EXAMPLE: Parcel number: 052-623-13-01-1

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30369 RICHLAND DR SHAFTER

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Published Shafter Press June 8 and 15, 2023

### SHAFTER RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT

### NOTICE TO ADOPTION 2023-2024 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 reviewed a preliminary budget at the regularly scheduled Board meeting on June 13th, 2023. The preliminary budget is available for inspection at the District office located at 700 E. Tulara 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 11th, 2023, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the District Board, at 505 Sunset Avenue, Shafter, California. Any person may appear at that time and be heard regarding any item in the budget or regarding the addition of other items.

Publish Shafter Press June 15, 2023

### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement

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2023-B3475

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**Loreta Hokit**  
Sept. 2, 1936 –  
June 1, 2023

Loreta Hokit, 86, of Wasco was born in Oklahoma on Sept. 2, 1936, to James and Ada Hutson. Surrounded by her loved ones, Loreta passed away peacefully in her Wasco home on June 1, 2023.

During her childhood, Loreta and her family moved to Wasco, where she met the love of her life, Joe Hokit, and enjoyed 60 years of marriage.

Loreta's work spanned from potato sheds to serv-



ing as a café hostess with her two sons. Her contagious love, spirit, humor and famous taco pie touched all that new her. Loreta had a love for reading and writ-

ing, and taught us the power of love over fear.

Loreta is survived by her two sons, Billy Hokit and Mark Hokit; three grandsons, Seth Hokit and wife Christina, Nathaniel Hokit, and Mark Hokit II and partner Kathleen and stepson Faris; three great grandsons, Isaiah, Josh and Scott; her sister Joyce Madron; a special niece, Kathy Harrington; and many more nieces, nephews and family friends that were very special to Loreta's heart.

Services were held on June 8.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Ruben "Wino" Molina**, 66, of Bakersfield passed away June 1, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

**Pablo Pelayo Brambila**, 71, of Wasco passed

away June 8, in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

**Lucio Lopez**, 94, of Bakersfield passed away June 11, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

**Albert Gutierrez**, 60,

of Bakersfield passed away June 10, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

**Barbara Jean Lucas**, 89, of Wasco passed away June 10, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

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## PASTOR'S CORNER

# The perfect father

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Father's Day, like many holidays, gives rise to a lot of mixed emotions. For many, the lack of a loving and involved father or father figure brings a deep sense of loss and insecurity. I stand on the precipice of being fatherless – my precious dad just received a terminal diagnosis, yet I count myself blessed because of his love, support and wise advice over many years.

My heart breaks, not for my coming loss, but for the orphaned generations, who hunger for the security of a caring father. Frequently, even those who have a father physically present in their lives still experience a sense of abandonment because of the many distractions of modern life. How many times have we shared a meal, but not our hearts, with our families because we're distracted with our cell phones or devices?

A dad is supposed to be his children's hero. Someone to keep them safe. Someone to imitate and an example to follow. The lack of a healthy and loving "father" relationship has led many to seek heroes and mentors in everything from gangs to action movies, rarely with positive results. And, sadly, it has kept many from a relationship with the one Father who is perfect, the God who created us and loves us unconditionally.

Because we cannot physically see God the Father, we tend to look at our



dads to see what He is like. Many are convinced that He does not exist or has no interest in their lives, because their fathers were absent or uninvolved. Others see Him as angry, judgmental or unpredictable, based on their own dad.

Beyond sharing his own deep faith, my father's example has shown some of what God is like. A hard worker and faithful provider, there was nothing he wouldn't do to meet our needs. His passion for serving others (mostly with all the great food he loves to cook) has taught me of God's love and humility. His generous nature (he loves to give small gifts that bring joy) allow me to believe in God's desire to bless me!

I feel so blessed by my dad! But don't be jealous. Each of us can be blessed with the perfect Father, who really sees us, who is always available to us and who longs to meet our deepest needs. He sacrificed everything for His love of you, and He is standing patiently with his arms open, just waiting for you.

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# Shafter residents can get a free air purifier

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

## SHAFTER

As one of the items on a long list of recommendations from the AB617 Steering Committee, who was in charge of creating a plan to reduce pollutant emissions in the city of Shafter, there was an announcement that all Shafter residents can receive a free air purifier for their home. The purifiers, which reduce the harmful effects of wildfire smoke here in our area.

The purifiers are free for any residents in the disadvantaged area of our valley. The city of Shafter was deemed a disadvantaged area by the San Joaquin Valley Air District, which then made Shafter one of the pilot cities in their study.

A pilot program was conducted last year, with 200 residents receiving a free air purifier. One of those who received one, Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Prout, said that it

has made a lot of difference. "I really noticed a big difference in the quality of the air coming into my house with the new purifier. It has really been great."

Those who received one during the pilot program last year are not eligible to receive one this time around. Anyone interested in this no-cost air purifier can go online at [valleyair.org/roompurifier](http://valleyair.org/roompurifier), or you can call them at 559-230-5800. This program was made possible by a grant of \$1 million for the city of Shafter. This

amount, according to American Refuse's Lynnnda Maritn, who has been involved in the effort, is enough to supply everyone in Shafter a free air purifier if they choose to have one.

Approved applications will receive one device and one replacement filter free of charge. The device and filter will be shipped to the eligible address provided by the applicant in approximately 3-4 weeks.

For questions, go to [grants@valleyair.org](mailto:grants@valleyair.org), or call 559-230-5800.

# A warm send-off for Supt. Richers

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"I was going to go to the Naval Academy but failed the eye test, so I went into PE as a major for fun. I wanted to be active," Richers shared.

He said he will miss his role as superintendent.

"Every day is different. Every day new challenges show up, from parents with unusual situations to situational challenges with the staff. That will obviously be something I will miss. But overall, I will miss the people with whom I work."

The party was a great way to send him off into retirement, where he plans to stay very busy in entomology.

"I am involved in serious studies of

moths. I plan to continue these studies."

At his send-off party, many people came to honor his extensive years of educational leadership and dedication to the students and their families in the district.

English Learner Coordinator Angela Devin worked with Richers for 17 years, and said there are so many things she will remember about him.

"He always had a smile and truly loved being in education."

David Bowling worked with Richers for almost 10 years.

"A lot of the majority of his decisions were really about the kids with special needs and English learners," he said.

"He helped get test scores up. The thing

that stood out most was during Covid."

Dr. Carol Hamilton has known Richers through his involvement in the Wasco Rotary Club.

"Where the politicians and other people try to leverage power to benefit themselves, Kelly took a common sense approach to get past the politics," Dr. Hamilton said.

"He helped get the teachers everything they needed to have to start distant learning and build back the schools after the pandemic."

Human Resource Specialist Claire Acosta said of her experience working with him, "It was fun. I first met him when he was vice principal at Thomas Jefferson."

"It's nice that he went full circle and ended his career as superintendent."

Brad Maberry will be the new superintendent.

"Following in his footsteps, it will be big shoes to fill, and I hope to keep the district going in the same direction we've been going in the last ten years."

He added, "He's been a great mentor, and I worked with him over the last 27 years. I will miss most his high energy and personality."

The retirement event will be memorable for Richers.

"I am grateful immensely for the number of people who are here. I really appreciate it."

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### 01-NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS CALLING FOR BIDS

- OWNER: Wasco Union Elementary School District
- PROJECT IDENTIFICATION NAME: Karl Clemens Modular Administration SITE IMPROVEMENTS
- PROJECT LOCATION: Karl Clemens ES, 523 Broadway St, Wasco, CA 93280
- PROJECT DESCRIPTION: [attach extra page(s) if necessary] Demo of existing site structures and prepare site for modular building; sitework includes new parking, bus loop, site paving, fencing, site utilities and site-wide irrigation/landscaping.

This project is anticipated to start on approximately 7/25/23 [date] and is anticipated to have a duration of 190 calendar days for completion.

- BID DEADLINE: Bids are due on 7/06/23 [date] at 1:00pm [time] or at any other date or time as set by Addendum.
- PLACE OF BID RECEIPT: WUESD District Office, 1102 5th, Wasco, CA 93280
- METHOD OF BID RECEIPT: Personal delivery, courier, or mailed via United States Postal Service to above address.
- PLACE PLANS ARE ON FILE: TETER Archs & Engrs, Ralph Williamsen, [ralph.williamsen@teterae.com](mailto:ralph.williamsen@teterae.com) and Kern County Builders Exchange, [kcbex@kcbex.com](mailto:kcbex@kcbex.com).
- SEALED BID MARKING: 0321 Karl Clemens Modular Administration SITE IMPROVEMENTS.
- 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.

- MANDATORY JOB WALK: Meet at: WUESD District Office, 1102 5th St, Wasco, CA 93280

Date: 6/13/23 Time: 10:00am

Location: Karl Clemens Elementary School, 523 Broadway St, Wasco, CA 93280

If a job walk is required on this project, attendance at the entire job walk is mandatory and failure to attend the entire job walk may result in your bid being rejected as non-responsive. Contact OWNER for details on required job walks and related documentation.

- PLAN DEPOSIT REQUIRED: \$0.00

- 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](http://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.

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

- 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.

- To bid on or perform the work stated in this Notice, CONTRACTOR must possess a valid and active contractor's license of the following classification(s) B. 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 March 1, 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 April 1, 2015) unless registered with the DIR. DIR's web registration portal is: [www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/Contractors.html](http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/Contractors.html)

- 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](http://www.dir.ca.gov/Public-Works/Certified-Payroll-Reporting.html) is required to use the eCPR system. The following notice is given as required by Labor Code Section 1771.5(b)(1): CONTRACTOR and any subcontractors are required to review and comply with the provisions of the California Labor Code, Part 7, Chapter 1, beginning with Section 1720, as more fully discussed in the Contract Documents. These sections contain specific requirements concerning, for example, determination and payment of prevailing wages, retention, inspection, and auditing payroll records, use of apprentices, payment of overtime compensation, securing workers' compensation insurance, and various criminal penalties or fines which may be imposed for violations of the requirements of the chapter. Submission of a bid constitutes CONTRACTOR's representation that CONTRACTOR has thoroughly reviewed these requirements.

18. [check only one]

- (a) OWNER will retain 5% of the amount of any progress payments.
- (b) OWNER will retain 10% of the amount of any progress payments because the project has been found to be substantially complex on the basis of \_\_\_\_\_.

- This Project  requires  does not require prequalification pursuant to AB 1565 of all general contractors and all mechanical, electrical and plumbing subcontractors. If required, a Prequalification package may be obtained by downloading the necessary forms from [www.wuesd.org](http://www.wuesd.org). 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 the date.

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# Wasco mayor brings a fresh perspective

From Page 1

tions can be hard work," Martinez said.

"The one thing I have learned being on the council is that the answers are rarely as easy as they seem. Red tape, state laws, federal regulations and doing something as simple as putting in a stop sign takes months."

He points to his family for inspiring his success.

"I am married to a beautiful woman named Samantha. I have three incredible sons. My oldest, Vince, is working in his dream job for the WWE. My middle son Josh will graduate from Cal State Northridge by the end of this year. My youngest son, Matt, just graduated from Shafter High."

Martinez said he ran for office because

he had three priorities.

"Public safety, roads and the demolition of the old labor camp. We have made tremendous progress in launching our own police department in a very short period of time."

"We continue to improve our roads, but there is still a lot of work left to be done. We have finally, after years, reached agreements with High-Speed Rail for the demolition of the old labor camp."

"While our city still needs improvements, we are steadily making progress to make Wasco a nice place to live again. Though I would love to take the credit for these projects, the bulk of these responsibilities falls on our city staff. We have an amazing team in place, and I see a bright future in Wasco."

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE OF A DOPTION OF ORDINANCE BY THE WASCO CITY COUNCIL ORDINANCE NO. 2023- 724

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 6, 2023, the City Council of the City of Wasco adopted Ordinance No. 2022-724 entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AMENDING AN ORDINANCE AND ACCEPTING THE REQUIREMENTS OF THE PENAL CODE RELATING TO THE RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS SUMMARY:

Chapter 2.36 of the Wasco Municipal Code will be replaced in its entirety to conform with the current language provided by Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST). The original section was approved by the City Council of the City of Wasco via Ordinance No. 98 in 1961. California legislation regarding Law Enforcement Officers has greatly changed throughout the years and Ordinance No. 98 needed several updates in order to meet today's standards.

The Ordinance was adopted by the following vote:

AYES: MARTINEZ, GARCIA, MEDINA, REYNA, SALDANA  
NOES: NONE  
ABSTAIN: NONE  
ABSENT: NONE

A copy of the full text of Ordinance No. 2023-724 is available for review in the Office of the City Clerk, City of Wasco, 746 - 8th Street, Wasco, CA 93280. You may contact the City Clerk at (661) 758-7215 with questions regarding this Ordinance.

DATED: JUNE 9, 2023  
/s/ MONICA FLORES  
Deputy Clerk of the City of Wasco and Ex-Oficio Clerk of the Council  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Wasco Union Elementary School District, Wasco, Ca. will receive qualifications for professional architect services regarding the Development and/or modernization of school sites and miscellaneous district projects over the next five years. The RFQ will be available for download from the Wasco Union Elementary School District website at <https://www.wuesd.org/facilities>. Questions about this Request for Qualifications will be accepted. They are to be submitted to Wade Smith at [wasmith@wuesd.org](mailto:wasmith@wuesd.org). Notification to Receive Question Responses and RFQ Revisions: Firms that want to receive answers to questions and any RFQ revisions must provide contact information

to [wasmith@wuesd.org](mailto:wasmith@wuesd.org) with the contact person's name, firm, and email address.  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Memorable Monuments 2023-B3238

2218 Rizal Dr  
Delano, CA 93215  
County: Kern  
2218 Rizal Dr  
Delano, CA 93215  
Sandra Carolina Liera Hernandez  
2218 Rizal Dr  
Delano, CA 93215  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Sandra Carolina Liera Hernandez  
Date Statement Filed: 05/15/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 05/15/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: J Lozano  
Publish Wasco Tribune June 8, 15, 22, 29, 2023

### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement LOLLYS\_DIVCREATIONS 2023-B3445 LG Bookkeeping and Income Tax Services 2023-B3446

1824 Terrace Place  
Delano, CA 93215  
County: Kern  
1824 Terrace Place  
Delano, CA 93215  
Laura Veloria Grijalva  
1824 Terrace Place  
Delano, CA 93215  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: 04/01/2023  
/s/Laura Veloria Grijalva  
Date Statement Filed: 05/23/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 05/23/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: M Hernandez  
Publish Wasco Tribune June 1, 8, 15, 22, 2023

### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Alvie Snow Farms 2023-B3314

1907 7th Street  
Wasco, CA 93280  
County: Kern  
1907 7th Street  
Wasco, CA 93280  
Ronald Dean Snow

1907 7th Street  
Wasco, CA 93280  
Ricky Alvin Snow  
1907 7th Street  
Wasco, CA 93280  
Beverly Marie Rogers  
1907 7th Street  
Wasco, CA 93280  
The business is conducted by: General Partnership  
Date the business commenced: 01/01/2000  
/s/Beverly Rogers  
Date Statement Filed: 05/18/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 05/18/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: M De La Rosa  
Publish Wasco Tribune May 25, June 1, 8, 15, 2023

### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Aldo's Mexican Food 2 2023-B2760

205 Cecil Avenue  
Delano, CA 93215  
County: Kern  
2001 Bloomfield Avenue  
Wasco, CA 93280  
Maria Perez Bravo  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: 10/16/2012  
/s/Maria Perez Bravo  
Date Statement Filed: 04/26/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 04/26/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: P Del Villar  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Agape Bookkeeping Services 2023-B3287

1101 Griffith Avenue  
Wasco, CA 93280  
County: Kern  
1101 Griffith Avenue  
Wasco, CA 93280  
Agape Bookkeeping Services  
1101 Griffith Avenue  
Wasco, CA 93280  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by: Corporation  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Mariel Yanez  
Date Statement Filed: 05/17/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 05/17/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: A Goodwin  
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