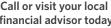
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The Richland Junior High Trojans Marching Band performed.

Downtown festival draws thousands

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

Saturday's Shafter Cinco de Mayo festival drew thousands downtown and to Mannel Park. The parade kicked off a full day, with over 40 entries including classic cars, clubs and organizations, marching bands, and, of course, the horses.

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Grand Marshals Miguel Ayon and his staff at the Shafter Boxing Club headed up the parade, riding in the parade and also holding exhibitions at the park, with boxers displaying their talents.

Another star of the parade was the Brinco le Chinelos. The group dresses in colorful costumes, performing traditional dances as the music played downtown.

The Shafter Recreation and Parks District had an entry in the parade. Their group of seniors dressed up and danced a routine that showing older folks having a great time and keeping fit.

The parade was hosted by Jose Gaspar, a reporter for KGET 17.

See DOWNTOWN Page 5



Danza Azteca presented a live performance. (Photos by Joshua Cooley)

Cinco de Mayo fun for the whole family

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

It was a festive celebration of Cinco de Mayo organized by St. John the Evangelist Parish Catholic Church on Sunday. Over 500 people attended the event.

The afternoon was one of traditional Mexican foods like tamales, tacos, pozole and menudo. There was a variety of live music and a

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presentation of Aztec dancing.

Enevy Lopez was crowned to represent the Guadalupana Society of St. John the Evangelist Parish Catholic Church, she said it was an excellent opportunity for the community to get together and enjoy the celebration of Cinco de Mayo.

'The best part was the music. It got everyone dancing and out here

on this sunny day. I liked the banda that played Mexican songs."

She said the food and drinks were good, and the people who made it happen were hardworking.

"They put much effort and love in this for our community and church."

Father Guillermo Preciado said he held this event to celebrate Cinco de Mayo and El Dia Del Niño See FIESTA Page 5

Council moves in establishing police department

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

At the regular Wasco City Council meeting on Tuesday, members approved the purchase of weapons and computerbased training software for the start up of the Wasco Police Department. The purchase will in-

clude Glock Gen5 handguns, shotguns, nonlethal shotguns and tactical rifle at a cost of \$33,587.54.

The vendor, ProForce Law Enforcement, is a locally based law enforcement weapons dealer that



provides weapons equipment to Kern County police

"The weapons are the first of two acquisitions ...That See COUNCIL Page 6

City of Shafter in good financial shape, audit says

IAMIF STEWART

The Shafter Press

The City of Shafter is in a strong financial condition with recurring revenues exceeding recurring expenditures

on an ongoing basis and an adequate fund bal-

SHAFTER ance to cover current liabilities and a "prudent" reserve

level, an independent audit says. The City Council accepted the Financial Report for the city for fiscal year 2021-22 at their regular meeting on Tuesday night, and heard a favorable report from the accounting firm of Lance, Soll & Lunghard, which per-

formed an audit on the city. The positive condition can be attributed to the city's long-term planning, conservative yet forward-looking fiscal policy, and proactive economic development program, which has resulted in strong business development

growth, the report said. At this time, the city has a total of \$227 million in assets. The city also had an increase of \$2 million in the rev-

enue vs. expenditures column. The report states that the city has a high revenue concentration in sales tax, with significant levels of sales taxes generated by a small number of taxpayers, along with a high concentration risk within the oil services and business sector. Sales tax accounts for almost 75% of revenue, \$28.9 million for the year. The city had \$90 million in the General Fund. Of that amount, \$20 million is unassigned.

The city had \$54 million that is assigned and which cannot be spent. The remainder of the funds are restricted, which means they can be spent only in certain areas.

LSL said the city was very cooperative during the audit, and no issues were found during the review.

The council also recognized Michael James and his staff in Public Works in observation of National Public Works Week. The team received proclamations and were thanked

by the council for their dedication and hard work.

SHS bringing Broadway hit to Shafter

JAMIE STEWART The Shafter Press

all beginning at 7 p.m.

The Shafter High Drama Club will be

performing the Broadway hit "Mamma Mia" at the Fred Starrh Performing Arts Center at Shafter High on May 11, 12, 13, out. Mamma Mia features the works of the

Headed up by stage veteran and Drama Club Advisor Hal Friedman, the group have practiced for months on the production, which is a challenging production, with singing, acting and dancing throughVous le Vous.

Friedman has had the group take on some challenging works since his tenure started a couple of years ago. Last year, they tackled the production of "The

Drowsy Chaperone," which was another

difficult show to put on. In addition to teaching at Shafter High, Friedman is the artistic director of the Ovation Theater in

Advance tickets are available at Shafter High School, and can be purchased at the door, too. Prices are \$12 for adults and \$10

supergroup ABBA. Numbers in the show **SHAFTER** include Dancing Queen, Mamma Mia and

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Community Calendar

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Resource Fair - CPAK presents the 2023 Community Action Month Resource Fair, celebrating community action month. Learn about the programs and services available through CPAK. Saturday, May 13, at the Shafter Youth Center, 455 E. Euclid. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. The Food Bank will be on hand providing a no-cost food Feria de Recursos - 2023 Mes de Acción Co-

munitaria. Feria de Recursos. Celebra el mes de acción comunitaria y aprende sobre los programas y servicios disponibles con CAPK. sábado 13 de Mayo, Shafter Youth Center, 455 E. Euclid. 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Además, el banco de alimentos repartirá comida sin ningún costo.

First Friday - City of Shafter Downtown Summer Concert Series with music, food, vendors, fun. June 9 at Downtown Square, 4-9 p.m. Sponsorships available by contacting Rachel Zermeno at rzermeno@shafter.com.

Summer school fun - Wasco Union High School has open enrollment starting for transitional kindergarten-7th grade. Summer school starts Thursday, June 1, to Thursday, June 29. Call 661-758-7443 for more information.

ONGOING

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

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

Kern County Probation Department needs peace officers - Shift work, safety retirement, supervise and mentor at-risk youth, growth and advancement opportunities with the county. Required: 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of college coursework, background check and drug screen. Contact Frank Herrera at 661-868-7493.

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

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

Free covid tests - All residential households can order four free at-home covid-19 tests. Visit

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,

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 for agenda in-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

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

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

Mystery history



Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/ or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to The Press, 455 Kern St., Suite E, Shafter, CA 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@The ShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. LAST WEEK: The Shafter City Yard and facilities at Five Points, Lerdo Highway and Shafter Avenue, about 1955.





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ARREST REPORT

As reported by the Shafter Police Department

APRIL 24

Curtis Allen Codiroli, 43, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Central Valley Highway on an outside agency warrant.

Andre Williams, 54, of Shafter, was arrested on Louise Street and West Ash Avenue on an outside agen-

cy warrant. Ignacio Briseno Ramirez, 42, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of Orange

on an outside agency war-

Miroslava Saenz, 49, of Shafter, was arrested on West Orange and South Shafter for driving without a license and on a bench warrant/failure to appear on

misdemeanor charge. **APRIL 25**

Isaac Jacob Medrano, 29, was arrested on South Wall Street for obstruction, resisting and false imprisonment and violating a court order for domestic violence. Juan Villalobos, 18, of

Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block of Sudan Way for kidnapping, carjacking, evading police and disregarding safety.

Andrew Mejia, 18, of Shafter, was arrested in the 500 block of Grundy Avenue for threatening a crime with intent to terrorize.

APRIL 26

Erick Alcala Arellano, 32, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block East Euclid Avenue on an outside agen-

cy warrant. **APRIL 27**

Jeshua Tovar, 20, of Shafter, was arrested on West Tulare Avenue and Scaroni for possession of unlawful paraphernalia, driving with a suspended license, obstruction, reckless driving, evading police and disregarding public safety.

Jesus Garcia, 45, of Shafter, was arrested in the 1400 block of Truxton for burglary in the second degree, and breaking and entering.

Remedios Gamboa, 36, was arrested on the Truxton for burglary in the second degree, breaking and entering, conspiracy to commit a crime and vandalism.

APRIL 28

Arthur Joseph Martinez, 39, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of East Lerdo Highway on a bench warrant/failure to appear on felony charge.

Cruz Arnulfo Soltero, 23, of Shafter, was arrested on the East Lerdo Highway and South Wall Street for driving without a license and driving an unregistered

APRIL 29

Omar Solano Reyes, 29, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Flores Way for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

APRIL 30 Zachery Michael Mor-

ris, 31, was arrested in the 9200 block of Cape Forest for stalking: temporary restraining order, violating court for domestic violence, burglary: first degree, and on a bench warrant/failure

to appear on felony charge. BUTTONWILLOW As reported by the Kern County Sheriff's Office, But-

tonwillow substation: **APRIL 25** Juan Villalobos, 18, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block of Sudan Av-

enue in Buttonwillow on a

misdemeanor warrant and

delaying a peace officer. He substance and possession of County Jail. was booked into the Kern controlled substance para-County Jail.

APRIL 28

Eden Guerra Martinez, 34, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Wildwood Road and Highway 46 in Wasco for disorderly conduct and driving on a suspended license. He was booked into the Kern Coun-

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

APRIL 24

Richard Lopez, 50, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of F Street and 5th Street for misdemeanor

phernalia. He was cited and released at the scene.

APRIL 25

Mario Trinidad Aranda, 38, of Wasco, was arrested in the 24000 block of Mc-Combs Road for misdemeanor battery on a spouse. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

APRIL 27

Javier Pizano, 52, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of 5th Place for felony possession of controlled substance for sale, keeping a place to sale of a controlled substance and misdemeanor possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He

APRIL 28

Nathan Lee Jr Arrambide, 22, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Poso Drive and Poplar Avenue for felony vandalism: defacing property, misdemeanor DUI, and hit and run. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jermaine Maston, 36, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of Poso Avenue for misdemeanor possession of controlled substance paraphernalia, and on a felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

APRIL 29

Norberto Zavala - Ca-

obstructing, resisting and possession of a controlled was booked into the Kern brera, 46, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1800 block of Gaston Street for misdemeanor battery of spouse.

He was booked into the

Kern County Jail. APRIL 30

Victor Adame, 20, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Griffith Avenue and Lily Street for misdemeanor possession of controlled substance paraphernalia, and on felony and misdemeanor bench warrants. He was booked into

the Kern County Jail. Jacob Villa, 25, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2400 block of Sharon Court for misdemeanor DUI and DUI 0.08%. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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Sergio Cano, with daughter Alexis, said spending time together was special.



Hayven, and said he enjoyed dancing and laughing with her.



in-a-lifetime experience with his daugh-



Joy, with her father Pedro Astorga, said she felt like a princess in her pretty dress.

An event to bond dads with daughters

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

The Orange Heart Foundation hosted a "You Are My Sunshine" daddy-daughter dance, and over 200 little girls and their significant father figures attended. The event took place at Palm Avenue

Middle School, and DJ BoomDog provided the music, playing popular songs in English and Spanish.

It was a night to cherish, making memories that would last a lifetime.

Sergio Cano came with his 7-year-old daughter, Alexis. "She pushed me to come out here," he said. Cano said it was a way to bond with his

daughter. "I got to spend alone time with her with a one-on-one date." Rudy Gonzalez, who attended with

his daughter Hayven, dressed in matching outfits.

"Her cousin came last year, and she

wanted to have just as much fun as she

For some, it was a way to connect with new and old friends. "Being here with her friends and other

parents made it special," said Rigo Gomez, who brought his daughter, Jocy, 8. Pedro Astorga shared that it was a way

to enjoy time with his daughter. "Enjoy the small moments because they

Jose Cueco of his 6-year-old daughter, Addison, said it was a good experience for

"It is a good way to show our daughters how they should be treated and always great for them to mingle with their class-

He encourages other fathers to come next vear.

mates."

"I know some fathers might be embar-

rassed going out there with daughters and dancing in front of other dads, but it's the best time to be silly on the dance floor and have an amazing time with your daughter."

Jose Mendoza brought his two daughters.

"It's our first time, and I've never been together with them like this. I came to show them my support and show them that I love them." Maya Ramirez, age 7, accompanied

by her dad, Leonard, was excited. "I got

to dress up and get my hair done," she explained. Marcos Flores came with his daughters

Daisy, 7, and Melanie, 9. 'Tonight was an opportunity to have

some fun with my girls. They've been talking about it all week." He said it was something to remember

for a long time. Sophia Rosas, 7, attended with her grandfather, Eduardo.

moments of happiness to feel free for a couple of hours. A highlight of the event was Ms. Wasco

"Her dad was working, and I came to

He added, "You have to give them these

take his place. It was special for her to be

more open and confident."

Rose Queen Ensley Mehlberg, who made a special appearance. The girls were very

She said, "I couldn't wait to see all of the pretty princesses and have fun with them."

excited to see her and overjoyed with emo-

The event was in collaboration with local organizations and volunteers from the community.

Traci Clendenen of the Orange Heart Foundation was grateful for them.

"I want to thank DJ BoomDog, the Wasco Rose Festival, Eddie Velasquez from 2nd 2 None for donating the water and Wasco Family Wrestling for helping to sell tickets and clean up afterward."

Last dance of the year ends with a bang

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

Wasco High School held its "Last Blast" prom for students of all grades, where they dressed up in their finest outfits and danced the night away.

This year for the first time, there were games, tacos and cotton candy to make the



Prom King and Queen Daphene Jackson and Ricardo Andrade said they were honored to be selected.

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evening more memorable for all 156 students that attended.

Miss Wasco Rose Queen and Associated Student Body President Ensley Mehlberg came to the event.

"I helped with the planning and came up with the theme, Coachella, a music festival. I liked the colors and the brightness, so that's why I chose it."

For many, it was the last dance of their high school experience.

"It's bittersweet. I always look forward to WHS's dances and events, so I'm going to be a little sad not to have that any more, Mehlberg said. Gerry Rios said, "I'm glad I am able to

celebrate. It's my last year, and I'm making the most of it. The best part was spending time with the people I grew up with." Students were dressed for the occa-

sion, and Stefan Montezdeoca won best dressed last year. "I wanted to impress everybody again

this year." Amanda Rodriguez, an English teacher with WHS for five years, said she has been a chaperone since she started with the

"WHS has the best students. They are always respectful, and they all have just



Girls wore beautiful dresses. (Photos by Joshua Cooley)

the best time. It's honestly so easy because these kids are so good. I love them so

This year, a new DJ brought lights and a fog machine to add energy to the dance floor and played popular songs in English and Spanish to keep it alive with excitement.

Benito Juarez said, "The DJ is really good. He played a lot of the songs I like." "Everyone was so hyped up. I danced

all night. The music was fantastic," Mayra Altamirano said.

"Tonight was special because I've come

every year, and each time is amazing. I came with my boyfriend to enjoy ourselves and make memories. I didn't want

to miss it," Katelynn Puckett said. A highlight of the prom was the announcement of the King and Queen, which were Daphene Jackson and Ricardo

Jackson said, "I'm so thankful. I don't know how to express how I feel tonight. I'm just so excited."

It ended on a high note.

"I had a blast," Aileen Solis said.

2 arrested when drugs, ammo, cash found

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press Kern County Sheriff's Office deputies

served a search warrant at a residence in the 200 block of Faber Street in Shafter that resulted in two arrests and the recovery of weapons, drugs, ammunition and cash. Deputies decided to request a search

warrant for the residence after discovering evidence of narcotics trafficking during an earlier traffic stop investigation. On April 21, the deputies served the warrant and entered the residence. Once in

the residence, the deputies found a cache. The deputies found over six pounds

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of methamphetamine and several illegal weapons. In addition, they found ammo for the weapons and a large amount of

Teresa Rodriguez, 43, and Emilio Santi, 42, both of Shafter, were arrested at the home. Both Rodriguez and Santi were booked into the Kern County Jail for multiple weapons and narcotics charges. The investigation is ongoing, and the

department urges anyone with information about the case to contact them at 661-863-3110 or the Secret Witness hotline at 661-322-4040.



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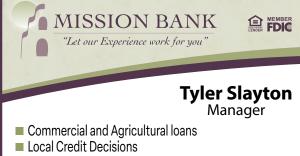
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Mosquitoes beginning to surface in Kern

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The Shafter Press

Mosquito season is upon us as the weather warms, giving another season battling the newest pest in Kern County.

"We are starting to see some mosquito activity locally here in Kern County," Terry Knight, spokesman for the Kern Mosquito and Vector Control District, said at a media event held recently at district headquarters. The Aedes Aegypti mosquito, first

come a permanent resident. In 2018 these smaller mosquitoes sometimes referred to as ankle-biters — had

found in Kern County in 2014, has be-

just six square miles of infected area. By 2019, its range had spread to 70 square miles.

'This mosquito is extremely aggressive," Knight said. "It is entirely an urban mosquito.

"She is very vicious in nature, and she prefers to feed on human beings.

One thing that is critical to know about this new biting pest is that it is not coming from large water sources, like green swimming pools, sumps, or curb water. It's coming from your neighborhood, your residential block, your yard.

'Very important to police your homes on a regular basis," Knight said. "Inspect your yard.'

Their range is only about 300 yards, so these biters are coming from neighborhoods, unlike the more common Culex varieties, which can fly for miles.

Even the smallest item — a pet bowl, a bottle cap, a child's toy — that can hold water for seven days can become a breeding ground for Aedes Aegypti.

They are small-container breeding mosquitoes," and can reproduce in as little as a teaspoon of water, Knight said.

The aedes aegypti, known in some areas of the world as the yellow fever mosquito, is more aggressive than the more common Culex tarsalis and Culex quinquefasciatus, and can bite a single victim six or seven times before it is satisfied.

And it's here to stay.

Products and strategies that target mosquitoes in the larval stage, before they can

fly and feed on human blood, are more effective in the long run than foggers and yard sprays, Terry said.

As annoying and painful as the newer mosquitoes can be, they are not carrying any disease that has been detected in Kern

Knight said that residents need to police their yards and minimize the risk of having an invasion of the pests in their homes. He said it is critical to clean flower pots regularly with bleach and soapy water. It is also important to dry the pots afterwards, not leaving any moisture that can be inhabited by the unwanted guests. "They can live in a capful of water and lay thousands of eggs, making a very unpleasant season for residents," concluded Knight.

An elegant tea party for celebration

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

The Wasco Woman's Club hosted a Spring Tea on Saturday for guests to enjoy homemade desserts and finger sandwiches with selection of teas.

Club member Pat Ketcherside said, "It's beautiful. We have a lot of ladies here. It's a fun thing to do."

Another member, Petra Rueda, said, 'It's a day of celebration of ladies having tea with friends and making new ones as

Amor Regis, who is looking to join the club, attended.

"I came today to meet more people in Wasco and see how I can help the city."

She owns the soon-to-open Grocery Outlet and thought it would be an excellent way to network and get to know the community.

Some women wore elegant traditional English hats worn for weddings and special events.

"I loved the hats. The best part was so many ladies showing up. I've seen so many people I've known over the years. It warms my heart," Nancy Cowen said.

Lisa Mcguire came to support the

"I think it is a nice time to be with the ladies. A lot of my family came. The food was really good, and so was the tea." Audrina Gibson said, "It was well orga-

nized and put together. I made new friends. When I get older, I would like to join." Ruby Woody was invited by her moth-

er-in-law, a former club president, Cheryl Woody.

"The atmosphere, music, food and company were great."



Club member Marta Poe managed the tickets for the opportunity baskets.

Piano music was provided by Lynette Stoeppler.

Maria Delgadillo said she was excited. "I have never been to a tea party. It was something different. I enjoyed everything from dressing up to companionship and friendliness. It was a nice gathering."

Organizing committee chair Chris Gibson said the event was "fabulous."

"It turned out better than we expected for our first tea. We are hoping to do it again next year. It was a lot of work, but I had a lot of help. Special thanks to Pat Ketcherside."

Another organizer, Marta Poe, said, "The turnout was pretty well. We set up for 80 people and only had four empty seats."

The money raised from the event will go toward renovating the clubhouse rest-



Wasco Woman's Club president Jill Drescher.

The club has a long history in the community. One hundred years ago, 13 women joined together and formed the WWC. Their purpose was to improve Wasco through service.

"Our mission has not changed," club President Jill Drescher said.

Some of the philanthropic efforts the club carries out include providing youth scholarships, holding a candidate forum for local elections and a Christmas party and prom for special needs high school students.

Education is a key focus the club works

"Many of our members are former teachers, so we support school choirs, drama clubs and FFA."

Guests enjoyed the fellowship and socializing. (photos by Joshua Cooley)

On the bus for early detection screenings

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

On Sunday, over 30 women were screened for breast cancer at the Dignity Health Community Wellness Program mammogram bus.

"The purpose is to bring free health screenings to women who cannot drive outside of town," supervisor Angelica Montano said.

The program serves uninsured women from underserved communities.

"If we didn't come, many women wouldn't be able to get their annual mammogram. We screened four women over 60 today that had never had a mammogram."

The bus travels throughout all of Kern

"We try to reach communities that

don't have access to health care. It helps them by hopefully giving them peace of mind if they come back clean; they know they are cancer free."

Juan Gomez, technician assistant, said, "It's a wonderful service. I wish more organizations would put on more events like this."

"I love my job because we get to help women, especially those without the resources to get these types of exams.'

The screening results are mailed to the patient's home in two to three weeks.

"If something pops up, we give you a phone call," Gomez said. "Our clinic will refer them to the nearest diagnostic center if there is a problem. If it is determined there is something there, they would go in

surance can be provided through the Everyone Counts program, paid for by Cali-

fornia's Healthcare Services Department. Lou Robesk, an x-ray technician, said the traveling bus is great.

Women need to get their mammogram screening every one to two years after age 40 for early detection. "This is important because if you get breast cancer and they find it early, your chances of survival are higher," she said.

She said the breast cancer death rate is

"Especially if you have a family history of breast cancer. If you do on your mother's side, it's very hereditary. Early detection is key for survival."

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Patricia Hernandez came to the event.

"I'm over 40, and my last breast exam Followup care for women without in- was three and a half years ago. It was very convenient. I don't have health insurance; without this, I would otherwise not have

Soledad is 44 years old and has never

had a mammogram. "Because this is free, it really helps me. I feel a little nervous about the results but

glad I had the test." Leticia Rodriguez said she needed the

exam to ensure she was breast cancer-free. "I had my last mammogram five years ago. I think everything is going to turn out all right, but I'm happy I came nonetheless

for that assurance." For more information on the next time the mammogram screening bus will come to Wasco, call Angelica Montano at 661-323-3238 or visit dignityhealthbakersfield.org.





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Super Students at Karl Clemens



Karl F. Clemens Elementary School announced their Super Students for the week of April 24. Criteria for selection were based on academics, showing kindness to friends, respect and hard work, following class procedures, helping other students understand new concepts and improving learning English. Winners included front row, from left; Jonathan Reed (1st grade) and Alexa Pena (kindergarten). Middle row, from left: Leticia Cruz (3rd), Eva Dela Torre (2nd), Dylan Wheeler (4th) and Maria Mendoza (5th). Back row, from left: Vice Principal Anna Garrison, Whiskers and Principal Samuel Torres.

Students of the Month at SHS



A select few students from Shafter High School have been named Students of the Month for April. The students received a certificate and a special lunch for the achievement. Principal Russell Shipley said that he is very proud of the young men and women for their great work ethic and performance. The students named are Dario Hernandez Lobato, Adrian Ramos Garcia, George Sanchez, Angelina Gutierrez, Alexis Martinez, Tye Enterline, Julissa Vieyra-Anguiano, Joselyn Valdovinos Moreno, Luciano Burnias, James Stewart, Azul Lozano Cortes, Luis Salgado-Reyes, Carlos Arreola-Cruz, Dereck Contreras, Susly Isales-Lepe, Valeria Sanchez, James McCarthy, Brady Shipley, Ashley Torres Romero, Lucian Siemens.

Festival draws thousands

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Gaspar announced the entries and greeted the crowd at the beginning of the event.

The Richland Junior High Trojan Marching Band performed, as well as the Shafter High Generals Marching Band. State Sen. Melissa Hurtado took part in the parade, waving to the

crowd amid cheers.

Cinco de Mayo, the fifth of May, is a holiday that celebrates the date of the Mexican army's May 5, 1862, victory over France at the Battle of Puebla during the Franco-Mexican War. The day, is also known as Battle of Puebla Day. While it is

a relatively minor holiday in Mexico, in the United States, Cinco de Mayo has evolved into a commemoration of Mexican culture and heritage.

The celebration in Shafter has grown into one of the largest community events in the city every year. Headed up by Deanna Rodriguez-Root, her daughter Brandi Root, and the Shafter Cinco de Mayo committee, the event included the parade, and a full day of activities at Mannel Park. As is traditional, the parade was closed out with the appearance of the dancing horses that strut-



The high-stepping equines were a highlight of the parade.

ted and displayed their majestic manes as they danced down the street.

Immediately after the

parade, the majority of the crowd made their way to Mannel Park to continue the festivities.



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Fiesta fun for whole family

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(day of the child), a Mexican tradition.

There were games for the kids, aguas frescas, fruit and other Mexican

Preciado has been with the church for two years and feels the congregation members have made it very active through spiritual events and personal motivation.

"This is one of my favorite events because you see how each church group participates to seek unity and good communication between us."

Councilmember Gilberto Reyna, a long-time church member and instrumental in organizing the special celebration, said, "This is an event that is meant to bring families together to have some fun, enjoy great food and have a nice time."



Community members enjoyed the music.

Joe Dominguez is a 43-year member of the church's Knights of Columbus. His group sold French fries, chili fries and cheese fries.

s. "We had an excellent turnout. I didn't expect people to like them as much, but we sold out early. The money raised is going back to the church for expenses."

Gloria Benitez came with her husband, Jose Luis. She said that the event shows the spirit of Mexican culture.

"We are here today to help the church and to be with our community."

Veronica Perez has been a member of the church since the early 2000s.

"I always volunteer for the events. My husband works with the confirmation class and was here playing games with the kids."

Dora Velasquez has lived in Wasco for more than 49 years and said she comes out every year for the Cinco de Mayo festival.

"I come to hear the music. I like everything about it, especially to eat. There is a variety of delicious food. It is always well organized and brings out many peo-

and brings out many people."

Ulises Bautista of Banda Los Luceros de Micho-

acan donated his time.

"We played different genres of Mexican music. It was a nice day because people came to watch us and participate in the church."



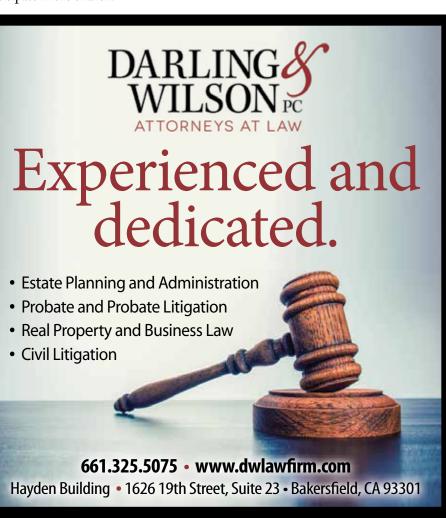
The Shafter Library &
Learning Center announces
the final lecture of the
Spring History Lecture Series

Stan Wilson will be speaking on the Hoover Farm, owned in part by the 31st President of the United States.

Thursday, May 11th at 6:30PM FREE ADMISSION



Councilmember Gilberto Reyna said that members of the congregation put in a lot of effort and hard work organizing the event.



PETS OF THE WEEK

Come and meet Sage

The Pet of the Week for Shafter is Sage, an adult female German shepherd mix. She is friendly, affectionate, playful.

Sage is also a very smart and curious dog, who will make you laugh and can also keep up with you as an active person. Sage is very active and would do well in a home with a little room to run around and also a tall fence to keep her safe.



According to shelter staff, Sage has passed all of her SAFER evaluations and gets along well with other dogs. She has been microchipped, spayed and is up to date on her vac-

If you are interested in learning more about Sage, or meet her in person, you can visit the Shafter Animal Shelter at 18849 S. Shafter Ave., or call 661-746-2140.

–Jamie Stewart

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Freya needs a forever home

Freya came into the Wasco Animal Shelter as a stray. She is approximately 3 to 6 years old, and is a female pitbull terrier that is great with staff and other dogs. Whether Freya is house/crate trained is unknown. Dogs are not tested with children. Her behavior towards children is unknown. Freya will be available for adoption on Friday, May 5.

Everyone is welcome to adopt from our facility, and we like to give everyone the same opportunity to adopt. Adopters can be from out of town and/or local. We do not place holds for adoptions. Adopters are responsible for transportation. Adoptions are on a

first-come, first-serve basis, beginning at 8 a.m. on the date they are available.



You are welcome to call us the day before their availability to ensure the pet is still for adoption.

You can get more information by emailrifigueroa@cityofing: wasco.org or filarajr@ cityofwasco.org.

-Wasco Animal Shelter

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE Amanda J Randall **Fictitious Business** 3515 Claremont St Name Statement Flores Bees 2023-B2545 467 Ryan Dr Shafter, CA 93263 04/25/2023

County: Kern 467 Ryan Dr Shafter, CA 93263 04/25/2028 Nelson Barrientos Flores Aimee X. Espinoza 467 Ryan Dr Shafter, CA 93263 The business is conducted by: Indi-

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Date Statement Expires: 04/14/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: P Del Villar Publish Shafter Press April 20, 27,

/s/ Nelson Barrientos Flores

May 4, 11, 2023 **PUBLIC NOTICE**

Fictitious Business Name Abandonment Statement Durags Automotive Wholesale 3456 Michelaine Ave Bakersfield, CA 93304

County: KERN Mailing address of business: 3456 Michelaine Ave Bakersfield, CA 93304 Saul Alvarez Carbajal 3456 Michelaine Ave Bakersfield, CA 93304 Business was conducted by: Unincorporated Association /s/Saul Alvarez Carbajal, Owner Original FBN Statement File Number: 2022-B5098 Original FBN Statement Filed on: 07/22/2022

This statement of Abandonment filed on: 04/27/2023 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/M Hernandez

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement **Durags Automotive Wholesale** 2023-B2801

Bakersfield, CA 93312 County: Kern 3456 Michelaine Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93304 Saul Alvarez Carbajal 3456 Michelaine Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93304 The business is conducted by: Indi-

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Fictitious Business Name Statement Say It Creative 2023-B2744 **Bakersfield Yard Signs**

2023-B2745 3515 Claremont St Bakersfield, CA 93306 County: Kern 3515 Claremont St Bakersfield, CA 93306

Bakersfield, CA 93306 The business is conducted by: Indi-Date the business commenced: /s/Amanda J Randall Date Statement Filed: 04/25/2023
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Fictitious Business Name Statement Isaguirre Transport Solutions 2023-B2673 5519 Blanco Dr

PUBLIC NOTICE

Bakersfield, CA 93307 County: Kern 5519 Blanco Dr Bakersfield, CA 93307 Rafaela Bojorquez 5519 Blanco Dr Bakersfield, CA 93307 Erick Manuel Lopez Isaguirre 1300 23 De Junio Ave Col. Dieciocho de marzo Mexicali, CA 21390 The business is conducted by: General Partnership Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Rafaela Bojorquez Date Statement Filed: 04/21/2023 Date Statement Expires: 04/21/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: J Lozano Publish Shafter Press April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business Name Statement** Bakersfield Flagpole Shop 2023-B2683

6601-A Rosedale Hwy Bakersfield, CA 93308 County: Kern 6601-A Rosedale Hwy Bakersfield, CA 93308 Robert Lynn Jr Reneau 6601-A Rosedale Hwy Bakersfield CA 9330 The business is conducted by: Indi-Date the business commenced: 01/15/2023 /s/Robert Lynn Jr Reneau Date Statement Filed: 04/21/2023 Date Statement Expires: 04/21/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: P Del Villar Publish Shafter Press April 27, May 4, 11, 18, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE **Fictitious Business** Name Statement Unto The Hills – Sweets 'N Treats 2023-B2704 Unto The Hills

2023-B2705

601 Douglas Street Apt 252H Bakersfield, CA 93308 County: Kern 601 Douglas Street Apt 252H Bakersfield, CA 93308 Sandra Renee Pulido 601 Douglas Street Apt 252H Bakersfield, CA 93308 The business is conducted by: Indi-Date the business commenced: 10/20/2022 /s/Sandra Renee Pulido Date Statement Filed: 04/24/2023 Statement 04/24/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: P Del Villar

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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11, 18, 2023

Notice is hereby given that Pond Union School District (hereinafter referred to as "Owner") will receive sealed bids prior to the date and time stated for the Bid Opening for the award of the Contract to supply and Pond Union School District NEW MODULAR BUILDING 29585 Pond Road Wasco, California 93280 as per drawings and specifications which may now be obtained elec-

tronically from link below

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

on the amount of the base bid. Time is of the essence in this Con-

tract, and the time of Completion for the Work ("the Contract Time") shall be 180 calendar days from (a) the date of commencement of the project as established in the Owner's Notice to Proceed, or (b) if no other date is established in a Notice to Proceed from Owner, the date of Contractor / Supplier actual commencement of the Work (including mobilization). Bids will be sealed and filed in the Business Office of the Owner at: Pond Union School District 29585 Pond Road

Wasco, California 93280 on May 18, 2023, before 2:00 p.m. on the clock designated by the Owner or its representative as the bid clock. Facsimile (FAX) copies of the bid will not be accepted.

Bids will be opened on May 18, 2023, at the Pond Union School District Office at 29585 Pond Road Wasco, California 93280 at 2:00 p.m. as calculated by the clock designated by the Owner or its representative as the bid clock. Bids must be accompanied by a bid-

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

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

The successful bidder will be allowed to substitute securities or establish an escrow in lieu of retainage, pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300. The Owner reserves the right to

waive any irregularity and to reject any or all bids. Unless otherwise required by law, no

bidder may withdraw its bid for a period of Thirty (30) days after the date set for the opening thereof or any authorized postponement thereof. The Owner reserves the right to take more than thirty (30) days to make a decision regarding the rejection of bids or the award of the Contract. Pond Union School District

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

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

Maple Elementary School District NEW MODULAR BUILDING 29161 Fresno Ave. as per drawings and specifications

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which may now be obtained elec-

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

on the amount of the base bid. Time is of the essence in this Contract, and the time of Completion for the Work ("the Contract Time") shall be 180 calendar days from (a) the date of commencement of the project as established in the Owner's Notice to Proceed, or (b) if no other date is established in a Notice to Proceed from Owner, the date of Contractor / Supplier actual commencement of the Work (including mobilization). Bids will be sealed and filed in the

Business Office of the Owner at: Maple Elementary School District 29161 Fresno Ave. Shafter, CA 93263 on May 16, 2023, before 2:00 p.m. on

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

at the Maple Elementary School District Office at 29161 Fresno Ave. Shafter, CA 93263at 2:00 p.m. as calculated by the clock designated by the Owner or its representative as the bid clock.

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

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bidder and to require the successful bidder to obtain bonds from surety insurers satisfactory to the Owner. The bidder will be required to furnish

insurance as set forth in the Contract

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waive any irregularity and to reject any or all bids. Unless otherwise required by law, no

bidder may withdraw its bid for a period of Thirty (30) days after the date set for the opening thereof or any authorized postponement thereof. The Owner reserves the right to take more than thirty (30) days to make a decision regarding the rejection of bids or the award of the Contract. Maple Elementary School District Bryan Easter

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Vision Realty 2023-B2449 CalWestern Property Management 2023-B2450

2020 Eye St Ste 444

Bakersfield, CA 93301 County: Kern PO Box 41243 Bakersfield, CA 93384 Rueben R Zamudio 8001 Moss Crossing Ave Bakersfield, CA 93313 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: N/A /s/ Rueben R Zamudio Date Statement Filed: 04/11/2023 Date Statement Expires: 04/11/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: A Goodwin Publish Shafter Press April 20, 27,

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Bloemhouse 2023-B2430

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29399 Madera Avenue Shafter, CA 93263-9527 County: Kern 29399 Madera Avenue Shafter CA 932 Natalie Lorraine Bloemhof 29399 Madera Avenue Shafter, CA 93263-9527 The business is conducted by: Indi-Date the business commenced: N/A /s/ Natalie Lorraine Bloemhof

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF HEARING ON ANNEXA-

TION OF PROPERTY TO LANDSCAPE AND LIGHTING ASSESSMENT DIS-TRICT NO. LL001-2015 OF THE CITY OF SHAFTER (ANNEXATION NO. 7) AND ASSESSMENTS PROPOSED TO BE LEVIED ON THAT PROPERTY FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023-2024 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at 6:00 p.m. on May 16th, 2023, the City

Council of the City of Shafter ("City") will conduct a public hearing regarding the annexation of certain residential properties within Tract Map No. 7388 Phase I-II, generally located near the northwest corner of Seventh Standard Road and Community Drive, in the City of Shafter, County of Kern, to Landscape and Lighting Assessment District No. LL001-2015 ("District") as Annexation No. 7, and the assessments which are proposed to be levied on existing and annexed parcels of property within the District for fiscal year 2023-2024. The total amount of the assessments which are proposed to be levied for fiscal year 2023-2024 on all existing and annexed parcels within the District is \$935,417.89. The amount of the assessment which is proposed to be levied on each existing and annexed parcel is \$482.31 per unit of benefit (i.e., a residential lot). The assessments are proposed to be levied to pay the annual cost of the installation, operation, maintenance and servicing of landscaping, public lighting facilities and any other appurtenant improvements ("Improvements") in the District

In compliance with AB 361 and the Resolution Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency Relating to the COVID-19 Pandemic, adopted by the City of Shafter City Council, public meetings are currently Teleconference/Video Conference Meetings aligned with local and federal guidelines and social distancing recommendations for the containment of the Coronavirus. You are strongly encouraged to observe the City Council meeting live via YouTube https://www.youtube.com/user/ CityofShafer/. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item or public comment, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, May 16, 2023 to the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com. If you wish to make a written comment to the City Clerk, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. If you wish to make a comment during the live meeting, callers must first register with the City Clerk at 661-746-5012 before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. Please call by 5:00 pm on the Monday prior to the City Council meeting to allow ample time for sign up. You will need to provide your name, phone number and the item number you wish to address. All public comments are provided to the City Council and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the Council prior to taking action on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record

of the City Council meeting. The total amount of the assessments which are proposed to be levied on existing and annexed parcels within the District is equal to the amount of the estimated annual cost of the installation, operation, maintenance and servicing of the Improvements within the District for fiscal year 2023-2024. The amount of the assessment which is proposed to be levied on each existing and annexed parcel in the District was calculated on the basis of the proportionate special benefit derived by the parcel in relationship to the entirety of the costs that are related to the installation, operation, maintenance and servicing of the Improvements for said fiscal year and was determined by dividing the estimated annual cost by the mber of units of benefit within the District. The assessments will be levied on all existing and annexed parcels within the District so long as such assessments are necessary to pay the annual cost of the installa-

tion, operation, maintenance and

servicing of the Improvements in

the District. The City Council has determined that the amount of the assessment which will be levied per parcel for each existing and annexed parcel within the District in future fiscal years may be increased by the percentage increase in the Consumer Price Index - All Urban Consumers for the Los Angeles-Long Beach-Anaheim, CA Area provided that the amount of the assessment is not increased by more than four percent (4%) in any fiscal year and provided that the amount of the assessment to be levied on any parcel in any fiscal year shall not in any event exceed the reasonable costs of the proportional special benefit conferred on the parcel. Property owners who vote Assessment Ballots in support of the levy of the proposed assessment will also be voting in support of such an increase in the

annual amount of assessments to

be levied in future fiscal years.

At the conclusion of the public hearing, the City Clerk will tabulate the assessment ballots submitted, and not withdrawn, in support of or opposition to the levy of the proposed assessments. A majority protest will exist if the assessment ballots submitted, and not withdrawn, in opposition to the levy of the proposed assessments exceed the assessment ballots submitted, and not withdrawn, in favor of the levy of the proposed assessments, weighting those assessment ballots by the amount of the proposed assessment to be imposed upon the identified parcel for which each assessment ballot is submitted. If there is a majority protest against the levy of the proposed assessments, the property will not be annexed to the District and the City Council will not levy the proposed assessments on the parcels of property proposed for

Dated: April 27, 2023 Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk Publish Shafter Press May 4, 2023

annexation to the District.

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PASTOR'S CORNER

The story inside the Ten Commandments

PASTOR RUBEN ZARTMAN

Ebenezer Reformed Church, Shafter

Many people are at least vaguely familiar with the Ten Commandments. And quite a few people know the story behind them — that God gave them to Moses on the top of Mt. Sinai. But much less familiar is the story inside the Ten Commandments, a story about God. Several of the commandments have

backup information included in them. In other words, there's whatever God tells us to do or not to do, but then there's also an explanation for it. And those explanations give us some amazing chapters in God's history. Putting that story in chronological

order, the Fourth Commandment ("Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy") tells us that God created everything. "For in six days the Lord made the heavens and



the earth, the sea and all that is in them, and rested the Sabbath day" (Exodus 20:8–11). The Second Commandment ("You shall

not make for yourself a carved image ... you shall not bow down to them nor serve them")

tells us also that God is jealous. The Third Commandment ("You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain") reminds us that He "will not hold him guiltless who takes His name in vain" (Exodus 20:4–7). When the human race chose them-

selves over God, prioritizing their preferences over God's instructions, the relationship was broken and consequences inevitably resulted. Yet that's not the end of the story. The

God who created and who punished sin also did something more: He redeemed. That part of the story is in the preface to the Ten Commandments: "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage" (Exodus 20:2). God, the Creator and Judge, is also God the Rescuer. As the Rescuer, He gave the law. That's

part of the story. God still requires some

things and forbids others. The Ten Commandments were given to a rescued people to show that they aren't a burden to oppress us or a leash to limit our freedom. Rather, they are a blessing and a guide for the best kind of life.

That comes out in the final part of the story, the promise added to the Fifth Commandment. One reason to "Honor your father and your mother is that your days may be long upon the land which the Lord your God is giving you" (Exodus 20:12). The story of the Ten Commandments

looks to the future, when the people of Israel would be settled in a land of their own. The God whose story is told here is a God of hope, who brings His people into a condition of blessing and peace.

Rev. Ruben Zartman has been the pastor at Ebenezer Reformed Church in Shafter

OBITUARIES

Elaine Lavonne Notley May 13, 1935 -April 27, 2023 Elaine Notley (Stoller),

87, passed away peacefully from complications of kidney disease. She was born in Milltown, S.D. She attended Shafter High School, where she met her husband of 67 years – John Notley Jr. They lived in San Luis Obispo while John



attended Cal Poly, then moved to Shafter before settling in Terra Bella for 54 years. They moved back to San Luis Obispo in 2016. Elaine worked as a sec-

retary and as a substitute teacher. She retired after many years as the school secretary for Vandalia Elementary School in Porter-She dearly loved her

family first and foremost, and stayed in close contact with all her children, grandchildren and greatgrandchildren. An annual girl's trip with family was a particular highlight she looked forward to every year, and she always made sure she brought a special little gift for everyone to enjoy. She enjoyed being in-

and was very active serving in leadership roles in the women's ministry at both Zion Lutheran Church in Terra Bella and in San Luis Obispo. She was an adamant organizer and loved cooking and baking, and was known by all for her famous pies! She was preceded in

volved with her church

death by her husband,

John, just this past September and is survived by sons Rick Notley (Sharon) and Greg Notley (Mary); daughters Diane Helbert (Dan) and Denise Doyel (Brent); nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, May 13, at 10 a.m. at Zion Lutheran Church Terra Bella.

DEATH NOTICES

Betty Cotton, 83, of Bakersfield, passed away April 25, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Juan Rosales Rodriguez, 74, of Wasco, passed away April 24, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco. Anibal Zamora Magana, 46, of Dela-

no, passed away April 24, in Delano. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

co, passed away April 16, in San Francisco. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter. Emilia Espinoza Becerra, 89, of Was-

Francisco Javier Baltazar, 33, of Was-

co, passed away April 20, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter. Martha J. Webb, 66, of Santa Maria,

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passed away April 27, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Daniel Lopez, 31, of Wasco, passed away April 16, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter. Jose Alfredo Sosa, 64, of Wasco,

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Mia Ruiz prepares to lead off the 200 medley relay.



The SHS girls relay team: Mia Ruiz, Annemarie Piuser, Josephine Martin and Sydnee Macias. (Photo by Larissa Davis)

SHS swimmers advance to Valley Championships

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

The swim teams for Shafter High School made a splash at the recent SSL Championships, qualifying a number of swimmers for the Valley Championship meet. At the SSL Championships, Shafter

qualified eight swimmers to move on to the Valley Championships.

The girls 200 medley relay finished in second place, with the girls 200 free relay winning their race. The girls 400 free relay also finished first.

The boys relay teams also did well. The

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200 medley relay team got third place, while the 200 free relay team finished in second place.

Individually, Josephine Martin won two events, the 50 free and the 100 butterly. Annemarie Piuser got second place in the 100 free and got a third place in the 100 breaststroke. Another member of the relay teams, Mia Ruiz, placed third in the 110 backstroke.

Individually on the boys' side, Dallas Holguin captured third place in the 100 breaststroke and Christoher Rosette got third place in the 500 free.

The girls' relay teams dropped their personal best times. The 200 medley relay team shaved over seven seconds off of their best time, while the 200 free relay team dropped their best time by 4.2 seconds.

The teams have been thriving despite not having their own swimming pool. They are bussed to Independence High School for practice every day, with most of the students returning home at about 7:30 "I am proud of our kids, battling through

the challenges that they have faced, and still managed to improve and thrive in the



Josephine Martin in the butterfly event.

pool," commented Larissa Davis, head coach for the swim teams.

The swimmers who qualified will travel to Hanford Sierra Pacific High School for the Valley Championships. Swimmers who place high in that meet will advance to the State Championships, to be held at Clovis West High School.

Council makes progress on Police Dpt.

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first acquisition is roughly half of the weapons we will need," Chief Charlie Fivecoat said. "There will probably be another acqui-

sition in a year or that time frame. It's all part of the start-up equipment." Lixipol LLC, will provide PoliceOne

training software and licensing for the de-Lexipol is currently used by most law

enforcement agencies in California and throughout the United States. "The training software is critical to

make the officers stay current with their training. It's a computer-based system that tracks all the individual's training so we

can ensure they comply with post-training requirements," Fivecoat said.

The council also approved a purchase order with FinishLine Signs to design and install the complete graphics for the new police patrol vehicles.

The cost will be \$5,726.28 for a total of six vehicles.

The staff has been working on choosing the graphics that will be displayed in the patrol vehicles. The most important requirements were to help identify the vehicles as law enforcement and show other important information, such as 911 and vehicle unit numbers.

Also, at the meeting, the council ap-

proved contracting Art Sherwyn as a consultant on the downtown beautification

In January 2022, the council approved a resolution authorizing use of a \$5 million grant to work on the downtown streetscape. Part of the project includes public art

installations in four locations, three pedestrian alleys and the open plaza. Sherwyn will oversee the theme, selec-

tion and creation of the art to meet the grant's intent, fit within the designated spaces and reflect on the community. "He will assist the city with selecting

the art, making sure it's appropriate for the

space and the overall design of the designated spaces," Community Development Director Keri Cobb said.

Sherwyn has 37 years of experience as an artist and teacher.

May is bike month, and Cindy Parra, board secretary for Bike Bakersfield, shared with the council that there will be a bike rodeo and a community walk in Wasco on Tuesday, May 9, at 3 p.m. at the Wasco Branch Library.

It will be an opportunity to learn bike skills and share safety concerns.

There will be free snacks, drinks and giveaways. It is open to kids and adults. Parra invites the community to attend.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING CITY COUNCIL MEETING DATE OF MAY 16, 2023

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on May 16, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. or as soon thereafter, the City Council of the City of Wasco intends to adopt an Ordinance entitled:

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO AMENDING TITLE 2 OF THE WASCO MUNICIPAL CODE, AMENDING CHAPTER 2.36 PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING SEC-TION 2.36.010, DECLARATION OF INTENTION TO RECEIVE STATE AID, 2.36.020 ADHERENCE TO STAN-DARDS AND ADDING SECTION 2.36.030 AMENDING THE REQUIRE-MENTS OF THE PENAL CODE RE-LATING TO THE RECRUITMENT AND TRAINING OF LAW ENFORCEMENT

OFFICERS SUMMARY:

The proposed Ordinance will amend the previous Ordinance amending Title 2 of the Wasco Municipal Code, amending Chapter 2.36 Peace Officer Standards and Training Section 2.36.010, Declaration of Intention to Receive State Aid, 2.36.020 Adherence to Standards and Adding Section 2.36.030 Amending the Requirements of The Penal Code Relating To The Recruitment And Training Of Law Enforcement Officers

nance 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) 758-7214 with guestions regarding this proposed Ordi-If you challenge this proposal, or any

aspect of it in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Wasco City Clerk Department, 746 8th Street, Wasco. CA 93280, at, or prior to the public hearing. If you need special assistance to par-

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

DATED: May 2, 2023 /s/ MARIA O. MARTINEZ Clerk of the City of Wasco and Ex-Officio Clerk of the Council Publish Wasco Tribune May 4, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE **Notice of Petition to Administer** Estate of: Francisca Garza Case Number: BPB-22-003340

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

2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Maria Aurora Macias in the Superior Court of California, County

3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Maria Aurora Macias be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the de-

5. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

A copy of the full text of the Ordi-6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows: a. Date: 07/21/2023 Time: 8:30a.m.

Dept.: J-1 b. Address of court: Superior Court

of California, County of Kern, 2100 College Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93305, Juvenile Justice Center. 7. If you object to the granting of

the petition you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney. 8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk. 10. Attorney for petitioner: Rachelle

M. Kightlinger 1301 L Street, Ste 1 Bakersfield, CA 93301

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This matter is submitted as ``Proper to be submitted on the pleadings (PSP)." All matters approved as PSP will be granted unless you appear at the hearing and object when the PSP Calendar is called.

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