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Caleb and Levi Gonzales take a tour of the trees for Levi's seventh birthday.

Tree display lights up Depot Museum with Christmas cheer

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The annual Christmas Tree display at the Shafter Depot Museum is in full swing and has attracted hundreds of residents to see this year's collection of decorated trees.

This year's theme is the Colors of Christmas and businesses and organizations in town have put their own

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spin on the theme, from everything from a gold and silver display to a tree that had just about every color of the rainbow.

According to Stan Wilson, curator at the Shafter Depot Museum, the event has adhered to the state's safety guidelines, with face cover-

ings worn by everyone and the display set up using a one-way path through the museum, which helped everyone follow the social distancing protocol.

There were a total of 15 trees on display, competing for the title of Most Popular and bragging rights for the year.

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Small gatherings only encouraged this Christmas

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The city is seeing an increase in confirmed cases of covid-19, despite a face covering campaign and businesses adhering to safety guideline designed to stall the spread of the virus.

City buildings have been closed to the public, with customers being serviced through a window at the back of the city building, as well as serving customers by appointment only that require an in-person interaction.

There have been a total of 2,017 confirmed cases in Shafter, with almost 800 of those cases confirmed recoveries. There were 185 new

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Apple Market is still serving customers, adhering to the mask requirement.

Cases continue to rise, county at a stand still

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

The covid-19 virus changed the landscape of education in the country in 2020 and the school districts are sticking to their previously stated positions.

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There are now two new vaccines available by Pfizer and Moderna that have been approved by the FDA. The initial dose of the vaccine will be made to health care personnel and residents of long-term care facilities.

The positive numbers continue to rise in Wasco. On Dec. 18, the total number of cases was 1,217 which rose to 3,115 as of Dec. 22. The number of recovered patients on Dec. 18 was 732 and that number has increased slightly to 735 as of Dec. 22. The number of presumed recovered on Dec. 18 were 295 while that number has also increased to 599 recovered on Dec. 22.

The numbers in Shafter are also on the rise in the number of cases with 1,932 on Dec. 18 to an increase of 2,103 Dec. 22. There were 768 recovered on Dec. 18 and now there are 792 recovered. The number of presumed recovered on Dec. 18 was 472 and that has increased to 502 presumably recovered.

Distribution of the vaccine is supposed to be available to hospitals and medical facilities; however, Adventist Health in Wasco did not have it as of Dec. 22 nor does Vanguard have any of the vaccine. Vanguard stated that they had it on order, but haven't received it yet.

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Vaccine arrives, healthcare workers first in line

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The covid-19 vaccine has arrived in the city and healthcare workers will be the first to receive it.

The vaccine is being given out in tiers, with the first tier beginning with those persons most at risk, including workers in

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acute care facilities, skilled nursing facilities, and EMTs, paramedics and dialysis centers.

They are also giving vaccines to residents in long-term care facilities, who have existing conditions that could make the

contraction of the virus especially dangerous.

This will be followed by tier two, which will be workers in intermediate care facilities, rural health care clinics, as well as urgent care centers. It will also include community health workers, and those people who work in primary health care clinics,

and correctional facility clinics.

Tier three groups will be dental clinics, pharmacies, and laboratory workers.

The vaccines, according to health officials, will be available eventually to the general public, as the supplies improve. Currently, the supplies are very limited and have to be rationed out to those most at risk.

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Community Calendar

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

ONGOING

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

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

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

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

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

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

cada mes se entrega directamente en la puerta. El programa no se basa en los ingresos, está diseñado para mantener a las personas en sus hogares y mantenerse saludables para que podamos vencer al COVID-19. Llame al 661-498-7831 ext. 1310

Para averiguar si es elegible para el programa e inscribirse hoy mismo.

TUESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

Mystery history

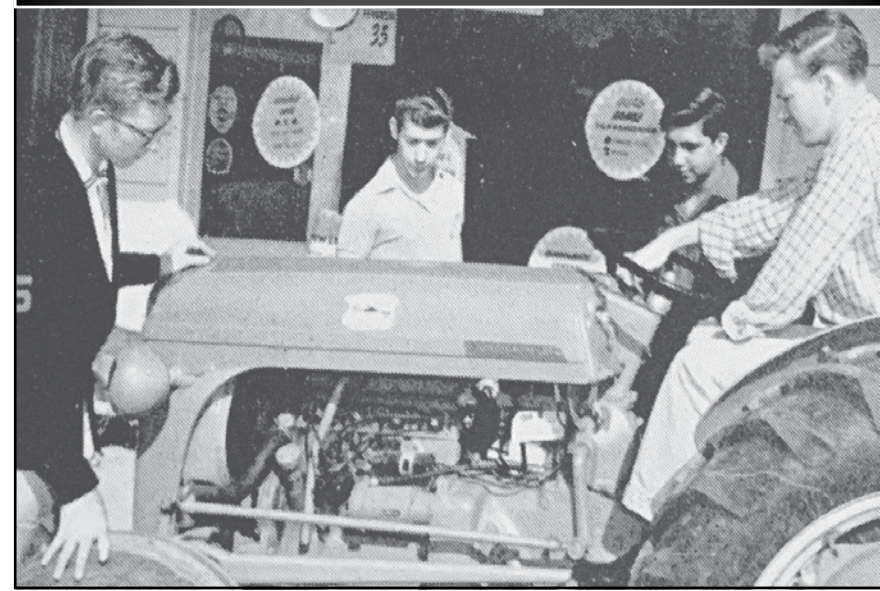
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HEADLINES IN HISTORY



Compiled by Erica Soriano
10 years ago: Dec. 29, 2010
The Wasco SAL members received new bikes as a part of a donation program from the Wasco State Prison.

20 years ago: Dec. 27, 2000
S.H.S Varsity Soccer Team won 1st place in the Graces Classic Tournament. The final game played in the tournament was Shafter against Wasco. The game was decided by sudden death and won by Robert Soriano winning goal. The final score was 3-2.

40 years ago: Dec. 24, 1980
S.H.S Football team presented Arlie Smith, Jan Stubbe and Don Burns with burl wooden clocks. The Shafter Football team was runner ups in the Valley Championship.

ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

Dec. 14

Jose Isaac Gomez, 32, of Shafter, was arrested for control substance paraphernalia, obstruction of a public officer and possession of controlled substance.

Dec. 15

Christoffer Quintanilla, 21, of Shafter, was arrested for threaten a crime with intent, obstruction of a public officer and on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

Dec. 16

Esteban Barba, 25, of Shafter, was arrested for domestic violence.

Dec. 18

Justin Martin Merriman,

33, of Shafter, was arrested for possession of burglary tool and theft/extortion of vehicle.

Dec. 19

Sergio Acosta Jr., 25, of Shafter, was arrested for possession of ammunition by prohibited person and felon in possession of firearm.

Dec. 20

Juan De Dios Castro Jr., 25, of Shafter, was arrested for obstruction of a public officer, disorderly conduct: alcohol and battery.

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As reported by the Wasco Substation

Dec. 14

Vinson Callahan, 61, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1100 block of 11th Street

for misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance. He was cited and released at the scene.

Sebastian Pedro Jose, 38, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of Birch Street for misdemeanor battery on a spouse. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Randy Flores Lopez, 18, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1800 Bautista Avenue for felony assault of deadly weapon that was not a firearm and on his active misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Dec. 15

Margaret Jean Fladhammer, 61, of Oceano, was arrested at the intersection of Highway 46 and Scofield Avenue for felony gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, driving under the influence, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance paraphernalia and possession of a controlled substance. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Sarah Ann Gonzalez, 34, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of Broadway Street for

misdemeanor disorderly conduct while under the influence of alcohol. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jesus Sepulveda, 36, of Wasco, was arrested in the 300 block of Central Avenue on his active felony warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Dec. 18

Anthony Campo, 32, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2400 block of Alpine Meadow Court for felony possession of a firearm while under the use of a controlled substance and misdemeanor carrying a

loaded firearm in a public place. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Dec. 20

Leondoro Hernandez, 31, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of 12th Street for misdemeanor battery on a spouse. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Carlos Ezequiel Lopez, 22, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Central Avenue and Eucalyptus Drive for misdemeanor carrying a concealed weapon and an unregistered firearm. He was cited and released at the scene.

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Court ruling clears way for indoor church services

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The state ruled Dec. 10 that excluding churches from holding indoor services goes against Freedom of Religion.
California Superior Court Judge Gregory Pulskamp issued an injunction against Gov. Gavin Newsom's planned covid-19 restrictions, following a similar injunction was placed in New York, in favor of a Roman Catholic Diocese of Brooklyn on behalf of Father Trevor Burfitt.
The ruling stated that the governor's restrictions failed to treat houses of worship in a manner equal to the favored class of entities which would include big-box retail stores, grocery stores, hotels, train and bus stations, and other entities that are considered essential businesses.
According to the State of California Superior Court, they state that the members of the court are not health experts and should respect the judgment of those with special expertise and responsibilities in this area.
"Even in a pandemic, the Constitution cannot be put away and forgotten," the statement reads.
The court said people continue to have the freedom to walk the aisles of Walmart

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or other stores, while not being able to attend church services and are required to do so virtually or outdoors.
With the changing weather and the temperature dropping, it was clear that the current weather will not be conducive to an outdoor religious service.
Area churches have adapted to restrictions.
New Generation Church
Pastor Frank Sanchez, of New Generation Church, stated that they are doing presents for all of the kids at the church and they also have about 30 kids and families in Wasco that don't attend New Generation, but the church is giving them presents as well.
New Generation has online services on Sundays at 11 a.m., streaming on NGWasco YouTube and livestreaming on Facebook. They are also on Wednesdays at 7 p.m.

Some churches stated that they will be holding services indoors and will be continuing their livestreaming as well for those parishioners who wish to worship virtually.

St. John's Catholic Church

St. John's Catholic Church, on 9th Place, is offering a Facebook Christmas Eve Mass at 7 p.m. The church has been holding virtual services every Sunday. The church does not offer Saturday Masses at this time; however their Sunday Mass is 10 a.m. in English and noon in Spanish.
The church is also hosting a Christmas Day Mass in English at 10 a.m. and at noon in Spanish.
Canyon Hills Wasco
Pastor Fernando Segura, of Canyon Hills Wasco, said that they are not having a Christmas Eve or Christmas Day service because they are maintaining a low profile during the pandemic.
It is a different story in Shafter as the majority of the churches have been holding indoor services for a few weeks now. Those churches stated that they will be holding services indoors and will be continuing their livestreaming as well for those parish-

ioners who wish to worship virtually.

St. Therese's Catholic Church

St. Therese's Catholic Church, in Shafter, will be holding indoor services for the holidays for those people who want to attend in person.
Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church
Pastor Pat Coyle, of Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church, said that they have been holding services indoors for several weeks.
"We did hold services virtually and outdoors for a time, but as the weather got colder, we felt it necessary to move the services indoors," said Coyle. With the recent ruling in favor of the churches by the State Superior Court, Coyle said that it does allow him to rest a little easier.
"We didn't enjoy being rule breakers, as it were, but this ruling does make the move easier," he said.
That was a sentiment shared by a lot of churchgoers in Shafter.
"I have been attending church for a few weeks now in person," said Marjorie Bertrand. "I can go shopping for food, get gas, shop for clothes, why can't I go to church and worship indoors? I thought that it was silly to make us go to church outdoors in the first place."

Holiday events canceled due to pandemic

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

In early December Gov. Gavin Newsom stated that Kern County was back to the most restrictive purple tier and the pandemic is becoming a fact of daily life for residents.
Because it's an ever-changing picture, what was reported Friday could very well be completely different by Monday of the following week.
Due to the uncertainty, the Downtown Business Association canceled all holiday events.
"Due to COVID Guidelines and concern for our community, we are not having any events this year," Tanya Cordova president wrote in an email. "Maybe once this is all over, we can ring in 2021 with a bang!"

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Orquedia Ocampo, of the Orange Heart Foundation, also stated that the foundation has been unable to plan any events due to the restrictions of the virus.
President of Toys for Tigers Candy Wilson explained, "Our distribution was Saturday, Dec. 18," Wilson said. "It was a non-contact delivery distribution. It was a real different year, but we persevered!"
The Recreation and Parks District is celebrating the 12 Days of Christmas by encouraging residents to decorate their houses with lights to present the Christmas spirit around neighborhoods. The following addresses (in no particular order) for residents to drive around and check out the lights include:

901 Redwood
2744 Bordeaux Drive
1827 Griffith Avenue
901 Poplar Avenue
1450 5th Street
2308 Alpine Meadow Court
1045 13th Street
1618 Sunset
2409 San Ardo Street
1133 1st Street
1540 Sunset Street
701 Celstial Way
1920 F Street
1024 Lily Street
1967 Griffith Avenue
1540 Poppy Court
1001 Oak Avenue
316 Salvador Avenue
2361 Buenaventura Street

928 2nd Street
1550 Aspen Avenue
900 Sauvignon Street
1617 5th Street
1725 Sycamore Drive
925 Oak Avenue
901 Evergreen Court
918 Cypress Avenue
2729 Mondavi Court
2623 Via Serrantino Court
861 Redwood Avenue
1807 Griffith Avenue
933 Oak Avenue
1363 Willow Place
1140 Rose Avenue
1402 Sunset
994 Cypress Avenue
986 Evergreen
1902 Climbing Rose Avenue

Neighbors give back to help man

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

Wasco Union Elementary School Board President Richard Reding



Neighbors Eddie and Jamie Nixon

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was struggling to mow his lawn one day after a knee surgery when a tap on his shoulder by a neighbor changed everything.
Reding and his wife, Sarah, have been living in their house over 50 years and have never experienced such kindness as what was recently shown to him during his recuperation from his surgery.
"I had complete knee replacement surgery

about a year ago, and was struggling and limping along trying to mow the lawn," Reding said. "Shortly after the surgery I felt a tap on my shoulder and it was my neighbor, Salvador Rodriguez."
Reding states that Rodriguez simply ordered Reding to "go!"
Since that day, Rodriguez continues to mow the Reding's front and back lawns as well as edging the appropriate areas.
"He also trims my trees and bushes," Reding said. "One true sign of a Good Samaritan is that he won't take a dime for his efforts."
Along with Rodriguez, another neighborly family, the Nixons, moved to the neighborhood three years ago.
"Several times a week, Jamie prepares extra meals and brings them over to our house for dinner," he added. "Those are just two reasons that make Wasco beautiful!"



Neighbors Eddie and Jamie Nixon

2020 Wasco High grad running her own business

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

Graduating from high school at 18 years old can sometimes be a stressful time when deciding on the next move.
Rayanna Plazola, a 2020 Wasco High graduate, almost took a two-week vacation before she embarked on an employment journey.
Plazola is employed by Cutco Corporation, formerly known as Alcas Corporation, a U.S.-based company that primarily sells knives through direct sales. It is the parent company of Cutco Cutlery Corp, Vector Marketing, Ka-Bar Knives and Schilling Forge; however its brand name is Cutco.
Plazola sets up a digital presentation where she provides videos of the products

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she is selling. Each product is individually demonstrated by a professional and if there were any questions, Plazola is available to answer them.
Cutco was founded in 1949 and is headquartered in Olean, New York. CEO James E. Stiff has been with the company since November 2016.
Every item purchased through Cutco has a Forever guarantee.
"No matter when you purchased your knife, if there is a problem, just send it back and you will get a replacement free of charge," Plazola said.
Cutco sells their knives in differing sets consisting of various types of knives, a ba-

gel cutter with a spreader, thinner knives for slicing and dicing tomatoes and a heavier cutting knife for cutting large fruits or vegetables such as watermelon or cantaloupe.
Their knives are designated for different purposes such as carving meat, cutting vegetables, sheers to cut up leafy greens and a pizza wheel that slices pizza into clean slices.
The knives come in three colors: black, red or white.
When you consider these will be the last knives you will need to purchase, they are reasonable; however, if you like to replace your older items with new ones every few years, it could be too expensive for multiple purchases.
The prices range from \$80 per piece to \$1,000 for several pieces. Customers are able to choose from a storage device that

fits inside a drawer to a block that sits on the countertop.
Plazola can earn an All American Scholarship, which is awarded every couple of months and has received letters from the Vector president commending her for her performance within the company.
"I have already received two letters," she said.
"If you want to purchase Cutco, you can request a professional informative and fun presentation from a young, ambitious representative that's paying their way through school like Plazola," said long-time Cutco employee Jim Stitt, Jr.
If you are interested in a demonstration by Plazola, she can be reached at Rayanna-plazola14@gmail.com.

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Pandemic brings new adventure to McFarland woman

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Veronica Carmona, of McFarland, was working at the Boot Barn in Bakersfield. With the virus making the job market uncertain, a lot of people have had to find

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ways to support themselves and make ends meet.

Carmona, who enjoyed working at the store, especially selling the different kinds of western jewelry offered, has found a way to thrive.

Carmona now sells western jewelry at various events throughout Kern County, being her own boss.

"I love western jewelry and working with my family. This has been great,"



Carmona said that she enjoys being in business with her family.



Veronica Carmona and Priscilla Garcia travel from McFarland to different events throughout Kern County.

said Carmona, at a recent pop-up event in Shafter. At the event, Carmona and Priscilla Garcia put their wares on display, which are becoming a very popular trend in the county. The events allow a number of vendors to gather in one place, safely with social distancing.

"We have a different event almost every

weekend," said Carmona.

Carmona said that she makes trips down south regularly to acquire new items, as well as collecting product locally when available.

"This is such a perfect job, working with my family and doing something that I love to do," she said.

State stresses low-key celebrations only

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cases confirmed last week.

With the arrival of the vaccine in Kern County, it is hoped that the numbers will begin to decrease.

Local restaurants have been offering take-out services, as well as delivery options for those offering it. Supermarkets

and gas stations remain open with them requiring all customers and employees to wear face coverings.

With the holidays approaching, the city is encouraging residents to refrain from gathering in large groups, even within the same families.

Some residents are planning low-key

celebrations this Christmas, with small get togethers at home.

"We are not going out anywhere for Christmas," said Raul Magana, who is planning on a small gathering at his house, including his two children and three grandchildren. "We have to be very careful. I can't afford to get sick and be off work. I

also have to worry about my wife, who already has respiratory problems. She has to watch where she goes and make sure she is wearing a mask."

It is also not advisable for families to go to parks for large gatherings this holiday, encouraging residents to keep contact to a minimum.

Man dies after head-on collision, woman charged

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

A man died last Tuesday after a head-on collision on Highway 46 and North Leonard Avenue.

Donald Frank Steinhaus, 43, was pronounced dead Dec. 15 after being struck by

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a vehicle driven by Margaret Fladhammer, 61, of Oceano.

The vehicle traveling eastbound on Highway 46 veered into the path of an oncoming vehicle driven by Steinhaus.

The Kern County Sheriff's Office deputies were sent to the scene. Deputies said Fladhammer was driving under the influence.

Steinhaus's passenger was taken to a local hospital with what were described as "moderate" injuries. Fladhammer sustained

minor injuries.

Fladhammer was arrested for driving while under the influence of drugs resulting in bodily injury, gross vehicular manslaughter while intoxicated, possession of a controlled substance and possession of paraphernalia.

PET OF THE WEEK

Blair needs a home

Blair, an approximately 4-year-old Shepherd mix, came in as an owner surrender. She has a black, tan and fawn short coat.

Blair is timid toward staff and staff has been monitoring her. She is improving, but it is a slow process. Blair is great with other dogs and has been tested with small and large breeds.

At the time it is unknown if Blair is house/crate trained. Dogs are not tested with children and cats. She is available for rescue/adoption. If you are interested in her, give the shelter a call and staff will get a hold of you during hours of operation.

Everyone is welcome to adopt from our facility, we like to give the same opportunity to adopt. Adopters can be from out of town and/or local. All are more than welcome to call us to set an appointment to meet her and possibly adopt her that day. It is first call, first serve and appointments made by via email is not available.

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



Rescue is a nonprofit organization with a tax exempt 501(c)(3). If you never pulled from the Wasco Animal Shelter, email us two references and a copy of your 501(c)(3) form.

If you have any questions, make sure to give the shelter a call at 661-758-7240.

Schools continue remote learning

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While everyone is waiting for the vaccine, they are asked to please continue to wear your mask, practice social distancing and limit visits out of your home.

Schools

On Dec. 15, Superintendent of the Wasco Union Elementary School District Kelly Richers sent a memo to all faculty and staff at the district stating that the state has significant restrictions on where districts are allowed to reduce expenditures.

"If the situation is not changed, WUESD will be forced to lay off a number of teachers," he said. "Early Tell" is a means to give retirees a financial incentive for early disclosure that they are planning on retiring in June.

Kelly also said that the incentive will allow the district to know at an early stage who will not be returning this coming school year "so the district would be able to reduce the number of notices of possible layoff, which will reduce anxiety among

the certificated staff to some small extent."

Richers said that, "the WUESD will remain closed during the third quarter. If we get some vaccines or the number of infections drop, we may bring back Special Education first. We must wait and see with 900-plus cases daily, nothing is happening for some time."

Assistant Superintendent of the Wasco Union High School District Rob Cobb stated that nothing has changed for the district at the present time; however, there may be an update mid-January.

County

Glenn Goldis, chief medical officer for Kern Medical Center, stated on a local television station on Monday, Dec. 21 that there is a new strain of the virus appearing in the United Kingdom.

Goldis discussed the new strain of the virus, the plan for the vaccine rollout, which includes vaccinating two groups (ICU and hospitalizations) and concerns about another surge due to the holiday season.

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Palm Avenue recognizes students

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Palm Avenue announced through Facebook their October Students of the Month and Principals' List of students from sixth through eighth grade.

"During these unprecedented times, it is important for our school community to celebrate our students' success," Principal Oscar Luna, of Palm Avenue Middle School, said. "This group of students has demonstrated character, leadership and resilience."

Teachers commented on the some of the sixth-grade students selected as students of the month.

"Josiah [Lopez] is a true example of what a student should be," said teacher Ed Crane. "He is hard-working, honest and diligent. I am very happy he is in my class. An amazing asset to any classroom."

Teacher Lisa Rogers said Benjamin Burt is a "wonderful student."

"He has straight A's and never misses a class. He is also a great leader."

She also said Benjamin leads his small group instructions better than any student she has ever had before. "He has even offered to stay after class and help," she said.

Rogers also said that he is a true leader and makes her job easy.

"He is a joy to have in the class. Every teacher dreams of having a student like Ben. Thank you, Ben, for your hard work and your eagerness to help your classmates," she said.

Teacher Joseph Haddad commented about Christian Morales.

"Cristian is a hard-working student and is always willing to participate in class," said Haddad. "He does a great job of staying on task and completing his classwork and homework in a timely manner. Cristian is very polite and always challenges himself to do his very best. He is very responsible and self-motivated."

Teacher Marcus Ballard said Ashlynn Escoto has been an "amazing student all month long."

"She has always been willing to participate, be the 'first,' and always willing to share in class," Ballard said. He also said that Ashlynn never lets fear stop her.

"Furthermore, she works hard in class and never misses an assignment. I am proud of her and proud to give her this award," he said.

Sixth-Grade Honor Roll		
Ashley Acosta	Malak Ahmed	Omar Al-Harnatii
Jaquelin Archuleta	Adrian Barba	Camila Becerra
Jesus Bernabe Ramirez	Esthephanie Bravo	Benjamin Burt
Kharla Cabrera Ibarra	Anna Carranza Tovar	Garyana Clayton
Leslie Curiel	Noe De La Cruz	Guadalupe Flores
Marilyn Garcia	Adam Garza	Valerie Gaspar
Amanii Hastings	Brian Hernandez	Isabella Hernandez
Christopher Lara	Israel Lara	Leah Lopez
Nathaly Lopez	Lillyana Martinez	Ofelia Martinez
Alondra Mederos	Rodrigo Mejia	Alyssa Mendez
Giselle Michel	Ricardo Miranda	Emily Navarro Huerta
Adamariz Araceli	Melanie Perez Alvarez	Victoria Ocampo
Emma Raya	Joshua Reyes	Adrian Rivera
Kaylee Rodriguez	Johan Romero	Natalie Santana
Azucena Santiago Perez	Jayden Silveira	Anessa Stewart Robinson
Israel Tamayo Solorio	Kodye Taylor	Andrew Torres
Solanch Trujillo Perez	Andrea Uribe	Destiny Vidal
Nathen Viga Lopez	Valerie Zamora	Jaretzi Zuno Flores

"Destiny [Vidal] is a true leader," said teacher Lisa Izuma. "This young lady not only maintains straight A's, she completes all extra credit, which gives her grades that are above 100%."

Izuma also said that Destiny's work ethic is witnessed on a daily basis, including her participation in extra-curricular activities such as Red Ribbon Week Poster contest.

"Destiny's attitude of positivity lifts her friends and her teachers' spirits every day. Way to go Destiny," she said.

Teacher Mark Holmes said Princess Cardenas has excelled in her studies.

"Her growth in math has improved and she is able to remain focused during distance learning and in class," he said.

"Carlos [Cabrera] participates and is a role model for other students," said his teacher Lynette Miller. "He follows directions and demonstrates great leadership skills!"

Seventh-Grade Principal's List		
Devany Aguilar Contreras	Nubia Garcia	Emma Gomez
Zabdiel Gomez	Brisa Grajeda Andrade	Kimberly Pineda
Lauren Mancilla	Nena Martinez	Valeria Martinez
Camila Morales	Kaitlyn Pineda Castillo	Gabriella Ramirez
Alexandra Reyes	Julio Romero	Damian Santos
Caidan Sharp	Sofia Vadillo	Valerie Vadillo
Samantha ValdeBenito	Jorge Escalera	Maryjane Flores
Jorge Escalera	Maryjane Flores	Omar Garcia
Justin Hernandez	Ruben Mosqueda	Aileen Nunez Ruiz
Khloe Nunez	Quentin Orozco	Jesus J. Orozco

Teacher Naomi Grontkowski said Kimberly Hernandez is a "very scholarly student."

"She demonstrates quality leadership character traits by always arriving to Google Meets on time, prepared and willing to collaborate with her classmates," she said. Grontkowski also said that Kimberly is respectful of peers and is generous with her mentoring skills to other students. "It is a pleasure to have Kimberly in World History," she said.

Teacher Gloria Krauter recognized Zabdiel Gomez.

"Zabdiel has shown extraordinary leadership in our Google Classroom when he led the class through a discussion on a narrative," said Krauter. "He answered questions and he asked questions of students engaging them into the discussion. Because of his guidance, he and the class were able to analyze the story plot line."

Krauter also said that he also shows his leadership qualities in class by sharing his insight with others.

"Zabdiel will be a great leader some day," she said.

Teacher Hiram Lopez congratulated Samantha Valdebenito.

"Samantha is a very hard working individual," said Lopez. "Samantha is very active in class and always completes all assignments early."

Lopez also described Samantha as having a positive attitude and she exemplifies excellence.

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Teacher David Meyer honored Caidan Sharp with student of the month.

"Caidan is self-motivated, and an extremely hard-working and conscientious student," Meyer said. "He can always be counted on to demonstrate leadership, participation and staying on top of his assignments." Meyer also said that Caidan is a pleasure to work with and have him as a student in history.

"Honesty, passion and respect are all words that define a leader Damian [Santos]," said teacher Hallie Rogers. "Damian is a great leader in my PE class, he volunteers to lead the daily warmup and he participates in all class conversations." Rogers also said that Damian is eager to exercise, which motivates the other students in the class.

"Valeria [Martinez] is an awesome student in my class," said teacher Edwin Viviano. "She is always willing to learn and participates when she can."

Viviano also said that Valeria is always kind and polite and always does her work while making sure that she does not have any missing assignments. He also said that Valeria is not afraid to ask questions when she is confused on a problem or step. "With her dedication to success, Valeria proves that she is a leader in my classroom," he said.

Seventh-Grade Honor Roll		
Denise Aceves Gonzales	Sheema Al-Hanan	Adiel Arredondo
Hailey Barba	Hailey Barbosa	Xander Carmody
Olivia Carranza Tovar	Cristina Carrillo	Cheomara Ramirez
Matthew Dominguez	Eva Escalera	Daniel Garcia
David Garcia	Nancy Garcia	Jace Gonzalez Garcia
Uriah Harrison	Alyssa Hernandez	Hallie Holloway
Daniel Hulsey	Elvia Hernandez	Joelynn Juarez
Angel Leyva	Jennifer Lopez	Melendez Maldonado
Kal-el Mealy	Jocelyn Zuniga	Ricardo Navarro
Inderjeet Rathour	Hector Raya	Marc Rivera
Ilena Saavedra Arevalo	Xavier Sanchez Quintero	Nevaeh Sanchez
Ventura Sanchez	Sofia Urner	Valerie Vadillo
Samantha Valdebenito	David Vargas Alcaraz	Vianey Velasquez
Roman Villagomez	Alexander Garcia	

"Adiel [Arredondo] is a wonderful student," said his teacher Kelcy Davis-Hubble. "He shows leadership by participating in class and completing work on time."

Davis-Hubble also said that Adiel always asks questions when he needs clarification and always has a positive attitude when class meets. He added that Adiel is fun and energetic and a great leader and knows when to complete his work.

Eighth-Grade Principal's List		
Gisele Acevedo Coca	Zaraa Ahmed	Karisma Almanza Isidoro
Roman Ballardo	Erik Castillo	Nicholas Contreras
Israel Cortez	Samantha Cortez	Angelina Cruz
Miguel Dominguez	Kassandra Elizarraz	Tatianna Galaviz
Emanuel Gallardo	Natalie Gaspar	Quiyahutzin Garcia
Ayda Hernandez Antonio	Heaven Hernandez	Angela Herrera Ojeda
Juliette Leon	Rosalyn Lopez Gallardo	Briana Lopez Tapia
Antonio Maldonado	Brie Martinez	Jocelyn Martinez
Troy Martinez	Alize Mendez	Sebastian Mendez
Shayma Mohammed	Natalie Gonzalez	Leslie Moreno
Arturo Nunez	Leah Nunez	Adamariz Ocampo
Ajadne Orozco	Lillian Orozco	Jesus Preciado Barron
Jovanny Quintana Carmago	Anthony Quintero	Jorge Ramos Rodriguez
Belle Rieck	Wood Saeed	Yareli Sanchez
Abelando Santiago Antonio	Yvette Torres	Brittney Urena
Ytzel Vargas	Evan Vidrios	Jules Wimberly
Ian Alexander Zuno Flores		

"Tatianna [Galaviz] is an amazing student," teacher Rosa Perkins said. "She is always answering questions and volunteering. She has become a leader in my class and I enjoy having her."

Teacher Alberto Duran recognized Adamariz Ocampo.

"Adamariz, thank you for being one of the most responsible and forward-thinking students in our entire school," said Duran. "Your ability to manage a full workload and still manage to keep up with science fair tasks is remarkable." Duran also added that this was the reason Adamariz was nominated for October's student of the month.

"Rosalyn [Lopez] exhibits leadership in ELA class because she leads the class in the learning process by answering questions and asking questions and always willing to participate," said her teacher Katelyn Allen. "She is a fantastic leader and her family should be very proud."

Sebastian [Mendez] is an amazing student, said teacher Kory Mildemberger.

"Leadership is more than just getting others to follow you or guiding others, a big part of leadership is organization and follow-through." Mildemberger also said that Kory demonstrates these qualities constantly and anytime he doesn't understand; he asks for clarification. He also reaches out to make sure expectations and understanding are solid. "He is always giving insight."

"Brianna [Tapia] is a hard worker that is compassionate, respectful and always willing to work with others," said her teacher Leonardo Sanchez. "She completes her work and is eager to help others even when her classmates are quiet." He also said that Briana is an exemplary student that leads by example and is a pleasure to have in class.

Jules Wimberly is a "wonderful student that shows up to class ready to learn," said teacher Chris Wedel. "She gets all of her assignments turned in on time and leads by example." Wedel thanks Jules for being on top of her assignments and being a great student.

Ashlan [Nunez] is not only a great classroom leader, but is a caring family and community member, said teacher Veronica Alvarez. "Thank you for helping those in need of assistance. Your kind gesture of helping others is what great leaders are made of."

Teacher Alexis Neri recognized Adrian Montano

Eighth-Grade Honor Roll

Saleh Aayed	Sergio Acosta	Yasmin Alfaro Rivera
Jorge Barrera Ventura	Joshua Ventura Barrera	Joshua Becerra
Yair Camacho Licea	Jesse Carvajal	Jonathan Cervantes
Abel Chavez	Kevin Dominguez	Wenceslao Flores
Ashley Gallardo	Jaime Galvan	Pablo Garcia
Arianna Gomez	Diego Heredia	Gabriel Mancilla
Hugo Marin Acosta	Ramon Mendez Pena	AdrianMontano Lopez
Alfredo Munoz Arias	Ashlyn Nunez Grijalva	Kathie Perez Ruiz
Angel Ramos	Gershan Rathour	Alyssa Records
Alexus Rodriguez	Samuel Ruiz	Susanna Ruelas
Jacqueline Santiago	Willie Stewart	Kaitlyn Velasquez
Jessica Villasana Perez	Ruth Villegas Sanchez	Myron Williams
Jules Wimberly		

Lopez.

"Adrian is a hard-working, self-motivating young gentleman who shows leadership characteristics on a daily basis," said Neri. "He always strives to do what is right and earn the highest grades." Neri also said that Adrian's determination and hard work inspire those around him. "I enjoy having him when I see him," Neri said.

Teacher Juan Rodriguez recognized Samuel Ruiz's leadership.

"Samuel has shown leadership characteristics in class," said Rodriguez. "When the class needs someone to step up and help them out, he is the one to explain to his and help his peers."



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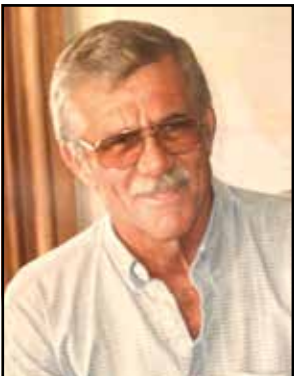
OBITUARY

Alan John Jensen Dec. 28, 1936 – Dec. 14, 2020

Long time Brentwood and Wasco resident Alan J. Jensen passed away, Dec. 14, 2020, at his property in Wasco, Kern County, surrounded by his loving family. He was 83 at the time of his death.

Alan was a retired agribusiness man with a 65-year farming career in the California Delta and San Joaquin Valley.

Alan was a graduate of Amador Valley High School, Pleasanton California, class of 1953. After



serving in the United States Army in Germany, Alan joined his father, Rasmus, in tomato and sugar beet

farming in Brentwood, eastern Contra Costa County. Ever an active citizen, Alan served as city councilmember of the City of Brentwood from 1966 to 1970, then mayor from 1968 to 1970.

In honor of Alan's service, the City of Brentwood will fly the United States flag, half-staff at City Hall for 3 days. He was a long time operations vice president of Vaquero Farms, Inc., managing extensive row crop operations from the Delta to the Westside of Fresno

County. Alan served on the advisory board for the California Sugar Beet Growers Association for 9 years, from 1971 to 1979. He moved to Kern County with his wife, Barbara, in 1983 to pursue almond farming. His knowledge of the almond industry and leadership in the industry resulted in his election to the Almond Board of California in 1992. He served capably on the state board and as its president from 1992 to 1994 and continued serving on several committees until 1997.

For over 50 years, Alan looked forward to the annual hunting trip with his lifelong buddies, in Grand Junction, Colorado. He also enjoyed fishing trips with his children and friends to Colorado, Alaska and Oregon and spending Christmas in Hawaii.

Alan is survived by his wife, Barbara; daughter, Erica Moyer (Jerry); son, Larsen (Emily); daughter, Lindsey; and two grandsons, Troy and Ryker. He is also survived by his sister, Shirley M. Tinsley, of Livermore, Carol A.

Jensen, of Brentwood, and numerous nephews and nieces. He is predeceased by his parents, Rasmus L. Jensen and Dorothy M. Jensen, both long time Amador Valley and Brentwood farmers, and brother, George R. Jensen, of Tehachapi.

The Jensen family thanks you for your kind remembrances of Alan. A private graveside service will be held at the Bakersfield National Cemetery. Contributions to the Make-A-Wish Foundation are appreciated.

DEATH NOTICES

Felix Villanueva Juarez, 87, of Shafter, passed away Dec. 16 in Shafter. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Marino Demetrio Escobar, 79, of Bakersfield, passed away Dec. 17 in Shafter. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Ruven Marquez, 80, passed away Dec. 19. Peters Funeral Home,

Shafter.

Doris Lee Kirschenman, 83, of Shafter, passed away Dec. 19. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Pauline Johnson, 82, of Shafter, passed away Dec. 17. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Lydia G Lopez, 71, of Shafter, passed away Dec. 20. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

George L. Gorospe, 63, of Delano passed away Dec. 17 in Delano. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Jose Omar Rodriguez, JR., 56, of Shafter passed away Dec. 20 in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Harold E Hurst, 83, of Bakersfield passed away Dec. 22. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of: Andrew Harding Sharp, aka Andrew H. Sharp, aka Andrew Sharp Case Number: BPB-20-003035

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of: Abelino Reyna Abarca Case Number: BPB-20-002262

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

2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: David Reyna and Maclovio P. Reyna in the Superior Court of California, County of: Kern

3. The Petition for Probate requests that: David Reyna and Maclovio P. Reyna be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

a. Date: JAN. 27, 2021 Time: 8:30 AM Dept.: P

b. Address of court: 1215 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301

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

9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person in-

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: Stephen H. Boyle, ESQ. 1430 Truxtun Ave., Ste. 900 Bakersfield, CA 93301 661-322-6023

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO SUBCONTRACTORS

MATERIAL SUPPLIERS AND WORKERS: THE CITY OF SHAFTER is actively soliciting bids from prospective subcontractors or materials suppliers whose businesses qualify as a small business under the criteria in 13 CFR part 121 and/or qualify as Section 3 Business Concerns, as well as individuals who qualify as Section 3 Residents in connection with the Community Development 2020 SHAFTER AQUATIC CENTER IMPROVEMENTS (CDBG 18.18.1) project to be located in the City of Shafter and funded by the HUD. A Section 3 Business Concern is a business: (1) that is 51% or more owned by Section 3 Residents; or (2) whose permanent, full-time employees include persons, at least 30 percent of whom are currently Section 3 Residents, or within three years of the date of first employment with the business were Section 3 Residents; or (3) that provides evidence of a commitment to subcontract in excess of 25% of the dollar award of all subcontracts to be awarded to businesses that meet the qualifications set forth in paragraphs (1) or (2) in this definition of a Section 3 Business Concern. A Section 3 Resident is: (1) a resident of public housing located in Kern County, or (2) an individual who resides in the County of Kern and who is a low or very-low income person. Qualified individuals and firms may obtain a list of plan-holding general contractors at CITY OF SHAFTER CITY HALL, ENGINEERING OFFICE, 336 PACIFIC AVENUE, SHAFTER, CA 93263 until 10:00AM on JANUARY 5, 2021. General Contractors should be contacted directly for possible use in their bid proposals on this project. The CITY OF SHAFTER and prospective General Contractors are seeking such subcontractors in compliance with the procurement standards found at 24 CFR 85.36(e) and Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968, which provide that Small Businesses (SBs) and Section 3 Business Concerns/Residents be given the maximum practical opportunity to participate in HUD funded contracts. Hiring is anticipated for the following trades: METAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, CONCRETE WORK, EXCAVATION, DEMOLITION, MINOR ELECTRICAL. Subcontracts may be let for the following categories of work on this project: METAL BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, CONCRETE WORK, EXCAVATION, DEMOLITION, MINOR ELECTRICAL. Publish *Shafter* Press December 10, 17, 24, 31, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Director of the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department, who has been designated the Hearing Officer, will, on Thursday, January 21, 2021, at 10:00 a.m., in the Conference Room, Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department, 2700 "M" Street, Suite 100, Bakersfield, CA, consider the following:

1. (a) A Zone Variance to allow a 25,375-square-foot (net) parcel where a minimum 20 acres is required in the A (Exclusive Agriculture) District; (b) Lot Line Adjustment No. 28-18, proposing an adjustment of lot lines resulting in a 25,375-square-foot (net) homesite parcel and a 39.38-acre (gross) agricultural parcel; Northwest corner of Poplar Avenue and Riverside Street in the Shafter area; Environmental Review: Common Sense Exemption, Section 15061(b)(3), Categori-

Goehring by Nelms Surveying, Inc. (PP21123), applicant; Staff Planner Suzanne Hansen, Planner II, (661) 862-5006

The application(s), environmental document(s), and complete legal description(s) for this request are on file in the office of the Planning and Natural Resources Department and are available for public review.

Anyone wishing to give testimony on this request will be heard. If you challenge the action taken on this request 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 Planning and Natural Resources Department at, or prior to, the public hearing. Written comments received by January 5, 2021, in support or opposition of this request will be incorporated into the staff report presented at the hearing. Additional information may be obtained by calling the Staff planner assigned to the case at above-listed telephone number.

LORELEI H. OVIATT, AICP, Director Planning and Natural Resources Department

2700 "M" Street, Suite 100 Bakersfield, CA 93301

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement GoBe Ranch 2020-B5447

34929 Flyover Ct Bakersfield, CA 93308

County:Kern

Mailing address of business: 34929 Flyover Ct Bakersfield, CA 93308

Wegis & Young Property Management, LLC

34929 Flyover Ct Bakersfield, CA 93308

State of Incorporation or Organization: CA

The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company

Date the business commenced: NA

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

/s/Michael C. Young, President

Date Statement Filed: 12/9/2020

Date Statement Expires: 12/9/2025

Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: /s/N Franco

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement J.J. & Sons Baling Services 2020-B5588

30709 Burbank Street Shafter, CA 93263

County:Kern

Mailing address of business: 30709 Burbank Street Shafter, CA 93263

Juan Jose Vazquez Fonseca

30709 Burbank Street Shafter, CA 93263

The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: NA

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/s/Juan Jose Vazquez Fonseca

Date Statement Filed: 12/17/2020

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement K2K 2020-B5025

5726 Autumn Crest Dr. Bakersfield, CA 93313

County: USA

Mailing address of business: 5726 Autumn Crest Dr. Bakersfield, CA 93313

Isaac Torres

5726 Autumn Crest Dr. Bakersfield, CA 93313

The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: N/A

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/s/Isaac Torres

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Smith's Corner Market Inc 2020-B5233

18487 S Shafter Ave Shafter, CA 93263

County:Kern

Mailing address of business: 468 Maple St Shafter, CA 93263

Smith's Corner Market Inc

18487 S Shafter Ave Shafter, CA 93263

The business is conducted by: Corporation

Date the business commenced: 11/04/2015

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/s/Abdulla Saeed Mohsen, President

Date Statement Filed: 11/24/2020

Date Statement Expires: 11/24/2025

Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: /s/N Franco

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Lemonade Locks 2020-B5252

Lemonade Locks Wig Boutique

2020-B5253

Lemonade Locks Boutique

2020-B5254

1712 K Street Bakersfield, CA 93301

County:Kern

Mailing address of business: 1712 K Street Bakersfield, CA 93301

Kelly D Giblin

15626 Marty Avenue Bakersfield, CA 93314

The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: 12/01/2010

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

/s/Kelly D Giblin

Date Statement Filed: 11/24/2020

Date Statement Expires: 11/24/2025

Mary B. Bedard, CPA, Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

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COUCH'S CORNER

Christmas 2020

DAVID COUCH
District 4 Supervisor

After a tumultuous year, we as a community will hopefully get to relax and enjoy Christmas with our loved ones. During this Christmas season, I am thankful for the opportunity to reflect and contemplate about the negative and positive aspects of this year. Although communities in Kern County are not holding large gatherings with friends and family members, we are still finding ways to make adjustments to enjoy this annual holiday.

Whether it is reading a new book, singing Christmas carols, driving around your

neighborhood to enjoy the shining lights and decor, or cooking your favorite recipes, is to be creative this year. Do not hesitate to contact your family members and tell them how much they mean to you.

With the first covid-19 vaccine administered at Kern Medical on Dec. 17 and additional shipments of the vaccine at hospitals (or on their way) throughout our county, we can look forward to defeating this virus in the near future.

Over the past several months, each community in District Four took initiative practicing the safety guidelines from public

health officials at the Kern County Department of Public Health.

Our united effort contributed to reduction in the spread of the virus and increased ICU availability at our local hospitals. The Board of Supervisors expanded covid-19 testing capacity through collaborative efforts with our incorporated cities, unincorporated areas and community organizations. Due to the recent spike in cases across California, we will not let our guard down. Instead, we must continue to implement our safety and prevention methods to minimize negative impacts arising from the

pandemic regarding the economy, public health and the operation of schools.

This Christmas, I am grateful that our County Administrative Office developed the Kern Recovers programs to fund county priorities focused on distributing relief to small businesses and nonprofit organizations. I look forward to celebrating New Year's Eve with you. Let's begin 2021 with optimism and finish 2020 with Christmas cheer.

Feel free to contact the District 4 office at 661-868-3680 or at district4@kerncounty.com if you questions regarding this or any county matter. Merry Christmas!

PASTOR'S CORNER

Be the friend our community needs

PASTOR STEVE DOBBS
Community Circle Church Shafter

If you have ever watched a documentary about wild life on the Discovery channel you would have seen the hunting habits of the predators in the wild. When the predator sees his/her prey, they watch, they wait and then at the exact perfect time they attack.

The predator does not attack the strongest of the herd, nor does the predator attack the herd as a whole. The predator will wait for the young, an injured, or one of the herd to wander off and isolate themselves from the herd. The predator knows that

their prey is extremely vulnerable when they are alone.

We as human beings can learn so much from wildlife. There is a predator who seeks to devour us just as the lion looks to devour the water buffalo. So how do we protect ourselves from this predator, Satan, an enemy we can't even see?

First and foremost is we can't give into fear. There are several places in the Bible where we read God tell us, "Do not be afraid." The god of this earth, Satan, is doing everything he can to make all of us afraid. He knows if we are afraid we will surrender

our liberty, we will accept theories as scientific fact, and we will not question those who are doing us great harm but promising us they have our best interest at heart.

We as humans were not made to be distant from one another. We were instilled within us a need for community. We need to have the interaction with one another. When we lose the bond we have with family, friends, church family and neighbors we lose a little piece of ourselves every day.

I know that there are many of you that are afraid right now. Let me encourage you that God has not forgotten any of us. I be-

lieve God is setting us up for greatness. If you have ever produced olive oil, the only way to get the oil out of the olive is to press the olive on all sides. That is what 2020 has been for the Church, our neighborhoods and each of us individually. We are being pressed to get something of value out of us.

Don't be like the prey in the wild where we allow ourselves to be separated from the herd, but let us fall on our face before God and pray for our nation, family and communities. Now is the time to stick together and be the friend or neighbor that our community so desperately needs.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement

Henry Vander Poel and Son Dairy
2020-B5590
Solo Dairy
2020-B5591

11495 Jumper Avenue
Wasco, CA 93280
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
P.O. Box 8012
Wasco, CA 93280
Robert J Vander Poel Trustee of the

Robert and Elizabeth Vander Poel
Family Trust
16855 Griffith Avenue
Wasco, CA 93280
Elizabeth A Vander Poel Trustee of the
Robert and Elizabeth Vander Poel
Family Trust
16855 Griffith Avenue
Wasco, CA 93280
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
The business is conducted by: General Partnership
Date the business commenced: 01-

01-2000

A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Robert J Vander Poel
Date Statement Filed: 12/17/2020
Date Statement Expires: 12/17/2025

Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/M Hernandez
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Warrior Bees
2020-B5501

28990 W. Cecil Ave.
Delano, CA 93215
County: Kern

Mailing address of business:
28990 W. Cecil Ave.
Delano, CA 93215
Ever Gutierrez-Penalosa
28990 W. Cecil Ave.
Delano, CA 93215
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 08/17/2015
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize

the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Ever Gutierrez-Penalosa
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Christmas trees accepted at landfill

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

After your Christmas tree has lost its luster, county residents have options to dispose of their tree.

Christmas trees can be composted by cutting up the tree and using a compost

SHAFTER

pile. Make sure before putting the tree in your compost pile that it is free of flocking or other contaminants.

The other option is to drop off your tree at the landfill before it becomes a hazard

and fire risk.

There are 24 locations in Kern County in which you can drop off your tree. One of them is our Shafter/Wasco Landfill on Scofield Avenue.

They will accept your trees free of charge from Dec. 26 to Jan. 10. If you decide to take

your tree to the landfill, they are asking that you tarp and secure the load properly. You also need to make sure to remove all of the ornaments, lights and other decorations and tree stand prior to taking it to the landfill.

The landfill is open Sunday through Saturday 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Museum will announce winners of tree contest soon

From Page 1

Last year, the Shafter Police Department showed that dynamite comes in small packages when it had a small tree that was filled with wonderful ornaments, including police cars, handcuffs, and used caution tape as tinsel.

This year, the SPD followed up that tree with a bright tree with red and blue decorations, including police cars and other police ornaments.

The Shafter Press took the Colors of Christmas theme to heart and had a tree that had all of the colors of the rainbow in their display, with the title of their tree "Colors of the Kern County Essential Farm Workers." It included different colors and products that Kern County is known for.

The Shafter Lions Cub had a tree covered in blue tinsel, Lions Club ornaments,

and decorations that stood out on the tree. Other trees in the collection were submitted by the Shafter Kiddie Kollege, U.S. Postal Service, as well as the Maynard family and the Shafter Youth Center. Everyone visiting the museum was encouraged to take a ballot and vote for their top three trees. Those trees with the most votes will be awarded for their efforts.

Among the museum goers were father and son, Caleb and Levi Gonzales, who took the tour of the trees. Levi was celebrating his seventh birthday, spending time at the museum looking at the trees and the other amazing artifacts housed in the museum.

With the covid-19 virus in the news, there was no visit from Santa or refreshments this year, but attendees were still treated to a great set performed by the Shafter Brass Band, which played a medley of Christmas favorites. Headed up by Ben Wilson, the talented group have entertained the crowds at the museum every year in the recent past.

Look in next week's issue of the Shafter Press for the winners of the annual contest.



Face coverings, gloves, and colorful decorations were on display from the Shafter Youth Center.



The Shafter Press had a very colorful tree on display.



The Shafter Brass Band entertained the crowd on Saturday morning.

The Shafter Press and Wasco Tribune are looking for a bright, creative reporter to help cover our communities, full time or part time.

Requirements: Curiosity, writing ability and good communications skills with all kinds of people. Bilingual with knowledge of the area a plus. Reliable transportation and good work habits a must.

For more information, contact the publisher, Michael Schroeder, at mschroeder@TheShafterPress.com or call 860-839-3389.

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Virus takes its toll

TOM DEBORA
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