

# City’s IT system locked after ransomware attack

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

The city's IT system was attacked by ransomware over the weekend, resulting in the entire system being frozen and locked.

City Manager Gabriel Gonzales said that their IT department discovered the breach over the weekend. At this time, they do not believe that any personal information has been ob-

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tained.

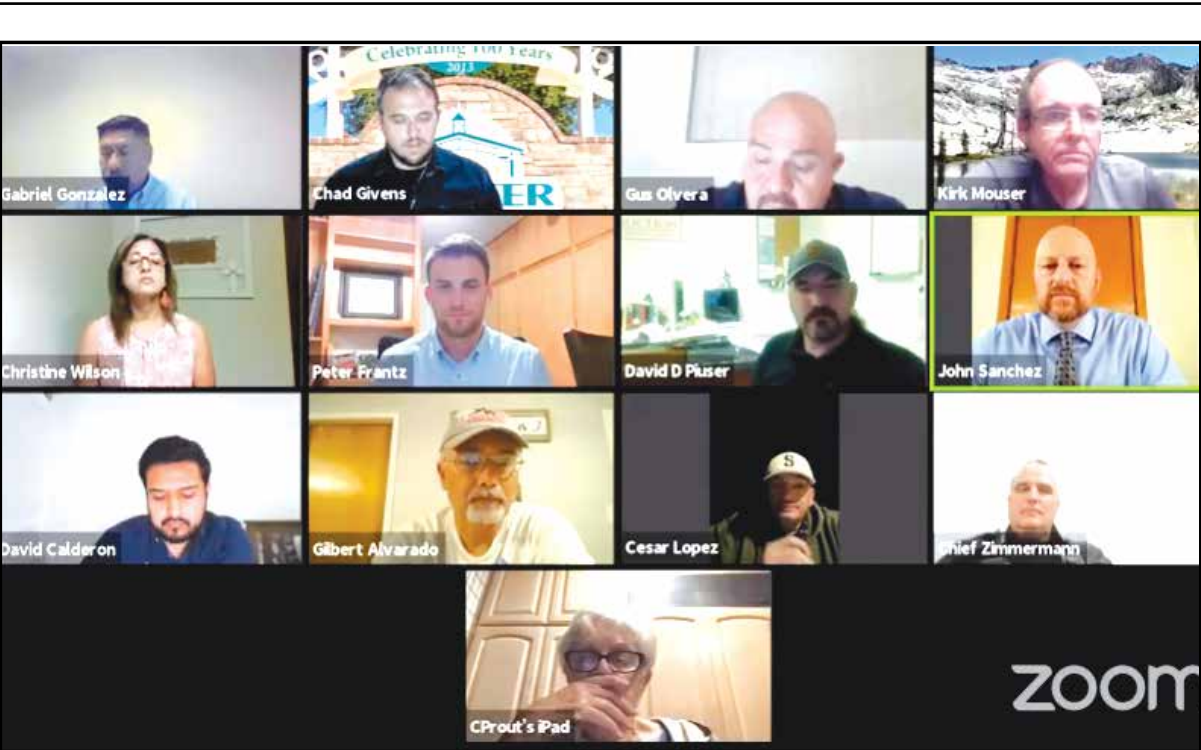
Gonzales said that the city’s staff is working closely with the FBI to determine the extent of the attack.

“We are working with the FBI on this matter and trying to determine the source and the extent of this unauthorized access,” he said.

City Hall doors will be closed un-

til further notice. The City’s Finance Department will continue to serve the community through their alley window and City Services will remain open for manual transactions. As of Oct. 19, the city is working on getting a limited amount of services up and running.

For updated information on this issue and the status of services offered at this time, visit the city website at [www.shafter.com](http://www.shafter.com).



The council held the meeting virtually.

## Eight candidates apply to Planning Commission

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

The City Council interviewed candidates for the Planning Commission at their regular Council meeting on Tuesday night.

The terms of Planning Commission members Jon Johnston, Kirk Mouser and Peter Frantz are expiring in December 2020, so that leaves three positions open for on the commission.

Frantz and Mouser decided to apply to keep their seats on the board, but Johnston did not re-apply.

Frantz and Mouser were joined by six other candidates who submitted applications to serve on the board. David Calderon, James Harmer, Gus Olvera, John Sanchez, David Piuser and Christine Wilson all wished to be considered.

The Planning Commission appointment is a four-year term with each member receiving a stipend of

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\$50 per month.

Each candidate had a chance to introduce themselves to the council and also answered a series of questions asked by the council members. The candidates come from a variety of occupations and experience lev-

*There are 3 open positions on the commission. Current member Jon Johnston did not reapply, however Peter Frantz and Kirk Mouser both did.*

els, with the majority of the candidates having at least some experience in a board room or committee environment.

Calderon has an architectural degree and has worked for a local firm in the area. He also has experience in the program named “Self Help Enterprises,” in which families

help build their own homes from the ground up. Asked what he could bring to the commission, Calderon added that his experience in professional projects, as well as working in a team atmosphere has given him valuable experience and knowledge for the position.

Frantz, who currently serves as the Planning Commission chairman, said that he is proud and thankful for his time on the board and looks forward to continuing this service to the community. Frantz is a certified public accountant and has worked for a local ag company, the Grapery, since November 2013.

Frantz said, “In addition to my experience, I also have a passion for the city of Shafter and am raising our two girls in Shafter, making the city a safe and stable place to raise a family.”

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## Parks district seeks grant to upgrade pools

**TONI DEROSA**  
The Wasco Tribune

The Recreation and Parks District is applying for a \$8.2 million grant for two new pools.

The board unanimously voted to put in **WASCO** the pools, board member Sharon Sharp said.

Sharp said that the grant has a Dec. 14 deadline and is part of Proposition 68.

The board had a special meeting the week of Oct. 5 when it decided to move forward with the architect’s plans for two pools.

Sharp said one pool would be a swimming and teaching pool and the other would be for adult/senior swim and other aquatic events and will be solar heated.

The timeline is unknown at this point because the dis-

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## Cohorts of students to return to the classroom

**TONI DEROSA**  
The Wasco Tribune

Small cohorts of students will return to school Oct. 26, Wasco High School Principal Kevin Tallon announced.

Tallon said because **WASCO** the county is now in the red tier, which allows schools to bring students back for in-person instruction, small groups of less than six students can return. Schools have been closed since March 17.

“The first phase focuses on ‘small cohorts’ allowing for prioritizing Special Education and other “at-risk” populations including English learners, homeless, foster youth and the few that have internet connectivity issues,” Tallon said. “A new cohort will be added every 1-2 weeks.”

Tallon said that a modified version of in-person instruction will be implemented.

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## Shafter Christian Fellowship welcomes new pastors

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

Mario Gomez and his wife, Candy Gomez, were installed as new lead pastors at Shafter Christian Fellowship recently after the departure of Justin Medlock and his wife, Rosie.

Gomez has over 16 years of pastoral experience and said that he loves to share the Gospel in the community. Gomez was the connect pastor at

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New Life Church in Bakersfield for the past three years. In March, Gomez said that he was feeling a tug on his heart and mind that he could not shake. The impression he got was to get back into ministry as a lead pastor.

He went to his lead pastor, James Ranger, and shared with him what the Lord was impressing on him. At

the same time that he shared with his wife the impression that was weighing on him. Candy was hesitant at first, not ready for the journey of leading a church. Months passed and the community was smack dab in the middle of the pandemic.

He continued to serve at New Life until one Friday in August, when he got a phone call from Ranger, telling

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Mario Gomez, right, and his wife Candy.

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# Community Calendar

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW:** The Shafter Depot Museum will be re-opened to the public starting Sat Oct. 24, 2020 from 11:00 a.m. to 3 p.m. and every Saturday after. The Depot is located at 150 Central Valley Highway.

**NEW:** Wasco Library Trunk or Treat. Tuesday, October 27 from 4-6 p.m., 1102 7th Street. Drive-by, candy, grab and go craft. Candy donated by Rudy Salas and Wasco Library.

**NEW:** Wasco Library- Trunk or Treat Tuesday Oct. 27 from 4 p.m. to 6 p.m. at 1102 7th St. Wasco. Drive-by candy\*grab and go craft. Candy contributed by" Assembly member Rudy Salas and the friends of the Wasco Library.

**NEW:** Warm clothing drive. District 4 Supervisor David Couch is sponsoring a warm clothes donation drive, collecting blankets, coats, gloves, hats, scarves, socks. Donations will benefit families in District 4. To schedule an in-person pickup, call (661) 868-3680.

**NEW:** Wasco Women's Club: Meeting every second Tuesday of the Month at 1601 7th Street, Wasco. Lunch will be at 12 p.m. and meeting at 1:30 p.m.

**NEW:** Wasco Recreation & Park Board Meetings are on every 3rd Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Hall at Barker Park in Wasco.

**NEW: Shafter:** City of Shafter CAPK and the County of Kern "FOOD2DOOR Program." The program delivers once a month 70lbs of food to seniors 65 and older. Call (661) 498-7831 ext. 1310 to out if your eligible for the program and enroll today!

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mantener a las personas ensus hogares y mantenerse saludables para que podamos vencer al COVID-19. Llame al (661)498-7831 ext. 1310 Para averiguar si es elegible para el programa e inscribase hoy mismo.

### Wasco/Shafter

**Fridays:** Griffith Avenue Baptist Church Baptist Church "Impact Program," 408 Griffith Street will be hosting a food distribution for anyone in need in Wasco/Shafter community.

Food will be passed out beginning at 7:00 a.m., but people should show up early because food will be passed out while supplies last.

### Wasco/Shafter

Every 1st & 3rd Tuesday of the month: Griffith Avenue Baptist Church Baptist Church 408 Griffith Street will be giving senior sack program lunches out at 11 a.m. Sponsored by Golden Gleaners.

**Wasco:** The City of Wasco wishes to remind residents that our official city website is the only authorized avenue to pay your Utility Bill online.

**Wasco:** COVID-19 testing to anyone free, if you have insurance they will be billed. Located at the Wasco Library 1102 7th St., Wasco. Appointments made at <http://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.

**Shafter:** Shafter City Hall closed to public effective July 24 until further notice.

Oficina-Cerrado Al Publico: Efectivo el Viernes, 24 de Julio-Hasta Nuevo aviso. (Por orden del Gobernador)

**Saturday night,** October 24, Wasco Recreation and Parks present family movie night at Barker Square on Highway 46 (Cafe 101). Cars only. Showing: "The Adams Family Animation."

## Mystery history

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Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to *The Press*, 406 Central Ave., Shafter 93263, or e-mail it to [mystery-photo@TheShafterPress.com](mailto:mystery-photo@TheShafterPress.com). Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** 1993 Business Outlook Conference Joe Kirk, Richard F. Jean Johnson, Janice Smith



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## ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

#### OCT. 12

Marco Antonio Espinoza Jaramillo, 31, of Shafter, was arrested for theft/extortion of vehicle, receiving known stolen property, and driving without a license.

#### OCT. 15

Michael C James Thompson Smith, 30, of Shafter, was arrested for evading a police officer and disregarding safety, possession of controlled substance, possession of switchblade in vehicle and on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

Juan Alan Catilleja, 40, of Shafter, was arrested for driving without a driver's license and both plates required on vehicle.

Roberto Montejano Sierra, 27, of Shafter, was arrested for grand theft of property/etc in the amount of \$950 or more.

#### OCT. 16

Travis Dashun Herring, 28, of Shafter, was arrested on an outside agency warrant.

Arthur Joseph Martinez, 36, of Shafter, was arrested for controlled substance paraphernalia, destroying evidence and obstruction of

a public officer.

Alberto Martinez, 36, of Shafter, was arrested for disorderly conduct: under the influence of drug, controlled substance paraphernalia and false ID to specific public officer.

Kailin Robert Beckemeyer, of Shafter, was arrested for inflicted corporal injury on to spouse, willful cruelty to a child and causing harm on elder.

#### OCT. 17

Rodolfo Gerardo Mendoza, 30, of Shafter, was arrested for possession of controlled substance.

Paola Isabel Quintero, 36, of Shafter, was arrested for possession of controlled substance and on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

Joey Luis Salazar Jr., of Shafter, was arrested for illegal modification of exhaust, evading a police officer, disregarding safety and unregistered vehicle.

#### Buttonwillow

#### OCT. 12

Abraham Valentin Hernandez-Guijosa, 22, of Lost Hills, was arrested in the 21000 block of Highway 46 in Lost Hills for disorderly conduct of drugs. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### OCT. 13

Ariel Roberto Chic Pacheco, 25, of Lost Hills, was arrested in the 21000 block of Badger Street in Lost Hills for criminal threats, kidnapping, robbery, false imprisonment, assault with firearm on person and extortion. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jamari Davis, 29, of Shafter, was arrested in the 30000 block of Martinez Street in Shafter for contempt of court, resisting arrest, willful cruelty to child, domestic violence and being in possession of drug paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### OCT. 14

Camrin Egger, 30, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 4200 block of Gatson Street in Bakersfield for criminal threats. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### OCT. 18

Ricardo Winnell Daniels, 27, of Bakersfield, was arrested at the intersection of Tracy Avenue and Highway 58 in Buttonwillow for battery. He was booked into

the Kern County Jail.

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#### OCT. 12

Anthony Aguerria Rocha, 38, of Wasco, was arrested in the 500 block of D Street for felony possession of a controlled substance, prohibited owner of ammunition, prohibited owner of a firearm, illegal discharge of a firearm with negligence, possession of a controlled substance for sale, transporting of a controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance while armed, discharging of a firearm within a school zone and misdemeanor driving on a suspended license. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Gerardo Gil Torres, 33, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2400 block of Buena Ventura Street for misdemeanor battery on a spouse of cohabitant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### OCT. 13

Ashley Unique Hicks, 21, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of High-

way 43 and Jackson Avenue in Wasco for reckless driving, child endangerment, speeding and no insurance. She was cited and released at the scene.

#### OCT. 15

Jose Ruvalcaba, 50, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1100 block of Highway 46 in Wasco for spousal battery. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### OCT. 16

Alejandro Navarro Jau-regui, 22, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 5100 block of Stockdale Highway in Bakersfield for participation in a criminal street gang, attempted murder, felon in possession of a firearm, and member of a criminal street gang in possession of a firearm. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Pedro Alejandro Soria Huerta, 48, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1600 block of Poso Drive in Wasco for battery on person and disorderly conduct. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### OCT. 18

Jose Luis Ochoa, 18, of Shafter, was arrested in the 900 block of Lewis Court in Wasco for being in possession of a firearm and for being in possession of a firearm in vehicle. He was cited and released at the scene.

Miruel Acuna, 18, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Highway 43 and Jackson Avenue in Wasco for speeding, no insurance and being an unlicensed driver. He was cited and released at the scene.

Christian Sarmina Garcia, 19, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Highway 43 and Jackson Avenue in Wasco for speeding, reckless driving, no insurance and motor vehicle smog device. He was cited and released at the scene.

Heriberto Ramirez Rodriguez, 21, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1200 block of Iris Street in Wasco for modified exhaust, suspended license, no insurance and for parking on a sidewalk. He was cited and released at the scene.

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# Businesses react to red tier status

TONI DEROSA

The Wasco Tribune

There was joy in Wasco on Tuesday, Oct. 13 when Kern County officially reached the red tier as announced by Gov. Gavin Newsom. Restaurants were eager to open their doors that evening to begin serving dining-in customers. Hair salons breathed a sigh of relief that customers were finally able to relax and enjoy their haircuts or manicures. Even Cakes by Karen decided to open her doors on Thursdays and Fridays from 9-5 and Saturdays from 9-3 p.m. “Business has been very slow,” owner



WUESD parent and Walmart employee Jamie Nixon.

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Karen Cabrera said. “I’m excited about being able to open now. I’m open Thursday through Saturday because those are the busiest days, and that’s when most customers come in. Tuesday and Wednesday are very slow.” Another very excited business that opened its doors last Tuesday was Catrina’s Cantina. Owner Marcela Gomez was happy to see things picking up since the past year has been difficult for her. Wherever people are, and wherever they decide to shop, masks are required to enter



ASES kids at Palm Avenue Middle School participate in an activity.

business premises, hair and nail salons and all restaurants. Walmart is tough on wearing masks. The store has a sign on the front door that re-

quires masks to enter the store. They have taken the directional arrows out, so people are back to milling every which way on up and down each aisle.

Employee Jamie Nixon works in the young girls’ section, unpacking boxes and helping customers. She said that her kids are doing fine with the distance learning, but is anxious for them to return to class.

Starbucks is recommending their drive-thru service and are taking things slow.

When visiting schools, permission must be granted by the school office and it is mandatory to wear a mask on campus.

The halls at Palm Avenue Middle School are empty and employees are sparse in the office. In the gym, After School Education Safety program students were actively engaged in activities. Each student was safely distanced and all staff wore masks. Empty parking lots greet all visitors and empty grounds have become the norm for the day.



Richard Reding gymnasium and an empty parking lot.

# City Council candidates discuss goals, outlook

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

Come November, there will be a couple of races in the local election that will help shape the city of Shafter. There are three City Council seats up for grabs with six candidates vying for those slots. Chad Givens, Manuel Garcia, and Gilbert Alvarado, who are currently serving the remainder of their terms, will be running against newcomers Kris Lawrence, Rafael Zamudio and Pete Espinoza. All of the candidates say they would like to help the city realize its potential. “Shafter is one of the safest towns around, and it is due to the great job that our Police Department does on a daily basis,” commented Garcia. “We also have seen a great improvement in the appearance of the downtown and business areas due to Michael James and the Public Works team.” Garcia said that he would like to see Shafter attract more big businesses. To do this, Garcia said that the city might be able to give potential businesses incentives to choose Shafter for their destination. Zamudio disagreed, saying he doesn’t

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necessarily think that Shafter should grow too big. “I think it is important for us to maintain our downtown area, but I believe that we can do this while still keeping our small town atmosphere and infrastructure,” he said. Zamudio also thinks that the current council has lost touch with the community and needs to connect with the residents and understand their priorities and needs. “I think that there is a lack of interest in our current leadership to the core needs of our community and poor communication with its citizens,” he said. Espinoza is a lifelong resident of Shafter and is proud of its rich history and tradition. “I believe in the city’s potential for future development,” he said. “I would be proud to represent and serve our community.” To foster economic growth, Espinoza said that he would like to support small and big business endeavors by illustrating Shafter’s strong and stable infrastructure. “Shafter is a great place for busi-

ness because of our opportunity for growth, our safe environment, and our business friendly community,” he said. Lawrence works at the water district with policymakers and has extensive experience dealing with situations in a board meeting setting. Lawrence said that with the tumultuous times we live in, safety and economic security are extremely important. “Shafter has historically been a very safe town, and it has done well with businesses,” he said. “This is something that I would like to be a part of continuing into the future.” Lawrence is a resident of the Gossamer Grove community and also believes that it is important for that area to be represented on the council. Givens, who is a home-grown Shafter man, said that he believes in this city, the people, the businesses, the employees, the families, everything. “Though we are a small rural community, we have a big vision, a big heart and a lot of big opportunities,” he said. He said that given the chance, he would continue to fight for public services, such as our “top-rated police department, phenom-

enal city services and our one-of-a-kind education partnership group.” He said that Shafter is unique in its partnership with the educational staff, offering higher education opportunities as well as AP and reading programs. “This is very unique to the city as almost all cities across California do not have this available to their residents. We in Shafter have this available to all Shafter residents,” he said. He is excited for the next four years and for what is to come. “I don’t want to see any of these services hindered for these next four years and hope that you agree,” he said. Alvarado was unable to be reached for comment. Alvarado was elected in 2008 and has served the last two years as Shafter’s mayor. In past interviews, Alvarado has stated that a top priority for Shafter is the enrichment of its youth and the importance of giving our children the opportunities needed to help them grow physically as well as socially. Alvarado has been a proponent of giving the youth of Shafter adequate sports facilities as well as educational opportunities.

# High school board candidates discuss priorities

TONI DEROSA

The Wasco Tribune

The three candidates for the WUHSD board, Joel Ackerknecht, Sharon Nicol and John Steward introduced themselves to attendees at the virtual candidates’ forum on Monday, Oct. 19 held at Peters Funeral Home courtesy of a collaboration between Sharon Sharp from Wasco Is and Vince Martinez from North Kern News. Both Martinez and Sharp moderated the forum. Martinez and Sharp asked the same questions to each candidate. The first question concerned the fact that since the district does not have a Human Resource manager, how does the board of trustees ensure that the most-qualified candidates are being hired? Ackerknecht and Nicol both stated that even though the district does not have anyone with the title of HR manager, the staff has a great system for choosing. While Ackerknecht acknowledged that the district will often ask the board members to interview candidates, the decision is made by the administrative staff at the district. The next question asked each candidate how they would fill open positions and whether promoting from within is a priority. Does the district provide a career path whereby employees can be promoted? Ackerknecht said that he was happy with the team the district has in place and the team uses pathways to promote to high-level positions.

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“Mr. [Rob] Cobb is an example of that,” he said. “Mr. Cobb worked for the district for 25 years and is now the new superintendent.” Steward commented that Principal Kevin Tallon is a good example of hiring from within. Nicol said that she compares hiring from within as corporate development in order for employees to reach their goal of a higher position. Each candidate was also asked about the Reform Wasco High campaign on student physical and emotional safety and allegations of discrimination. What would the board members say to parents who express concern about repeated accusations? How would you react and what would you say to the student? Both Ackerknecht and Nicol said that the district closely investigates every accusation from all sides. Steward said that he scrolled through Facebook because he was unaware of the issue. He isn’t sure how the students reacted to the resolution whether they thought it wasn’t credible or whether they accepted what was said by the administrators. They also said that the school has a STOP app that students can report incidents on. They both also agreed that students need to start using the STOP app, if they do not; there isn’t a lot that can be done. All board



Back row from left, candidates Sharon Nicol and Joel Ackerknecht. Front row from left, Sharon Stone, Vince Martinez and candidate John Steward.

members want a safe and healthy environment for the students. Each candidate agreed that distance learning was nothing like physically attending school. The absence of activities along with the lack of social experiences is not good for anyone. The candidates also agreed that the school has provided resources to the students with respect to distance learning by making sure each student has a Chromebook and access to Wi-Fi. “I don’t think distance learning is teach-

ing,” Ackerknecht said. “The district is doing its best in providing for the students.” He mentioned that at the last board meeting, Assistant Superintendent Rob Cobb presented a plan for the return to school. “Currently, there are 45 unaccounted students,” Nicol said. “We would like to have everyone engaged.” Each candidate was asked what the most important factor is in this election. All three candidates agreed that the return to school is the most important issue facing the district today.

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# Woman kidnapped during armed robbery

**TONI DEROSA**  
The Wasco Tribune

A Lost Hills man was charged after he allegedly kidnapped a woman while armed with a handgun.  
Ariel Pacheco, 25, of Badger Street, was arrested Oct. 13 after the incident.  
The Kern County Sheriff's Office re-

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sponded to Lost Hills around 8 a.m. on Oct. 13 for a report of a kidnapping and robbery that occurred earlier in the morning around 5:20 a.m. The victim in the incident told the sheriff's office that she was kidnapped by a man armed with a handgun in the 21000

block of Badger Street as she got into her car. The man, she reported, forced her to drive away for several minutes before stealing money and fleeing on foot. The woman was not injured.  
After investigating, deputies obtained a search warrant for a home on Badger Street. Deputies approached the home around 5:30

p.m., and found Pacheco, who discarded a replica firearm before being taken into custody.  
Deputies found evidence of the crime in the home and arrested Pacheco, charging him with kidnapping, extortion, robbery, assault with a firearm, false imprisonment and criminal threats.

# Local woman celebrates 105th birthday

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

Betty Petrie and a few of her close friends gathered at Giovanni's Italian Eatery in Shafter recently to celebrate Betty's 105th birthday.  
Owner Noy Soutchay prepared some of Betty's favorites, including the pineapple fried rice, pot stickers, and chicken fetucini to help Betty and her friends remember Petrie's birthday.  
Soutchay said that in 2006, soon after taking over the restaurant, Betty would come in every Thursday with Ione Lollar. They would order turkey sandwiches after they had got their hair done at a local salon.  
A friendship was struck up and lasts to this day. After a time, according to Soutchay, the group grew, with Margaret Acosta and Julie Disinherle joining in.  
Each year, they would take turns hosting a little celebration for their birthdays. Petrie is still sharp as a tack and lived on her own in Shafter until two years ago when she moved into an assisted living center in Bakersfield. She said that still keeps up on the news in Shafter by getting a copy of the Shafter Press.  
"I will read it and then pass it to another local resident who is from Wasco. So, the paper makes the rounds."

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When asked what her secret was to making it to such a milestone, Petrie said, "Just good genes I guess."  
Petrie was born on Oct. 29, 1915, in Los Banos. She came to Shafter over 50 years ago. She taught at the elementary school for over 30 years, retiring to enjoy her time by reading, doing arts and crafts, and spending time with friends.  
Petrie also served her country during World War II, enlisting in the Navy and joining the WAVES in 1942. She was stationed in Washington, D.C.  
Last year at a birthday celebration in Bakersfield, attended by Vince Fong and Bakersfield Mayor Karen Gho, among others, Petrie was presented with an official blue Honor Flight jacket. She was invited to go on an honor flight, but her health wouldn't permit it so they gave her a virtual Honor Flight experience in addition to the jacket.  
The WAVES were the United States Naval Reserve that was established in 1942. Petrie loves to talk about her teaching career, her friends and family, and her hobbies, but she is still tight-lipped about her experiences and duties in her Naval career. "Loose lips sink ships," is a motto that Pet-



Betty blows out the candles, celebrating her 105th birthday.

rie goes by to this day.  
"I can tell you that I served in the WAVES beginning in 1942, but that is all you're going to get," quipped Petrie.  
The group had a wonderful time as they ate and reminisced about their close friendship.  
Petrie, in addition to living on her own until just a couple of years ago, Petrie still drove herself around until she was 95 years old.  
"She is such a special lady," said Soutchay. "We love her and are happy to do this for our special friend."

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Arrest made in shooting  
TONI DEROSA  
The Wasco Tribune  
Bakersfield resident Alejandro Jauregui, 22, was arrested in a recent shooting in Wasco.  
The shooting took place on Sept. 26 when a man was discovered shot in the 1000 block of 16th Street.  
Jauregui was identified as a suspect in the case. Jauregui was arrested Friday, Oct. 16 at 9 a.m. on Stockdale Highway in Bakersfield.  
The victim of the shooting was hospitalized after suffering multiple gunshot wounds and was listed in critical but stable condition, and has not been identified yet.  
Jauregui faces charges of attempted murder.

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# City Council to announce new board next month

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James Harmer had a 36-year career working for Chevron in a variety of positions, including as a maintenance relief supervisor, new construction supervisor, as well as an environmentalist. In this position, Harmer helped all departments, making sure they could complete their projects without causing any environmental concerns.

Mouser said, that in addition to his 20 years serving on the Planning Commission, he has been a life-long resident of Kern County and has worked in the agricultural industry for most of his adult life. Mouser said that he sees revitalizing the downtown area as a major point of concern moving forward for the city.

Olvera worked for the Shafter Police Department for 12 years, retiring as a sergeant. Olvera said that his years serving the community provided him with the knowledge and understanding of the community's makeup, culture, and the opportunities of growth. "I would love to give back to the

community of Shafter and look forward to working with you guys moving forward," he said.

Piuser has lived in Shafter since 2016, when he moved here from Bakersfield. Piuser has worked in the construction industry his entire adult life and believes that this extensive experience gives him a good foundation for serving on the commission. He said that he loves to learn also, giving him the desire to help the Shafter community.

"I look forward to working with the City Council on new plans and ideas for our small but exciting Central Valley California city," he said.

Sanchez has lived in Shafter since he was 8 years old. Sanchez has worked in the public service arena since 1995, beginning his career with the Kern County Sheriff's Department. He transferred to the Kern County Probation Department in 1998 and has remained there for the last 22 years.

Sanchez said he can help make Shafter an even more desirable place

to live than it already is. "My 25 years in public service with a government agency has allowed me to become involved in the planning and budget process. I also understand how important collaborative are to achieve common goals," he said.

Wilson has been a resident of Shafter for the last 22 years. She also was an employee of the City of Shafter for 28 years, until her retirement in 2018, serving as city clerk for the last 12 of those years.

"From my 12 years of experience as the Shafter city clerk, I understand the role of the Planning Commission. I have 12 years of experience working with the Planning Commission ensuring effective review and action on the wide-range of planning and development, and other land use matters."

At the end of the interview process, City Manager Gabriel Gonzales told the candidates that the council would consider their applications and would appoint three candidates to those posts during the regular City Council meeting held on Nov. 17.

## Shafter Historical Society announces the Shafter Depot Museum will be open Saturday, October 24, 2020 11:00am-3:00pm and all Saturdays thereafter.



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## PASTOR'S CORNER

# The on-time God

**JIM GLASCO**

God does not slumber or sleep. He is aware of all things. He sees time different than we do. 2ND Peter 3:8 says *one day is with the Lord as a thousand years, and a thousand years as one day.* Peter was warning his hearers that in the last days scoffers would ridicule the promise of the Lords coming. He taught us that a flood did happen in Gods time.

Thousands and even millions of years are nothing to God. Jesus told the Jews, *before Abraham was, I am.* He is the same yesterday, today and forever. God is not affected by time. God moves according to His own schedule. He is the on time God.

**God is on time to His provision.**

Philippians 4:19 says my *God Shall supply all your need.* No matter how hard times may get, He is the on time God. The Bible says *I have never seen the righteous forsaken or his seed begging bread.* I have pastored 32 years at our church and I have seen God meet the needs of many people, especially the widows. God is on time in His provision.

**He is an on time God when we are in trouble.** It takes light a little over 4 years traveling at 186,000 miles per second to reach us from our nearest star. When I'm in trouble, Ps. 46:1 says God is a very present help in trouble. It's as if He just shows up. The three Hebrew boys would tell you that when facing trouble, God is right on time.

**He's an on time God with perfect timing.** You cannot hurry God, be patient. His timing was perfect with Lazarus. Lazarus had been dead 4 days and people wondered where the Lord was. To the family he was days late, but with God 4 days seemingly late is right on time. Our times are in his hands. He's right on time.

**His return will be right on time.** Many say the Lord delays his coming. It will be right on time. His return is man's hope. Keep trusting God in this crazy world. Fight the good fight of faith. The Lord shall return for his church. He's an on time God.

*Pastor Jim Glasco of Seventh Standard Pentecostal Church of God.*

## PET OF THE WEEK

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Hazel will be available for adoption/rescue on Oct. 30. If you are interested in her, please give the shelter a call at 758-7240 or ask about Hazel on Petfinder.

Call the shelter to make an appointment to stop by and visit Hazel. Staff will get a hold of you during hours of operation. The shelter is open by appointment only. This precaution is being taken to observe recommended CDC guidelines. Call on the day of availability to set up an appointment. Appointments cannot be made days before availability and appointments are made only by phone call. First call, first serve.

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**10 Years Ago: Nov. 10, 2010**  
David Armendariz wrote his last sport story for the Shafter Press and Wasco Tribune. He started writing for the local papers in the early 1980's. He's last story written before retiring was the 84th Wasco Tigers/Shafter General's football game.

**20 Years Ago: Nov. 22, 2000**  
Shafter resident Dean Sutton was selected to speak at a 2 day California Automotive Teachers Conference Workshop in Lancaster. Dean was a mechanic at the Shafter Automotive Service Shop.

**30 Years Ago: Nov. 14, 1990**  
The Wasco Tiger Football Queen candidates were Carrie Parks, Shelbie Earl, Rothesia Harrison and Lupita Soto.

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# Residents encouraged to clean up in virtual event

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

In August, the Kern County Public Works Department held a very successful virtual clean-up event. They are following up that event with a fall clean-up event to be held on Nov. 7.

This is a county-wide event that encourages all residents to volunteer 15 to 30 minutes of their day by cleaning up trash and debris in their neighborhoods.

"We had such a fantastic turnout with the first virtual clean-up, we wanted to hone in on this community engagement and continue this ongoing clean-up effort," said Zechariah Garcia, Kern County Public Works marketing and promotions associate.

Lynnda Martin, of American Refuse, said that American Refuse and the Shafter Youth Center will be holding a special giveaway for Shafter residents who participate in the event.

Kern County Public Works is focusing on new ways to engaging the community while still adhering to the state's COVID-19 guidelines. Though the pandemic has restricted Public Works' ability to directly engage the residents of Kern County, it hasn't diminished their desire to help the communities and their environments.

Martin said that it is easy to participate in the event, with simple instructions on

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how residents can make a difference in their neighborhoods.

If you are interested in participating, first register for the clean-up at [www.Kern-PublicWorks.com](http://www.Kern-PublicWorks.com).

On the day of the event, grab an old grocery bag to reuse or any disposable garbage bag available to you. Make sure to put on gloves for protection, and then pick up whatever trash you see for 15-30 minutes. This can be right in your neighborhood, a park, or wherever you see the need for clean up. Be safe while picking up the trash by watching out for traffic, sharp objects, and never wander into unsafe conditions.

Take pictures of your work. You can get creative with your cleanup efforts by making a funny pose or a funny smile. Have fun with it! Throw away your trash.

Share your photos on Facebook by tagging @KernCountyPublicWorks and hashtagging #KeepKernBeautiful or by sending them via email to [garcia@kern-county.com](mailto:garcia@kern-county.com).

The state's guidelines do not prevent you from going outside. However, please be safe for yourself and others. If you are with other people or in a public space, follow safe social distancing and face covering guidelines.



Participate in the cleanup event for a chance to win a prize for Shafter residents.

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### City moves into red tier

**TONI DEROSA**  
The Wasco Tribune

Many think the number 13 is an unlucky number, but for Kern County and Wasco residents, Tuesday, Oct. 13 was a lucky day.

The county officially moved from the purple tier to the red tier, which means service theaters, hair salons, restaurants, places of worship and gym may resume limited indoor operations, however, the city is taking it slow this time instead of fully opening up to the public.

"We are still in the process of purchasing basic protective barriers for office buildings," Mayor said. "We are also providing separations."

Wasco will be slowly moving into the red tier in hopes that the county will be able to move into the next tier up, orange.

Once Wasco opened its red tier, several businesses said they have plans in the works.

Owner Russ Atkins of Pizza Factory on Highway 46

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### More businesses to open under red tier

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

Kern County entered the red tier on Tuesday, opening the doors of more businesses and public buildings.

The tier, determined by the state and Public Department of Human Services's Virus Grading Scale, dictate how the county is handling the pandemic.

The red tier, up from the purple tier where the county had been, means residents can now eat inside restaurants, as well as go to the gym and go inside other public buildings. Social distancing guidelines apply.

During the past two weeks, the increase in new cases has

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### Forum announced for WUHS candidates

**TONI DEROSA**  
The Wasco Tribune

On Monday evening, Oct. 19, the Wasco Union High School District board candidates will have a forum beginning at 6 p.m.

The forum will be an open house where candidates will be able to answer questions from the community.

Even though Kern County is now in the red tier, many are playing it safe by continuing with virtual meetings.

Candidates running include incumbents Joel Ackerman and Sharon Nicol as well as new candidates John Stewart.

### City Council candidates forum helps inform voters

**TONI DEROSA**  
The Wasco Tribune

The six City Council candidates from District 4 - gathered Oct. 7 for a forum at Life House Church, Wasco Women's Club member President Cheryl Woody and treasurer Marlene Swan invited the event an monthly video and audio recording was provided by Richard Peters of Peters Funeral Home.

There were two different sessions to the forum. First District 2 candidates John Kim, Vince Martinez, Florine Olvera and David Ward and District 4 candidates Tila Corder and Eddie Saldaña answered questions. District 5 candidate Alex Greco is running unopposed.

Drescher introduced City Council member Garcia who led everyone in the Pledge of Allegiance.

The candidates each introduced themselves to the attendees and

they are outlined," Ward said. "These are the rules that the city has agreed to live by," Kim said. "They should be followed and streamlined. We need a more coherent set of rules."

Drescher then asked each candidate how they felt about the High Speed Rail and the loss of Amtrak in Wasco.

"The High Speed Rail should not have been started or even completed," we can get Amtrak to stay," Kim responded by saying, "I'm sad about the loss of Amtrak. We should try to get the High Speed Rail to stop in Wasco." Kim then added that the city needs to change High Speed Rail route to stop in Wasco to a destination where the High Speed Rail wants to stop. He added that if Wasco is to become a more fast-forward, technological community, it needs the High Speed Rail.

Martinez responded that there is

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### Library opening some inside services, masks required

**TONI DEROSA**  
The Wasco Tribune

The Wasco Tribune is opening up and providing limited service. Kern County is attempting to keep as many libraries open as possible during the pandemic. As the county moves from the purple tier to the red tier, libraries for more indoor activities.

Since the county recently moved to the red tier, libraries are beginning to open their doors with some rules set in place. There is a time limit of 30 minutes per visit.

All visitors to the library need to have a purpose-driven appointment such as checking out a book you placed on hold. You can request an appointment online at [libraryinfo.org](http://libraryinfo.org).

Everyone entering a library must be wearing a face mask that covers the nose and the mouth.

The libraries continue to prefer curbside services such as pick up holds, reserve lists, current events, book bags, grab bags, current events, reserve lists, prizes for reading club, t-shirts (while supplies last), Crafts & Co.

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# Parks also hosting Trunk or Treat event

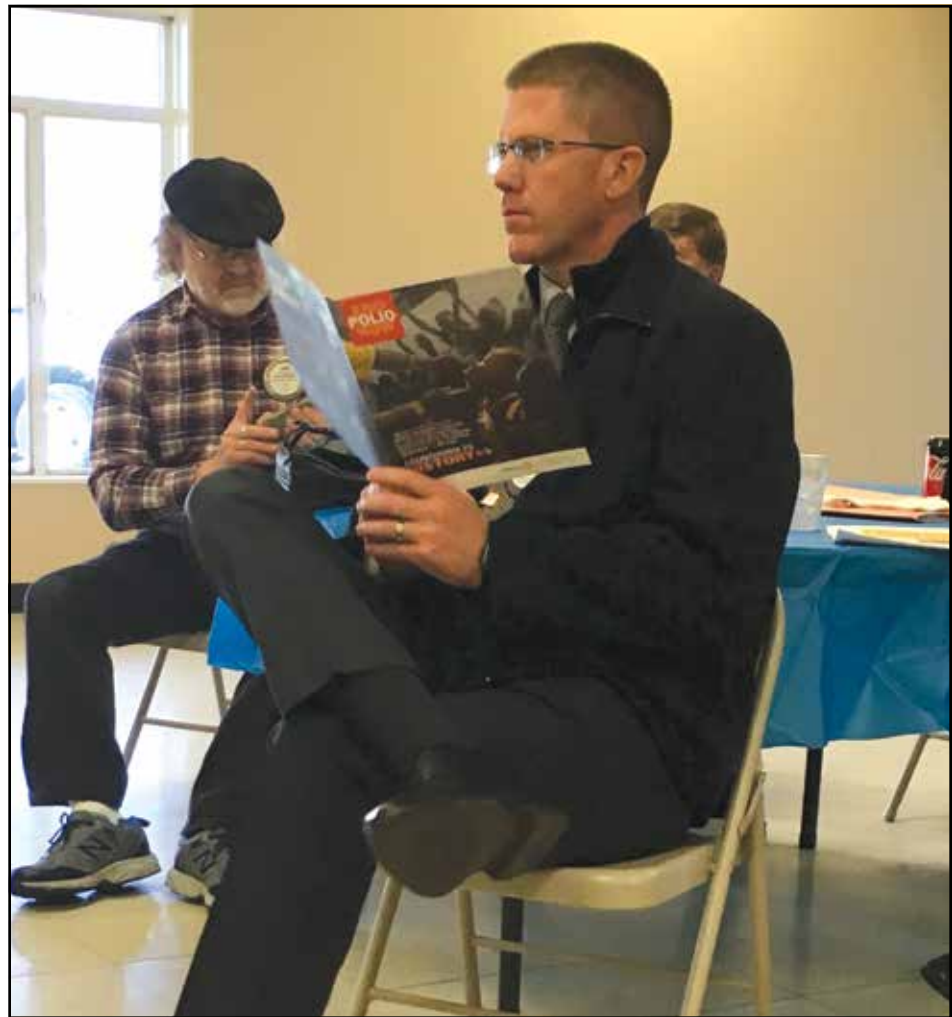
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district needs to fill out the required grant application.  
The district is also coordinating a Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat event for Friday, Oct. 30 at Barker Park.  
“As of Oct. 16, we have 18 participants who have signed up after receiving their packet,” Sharp said. “We are hoping to get around 30 participants.” Sharp said that the packet explains the logistics of the event.  
In addition, the Recreation and Parks District will be having a movie night on Saturday, Oct. 24 at Barker Square where Café 101 and Tropicana Market are located

on Highway 46. More information will be forthcoming.  
If anyone is interested in signing up for the Trunk or Treat event, contact the Recreation and Parks District at 758-3081.  
Sharp also mentioned that the parks would be opening up slowly. One family at a time will be allowed in the park for a 30-minute maximum visit.  
“If someone else wants to enjoy the park, they must wait in the parking lot until the previous visitors leave the park area,” Sharp said. “We want to continue following COVID-19 protocols with the wearing of masks and safe distancing.”

# "Shafter Christian Fellowship was definitely for us"

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him that a church in Shafter was in need of a lead pastor. Gomez hung up the phone and called his wife. Candy still wasn't sure about taking the position in Shafter. As they explored the position at the church, Gomez said, “We could see clearly that Shafter Christian Fellowship was definitely for us.”  
On Sept. 19, they were installed as the new lead pastors at SFC.  
Gomez said that this is new territory for them. Growing up as a church planter's son, Gomez said that he knew that he was capable to lead at this time.  
“Although becoming pastors during the pandemic leaves a lot of questions, we know that people need the ‘Good News,’ the Gospel now more than ever,” he said.

“Our communities are filled with questions, elections, social unrest, and financial difficulties. What we do know is the hope of Christ. SCF will be a light in the community of Shafter,” he continued. Gomez said that all are welcome and they want to love far, deep, and wide. Mario also serves as a chaplain at Adventist Health, where Candy is a nurse manager. Gomez is also a big Dodgers fan, loves to be with his family, and spend time with his four grandchildren.  
Candy loves to jog, share her time with family, and with her grandchildren.  
Shafter Christian Fellowship is at 632 James St. Sunday Gathering is at 10:30 a.m. and there is a Bible Study every Wednesday night at 7 p.m.



Principal of Wasco High School Kevin Tallon at a previous Rotary Club meeting.

# Families make decision on in-person or virtual

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tion is planned for all students that wish to return “in-person” beginning Jan. 26.  
Tallon stated that any family may keep their student on full-time distance learning for the remainder of the year instead of returning to school for “in-person” instruction.  
The Community Department of Public Health guidance for COVID-19 will

be followed by the schools and students will maintain social distance and wear masks.  
Tallon said that athletics conditioning will begin with fall sports on Oct. 26. This includes cross country, football and girls golf teams.  
In addition, athletic practices will begin in November and games are planned for early January.

## OBITUARIES

**Omer Charles Adams**  
Omer Charles Adams was a beloved husband and father. Omer was born January 18, 1941 in Poteau, Oklahoma. He came to California by Greyhound bus in 1957 at 16 years old with his family, where they settled in Arvin. He met and fell immediately in love with Lydia Soto in the early 1970s. They raised six children in Lost Hills. He moved his family to Wasco in 1996 where the family grew, and they welcomed many grandchildren. Omer was a hardworking man who worked for 19 years at the Lost Hills Water District, where he retired from in 2007.  
Omer is survived by his wife, Lydia Adams, and children: Alfred, Fabian, James, Jessica, and Phillip, and many grandchildren and great grandchildren, along with brothers Bill Adams, Joe Adams, and Sam Adams. Omer was predeceased in death by his daughter Sara D. Soto, and his siblings Dorothy Lewis, Betty Dill, William Adams, and his parents Emma and



Edgar Adams.  
His favorite past times included spending time with his children and grandchildren, watching Western movies, fishing with family, rooting for the 49ers, eating good food, and watching the hummingbirds that

would come to his window. He was a man of a few words but left a lasting impact. Omer had a heart of gold and was a very humble man who would do anything for anyone. We are now celebrating him going home to our Lord. He was deeply loved by his entire family and will always live on in our hearts.  
Visitation will be held at Peters Funeral Home in Wasco, Tuesday October 27, from 4:00 to 8:00, with Recitation of the Rosary beginning at 6:00. Funeral Mass will be celebrated at St. John the Evangelist Church, Wednesday October 28, beginning at 10:00, and interment will follow at Wasco Memorial Park. Condolences may be made at PetersFuneralHomes.com

**Manuel “Angel” Cortez 1972-2020**  
Angel was born May 18, 1972 in Coalinga, CA to Gilberto and Estella Cortez. They moved to Lost Hills in 1973. He graduated from Wasco High in 1990. Angel married the love of his life Kelli Cortez September 25, 2010. He worked for Wasco State Prison for 18 years. He was a member of the Lion's Club in Shafter. He coached youth football for 3 years in Lost Hills. He helped with the Shafter Quakes basketball team. He was able to be an extra in the TV show Speechless.  
He has two beloved sons, Augustine and his wife Jo-anna Cruz, and Angel Cortez, his youngest son. Angel is a godfather to Lucas, Devin and Aaliyah. Brother



to Elida and her husband Margarito Avila, Jorge and his wife Andrea Rocha, and Gilberto and his wife Vanessa Cortez. Uncle to many nieces and nephews. Angel passed away with his wife and son by his side Oct. 18,

2020 in Pasadena.  
Family would like to thank Mercy Memorial Home Health for all of their services, especially Joann Gaede and Hilda Reyes. Also thank you to the staff at Memorial Hospital, Dr. Nick Hansa for all of his support, love and kindness he showed to Angel and his family and the doctors and staff at Premier Medical associates.  
Visitation is Monday, October 26, from 4-8pm at Peters Funeral Home Wasco.  
With Recitation of the Holy Rosary prayed at 6pm. Funeral Mass is Tuesday, October 27, at 1pm at St. John's Catholic Church, Wasco  
Interment to follow at Wasco Memorial Park

## DEATH NOTICES

**Maria Luisa Vargas de Lua**, 61, of Bakersfield passed away Oct. 18 in Bakersfield. Basham-Lara Funeral Care Shafter.

**Jo Ruth Armstrong**, 88, of Bakersfield passed away Oct. 15. Peters Funeral Home Shafter.

**Gloria Mora De Garcia**, 76, of Wasco passed away Oct. 14 in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home Wasco.

**Madeline Mary Romero**, 64, of Wasco passed away Oct. 15 in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home Wasco.

**Randy McNatt**, 49, of Shafter passed away Oct. 18. Peters Funeral Home Shafter.

**Ruben Ornelas Banales**, 58, of Shafter passed away Oct. 20 in Bakersfield. Basham-Lara Funeral Care Shafter.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Hermosa Boutique 2020-B4433**  
570 9th St  
McFarland, CA 93250  
County: Kern County  
Mailing address of business:  
570 9th St  
McFarland, CA 93250  
Katrina Ortega  
570 9th St  
McFarland, CA 93250  
Sara Ortega  
570 9th St  
McFarland, CA 93250  
The business is conducted by: General Partnership  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq.,

business and professions code.)  
/s/Sara Ortega  
Date Statement Filed: 10/07/2020  
Date Statement Expires: 10/07/2025  
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/M Hernandez  
Publish Wasco Tribune October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 2020  
**PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT PROCESSING NOVEMBER 3, 2020 GENERAL ELECTION**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT: The processing of vote by mail ballots shall be open to the public, both prior to and after the election. (Pursuant to California Elections Code, Section 15104)  
The processing of ballots will take place at:  
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Bakersfield, CA. 93301  
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Monday, October 5, 2020 at 8:00

a.m.  
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Tuesday, November 3, 2020 at 8:00 p.m.  
By: Mary B. Bedard, CPA  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
County of Kern  
(A copy of this notice is available in Spanish.)  
(Una copia de este aviso en español está disponible.)  
Publish Wasco Tribune October 22, 2020  
**PUBLIC NOTICE Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District NOTICE of Board Meeting Date Change**  
NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the November 2020 meeting of the Board of Directors of Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District will be held Tuesday, November 10, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at

the District Office located at 16294 Highway 43, Wasco, CA 93280 (corner of Kimberlina Road and Hwy 43). Subsequent meetings will be held the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m.  
Dated: October 15, 2020  
Dana S. Munn  
General Manager-Secretary of the Board of Directors  
Publish Wasco Tribune October 22, 29, 2020  
**PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement C R A 2020-B4319**  
638 F Street  
Wasco, CA 93280  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
638 F Street  
Wasco, CA 93280  
Mohammed Jaatit  
1721 Lupine Ct  
Wasco, CA 93280  
The business is conducted by: Indi-

vidual  
Date the business commenced: 12/06/2010  
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/Mohammed Jaatit  
Date Statement Filed: 10/2/2020  
Date Statement Expires: 10/2/2025  
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/N Franco  
Publish Wasco Tribune October 22, 29, November 5, 12, 2020  
**PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Reyes Transportation 2020-B4213**  
545 Browning Rd  
McFarland, CA 93250

County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
545 Browning Rd  
McFarland, CA 93250  
Alejandro Reyes  
545 Browning Rd  
McFarland, CA 93250  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: 9-03-2020  
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)  
/s/Alejandro Reyes  
Date Statement Filed: 09/22/2020  
Date Statement Expires: 09/22/2025  
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/N Franco  
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## PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
Johnson Farms  
2020-B4135**

16212 Becky Ave.  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
16212 Becky Ave.  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
Mark Johnson  
16212 Becky Ave.  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
Kathie Jayne Johnson  
16212 Becky Ave.  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
Michael Jay Johnson  
541 Superior Road  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
Janean Johnson  
541 Superior Road  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
I declare that all information in this Statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.)  
Business was conducted by: General Partnership  
/s/Kathie Johnson, Partner  
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2017-B4032  
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 06/02/2017  
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 09/16/2020  
I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.  
Mary B. Bedard, CPA  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/N Franco, Deputy  
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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/Kathie Johnson  
Date Statement Filed: 09/16/2020  
Date Statement Expires: 09/16/2025  
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/N Franco  
Publish *Shafter* Press October 1, 8, 15, 22, 2020

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
Statement of Abandonment Of  
Use Of Fictitious Business Name  
Johnson Farms**

16212 Becky Ave.  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
County: KERN  
Mailing address of business:  
16212 Becky Ave.  
Bakersfield, CA 93314

Mark Johnson  
16212 Becky Ave.  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
Kathie Jayne Johnson  
16212 Becky Ave.  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
Michael Jay Johnson  
541 Superior Road  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
Janean Johnson  
541 Superior Road  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
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Business was conducted by: General Partnership  
/s/Kathie Johnson, Partner  
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2017-B4032  
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 06/02/2017  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
G&G Truck Repair  
2020-B4315**

3301 Henry Ln  
Bakersfield, CA 93308  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
414 Santa Maria Way  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Gilberto R Piña  
414 Santa Maria Way  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Gerardo R Salas  
4753 Judd St  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
The business is conducted by: General Partnership

Date the business commenced: N/A  
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)  
/s/Gilberto R Piña  
Date Statement Filed: 10/01/2020  
Date Statement Expires: 10/01/2025  
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/N Franco  
Publish *Shafter* Press October 15, 22, 29, November 5, 2020

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
Stewart Home Services  
2020-B4351**

4205 Tweeddale Drive  
Bakersfield, CA 93311  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
4205 Tweeddale Drive  
Bakersfield, CA 93311  
Bobby Allen Stewart  
4205 Tweeddale Drive  
Bakersfield, CA 93311  
Karen Michelle Stewart  
4205 Tweeddale Drive  
Bakersfield, CA 93311  
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA  
The business is conducted by: Married Couple  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)  
/s/Bobby Stewart, Karen Stewart  
Date Statement Filed: 10/05/2020  
Date Statement Expires: 10/05/2025  
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/N Franco  
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Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
County of Kern  
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Publish *Shafter* Press October 22, 2020

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Shafter-Wasco Irrigation District  
NOTICE of Board Meeting Date  
Change**

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Subsequent meetings will be held the second Wednesday of each month at 9:00 a.m.  
Dated: October 15, 2020  
Dana S. Munn  
General Manager-Secretary of the Board of Directors  
Publish *Shafter* Press October 22, 29, 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, November 19, 2020, 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 27,007-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 27,007-square-foot (net) homesite parcel and a 40.01-acre (gross) agricultural parcel; Northwest corner of Polar Avenue and Riverside Street in the Shafter area; Environmental Review: Common Sense Exemption, Section 15061(b)(3), Categorically Exempt, Section 15305; Ralph 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 November 3, 2020, 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  
MG's Heavenly Crystals and More  
2020-B4589**

402 Ellie Ct.  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
402 Ellie Ct.  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Maria Cruz Garcia  
402 Ellie Ct.  
Shafter, CA 93263  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: 09/30/2020  
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)  
/s/Maria Garcia  
Date Statement Filed: 10/19/2020  
Date Statement Expires: 10/19/2025  
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,  
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By: /s/R Roberts - Martin  
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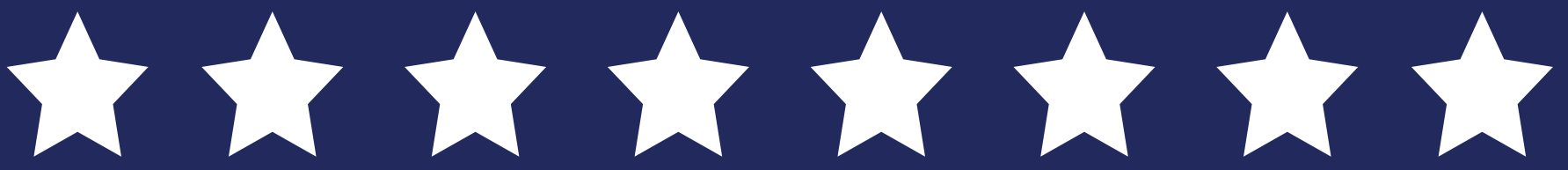
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