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A woman of many hats

FOCUS ON FARMING | Jenny Holtermann

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

A local almond farmer has been wearing several hats, living a life that is an example of hard work and its rewards. Jenny Holtermann is a farmer, an executive, a wife and mother, all while working to preserve a bright future for future generations.

Holtermann is a fourth-generation farmer, beginning her career up in Chico on her family's almond ranch. She attended Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, where she met her future husband, Tim. After graduation, they moved to Shafter, beginning a new chapter. Holtermann, known

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by friends as Jenny Almond Girl, works at getting their product ready for sale and shipping, as well as giving her children the time they need at home.

And she puts an emphasis on being good stewards of the land that they man-

Holtermann has been the executive director of the Kern Water District since 2020, giving her a platform to put her ideals out front, preserving the land and its gifts for those who follow them. "I want there to be a farm here if our children See A WOMAN Page 8



Almonds are a challenge that Jenny Holtermann readily takes on.



Jenny Holtermann with her husband, Tim.

Shafter skies to light up on the 3rd

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

The city of Shafter will be holding its annual Fireworks Show this year on Monday July 3, with the gates opening at 6 p.m. and fireworks beginning at dusk. The event will be held at the Shafter Recreation baseball fields, right next to Shafter High Football stadium.

Many will be familiar with the location even from years when the event was held at the stadium, since that's where they camped out to watch the show.

The Shafter Chamber of Com-

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merce is once again the sponsor of the event, with a number of sponsors making it free. Donations from the public are encouraged and ac-

There also will be a variety of vendors at the event, selling food, drinks and toys, and there will also be a game area for the kids, keeping them entertained until it is time for the main

event to take place as the sun sets. The fireworks show attracts families from all over Kern County, with the event being one of only a



Attendees can expect an explosive and colorful fireworks show again this year.

the costs of the shows rising, and the opposition that some communities are up against when it comes to fireworks, the event has become an attraction for families as far away as McFarland, Delano and other outlying areas.

few still held in the county. With Red, White & Boom to light up the sky Saturday night

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

A grand celebration to honor the great nation's independence is set for Saturday, July 1, at Barker Park from 4 to 9:30 pm.

Organized by the Wasco Recreation and Parks District, the Red, White & Boom Fireworks Festival will kick off with a flag ceremony, followed by a bicycle parade, music, food, vendors, a watermelon contest, Red, White & Pool Party and a finale fireworks show.

All of the activities are free and open to all ages.

"The fireworks show has been a long-standing tradition for 20plus years in Wasco. The Chamber of Commerce at the time started

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the tradition, and over the years, independent organizations as well. The WRPD took over the fireworks last year and continues the tradition," said WRPD Manager Chris

The fireworks show is expected to last 15 minutes, with some new fireworks incorporated into the display.

The flag ceremony is a special component of the event.

"During the flag ceremony, Wasco Scouts #950 will present the American flag to the audience. At this point, the Wasco Scouts #950 and the audience will acknowledge and salute its presence as a sign of respect to our nation and those

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VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

In 2018, Melissa Hurtado, against all odds, became the youngest woman ever elected to the California State Senate. She is known as a thoughtful policymaker who works across party lines to improve residents' quality of life and ensure rural voices are heard at all levels of government.

Hurtado is the daughter of hard-working immigrants, born and raised in the Central Valley.

"This Valley is what I am. The struggles, my upbringing, all have played a role and continue to play a role in who I am and what



Senator Melissa Hurtado says she is working hard to empower the residents she represents.

my values are," she said in a recent interview

Her work focuses on rural community issues that often go unheard in the State Capital, mainly access to clean air and water, food insecurity, inequities in environ-

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KCSO investigating homicide

A man was apparently killed in a violent assault and shooting early Monday morning.

About midnight, Kern County Sheriff's Office deputies responded to the slaying in the 1800 block of Bay Meadow Drive in Wasco.

KCSO homicide detectives are investigating the crime. Anyone with information is urged to contact the Sheriff's Office at 661-861-3110 or the Secret Witness hotline at 661-322-4040.

–Veronica Jacuinde

Colours Festival moving forward

JAMIE STEWART The Shafter Press

The Shafter Colours Festival planning committee met again last Thursday, with plans for the festival moving forward and getting a little more specific. The committee designated members in the different departments of the committee, using different residents' experience and strengths.

After the dissolution of the festival a few years ago, a large number of residents were voicing their aim of revitalizing the event.

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The new festival will highlight the talents of residents and organizations.

Some of the different divisions of the festival are the Promotions Department, being headed up by Randy Toews. Toews did a promoted the festival during its previous version. In the Arts/Photography Department, Cris and Dana Starrh will involved, as well as Radon and Judy Fortenberry, and also Barbara Gladden and photographer Colleen Dilltz. Fortenberry

operated the Art Gallery for the festival for years.

Shafter Recreation and Parks District Manager Philip Jimenez, along with Missy Espericueta, will head up the Sports efforts. Handling the Finance Department will be Scott Hurlbert and Cathy Prout. Pastor Pat Coyle, of the Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church , will be in charge of the Community Worship events.

Very popular in the past, the Wine Tasting event will be headed up by former Shafter Mayor Garry Nelson. Some of the events that have been mentioned for the festival are festival favorites color run, art gallery, coffeehouse music, a play performed at the theater and a spaghetti dinner that usually kicks off the event.

New suggestions being discussed are a community worship service, a cornhole

tournament, car show and a boxing exhibi-The event is expected to be in February

like before, but the date is expected to be firmed up during the next meeting of the committee Thursday, July 20.

Community Calendar

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

City of Wasco-Grow with us Compliance Division Presents Bike Rodeo Safety & Wellness Even FREE, (while supplies last) children helmets, bike raffle, bike registration, safety skills, bikes, flat tire repair for children and food. Open to children ages 5-12 years old. Friday, July 14 th at

9 a.m. Barker Park, Wasco. Registration begins at 9 a.m. For more information call Christian Tovar at 661-758-7213 or Sergio Gonzalez at 661-758-7216.

50-year reunion - Wasco High class of 1973 is looking for classmates for their 50-Year Reunion Saturday, Oct. 7. Contact Marta Rodriguez-Poe at mapoe1982@ gmail.com or 661-303-3770.

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

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

ONGOING

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

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

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

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

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

Wasco City Council – Meetings every

first and third Tuesday of the month. Meetings are held at 746 8th St. at 6 p.m.

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

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

WEDNESDAY

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

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

Shafter Woman's Club - Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month,

through May, starting at 11 a.m. at the Shafter Youth Center, 455 Euclid Ave.

THURSDAY

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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

Mystery history



Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/ or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to The Press, 455 Kern St., Suite E, Shafter, CA 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@The ShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. LAST WEEK: John Scaroni with truck at the Shafter Ice House in the



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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

Stephanie Marie Hurtado, 32, of Shafter was arrested on the 700 block of E. Tulare for possession of controlled substance, possession of paraphernalia and outside agency warrant.

Joshua Oros, 29, of Shafter was arrested on the 100 block of Golden West Ave. for possession unlawful paraphernalia, possession of controlled substance and violation of parole:

felony. **JUNE 20**

Marco Antonio Silva Jr., 24, of Shafter was arrested on the 200 block of Faber St. for outside warrant.

Christian Alberham Martinez, 22, of Shafter was arrested on the 500 block of Montoya Ct. for disorderly conduct: under the influence of drug-disorderly

Brittany Nicole Derginton, 32, of Shafter was arrested on the 400 block of E. Ash for bench warrant/ failure to appear on misdemeanor charge.

JUNE 22

Rosendo Tellez Jr., 27, of Shafter was arrested on N. Shafter Ave. and Sunset Ave for bench warrant/failure to appear on felony charge.

JUNE 23

Alejandra Yasenia Astorga, 28, of Shafter was arrested on the Mannel Ave. and Kern St. for disorderly conduct: drug/narcotics.

Jamil Ahmed, 32, of Shafter was arrested on 7th Standard Ave for outside

agency warrant. BUTTONWILLOW

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

JUNE 20

Jason Zeigler, age 32, of Bakersfield, was arrested at the intersection of Enos Lane and Highway 58 in Bakersfield for two (2) felony warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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age 36, of Bakersfield, was arrested at the intersection of Hail Street and Highway 58 in Bakersfield for possession of a stolen vehicle, possession of a switchblade knife, possession of brass knuckles, possession of a firearm with altered ID and a misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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Juan Regalado, age 46, of Shafter, was arrested at the intersection of Hail Street and Highway 58 in Bakersfield for a misdemeanor warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

JUNE 22 Francisco Sanchez, age 26, of Shafter, was arrested in the 30700 block of Martinez Street in Shafter for assault with a deadly weapon, not firearm, and criminal threats. He was booked

into the Kern County Jail. **JUNE 25**

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Wasco Rose Festival is back with more fun

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

Preparations for the annual Wasco Rose Festival are underway, with the selection of this year's "You've Got a Friend in Wasco" theme. A long-standing tradition, the event promises to be another exciting lineup of activities for the community to enjoy the weekend after Labor Day, Sept. 7-9, 2023.

The Rose Festival begins with the Miss Wasco Rose Queen Pageant at the Wasco High School auditorium Thursday, Sept. 7. The Wasco Elk Ladies will bring an Eve-

ning of Wine and Roses on Friday, Sept. 8. This night honors the grand marshals, the honorary grand marshal organization and community leaders. The next day, festivities will include a

color-blast fun run hosted by Wasco Recreation and Parks District, the Rose Parade, a vendor fair and Block and Tackle Deep Pit Dinner. Added to the roster this year is a pan-

cake breakfast, a fundraiser for the Wasco High Traveling Tigers and Wasco Lady Tiger/Tiger Golf.

"Bringing back popular components we all remember and adding new ones is a goal for us each year," Orange Heart Foundation President Traci Mills-Clendenen

A core group of five Wasco Rose Festival committee and Orange Heart Foundation members have been working to ensure the event will be memorable for all. They are community advocates Mills-

Clendenen, Juan Gallardo, Sharon Sharp, Orquidea Ocampo and Camilo Vasquez. Additional team members include Stephanie Mixco, Christi Johnson, and

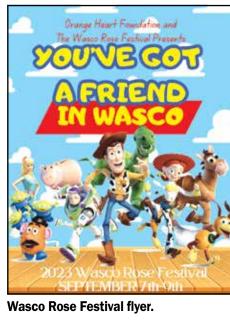
Kishna and Stephen Nored. This year's partners include the Wasco Elk Ladies, the WHS football booster club, the Rose Queen Pageant, Traveling Tigers and WHS boys and girls golf teams.

'Our partners are essential to the growth of the festival, and giving back to the community through supporting local nonprofits is a wonderful way to honor our history and build toward the future," Mills-Clendenen said.

"Last year, we were grateful the Wasco Woman's Club helped us bring back the art show, but now the WUHSD has stepped in to oversee it through the leadership of WHS teacher Julie Pineo," Sharp said. This year's focus will be highlighting

student art available for purchase. 'The art show has traditionally featured

an artist. This is a change to shift focus on student art and fostering our young talent," Sharp said.



Other partners are returning this year, such as Eddie Velasquez, who organizes the 2nd to None basketball tournament, and DJ David Armendariz.

For the first time, the Wasco Community Revival will host a free children's art station and booth at Barker Park with free fun activities for kids. "The Wasco Rose Festival is the legacy

event in our community," Sharp said. "For 54 years, it has been something special, and we strive to continue that and to grow it so that it lasts to infinity and beyond."

This year's theme, from the Disney movie Toy Story, was selected by the Miss Wasco Rose Queen Pageant.

"We are thrilled to have a theme that encompasses the community of Wasco. The goal is that no matter where you look, you will have a friend in Wasco," Sharp said.

She does what she does to keep the gift of the event alive.

"I was that little girl growing up that went to the festival, wanted to run for Rose Queen and be a part of the festival, so for me, this is just a blessing to be able to give back to my community in this way."

Volunteers are needed to pull off such a grand occasion, and Sharp encourages those to lend a hand. "Anything we volunteer for is wonder-

ful. This is an opportunity where in one day, you can give back to our entire community because all of Wasco attend the festival. It's a way to support all of Wasco Other exciting announcements will be

forthcoming, she said, Ticket information for Wine and Roses, the pancake breakfast and Block and Tackle Deep Pit dinner will be announced soon.

Parade and vendor applications are to be ready shortly. For any questions or to volunteer or sponsor, email wascorf@ gmail.com.

Community activist Barbara Lucas passes

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

Barbara Lucas, a cherished friend to many, was a beloved mother, grandmother and aunt, playing an integral part in the community. After a lifetime of joy and happiness, she passed away peacefully on June 10. She was born in Turlock, on Oct. 24,

1933, to Jeptha Ivan Stone and Rowena Matthews Stone. After living in Marysville for a short time, the family found their way In 1954 she married Edwin Lucas of

Wasco and moved with him there, where she lived for the rest of her life. At 16, she began a 70-year career as a

bookkeeper, holding many positions with Fred West and Associates, Tops Market, Lost Hills Chevron and Wasco Realty. Two years after her marriage, in 1956, their first son David was born, and then in

1958, her son Dale completed a family of four she loved dearly. Her greatest love, however, was her grandchildren.

"Her true passion was her grandchildren. She would take them to movies, buy the latest best-selling children's books, babysit, help with college expenses and take them to special shows in Bakersfield,

as well as too many special things to note,"

He said her goal, which she accomplished in 2003, was to take her two sons' families on a New Year's trip week to New York City, running around Manhattan and taking in a few Broadway plays.

"It was the vacation of a lifetime, and she loved that she could accomplish it."

Barbara had many hobbies, especially photographing and videotaping athletic events, weddings and quinceaneras. It gave her much satisfaction to help capture those special memories for the families she served for 50-plus years.

"Her family pictures were countless. She never met a person she wouldn't take pictures for," David said.

Starting in 1970, she would attend her sons' athletic events, taking pictures and videotaping games, which led to her continuing to do the same for many athletes passing through Wasco High School and other high schools in Kern County.

Barbara was also a loyal member of the Community Scholarship Association committee as treasurer, supported the Wasco Historical Society as treasurer and was a former Grand Marshal of the Wasco Rose Festival.



Barbara Lucas

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For her contributions to the community, she was honored with several recognitions, including being named a Paul Harris Fellow from the Wasco Rotary Club, inducted into the Wasco High School Athletic Hall of Fame for her contributions to the school's athletics programs and celebrated by the Kern Council of Govern-

Barbara was a woman of deep faith and attended several churches in Wasco, ending up as part of the congregation of Grace Community Church.

"She would attend church every Sunday if she didn't have to work. She was a Christian and enjoyed going to church," David

Barbara had a kind heart.

She would visit her mother-in-law, who had Alzheimer's, every day at the convalescent home for many years, driving to Shafter and doing that with several others.

"Mom was very likable. She was outgoing and would do anything for anyone. She was a giver," David said.

She instilled in her sons the value of hard work, compassion and honesty.

"I became a teacher at WHS for 30 years and three at Thomas Jefferson. I taught English and coached girls basketball, track and baseball."

Her other son, Dale, worked for PG&E and eventually moved on to an administrative position with the company.

'She was that type of person that wanted to be involved. Knowing mom, she would thank the community of Wasco and surrounding areas, as well, for allowing her to be a part of them in so many ways," Da-



DYW Emily McGuire will lead the Pledge of

Allegiance and Joslyn Pierucci will sing

the National Anthem.

Fireworks show starts at 9:15

VBS shining the light

JAMIE STEWART The Shafter Press

The Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church is holding its annual Vacation Bible School this week, with the theme "Stellar- Shine Jesus's **SHAFTER** Light."

There were over 70 kids on hand to participate in a week of fun and learning, as the children learned how to shine Jesus's light to the world.

Pastor Pat Coyle, assisted by Music Director David Bloemhof and Song Leader Stephanie Bloemhof, helped children learn several songs, as well as choreography to go

The children learned in their Bible study that Jesus teaches His people to shine his light, even when things are looking dark, or everything is bright. According to the video that the students watched, "No matter the situation, shining His light will do great things." The morning was filled with songs, Bible study, arts

and crafts, games and a snack time, with "out of this world"

During the games portion, kids wove through a galactic obstacle course of cones, making their way back home, tagging their teammate who continued the jour-

After a day of learning and fun, the entire group would return to the sanctuary and sing more songs and tell what they had learned that day, including the daily Bible verse tied to the theme for the day. On Tuesday, they were told of the way some planets have rings. "You would think that the rings are one solid ring. But, the rings are actually made up of millions of rocks, ice, and debris that work together and orbit the planet. That is the way God's children need to work together to make one big unit and family."

At the end of the week, a special session is scheduled, giving the parents and friends a chance to see what the children have learned in their time in the Stellar Uni-



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Pastor Pat Coyle and staff teach basic techniques, as well as takedowns and escapes.

Wrestling camp teaches on the mat and off

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

The Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church will be holding its annual Summer Wrestling Camp next month, Monday-Friday, July 17-21. The camp is operated by Pastor Pat Coyle and a staff of volunteers that teach children basic techniques, such as takedowns and escapes, and also some exercises and workouts that will help develop their endurance and overall

competing in high school and college, carrying that passion into his desire to teach and help the youth of Shafter and the surrounding area as they learn the sport of A unique feature of this camp is that

Coyle is a former competitive wrestler,

it not only teaches the kids on the mat, but they also teach them off the mat. This year's theme is "First Move." "First Move refers to people being di-

rected to "seek first the kingdom of God

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and his righteousness." Coyle and volunteer staff help the wrestlers with their techniques on the mat, while letting them learn in a relaxed and supportive atmosphere, building their confidence and strengthening their knowledge of the sport while giving them a positive perspective.

This camp helps them prepare for their respective competitive teams as they look to move forward in their wrestling experience," he explained.

The camp is from 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. each day, concludingwith a special exhibition event held on Friday evening at 7 p.m. This is a chance for the parents and friends to watch what the kids have learned throughout the week and to socialize with one another as they watch the matches

The camp is for incoming kindergartners through sixth graders. The cost of the camp is \$20l those interested can register online at shaftermb.org.





A clinical trial is now enrolling to evaluate an investigational pain medication for post-surgical bunion removal.

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Pizza Factory has a dining room that can fit up to 200 people in a fun, family environment.

Pizza Factory has a new owner

VERONICA JACUINDE

Wasco Tribune

Pizza Factory has a new owner, Frank Almanza, who hopes to continue delivering the best dining experience fn the community.

Almanza took over the restaurant last November and said he has been warmly welcomed.

He is originally from Los Angeles, but moved to Kern County in 2006 when he got hired by the California Department of Corrections. He has lived in Kern County ever since.

Almanza has had a fruitful career in law enforcement, first as a correctional officer and then as a fire captain, the position he currently holds working at the Wasco State Prison, where he has been for the last 17

He is a US Navy veteran deployed to Iraq twice and said his experience in the military taught him skills he now uses as a restauranteur.

In addition, Almanza has a bachelor's degree in business from the University of Phoenix.

The restaurant's operation is familyrun, with his two teenage children and parents lending a hand. "They help clean and sanitize to the get the restaurant looking good. We do a lot of work behind the scenes," Almanza said.

He also counts on the support of his girlfriend, Margarita, who is his

WASCO

business partner.

Almanza is a seasoned entrepreneur, as he also owns an ice cream shop in Wasco, La Michoacana Premier, since August 2022.

He said people from Bakersfield, Delano and Shafter come to the Wasco Pizza Factory location because of the quality of food. "All of our pizzas are made from

scratch with fresh ingredients, from the dough to the cheese to the sauce. We don't buy anything pre-made in any way.' Pizza Factory offers wings, pastas,

sandwiches, salads, potato wedges, beer and wine. 'We offer a full dining experi-

ence that can seat up to 200 with five televisions within the restaurant. We have a party room that fits 40-50 people and a game room for the kids to enjoy themselves. It is a family environment."

In the next few months, they hope also to have karaoke.

"In the past, there have been bingo and trivia night. That is something we are considering bringing back."

Almanza said they have the best value in town as far as buffets, which they offer Monday through Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. They also have daily specials like Wing Wednesdays



entrepreneur.

for discounted prices.

Since taking over the restaurant, Almanza has made it a point to become a part of the community. He has sponsored local cheer, football and wrestling teams.

He also has hired locally.

"Our staff are teens in junior high or high school ages 16 to 18."

He said it's important to him to work with his staff and create a schedule so they can work around being college students or fulfilling their other extracurricular activities.

Almanza also said that he wants the public to have a great experience, "So they see the difference between a national brand like Dominos and us. I believe we provide above and beyond those national brands."

Pizza Factory, 2325 Highway 46, is open Sunday through Thursday from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Friday and Saturday until 10 p.m. For more information or to place an order for delivery, call 661-240-5262. You can also follow them on Facebook at Wasco Pizza Factory.



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Wasco Tribune

Three men from Wasco were arrested on Tuesday morning for allegedly bran-WASCO dishing

firearm and other charges.

Deputies from the Wasco substation responded to the 1800 block of F Street regarding a brandishing firearm call. They learned the suspects were occupying a white four-door Dodge Charger that had driven through the area multiple times.

After the subjects showed the firearm, they fled the area in the vehicle. Deputies circulated the area and lo-

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The confiscated firearms and other illegal paraphernelia.

cated a vehicle matching the description near the 2400 block of Highway

An investigative stop of the vehicle

was conducted and revealed it was occupied by Justin Pineda Mendez, 18, Keving Madrigal, 22, and Adan Acosta, 18.

All three were arrested and booked at the Central Receiving Facility for exhibiting a firearm, criminal threats, possession of a large capacity magazine, concealed weapon in a vehicle, conspiracy, carrying a loaded firearm by a gang member, participation in a criminal street gang, child cruelty, possession of marijuana for sale and

possession of concentrated cannabis. Anyone with information is asked to contact the Kern County Sheriff's Office at 661-861-3110 or Secret Witness hotline at 661-322-4040.

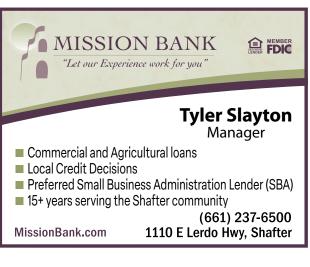


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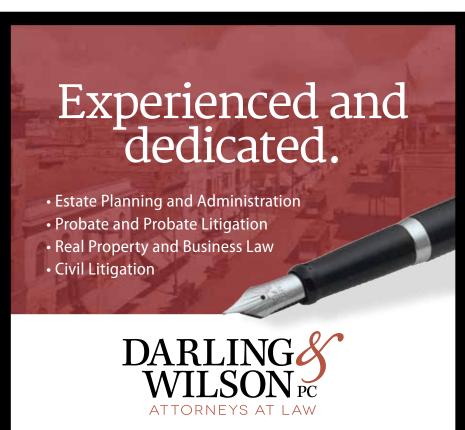
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Pony Leagues nearing end of season

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

The Shafter Recreation and Parks District's Pony League baseball and softball seasons are entering the home stretch, with plenty of great games being played.

The leagues, which have enjoyed the highest registration numbers in the last decade, have just a few weeks to go.

With the end of the 2023 season ap-



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proaching, the friendly competition in both 14U and 11U baseball and softball continues to grow. In these divisions, there are 22 teams, 12 in the Pony division and 10 in the Mustang division. In Pony Baseball, the 11U Blue Jays, coached by Victor Marin, and the 14U Diamondbacks, coached by Abel Perez, are both ahead with 3-0 standings. In Pony softball, the

11U White Sox, coached by Darien Munoz, are leading with 3 wins and 0 losses and the 14U Yankees, coached by Emilio Arismendez, are ahead with 4 wins and 0 losses.

On Monday evening, the Girls 11U Yankees mounted a comeback in the last inning, giving them a 13-12 victory over the Dodgers.

On the boys side, the 11U Giants beat the Angels by a score of 12-1. The community's support for youth sports is evident in that every team in the Pony leagues was sponsored this season. According to District Manager Phillip Jimenez, special thanks go out to Cabrera's Trucking Inc, Kern Iron Works,



Richland Chevrolet, Arc Energy Co, Accelerado Offroad, N&L Farm Labor Services Inc, General's Headquarters and Shafter Ag Solutions Inc. for sponsoring the teams.. Pony major league sponsors include Nick Torres Construction, Perez Trans LLC, General Printing Services, R&O Fishing Tools, The Kiwanis Club of Shafter, Gonzalez Ag Inc., Beautiful You Medical Aesthetics, the Shafter Women's Club, Sno-Fun, Piuser Construction, Castro Towing, Kern Craft Construction, Phatboyz Barber Shop, EZ Cow Haul,

Morris Images, Snow Farm, Tinajero Ag Inc. and the Shafter Lions Club.

This season's sponsors allowed Shafter Recreation SRPD to buy additional equipment and jerseys. "We are immensely grateful to our sponsors and the Shafter community," Jimenez said.. "Our organization is very excited about this Ppny baseball/softball season and hope the community continues to support our upcoming sports such as volleyball, tennis, soccer and cross country as well as our fall baseball/softball season."

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Veneto West 2023-B3474 **Recording Boot Camp** 2023-B3475

2221 Symonds Drive Pine Mountain Club, CA 93222 PO Box 6363 Pine Mountain Club, CA 93222

Ronan Murphy 2221 Symonds Drive Pine Mountain Club, CA 93222 The business is conducted by: Indi-

Date the business commenced: 05/01/2001

/s/Ronan Murphy Date Statement Filed: 05/25/2023 Date Statement 05/25/2028

Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: P Del Villar Publish Shafter Press June 8, 15, 22,

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement **Houghton High Ranch** 2023-B4072 5060 California Ave #900

Bakersfield, CA 93309 5060 California Ave #900 Bakersfield, CA 93309 Weais & Young Proper ment, LLC 5060 California Ave #900 Bakersfield, CA 93309 State of incorp. or org.: CA The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company* Date the business commenced:

07/13/2018 /s/Michael C. Young, President Date Statement Filed: 06/22/2023 Date Statement

06/22/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: P Del Villar

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement **Krazed Food Truck and Desserts** 2023-B4132 4102 Sierra Madre Ave

Bakersfield, CA 93313 County: Kern 4102 Sierra Madre Ave Bakersfield, CA 93313 Michael Silas Fowler 4102 Sierra Madre Ave Bakersfield, CA 93313 The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: 06/21/2023

/s/Michael Silas Fowler Date Statement Filed: 06/26/2023 Date Statement

06/26/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

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Fictitious Business Name Statement Moon Wave's Soap 15524 Marty Ave.

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Bakersfield, CA 93314 County: Kern 15524 Marty Ave Date Statement Filed: 06/16/2023

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

Aimee X. Espinoza

Bakersfield, CA 93314 Barbara Gail Winklepleck 15524 Marty Ave. Bakersfield, CA 93314 The business is conducted by: Individual Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Barbara Gail Winklepleck

Date Statement Expires: 06/16/2028 cific Avenue, Shafter, California. The ordinance was passed by the City

By: P Del Villar Publish Shafter Press June 29, July

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Your Space Our Place 6003 Barsanti Ave

Bakersfield, CA 93313 County: Kern 6003 Barsanti Ave Bakersfield, CA 93313 Ramon Miguel Cardenas 6003 Barsanti Ave Bakersfield, CA 93313 The business is conducted by: Indi-Date the business commenced: 05/01/2023 /s/Ramon Miguel Cardenas Date Statement Filed: 05/17/2023 Date Statement Expires: 05/17/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: J Lozano Publish Shafter Press June 29, July 6, 13, 20, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement **C&J Farm Labor** 2023-B3398

3104 Timothy St

Bakersfield, CA 93304 County: Kern 3104 Timothy St Bakersfield, CA 93304 Jesus Prieto Jr 3104 Timothy St Bakersfield, CA 93304 The business is conducted by: Indi-Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Jesus Prieto Jr Date Statement Filed: 05/22/2023 Statement Date

Expires: 05/22/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF SHAFTER NOTICE OF ORDINANCE SUMMARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 20, 2023, the Shafter City Council adopted Ordinance No. 748. The following is the official summary of the adopted ordinance. Summary of Ordinance No. 748: An

Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Shafter, California approving Zone Change No. 23-71 as depicted A printed certified copy of Ordinance

No. 748 is available for inspection by any person at the office of the Shafter City Clerk, City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California. The ordinance was passed by the City Council on June 20, 2023, with the following vote: AYES: Alvarado, Givens, Olvera, and Prout.

NOES: None ABSENT: Espinoza ABSTAINING: None Dated: June 22, 2023 Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk Publish Shafter Press June 29, 2023

CITY OF SHAFTER NOTICE OF ORDINANCE SUMMARY NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on

PUBLIC NOTICE

June 20, 2023, the Shafter City Council adopted Ordinance No. 747. The following is the official summary of the adopted ordinance. Summary of Ordinance No. 747: An

Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Shafter, California making findings and adopting Specific Plan Amendment No. 23-07 to the Gossamer Grove Specific Plan as provided

A printed certified copy of Ordinance No. 747 is available for inspection by any person at the office of the Shafter City Clerk, City Hall, 336 PaCouncil on June 20, 2023, with the following vote: AYES: Alvarado, Givens, Olvera, and Prout.

ABSENT: Espinoza ABSTAINING: None Dated: June 22, 2023 Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk

NOES: None

Publish Shafter Press June 29, 2023 **PUBLIC NOTICE**

CITY OF SHAFTER NOTICE OF ORDINANCE SUMMARY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on June 20, 2023, the Shafter City Council adopted Ordinance No. 746. The following is the official summary of the adopted ordinance. Summary of Ordinance No. 746: An

Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Shafter, California making findings and adopting Specific Plan Amendment No. 22-06 to the Orchard Park Specific Plan as provided A printed certified copy of Ordinance

No. 746 is available for inspection by any person at the office of the Shafter City Clerk, City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California. The ordinance was passed by the City Council on June 20, 2023, with the following vote: AYES: Alvarado, Givens, and Olvera.

NOES: None ABSENT: Espinoza ABSTAINING: Prout Dated: June 22, 2023 Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk Publish Shafter Press 6-29-23

PUBLIC NOTICE SHAFTER CITY COUNCIL

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, the Shafter Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider the project described below:

Conditional Use Permit No. 22-130: The Shafter Recreation and Park District is requesting a Conditional Use Permit to place light poles that range from 50 feet to 80 feet throughout the two-phase proposed recreation and sports park on a 42.4-acre site located at the northwest corner of East Ash Avenue and Golds Avenue in the City of Shafter. Pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), this project was analyzed in an Initial Study that was prepared for a General Amendment No. 21-37 and Zone Change No. 21-70, and it was determined that with mitigation the project would not have a significant effect on the environment and a Mitigated Negative Declaration was adopted.

Said meeting is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Any person wishing to be heard, or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of the project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments at or prior to the meeting to the City Clerk at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. Should anyone challenge any proposed action which is the subject of the meeting listed on this notice, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the meeting, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at or prior to the meeting. You are encouraged to observe the City Council meeting live via YouTube https://www.youtube.com/user/ CityofShafer/. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item or public comment, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 to the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com. If you wish to make a written comment

please submit your comment to

the City Clerk, 336 Pacific Avenue,

Shafter, CA 93263. If you wish to

make a comment during the live

meeting by joining the conference via Zoom (include making live comments during the public comment period), callers must first register with the City Clerk at CityClerk@ shafter.com before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. All public comments are provided to the City Council and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the Council prior to taking action on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the City Council meeting. Dated: June 6, 2023 Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk

Publish Shafter Press June 29, 2023

SHAFTER CITY COUNCIL NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on July 11, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, the Shafter Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider the project described below:

Temporary Land Use Permit No. 23-136: Mr. Arturo Arredondo is requesting a temporary land use permit to allow for the sale of potatoes and corn in the Apple Market parking lot located at the southwest corner of Central Valley Highway and N. Shafter Avenue. Said meeting is open to the public

and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Any person wishing to be heard or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of the project is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments at or prior to the meeting to the City Clerk at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. Should anyone challenge any proposed action which is the subject of the meeting listed on this notice, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the meeting, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at or prior to the meeting. You are encouraged to observe the City Council meeting live via YouTube https://www.youtube.com/user/ CityofShafer/. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item or public comment, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, July 11, 2023 to the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com. If you wish to make a written comment please submit your comment to the City Clerk, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. If you wish to make a comment during the live meeting by joining the conference via Zoom (include making live comments during the public comment period), callers must first register with the City Clerk at CityClerk@ shafter.com before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. All public comments are provided to the City Council and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the Council prior to taking action on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the City Council meeting. Dated: June 21, 2023 Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk Publish Shafter Press June 29, 2023

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NOTICE TO ADOPTION 2023-2024 OPERATING BUDGET (Cal. Pub. Res. Code § 5788.1

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TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS: PLEASE BE ADVISED that the Board of Directors of Shafter Recreation and Park District reviewed a preliminary budget at a special Board meeting on May 23th, 2023. The preliminary budget is available for inspection at the District office located at 700 E. Tulare Avenue, Shafter California during normal business hours. Please be further advised uled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You that the Board will meet to adopt the final budget at 6:00 p.m. on July 11th, 2023, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the District Board, at 505 California Civil Code. If you are an Sunset Avenue, Shafter, California. Any person may appear at that time and be heard regarding any item in

trustee auction. If you are an "eligible of other items. Publish Shafter Press June 15, 22, bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last

the budget or regarding the addition

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Wisdom and adversity

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We live in a world full of trials, troubles, struggles, hardships, frustrations and disappointments. Adversities happen unexpectedly and are out of our control. Loss of a job, an opportunity, money, health, or a loved one. "Man is born for trouble, as sparks fly upwards" (Job 5:7). The wise Christian expects troubles in our fallen world. God's Word reveals a wise perspective to understand adversity and to make a righteous plan to face it when it inevitably arrives.

Adversity turns you to God. Adversity is used by God to turn us back to Him and His Word in greater trust and dependence. The book of Psalms is a great place to turn when you are struggling in adversity. "Turn Yourself to me, and have mercy on me, for I am desolate and afflicted. The troubles of my heart have enlarged;

bring me our of my distress!" (Psalms 25:16-17). The Psalms often move from low to high, when a beleaguered soul turns to God in trust, praise, and hope. "Oh, love the Lord, all you His saints! For the Lord preserves the faithful, and fully repays the proud person. Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all you who hope in the Lord." (Psalms 31:23-24; see also Psalms 34:17-19; 1 Pet 5:6-7). Adversity builds character. Adver-

sity is used by God to build our character and growth in Christlikeness. "We rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope" (Romans 5:3b-4). The wise may rejoice in tribulations because when difficulties are met with faithfulness, then they result in endurance and Christlikeness. Tribulations in life are like a forge where we are the metal and the master craftsman's hammer comes down and pounds on us with trials, to form us into the image of Jesus Christ (Rom 8:29; 2 Cor 3:18). Remember the fruit of the Spirit is "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22-**23a).** How are adversities helping you to grow in these areas? Adversity offers opportunities. In

adversity the Christian qualities of faith have the opportunity to shine brightly in our lives. Opportunities like giving a testimony, growing in the Christlikeness, and reaching out and serving others. "[God] comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God" (2 Corinthians 1:4). After we endure trials, then we are able to offer comfort and advice to others who are going through the same

struggles. What a tremendous God-given opportunity for mutual encouragement, love, comfort, consolation and counseling.

Adversity adds wisdom. All adversity will push you to react wisely and to grow from the experience (James 1:2-5). Christians should pray earnestly for God's wisdom to press on, to be faithful and to skillfully navigate the trial in the best and most God honoring way possible. What specific Scriptures apply to my hardship? How may God be using this trouble to turn me to Him in greater faith and dependence? What areas of my character is God refining me more like Christ? What opportunities to repent, to forgive, to love or to reach out to others have arisen because of this trial? What specific wise principles have I learned through this whole ordeal? God gives the faithful the answers in His Word and strength to endure any adversity.

DEATH NOTICES

Ramiro Z. Rodriguez, 73, of Bakersfield, passed away June 22, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

Jolene Rachele Lanford, 48, of Bakersfield, passed away June 13, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home,

Juanita Rodriguez, 60, of Wasco, passed away June 20, in Wasco. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Lidia Trevino Barron, 70, of Shafter, passed away June 17, in Shafter. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter. **Adam Troy Smith,** 57, of Shafter, passed away June 22,

in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter. **Jose Robles Lopez,** 72, of Shafter, passed away June 15, in Shafter. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Emilia Martinez, 79, of Shafter, passed away June 19, in Shafter. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

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Yard Sale: Sat. July 1st 8 a.m. to Noon, Lots of men clothing, jeans, shirts and misc. Located on the 200 block of Golden West Ave,

Yard Sale: Sat. July 1st 7 a.m.-Noon, home décor, collectibles, misc. (no clothes) 351 Shaw Ave, a.m. to Noon, Lots of men clothing, jeans, shirts and misc. Located on the 200 block of Golden West Ave.

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A woman of many hats

FOCUS ON FARMING | Jenny Holtermann

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choose to farm," she says.

Holtermann explained that it is getting more difficult to farm, with the regulations and challenges that current farmers face. "But, without families doing what we do, farming will look different in the years to come. We need to support and encourage family farms and the longevity of farming for our community and our children."

One of the challenges now is the price of almonds in today's market. Holtermann said that in her 20 years of almond farming, she has seen prices fluctuate between 90 cents and \$4 return to the grower, with rocery stores charging an average of \$10 per pound. "Currently, the price is about \$1.50 per pound, with costs being between \$1 [and] \$1.50."

Holtermann and her husband are working on increasing their water efficiency and technology used on the farm to ensure that they are being the best stewards of the

Asked what one of the biggest challenges she faces in farming Holtermann said, "Being a woman in agriculture is a big one. I serve on numerous boards in my community and in agriculture where I am the only woman or one of few who have repainted their farm."

She also blogs about her life on the farm, with Instagram postings on @almondgirljenny, and a website, almondg-

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within it," Serna said.

The bike parade became a new tradition that started last year with the partnership of the Toys for Tigers organization.

"Decorate your bike, trike, stroller or wagon and ride around Barker Park. Kids get a fun medal and ice cream treat for participating," he said. Sponsors include the Wasco State

Prison-Reception Center, The Lavender Garden, MV Auto Works Collision Center, General Office Machines Company, Creative Builders, Asphalt Coatings Engineering, Envision Ag Enterprises, California Home Pros, SunnyGem LLC, Garcia Towing & Transport, Gardner's Supply, Inc. and Wasco Glass.

"I look forward to the finale part, seeing how filled the park is with people of all ages, the excitement and the enjoyment

that the beautiful dazzling, glittering, sparkling, glowing fireworks of all different colors brings as it is a work of art in the sky," Serna said.

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Home-grown public servant advocates for

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mental policies, agriculture and access to health care in rural communities.

Hurtado said she entered politics because of poverty.

"It's a vicious cycle. In the Central Valley, we know that poverty does not discriminate. The economic recession of 2008 was felt across the nation, and it was especially difficult for our communities,"

"When communities across the nation began to recover, our communities were still struggling. I have always had a passion for public service and have wanted to approach positive change through policy and create opportunities for people."

Hurtado enjoys working as a senator. "I love my job. The people of Senate Dis-

trict 16 have given me the honor of a lifetime, and every day I am thankful to have the opportunity to serve our communities."

She said being a state senator comes with some challenges -- "like in my first year, I ran a bill to help prevent teen suicides, and that bill was held in the Assembly Appropriations for no apparent reason. I was upset, to say the least."

'There was another time I carried a piece of legislation to extend restraining orders for victims of sexual assault — that bill died in the first hearing. I walked out of the hearing room and cried for about two hours.'

Hurtado shared that there is, at times, an emotional toll behind her work.

"Because these bills represent the stories, the heartbreaks, the challenges that our neighbors, our loved ones, and community all have to overcome, and it should never have to be difficult to try and create positive change."

Those experiences have made her a stronger advocate for the region.

"They have taught me that when one door closes, another one opens. And sometimes, you just have to go open an-

She represents close to a million people, which is more than what a member of Congress represents. "Our district size is large enough to fit

multiple states in it. While I may at times not remember every name or every face that lives in our district, I remember every story and every celebration of victory.' Hurtado added, "Every story and every

victory reminds me of why I love my job, while giving me the courage and wisdom to continue the work on behalf of our region."

She said she is most proud of playing a key role in SB200.

'By securing millions of dollars every year for safe drinking water projects for our region and beyond. And for securing the funds to fix conveyance projects in the Valley like the Friant Kern Canal that is vitally important to communities in Kern County."

"Also, funding for public safety infrastructure for our region. These accomplishments I am most proud of because they represent the most challenging to secure."

Hurtado said her work is rewarding.

"Both personally and professionally, the opportunity to be of service and improve the quality of life through legislative victories that serve this state, the nation and the world through its agricultural work is one of the most rewarding aspects of this

She also said she loves to learn, and she learns something new every day. And she seems to make history almost every day.

"During my time in the Senate, with every committee I have chaired, I am the youngest person to serve in that capacity, meaning this year, I am the youngest chair of the Senate Committee on Agriculture in state history. I am also the first Latina to chair this position in the Senate, too."

Among the issues she cares most about

is the environment. "Climate disasters are impacting us in ways we do not see or do not consider. That is why my niche or area of expertise in the California State Senate includes protecting our water, our farms, and overall

our food system." "Famine or food scarcity is not just an issue in some foreign far away country, we too risk this, and we first saw a glimpse during the pandemic when grocery stores

had empty shelves." She has bright hopes for the future.

"More and better economic opportunities for every walk of life in the food and energy sector in our region."

"This means, I want to secure the Central Valley's role as the breadbasket of California, and the US, by educating the rest of California, my peers in the legislature, and folks outside our state about the outsized role the Central Valley plays."

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE TO BIDDERS Notice is hereby given the Wasco Union Elementary School District (hereinafter referred to

as "District" or "Owner") will receive sealed bids prior to the date and time stated for the Bid Wasco Union Elementary School District - Multiple Sites HVAC Replacement

as per drawings and specifications which may now be obtained from Fresno Reprographics. Fresno Reprographics

7591 N. Ingram Avenue, Suite 103 Fresno, California 93711 The lowest bid shall be determined on the amount of the base bid.

Time of completion for the Project shall be One hundred Eighty (180) calendar days from the date established in the Owner's Notice to Proceed. Bids will be sealed and filed in the School District's Office located at:

Wasco Union Elementary School District Office, 1102 Fifth Street

Wasco, CA 93280

on <u>Friday. July 14 2023. at 12:00 pm (PST)</u> on the clock designated by the District or its representative as the bid clock. Facsimile (FAX) copies of the bid will not be accepted. Bids will be opened on at 12:01 pm (PST) as calculated by the clock designated by the District or its representative as the bid clock. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on Thursday, July 6 at 9:00AM. (PDT). The

group will tour all Four (4) sites between 9:00AM and 2:30PM. Meet at the District Office

at 9:00AM. All potential bidders must report at 9:00AM. The pre-bid job walk will provide the opportunity to inspect the sites and may include dissemination of additional information in response to questions. All bidders will be deemed to have notice of all conditions

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

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

require Contractor to obtain a bond from a surety insurer satisfactory to the District.

to require Contractor to obtain bonds from surety insurers satisfactory to the Owner. The bidder will be required to furnish insurance as set forth in the Contract Documents.

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The Director of Industrial Relations of the State of California, in the manner provided by law, has ascertained the general prevailing rate of per diem wages and rate for legal holidays and overtime work. The Contractor must pay for any labor therein described or classified in an amount not less than the rates specified. Copies of the required rates are on file at the Owner's business office and are available to any interested party on request.

(a) No contractor or subcontractor may be listed on a bid proposal for a public works project (submitted on or after March 1, 2015) unless registered with the Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5 [with limited exceptions from this requirement for bid purposes only under Labor Code section 1771.1(a)]. (b) No contractor or subcontractor may be awarded a contract for public work on a public

works project (awarded on or after April 1, 2015) unless registered with the

- Department of Industrial Relations pursuant to Labor Code section 1725.5. (c) This project is subject to compliance monitoring and enforcement by the Department of Industrial Relations.
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Bv: Karen Evans Publish Wasco Tribune June 22, 29, 2023

Title: Chief Business Official

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of Wasco will hold a public hearing on the project listed below in this notice. The public hearing will be held on July 10, 2023, at 6:00 P.M. or as soon as possible thereafter in the Council Chambers located at 746 8th Street,

Wasco, California. Conditional Use Permit 23-02 Project: Walmart Fuel Station and Convenience Store ABC Type 20 Licensing is a proposal to provide off-sales of pre-packaged beer and wine for off-site consumption, in an approved convenience store.

Location: 2850 Highway 46 Wasco, CA 93280 APN: 487-400-09

Applicant: Walmart Business Trust, Chris Harty

CEQA Determination: Find that this project is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Existing Facilities Class 1

The project and supporting docu-

ments may be reviewed during normal business hours at the Planning Department located at 764 E Street, Wasco, CA 93280. Any person wishing to testify on the above project may appear before the Planning Commission at their meeting on July 10, 2023, or may submit written comments on or before July 10, 2023. If you challenge this proposal, or any

aspect of it in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Wasco Planning Department, 764 E Street, Wasco, CA 93280, at, or prior to the public hearing. If you need special assistance to par-

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Date: 6/27/2023 Publish Wasco Tribune June 29, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE **ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE - CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER:** SCV-23-000013 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: Luis Alberto Velazquez filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name Luis Alberto Velazquez Proposed Name

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all per-

Luis Alberto Hernandez

sons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the

hearing to show cause why the pe-

tition should not be granted. If no

written objection is timely filed, the

court may grant the petition without

a hearing.

NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: 07/21/2023 Time: 8:30 AM Dept: B b. The address of the court is: SU-

PERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN, 325 Central Val-

ley Hwy, Shafter, CA 93263. North Division 3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following

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printed in this county: Wasco Tri-

Date: 5/16/23 /s/Marcos R. Camacho

Judge of the Superior Court Publish Wasco Tribune June 22, 29,

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2023-B3796

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/s/Alexander Wright, Managing Member Date Statement Filed: 06/12/2023 Date Statement Expires: 06/12/2028

Aimee X. Espinoza Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Hernandez

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> **PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Memorable Monuments** 2023-B3238

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Sandra Carolina Liera Hernandez The business is conducted by: Indi-

Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Sandra Carolina Liera Hernandez Date Statement Filed: 05/15/2023 Date Statement Expires: 05/15/2028 Aimee X. Espinoza

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