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City to pay to vaccinate

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

The city will give up to 500 residents \$50 gift cards to get vaccinated, the City Council determined Tuesday night.

The \$25,000 investment (plus any additional surcharge fees incurred from the gift card company) is intended to increase the city's relatively low vaccination rate.

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There was a lengthy discussion to consider adopting a resolution authorizing the city manager to use the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 funds to promote covid-19 vaccination event(s) to incentivize community participation.

Wasco's current vaccination rate is

56.32% with one or more vaccination doses and 50.04% fully vaccinated.

According to a staff report, to increase vaccination rates and drive down case rates, other communities have directly engaged the public by offering incentives (such as gift cards for local businesses) for citizens to receive vaccinations.

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Mayor Gilberto Reyna said he was excited about the vaccination incentive program.

— GRADUATION SPECIAL — SHAFTER HIGH CLASS OF 2022



Kyle Cleveland speaks to his fellow graduates. Cleveland had the fourth highest GPA in his class.



Valedictorian Adeline Aguilar gives her speech.

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Mary Rexius dies at 102

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Mary Ellen Rexius, a long time Wasco resident, will be remembered as a loving and giving woman who loved life and gave of herself, her time and passion for her hometown, a true and faithful Tiger.

Rexius passed away last week, at the age of 102. In 1947, Rexius, who was teaching in Tennessee, answered an ad in a Memphis newspaper for a teaching position in Wasco, Ca. Soon after, Rexius boarded a

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train for Wasco. "I will always remember that day, stepping off that train in Wasco. It was the hottest day of the month. I had never felt anything like it."

Despite the heat, Rexius stayed in Wasco and soon became a fixture in local schools and in the community.

Rexius taught at several levels, ending her career teaching at Wasco High for over 13 years.

Mary Ellen stayed active throughout her

life, being a member of several clubs and organizations, including the Wasco Woman's Club and the PEO Chapter.

A couple of years ago, Rexius was honored with a birthday celebration on her 100th birthday, receiving a certificate from the Wasco City Council.

In the last couple of years of her life, Rexius was a resident of Carrington House in Shafter, where she enjoyed some good-natured ribbing about her affiliation with its rival town.



Mary Rexius celebrated her 100th birthday at an event hosted by the Woman's Club.

Council hears opinions on new solid waste service

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

City users of solid waste collection will pay less — or more, if they have alley service now.

And the alley service is going away, as of July 1.

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The Shafter City Council on the new rates, for service delivered by American Refuse.

Public Works Director Michael James told the attendees at the public hearing Tuesday night that in 2021, the City of Shafter developed a three-cart system that would be utilized by the city for its residents, which is required by the State of California. James said that American Refuse submitted a bid that was then approved by the council.

The rates for residential customers will increase for those who now have alley service. Those customers who have curbside service will see their rate decrease by about two dollars. Customers who have alley service will be paying \$26.55 per month, compared to the \$16.69 they are currently paying — a more than 60% increase.

Four letters of protest were submitted to the council, far from the number needed to block the council from voting on the new rates for all city customers.

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Shafter PD hosts Coffee with a Cop

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The residents of Gossamer Grove were able to meet the men and women in blue serving the city of Shafter as members of the Shafter Police

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Department on Saturday, with a Flight Park Saturday Coffee with a Cop event.

Residents of the megadevelopment on Seventh Standard Road were able to meet with the officers, voicing any concerns they may have, as well as ask questions. The event drew a good crowd that expressed their satisfaction with the performance of the Police Department in the Gossamer Grove area.

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Community Calendar

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

ONGOING

NEW: Community Vacation Bible School: Zoomerang at Shafter Ford Theater, 1101 E. Lerdo Hwy., June 20-24 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Register at shaftercommunityvbs.mysanswers.com/2022 or text VBS2022.

NEW: Vacation Bible School: Westside Family Fellowship Food Truck Party, June 13-17.

Kindergarten through 6th grade 6 8:30 p.m. 2150 Palm Ave., Wasco.

NEW: Shafter Chamber of Commerce will host their annual fireworks show on July 3 at Shafter High School. Activities start at 5 p.m.

Wasco Branch Library is in partnership with NO Kid Hungry and the Kern County Superintendent of Schools is offering free meals and space to do homework. Mondays and Tuesdays,. 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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

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

MONDAY

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

Shafter City Council – Meetings are held at City Hall on the first and third Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m.

TUESDAY

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

meetings.

Senior Lunch Program – Every first and third Tuesday of the month: 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 – Meeting at 7 a.m. at the Shafter Veterans Hall.

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

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. The agenda is on the WHS website.

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 serve. Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith St., Wasco.

SATURDAY

NEW: Juneteenth – Celebrate the Freedom Day, Saturday, June 11, at Barker Park, 1250 Poplar Ave., from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. It is the second annual free event for everyone.

NEW: Planet Dance presents Selena Saturday, June 18. Presale tickets \$18; at the door, \$20. Doors open at 9:15 a.m.; show starts at 10 a.m.

Depot Museum – The Shafter Depot Museum is open Saturdays from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. The museum is at 150 Central Valley Highway.

Mystery history

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Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to *The Press*, 455 Kern St., Suite E, Shafter, CA 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** From the late 1920s, the Pontiac dealership on Central Avenue next to Beckers Insurance.



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ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

MAY 18

Fernando Garcia Jr., 35, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of Shafter Avenue for obstruction and resisting an executive officer, obstruction of a public officer and disorderly conduct: under the influence of a drug.

MAY 24

Rodolfo Gerardo Mendoza, 32, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of South Beech Street on a felony bench warrant and misdemeanor bench warrant.

Jamie Chavez, 30, of Shafter, was arrested in the 500 block of West Los Angeles Street for attempting to carjack and obstruction of a public officer.

MAY 25

Jose Reyes Soto, 39, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Shafter Avenue for possession of controlled substance paraphernalia and on an outside agency warrant.

Jose Lemus Lovera, 36, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Central Valley Highway on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

MAY 28

Orlando Anthony Lara, 29, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Frances Avenue for disorderly conduct.

MAY 29

Eusebio Aguirre Puga, 36, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of Tulare Avenue for attempting to operate a vehicle without consent, possession of burglary tools and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia.

Brandy Quaife, 40, of Shafter, was arrested in the 300 block of Central Valley Highway for obstruction of a public officer, showing false ID to specific public officers and disorderly conduct: under the influence of a drug.

JUNE 1

Cody Alan Houchin, 33, of Shafter, was arrested in the 3600 block of Juniper Knoll Way for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

JUNE 3

Francisco Saldivar, 44, of Shafter, was arrested on South Shafter Avenue on an outside felony bench warrant and an outside agency warrant.

Guillermo Delgado Lopez, 34, of Shafter, was arrested in the 300 block of Elm Street for inflicting corporal injury on to spouse/cohabitant, obstruction of a public officer and on a misdemeanor bench warrant.

JUNE 5

Jesse Jerome Henderson, 33, of Shafter, was arrested for battery with serious bodily injury and child cruelty.

BUTTONWILLOW

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

JUNE 5

Amiee Maxwell, 43, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 35000 block of Highway 58 for disorderly conduct and obstructing, delaying and resisting a peace officer. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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

MAY 30

Miguel Carrillo, 49, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1100 block of Poso Drive for misdemeanor driving without a license. He was cited and released at the scene.

MAY 31

Christopher Martinez, 26, of Wasco, was arrested in the 800 block of 16th Street for misdemeanor violation of a court order to prevent domestic violence. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

JUNE 4

Allen Ray Forker, 28, of Shafter, was arrested in the 1100 block of 7th Street for misdemeanor resisting arrest, trespassing and on misdemeanor bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

CORRECTION



In last week's paper, a student was misidentified in the photo accompanying the Wasco Independence High School article (reprinted here). He was Joseph Gamboa.

In the article about the Wasco High School graduation, a parent was misidentified. He was Damien Navarro. The picture is reprinted here.

The Tribune and Press apologize for the errors.



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Tiny kitten saved

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

A kitten was rescued from a storm drain thanks to the collaboration of the Public Works Department, Mayor Gilberto Reyna and several good samaritans.

The tiny kitten was trapped in a storm drain located at the corner of Poplar Avenue and Margalo Street.

Wasco resident Iris Paredes Ruiz said she heard crying from inside the sewer.

“My son, Antonio Chayanne, ran to the house to get something to lift the drain cover. However, once we removed the cover, we realized we would need more serious help,” Paredes Ruiz said .

“The kitten was scared, and we worried about its safety with the heat. I am an ani-

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mal lover, and my heart hurt knowing the kitten was suffering.”

Another resident attempted to save the kitten and entered the drain to no avail.

Paredes Ruiz then posted a video message on social media asking for assistance. Mayor Reyna responded and called Public Works Director Luis Villa, who dispatched the Wastewater Department and Animal Control to the scene.

Working together, they successfully saved the kitten without injury, and it is now safe at the animal shelter.

“I was overjoyed with the news. Hopefully, someone will adopt the sweet kitten soon and provide a loving home,” said Pare-



The kitten was rescued without injury.

des Ruiz.

“This clearly shows how Public Works staff strives to provide the best service to the citizens of Wasco. No matter the situation, we are here to help,” Villa said.

“Without the intervention of our Wastewater and Animal Control personnel, the kitten would have certainly perished, for it

couldn’t escape from the storm drain on its own,” said Mayor Reyna.

It was a team effort.

“The rescue was accomplished by Animal Control and Wastewater department putting their knowledge together to make this rescue successful, once again showing the continuity between departments to provide great service to the community,” said Villa.

“It was private citizens and the city staff’s combined prompt efforts that saved the kitten and provided for a happy outcome. They both took action, which resulted in rescuing a vulnerable animal in trouble,” said Mayor Reyna.

The Public Works Wastewater staff’s action to rescue the trapped kitten went beyond their regular duties.

“This is an example of what you can expect from our department,” said Villa.

For more information on how to adopt the kitten or any other animal at the Wasco Animal Shelter, call 661-758-7240.

Buttonwillow hosts Cal Club Regionals

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Buttonwillow Raceway was the site of the Cal Club’s Regionals this past weekend, with over 300 racers on the track competing for in the Regional Championships.

There were six different classes in

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events, with drivers vying for places in the rankings in the season series that will culminate in the National Championships held in Virginia this year. The Nationals rotate sites, with the event last year held in Las Vegas.

Cal Club is the organization that had the Buttonwillow track built. The track hosts all sorts of teams that utilize the facility for testing.

The event this past weekend saw drivers from all classes competing on the track, with trophies and series points up for grabs.

According Ceci Smith, the event coordinator and office manager for the Cal Club, the event is for all competitors in the Western Region, with points going toward their goal of qualifying for the Nationals.

The event was open to all SCCA classes and all SCCA competition license holders, as well as all those licenses accepted by the SCCA. There were different levels of competition, from novice up to full competition.

The event had a local flavor. In addition to a few drivers from Bakersfield, the field boasted a local man from Shafter in the competition. Mark Ballengee was entered in the Spec Class races, going up against racers from all over Southern California.

Ballengee placed third in his division on Saturday, with a third place finish on Sunday. Ballengee has been racing for over 20 years, with some good finishes to show for his efforts. Ballengee owns around 20 cars, with a lot of younger drivers in the driver’s seats. He said that he will be leaving for



The cars get prepared before entering the race track.

races in Wisconsin later this week, with stops in Laguna and Monterey in the near future.

“I love racing, and love helping the younger guys learn how to drive and move them up the ranks.” Ballengee, who is 72 years old, holds his own with the younger

drivers, as well as helping them with their careers, giving them a ride to compete in. He said that he has had a couple of drivers he mentored go into the Indy Car circuit.

The next event in Buttonwillow will be a National Time Trials event, drawing drivers from all over the country.

Up and coming talent performs locally

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Redemption – or Redencion – is a Wasco band formed in 2021. They play for all occasions, including weddings, baptisms, birthdays, anniversaries, quinceaneras, night clubs and grand openings. There are four members, all with a long musical trajectory.

The band is composed of Nicolas Mendez, who plays the drums; Gavino Martinez, who plays the accordion; Noe Martinez, who plays guitar; and Luis Cayetano, who plays bass and is the lead singer.

“Since 2015, we have played together with different bands. We decided to start our own band last year, and we have had a successful run since then,” said Mendez.

“We pretty much do it all. We play locally within Kern County and throughout the state. We are lucky there is a big demand for our work.”

Mendez enjoys the camaraderie they have and said they understand each other musically.

“It is hard to find other musicians that share the same goals and ideas. I have been playing professionally since I was 15, and it is difficult to find the right fit. The four of us click, and that is what makes our group strong and prosperous,” Mendez said.

The band is versatile, playing all Mexican genres, including cumbias, rancheras, mortenas, corridos and romanticas.

All of the band members have a passion for music. Mendez got his first drum set at the age of eight. Music runs deep in the Mendez family as they are connected to several well-known musicians that have served as his inspiration.

He has opened up concerts at arenas for

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some of the biggest Latin music entertainers. He also regularly served as a stand-in for popular bands in the past.

Mendez is self-taught like the other members of the band.

“When I perform, it fulfills me and puts me in a different world,” said Mendez. “Even when I have a bad day, when I get behind the drums, it changes everything and motivates me to give my best performance,” said Mendez.

The band enjoys performing live.

“I love music and like to make our audiences happy. When I see them smiling and dancing to our songs, I feel all of our hard work and learning our instruments has paid off,” said Cayetano.

Fame is not their main goal, but it is instead their love of music and connection with their fans.

“We strive to keep moving forward and growing our craft. We want to continue on the path that we are on because we know it will lead to bigger and better opportunities,” Cayetano says.

“Hopefully, one day, we can be on the big stage performing for thousands of people.”

The bandmates are family, as Noe and Gavino are brothers and Noe and Luis are cousins, while Nicolas is considered a brother.

“We have a special bond. That energy is what we bring to our shows.”

They are proud to represent Wasco.

“We love to promote our roots. We hope to make the community proud just as we are proud of them,” Cayetano says.

Redencion plays many local shows and invites those to come who will want to



The band clicks musically and share the same ideas and goals. (Photo by Nicolas Mendez)

dance and have a good time.

“We guarantee you will not be disappointed,” Mendez promises.

To book the band or attend one of their

events, call 661-667-0139 or 661-446-2966. You can also follow them on Instagram at grupo_redencion_ or on Facebook at gpo redencion.

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Market brings colorful taste of Mexico

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

La Canasta Market has been a staple in the Wasco community for 34 years. The family-owned business focuses on providing quality produce, meats and other traditional Mexican items. They pride themselves on their excellent customer service and selling products at an affordable price.

The business is owned by mother Maria Paz and her sons, Ramon and Alex Sedano Paz.

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"It is amazing to be able to work alongside my family. We love the Wasco community and enjoy getting to know our clients," said Ramon Sedano Paz.

Both Ramon and Alex were practically raised in the market. Alex was just 3 years old when he would spend his days there, while Ramon started working at 15. They have both played an integral role in the business since then.

The market sells fresh, locally sourced produce and meats. They also have a natural Mexican water and juice bar that makes cool refreshments using apples, beets, carrots, cucumber, parsley, pineapples, melon, strawberries, cilantro and even jalapenos.

"Whatever ingredient you want in it, we will make," said Ramon.

They are known for their seafood cocktails. Their shrimp cocktail has shrimp, onions, tomatoes and cucumbers in a special broth seasoned with chili, ketchup and lemon. The Dynamite Cocktail has everything in the shrimp cocktail, with the addition of octopus, crab and quail eggs.

"Our products are top of



Owners Alex Sedano Paz, Maria Paz and Ramon Sedano Paz are grateful for their loyal customers.

the line, and we are often complimented on the quality that can't be beaten."

The butcher shop cuts meats daily and receives shipments four times a week to ensure that clients get the best of the best.

There is a team of 15 staff members to provide premium customer service, helping shoppers find just what they need.

"The store is 100% Mexican, from our meats to produce to staff. We enjoy being able to celebrate our culture with the community," Paz said. "Everything is clean and colorful, and you can smell all of the spices."

They also sell Mexican pottery and cookware, pinatas and all types of Hispanic foods, such as tortillas, tostadas, rotisserie chicken, carnitas, chicharrones and dried chile for menudo, pozole and moles.

During lent, they make fried fish and a traditional dessert that Paz learned from her native small town in Mexico.

"We want our customers happy and wanting to come back. Some came as children and now return with their children and grandchildren. We treat them like family and get to form friendships with them. That is what makes us stand out from the rest," Ramon said.

Paz is grateful and thanks God for their success.

"We are so blessed to be in business these years. I attribute this to our loyal customers," said Paz.

Over the years, they have been able to help out local residents with toys for children during Christmas and food baskets for families in need over the holidays.

"This is our way of giving back to Wasco that has been so good to us," Ramon said.

The market is located downtown and has customers that come from as far as Paso Robles, Delano and McFarland to shop.

"We even have truck drivers from Los Angeles passing through who place to-go orders," Ramon said.

The family is hopeful about the future.

"We hope to be here for many more years to come," Paz said.

La Canasta Market, 1017 7th St., is open every day from 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. To place a to-go order, call 661-758-2546.

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Volunteers, Code Compliance employees, City Councilmembers and sponsors posed for a group picture.

Partnerships make for a successful city wide cleanup

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

In partnership with American Refuse and Alianza, the City of Wasco's Code Compliance Department hosted a community cleanup event last month. Many volunteers participated and showed their support for an initiative to beautify Wasco.

There were almost 60 people that attended on May 14. The volunteers were broken up into smaller groups to focus on gathering trash from the alleys and parks.

The event raised awareness around illegal dumping.

"This is a problem in Wasco. With our community cleanup, we are doing our best to address this issue so garbage doesn't end up in streets, alleys or farmland," said Wasco Code Enforcement Officer Sergio Gonzalez Jr.

American Refuse provided large truck bins for the community to drop off their bulky waste at no cost.

"We have partnered with the city since 2004 to deliver a service to citizens to eliminate illegal dumping and keep Wasco clean," said American Refuse owner Jeff Martin.

People brought for proper disposal furniture, home appliances, TVs, mat-

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resses and water heaters.

Alianza collected the e-waste.

"This helps keep these items out of landfills and is better for the environment," said Roy Maxberry of Alianza. Some residents made multiple trips.

"I came three times and brought TVs, a vacuum cleaner, refrigerator, chairs and a dining room set," said Jose Lopez.

Residents were appreciative.

Guadalupe Delgado dropped off exercise equipment, a bike, a table and bedroom furniture.

"These items were sitting in my garage for a very long time. I was excited to hear about this so I can finally declutter," Delgado said.

"I cleared out my backyard and shed with stuff that took up space for the last six years. It made it easier to come and drop off, and better than sticking it in an alley," said Jamie Hoisington.

"The dump is expensive and a half an hour away. With gas prices so high, this really helps," said Samuel Rodriguez.

It was convenient for everyone, especially those who didn't have a way to transport their bulky waste. If requested, a truck was sent to their home to retrieve the garbage.

City Council lent a helping hand.

"Trash is always unsightly, and we need to be conscious that we want to keep our city liveable and nice," said Councilmember Mike Lynch. "People don't know [that] if you call American Refuse or the city; they will come and pick up your bulky items for free."

Students helped make the event a success.

"I want to thank the local high school youth that came out for us," said Gonzalez.

"They could be doing something else, but they are here cleaning up Wasco. I am grateful and happy they volunteered. The youth are the future of our city, and this demonstrates to them they can make a difference," said Mayor Gilberto Reyna.

Volunteers seemed to enjoy themselves.

"Today was special because I got to be a part of a team doing something positive. The weather was nice, and I liked being outside making new friends who also care about teaching others [that] littering is bad for our city," said Jaretzi Zuno.

Community members can host their own neighborhood cleanup effort, and American Refuse will donate garbage bags, rollers and paint to cover graffiti.

"Code Compliance will also make gloves, vests and trash pickers available," Gonzalez said.

The event ended with a barbeque as a treat for the volunteers and sponsors.

"We couldn't have done it without their help. Our volunteers showed pride in their city, Alianza took care of the e-waste, and American Refuse supplied all the equipment, trucks, bins and employees," said Gonzalez.

Another cleanup is planned for the fall.

For more information on upcoming events or how to organize one yourself, call Code Compliance at 661-758-7216 or 661-758-7213.

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Councilmember Alex Garcia, Mayor Gilberto Reyna and student volunteers enjoyed working as a team to beautify Wasco (photo courtesy of Alex Garcia).

Program provides child care and early education

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

The Community Action Partnership of San Luis Obispo Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Program in Wasco provides high-quality, no-cost child care, early childhood education and preschool services to income-eligible families.

"The mission is to serve migrant children and families who are income-eligible in our service area with a comprehensive program to meet their educational, emotional, social, health, and nutritional needs," said Lupe Sanchez, area manager for south Kern County.



Wasco Migrant and Seasonal Head Start children participating in a game designed to improve social skills. (Courtesy CAPSLO)

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Staff members offer children and families love, acceptance, understanding and the opportunity to learn and experience success.

"Through community participation, staff development, and family involvement, our goal is to assist in providing opportunities now and for future generations," said Family Child Care Coordinator Yolanda Chavez.

CAPSLO is committed to eliminating the causes of poverty by empowering low-income individuals and families to achieve self-sufficiency through a wide array of community-based collaborations and programs.

"In Wasco, we fully offer a Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Program that supports these goals through our mission to provide quality comprehensive services to young children and their families," said Chavez.

These services include support around nutrition, health, mental health, education, family, parent involvement and children with disabilities.

Migrant agricultural working families are those that travel often through different counties and states following the crop seasons. They are uprooted from their homes, often earning minimum wage, and therefore are unable to afford safe child care that focuses on meeting educational goals.

"We are not only babysitters; we are educators that follow the national Head Start performance standards," said Sanchez.

There is a Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Program center in Wasco that serves

40 preschoolers.

Funded in 2002, the Wasco Las Rosas Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Program center has three teachers per 20 children. Each classroom has to have a qualified teacher with at least an associates degree in early childhood.

"We have six teachers at our Wasco center, all with college degrees. There is also a family service advocate who works with the families, so we have a team. In addition, our staff participates in many hours of training," said Chavez.

The second component of the program contracts with provider homes to provide childcare for infants and toddlers.

"We believe they should be in a home setting environment," said Sanchez.

Home providers must meet stringent state requirements. The providers must also have an educational background focused on early childhood education.

They are monitored closely, with regular visits from CAPSLO Family Childcare coordinators for training and evaluation.

Providers participate in monthly workshops, seminars and conferences for professional development growth.

"We also help them with educational materials and equipment to help create quality child care," said Sanchez.

In 2013, the Migrant and Seasonal Head Start Program was acknowledged by the National Head Start Association and received a Quality Initiative recognition that they have maintained up until now.

"We are looked at as a leader in child care across the nation," said Chavez.

Parents are involved in many aspects of



Lupe Sanchez, area manager for south Kern County, said the Community Action Partnership provides quality comprehensive services that meet national Head Start standards. (Courtesy CAPSLO)

the program decisions and receive training.

"We empower them to be self-sufficient and are part of our regular meetings. We teach them that they are the first teachers of their children and show them how to advocate for their needs and education," said Sanchez. "If parents want to further their education, we connect them with English or GED classes, and we often time subsidize some of the costs."

The center and home providers are open 11 to 12 hours a day to meet the needs of the farm working migrant community.

For more information on enrollment or about the Wasco Las Rosas Center, call 661-758-4623.

East Coast Wasco Reserve player connects with

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

The Wasco Reserve professional baseball team recruits players from throughout the United States and abroad. One particular player that stands out is Ryan Osborne. He brings the team a passion and love for the sport that he has developed over the many years he has played baseball.

Osborne is both a player and assistant manager. He comes from Long Island, New York, and is back again for his second season.

He has played from a very early age and was influenced by his father, who also played professional baseball.

It is a family affair with his brother Ben Osborne, a recent college graduate, playing on the team.

When he is not playing with the Reserve, he works as head baseball coach at John Jay College, a Division 3 school in Manhattan.

"I like it because it gives me the opportunity to develop and grow young athletes," said Osborne.

This season he will once again be a pitcher for the team. Osborne helped give Wasco its first win in the season, playing

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against Bakersfield with a complete game pitching all nine innings where they won 8-2.

He was going to retire from the Reserve but was convinced by Manager Christian Carmouche to stay. He loves the city of Wasco and the connection he has to the fans, which was also another factor in his decision to return.

Osborne is excited for the season, especially to work hand in hand with Carmouche. He said they have a special bond and considers him a brother.

"Together, we hope to accomplish making playoffs and playing our hardest to win the division," said Osborne.

As an assistant manager, he is looking forward to helping the players further their professional baseball careers.

"I love communication and working with the guys on mechanics, positive mentality and stamina," said Osborne

Of creating a positive mentality, he said, "I encourage the players to think positively about themselves around their craft and how they play the game."



Assistant Manager/Pitcher Ryan Osborne, with Manager Christian Carmouche, said he is more than just a teammate; he is family.

"I am not a guy to bring someone down; I would rather lift them up."

Carmouche believes Osborne is a great team player, always willing to learn and grow even though he has a lot of experi-

ence.

"Osborne is always willing to help someone in need on the team and in life, and wants to see everyone succeed as much as he wants it for himself. He is the epitome of what a player should be," said Carmouche.

"He is the life of the party, has a sense of humor and is a people person, which makes him a great coach. He is one of those guys you can talk to about anything."

Carmouche and Osborne are aligned in their mission to grow together as a coaching staff to build a program where they can continue to win games and take their players to the next level.

"The idea is to build more memories that will last for a lifetime because it is more than just a game," said Carmouche.

Osborne wants the community behind the team and invites the public to attend their home games in Bakersfield at Sam Lynn Ballpark.

"Come watch a bunch of guys live out a childhood dream while proudly representing Wasco," said Osborne.

For a complete season schedule and roster of players, visit wasco.reserve.com.

Organization provides resources and services to

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Community Action Partnership of Kern was established in 1965 and has made sub-

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stantive contributions to individuals and families across the county by creating economic opportunities and strengthening communities.

According to their national Community Action pledge, "We change people's lives, embody the spirit of hope, improve communities and make America a better place to live. We care about the entire community, and we are dedicated to helping people help themselves and each other."

CAPK touches nearly 100,000 people in the county.

Locally, there are many programs to help improve the quality of life for residents in Wasco.

"When we are looking at providing direct client services, it is important we select access points in neighborhoods where people reside, which eliminates at least one barrier to access services," said Director of Administration Pritika Ram.

Among the programs intended to benefit Wasco is the Head Start Early Education program. Two centers in town provide free, quality education to children in their first five years to enter kindergarten prepared to succeed. 60 children participate.



Mayor Gilberto Reyna presented a proclamation to CAPK Governing Board member Ana Vigil and Director of Administration Pritika Ram

Their Women, Infants and Children program serves 349 infants and 1,030 children between ages 1 and 5 years old, for a total number of children served in Wasco of 1,379.

"Community Action Partnership of Kern addresses underlying causes of poverty, al-

leviates the effects, and promotes dignity and self-sufficiency in our community," said Mayor Gilberto Reyna.

CAPK has an energy program with two components.

The first is Utility Assistance, which assists qualifying individuals who need help paying their energy bills.

"This helps those that may be behind in payments or having a shut-off event. We pay directly to the energy provider," Ram said.

The second is Weatherization, which will renovate homeowner and renter property to increase energy efficiency and reduce their monthly power bills.

"Technicians will come to your home to upgrade it for energy efficiency, including refrigeration, doors and windows, and heating and cooling units," said Ram.

Their 2-1-1 program is a resource and referral center available at all times, connecting people to more than 1,500 social

safety net services.

"It is always available. We never close that service," said Outreach and Advocacy Coordinator James Burger.

"The best thing about the organization is that we serve individuals in their time of need. We are responsive and provide quality services that positively impact the communities we serve," said Ram.

Another initiative that makes a difference in the community is the CAPK Food Bank, distributing 23 million pounds of food a year. "At the height of the pandemic, this increased to 33 million," said Ram.

They host a food distribution event every fourth Thursday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon at West Side Park. They also do a Senior Food Program distribution at Griffith Avenue Church from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. on the second Tuesday of every month.

CAPK's Migrant Children Program helps migrant agricultural workers with child care for their families. It also helps find them childcare anywhere in California.

"So many of our services rely on community partners to create success, and we stand ready to team up with Wasco to meet the needs of this community. If you know anyone in need, please have them call 211 or visit capk.org to learn about how we can help," said Ram.

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City to pay to vaccinate

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A number of these programs have been successful but are not without controversy. In one case, gift cards were offered primarily for local restaurants and grocery businesses. Owners of other (nonfood) businesses were critical because they were excluded from the program, while others questioned the use of public funds to promote a vaccination program which is still controversial for some.

The use of generic cards, such as Visa gift cards, eliminates the possible problem with vendor selection; however, it also allows the incentive to be spent outside of Wasco and not with local vendors.

"These incentive programs work based on data from other towns. This is an excellent opportunity to do something great for our community and keep them healthy," said Mayor Gilberto Reyna.

The program is open to everyone. The question was raised regarding how the city can get the word out to the large Latino Spanish-speaking community, and Mayor Reyna said he has partner-

ships in place to disseminate the information among this demographic.

The resolution to implement a gift card vaccination incentive program was unanimously approved.

"I think it was a very good discussion, and I am excited about it. What better investment than investing in our residents to protect them and us," said Mayor Reyna.

Assistant City Manager Maria Lara announced the recent award of \$10,000 in grants for spade and neuter events and animal shelter needs benefitting Wasco residents.

A resolution was unanimously approved to accept the two \$5,000 awards each from Pacific Gas and Electric Co. and from California for All Animals Statewide Animal Shelter Assistance Program.

"Money will be used for anything the shelter needs to operate to keep animals safe and hopefully adopted," said Lara.

"Good work," said Councilmember Alex Garcia. "Excellent job," said Mayor Reyna.

A certificate of recognition was presented to Wasco Tigers Taekwondo for their many years of teaching Wasco youth martial arts.

"This helps build their self-esteem, self-defense and confidence and contributes to a more peaceful world," said Mayor Reyna.

"They are to be celebrated because they represent the spirit of Wasco," said Councilmember Garcia.

Sergeant Charles Shinn from the Kern County Sheriff's Department provided the council with a comparison of crime statistics between April and May. His report showed that CFS (calls for service) increased slightly from 842 to 849, total arrests decreased from 60 to 54, citations (traffic/parking) decreased from 42 to 31, patrol checks increased from 83 to 93 and narcotic related cases increased from 10 to 30.

Chief Joe Appleton from the Kern County Fire Department reported on data collected since January 2022 showing that 43% of fires in the county are caused by homelessness or related homelessness.



Wasco Tigers Taekwondo students Natalie Rios, 7, Elias Rios, 12, and Jordan Mulato, 9, with their coach, Brian Solorio.

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Time to press on

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As we start each new year, many of us make resolutions and set goals to improve our lives personally, financially, spiritually or in terms of our health or relationships. Even in the least chaotic years, those good intentions are long forgotten by the time we get to June, halfway through the year.

These days, with prices rising and stress levels rising even faster, most of us are either too distracted or too discouraged to

even think about fulfilling our potential. Just getting back to "normal" (whatever that means) is as high as many people dare to dream these days.

But God has higher hopes for your future than just surviving these challenging times. We need to adopt Paul's attitude as recorded in Philippians 3:14-15, *"Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has*

called me heavenward in Christ Jesus."

Paul recognized that focusing on his past, both successes and failures, would not allow him to press on to fulfill God's best purposes for his life. Sometimes we long for what we call "the good old days," forgetting that those times had their share of pain and discouragement as well. Other times, we hyperfocus on our failures and the painful times we have experienced, until we feel too broken to hope that even God's power can heal us and transform our lives. Neither attitude will help us move toward

the blessed future God wants to give us.

It's time to stop mourning the losses of the last few years. It's time to stop fantasizing about some idyllic past that was never as good as we remember it. It's time to press on – to fulfill our destiny, the divine purpose God planned for each of us since the beginning of creation. As Jeremiah 29:11 says, *"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

In that very hope, let's press on together!

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF: DALTON CHARLES DANIELS AKA DELTON CHARLES DANIELS CASE NO. BPB-22-002528

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of DALTON CHARLES DANIELS AKA DELTON CHARLES DANIELS.

A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by ELANOR TORRENCE in the Superior Court of California, County of KERN.

THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that ELANOR TORRENCE be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

A HEARING on the petition will be held in this court as follows: 07/01/22 at 8:30AM in Dept. J-1 located at 2100 COLLEGE AVENUE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93305

THIS MATTER IS SUBMITTED AS "PROPER TO BE SUBMITTED ON THE PLEADINGS (PSP)." ALL MATTERS APPROVED AS PSP WILL BE GRANTED UNLESS YOU APPEAR AT THE HEARING AND OBJECT WHEN THE PSP CALENDAR IS CALLED.

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

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

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

In Pro Per Petitioner

ELANOR TORRENCE

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Pedro Security Service 2022-B3333

1941 Dover St

Delano, CA 93215

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:

1941 Dover St

Delano, CA 93215

Pedro Flores Jr

1941 Dover St

Delano, CA 93215

The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: N/A

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/s/Pedro Flores Jr

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PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of: Pablo Zepeda Case Number: BPB-21-003136

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

2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Leticia Marie Lopez in the Superior Court of California, County of: Kern

3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Leticia Marie Lopez be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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

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

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

a. Date: 07-14-2022 Time: 8:30a.m. Dept.: J-1

b. Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Kern, 2100 College Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93305.

7. If you object to the granting of the petition you should appear at the

hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

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

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

10. Petitioner: Leticia Marie Lopez

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Wasco, CA 93280

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:

318 C Street

Wasco, CA 93280

Eduardo Lopez Ponce

318 C Street

Wasco, CA 93280

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Date the business commenced: 05/10/2022

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14601 Warren Street

Lost Hills, CA 93249

County: KERN

Mailing address of business:

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5312 W. Home Ave.

Fresno, CA 93722

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14601 Warren Street

Lost Hills, CA 93249

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14601 Warren Street

Lost Hills, CA 93249

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/Sukhwinder Singh, Partner

Original FBN Statement File Number: 2021-B6037

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This statement of Abandonment filed on: 04/29/2022

Mary B. Bedard, CPA

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By: /s/M Hernandez, Deputy

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Fast N Freeze 2022-B2989

805 22nd Ave

Delano, CA 93215

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:

805 22nd Ave

Delano, CA 93215

Fast N Freeze Inc

805 22nd Ave

Delano, CA 93215

Stateof Incorporation or Organizations: CA

The business is conducted by: Corporation

Date the business commenced: N/A

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/s/Saleh, President

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Sam's Market 2022-B2990

2200 Girard St

Delano, CA 93215

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:

2200 Girard St

Delano, CA 93215

Delano 76 Inc

2200 Girard St

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State of Incorporation or Organizations: CA

The business is conducted by: Corporation

Date the business commenced: N/A

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1138 W Cecil Avenue

Delano, CA 93215

Maria T. Ruiz

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Delano, CA 93215

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Business was conducted by: General Partnership

/s/Maria T. Ruiz, General Partner

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By: /s/C Martinez, Deputy

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County: Kern

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Adolfo Ruiz

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Maria Teresa Ruiz

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The business is conducted by: General Partnership

Date the business commenced: 12/01/2002

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/s/Maria T Ruiz

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Council hears opinions on new solid waste service rates

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Before the vote, City Councilmember Chad Givens commented that he didn't have a problem with the increase in the collection rates, but he did not agree with the elimination of the alley service now offered. Givens said that he thought that there should still be discussion on retaining the alley service for those who have it now.

Councilmember Gilbert Alvarado said that his residence currently has alley service, but that he sees points on keeping or ending the service. "There is a problem with dumpster diving with the big containers, and if we kept alley service with the three-cart system, there would be 12 different smaller containers in the alley, possibly clogging up the alleyway."

The rate increase was approved on a 3-1 vote, with Givens voting "no" because of the alley service elimination.

During public comment, former mayor Garry Nelson spoke about his opposition to the required curbside pickup. "My house was built with the premise of there being alley service for the trash containers. To get my property accessible for curbside pickup, I am facing a cost of \$5,000, and I guarantee you that this will not happen." Nelson said he wouldn't pay that price.

Debbie Haley, who also has a residence that has alley service, concurred with other speakers in saying that a lot of the homes in Shafter were built with alley service in mind. She also mentioned that with curbside service, it will diminish the beauty of



The Shafter City Council discusses the approval of new trash collection rates.

the streets and will not help keep the trash cans from being scavenged.

Colleen Diltz also spoke on the issue. The Shafter resident commented that if she no longer had alley service, that she would not be going into the alley. "I have a trash can in the alley, and I clean and sweep the alley area behind my house, which I will no longer do if there is no alley service."

Diltz also said that there must have been some misunderstanding on what constitutes a protest. Diltz had submitted a letter of protest on Monday to City Hall with 21 signatures on it, not knowing that this would not constitute a protest.

Another city resident, Ron Nunlist, was

also against the elimination of the alley service. Nunlist mentioned that the city will be offering bulky waste pick up once a week, such as mattresses and similar items. "This will not look good with a bunch of bulky waste out in front of our houses. I would rather have those items picked up in the alley, instead of out in the street."

Mayor Cathy Prout said that she understands the concerns of a lot of people, but she also commented that the elimination of alley service is also going to cost her dollars at her home, who currently has alley service. "But, I do know that I

will be able to control my trash cans."

She also said that she has seen a lot of trash strewn about, but there isn't a perfect solution for everyone. She said that we have to at least try the new system, with everyone taking control of their trash cans and make the city beautiful. "It will be a challenge, but we have to try it. We have to do it. It is a sad day, but you have to work with us and see if this can work."

DEATH NOTICES

Ma. Dolores "Lola" Obeso de Montoya, 85, of Shafter, passed away May 25, in Sinaloa, Mexico. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Octavio Torres Parada, 77, of Bakersfield, passed away May 26, in

Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Anna Felix, 65, of Wasco, passed away May 26, in Wasco. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Maria Ester Barrera, 85, of McFarland, passed away June 1, in Wasco.

Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Mary E. Rexius, 102, of Shafter, passed away June 2, in Shafter. Peters Funeral Homes, Shafter.

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Shafter PD hosts Coffee with a Cop

From Page 1

The event was held at the Flight Park in the Gossamer Grove development, also home to the first dog park in Shafter.

Residents of the two- and four-legged variety enjoyed the chance to meet with the people that work to make sure they stay safe.

According to Assistant Chief Diana Barnett, the residents at the event were very nice and had a lot of good things to say. "It was such a great event. The people were also nice, and they were very happy with the Shafter Police Department and its role in protecting them."

Resident Richard Monnson was complimentary.

"I have been here almost a year, and it has been great. You can notice a police presence in the area. Sure, it would be great to have some sort of station out here, but they are still doing a wonderful job."

One of the discussions was the plans of putting at least a small substation out in the Gossamer Grove area, making it a more permanent presence in the area, a plan approved by the Shafter City Council. The city expects to begin working on installing the substation this year.



Mayor Cathy Prout and council member Pete Espinoza with members of the Shafter Police Department.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF DIVIDED PUBLICATION

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

NOTICE OF IMPENDING POWER TO SELL TAX-DEFAULTED PROPERTY

Notice is hereby given that real property taxes and assessments on the parcels described below will have been defaulted for five or more years.

By law on July 1, 2022, at the hour of 12:01a.m. the herein described real property will become subject to the Treasurer-Tax Collector's power to sell for failure to pay said duly assessed and legally levied taxes against said property, unless the property is redeemed or an installment redemption plan is initiated prior to 5:00 p.m. on June 30, 2022.

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

All information concerning redemption, or the initiation of an installment plan of redemption will upon request be furnished by Jordan Kaufman, County of Kern Treasurer-Tax Collector, Bakersfield, California, (661) 868-3490 or E-Mail: ttc@kerncounty.com. The amount to redeem, in dollar and cents, is set forth opposite its parcel number. This amount includes all defaulted taxes, penalties, and fees that have accrued from the date of tax-default to the date of this publication. I certify (or declare) under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

JORDAN KAUFMAN, TREASURER-TAX COLLECTOR, COUNTY OF KERN Executed at Bakersfield, Kern County on May 23, 2022.

PARCEL NUMBERING SYSTEM EXPLANATION

A parcel numbering system is a numerical system for referring to each parcel or property within Kern County. The standard parcel

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

052-Book 52 of the Assessor's Maps

623-Map Page 62 and Block 3

13-Parcel 13 within Block 3

01-Indicates partial ownership when not 00

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Statement of Abandonment Of

Use Of Fictitious Business Name

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Shafter, CA 93263

County: KERN

Mailing address of business:

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Shafter, CA 93263

Juan Eloy Martinez III

524 Hofman Ct

Shafter, CA 93263

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: Individual

/s/Juan Eloy Martinez III, Owner

Original FBN Statement File Number:

2022-B0453

Original FBN Statement Filed on:

01/19/2022

This statement of Abandonment filed

on: 05/10/2022

Mary B. Bedard, CPA

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: /s/T Fisher, Deputy

Publish *Shafter* Press May 19, 26,

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Fictitious Business

Name Statement

J Valenzuela Trucking

2022-B3364

239 Atlantic Avenue

Shafter, CA 93263

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:

239 Atlantic Avenue

Shafter, CA 93263

Jose Leonides Valenzuela Jr

239 Atlantic Avenue

Shafter, CA 93263

The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced:

05/20/2020

A new Fictitious Business Name

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/s/Jose Leonides Valenzuela Jr

Date Statement Filed: 05/10/2022

Date Statement Expires: 05/10/2027

Mary B. Bedard, CPA,

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: T Fisher

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PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR

CHANGE OF NAME

CASE NUMBER: DCV-22-000005

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

1. Petitioner: Ma Kristina Alexis A

Maglinter filed a petition with this

court for a decree changing names

as follows:

Present Name

Ma Kristina Alexis A Maglinter

Proposed Name

Kristina Alexis Maglinter

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons

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-

tion 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: 6-29-2022 Time: 10:00 AM

Dept: B

b. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF, 1122 Jefferson St., Delano, CA 93215, Kern County Superior Court - Delano

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 newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Shafter Press 455 Kern St, Ste E, Shafter, CA 93263

Date: April 26, 2022

/s/Jose R. Benavides

Judge of the Superior Court

Publish *Shafter* Press May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE

Fictitious Business

Name Statement

3D Logistics

2022-B3389

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Bakersfield, CA 93309

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:

504 Plato Ct

Bakersfield, CA 93309

Larosh Fabre Cooper

504 Plato Ct

Bakersfield, CA 93309

The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: N/A

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use in this state of a Fictitious Business

Name in violation of the rights

SPECIAL GRADUATION EDITION



LEFT: Almost 90 of the graduates wore the gold stole of the California Scholastic Federation. ABOVE: Principal Russell Shipley welcomes the attendees. BELOW: A line was formed for the faculty to congratulate the students on their way out of the procession line.

New graduates christen a 'new' stadium

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

Shafter High School's Class of 2022 walked across the stage at the newly renovated Shafter High Stadium on Wednesday night, saying goodbye to the rigors of being a high school senior and stepping into their new roles, be it a college student, a soldier or a part of the workforce.

Principal Russell Shipley welcomed the graduates and their friends and families to the ceremony, giving credit to the dedicated staff at Shafter High for being able to hold the ceremony at the unfinished stadium. "It's not quite done yet, but we weren't going to graduate on a practice field, or someone else's stadium. We are graduating in our



Nicole Morris speaks about her challenges in high school.

own stadium," Shipley said, resulting in a large cheer from the crowd.

One of the speakers for the evening was Nicole

Morris. Morris is the Distinguished Young Woman for the Shafter for 2021.

Morris spoke bravely of the battles she had her

freshman year with some mental health issues and trying to find herself. Morris thanked her teachers at

See NEW Page B3



Tommy Trojan is student Juan Cervantes.

Trojans get promoted to Generals

JAMIE STEWART

The Shafter Press

The Richland Junior High Trojans spent their last day as 8th graders walking across the stage to celebrate the completion of their junior high careers, promoted to high school freshmen in the fall.

Principal Monica Garza welcomed the graduates and their families to the festivities and told the students that even though they hadn't had a picture-perfect junior high experience, "it is one that you will never forget and that will shape you into who you are and are going to be."

Garza mentioned that they were the second class to graduate through the pandemic and that they should be proud of their achievements despite the obstacles and trials that they

have had to face. "You guys were forced to grow up in a hurry, but you did so with class and grace."

Continuing a longtime tradition, Richland Junior High selects a Tommy and Tammy Trojan, who exemplify the spirit of being a Trojan. They are emcees of the ceremonies and also receive an engraved pen as a keepsake. The honorees this year were Juan Cervantes and Cynthia Chavez. There were also two students, Adeline Aguilar and Emely Faith Chavez, inducted into the Richland Junior High Honor Society, having achieved high GPAs for two years.

Adeline was the valedictorian and Emely the salutatorian of the class.

In her speech to the graduating class, Adeline

See TROJANS Page B2



LEFT: Cynthia Chavez and Juan Cervantes were selected as Tammy and Tommy Trojan. RIGHT: Richland Junior High Principal Monica Garza presents the Class of 2022. BELOW: Salutatorian Emely Faith Chavez and Valedictorian Adeline Aguilar.



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Trojans get promoted to Generals

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spoke of the trials that they had gone through, including the spring break that turned into months out of school. "Then it was going to school through a computer screen, only able to see our friends in pictures."

Adeline also said that all of her classmates are stronger for having gone through the pandemic. "The strength we gained from this will show us how to overcome the challenges that are yet to come."

Emely said that now they will be starting to focus on their futures, on who they want to become and how they are going to get there. "Sometimes we might feel overwhelmed by what career to choose. We may feel tormented by how others see us. But, we only live once, so ultimately we have to live for ourselves."

Principal Garza then presented the class of 2022 to Shafter High Principal Russell Shipley, who congratulated the students and said that he was so excited to have them as his freshmen class in the fall. "One thing I want you to remember is to not be afraid to try something. It doesn't matter what it is, a club, sports, drama, agriculture. Whatever your interest, Shafter High has something to fill it. Don't look back after these next four years fly by and have any regrets."

After the presentation of their awards, the faculty formed a line down the center aisle to greet the students on their way out of the field.



The 8th grade members of the band join their bandmates for one last performance. RIGHT: Graduate Maria Rodriguez with her mother, Judith Rodriguez, and David Guerra. BELOW: Valedictorian Adeline Aguilar gives her speech.

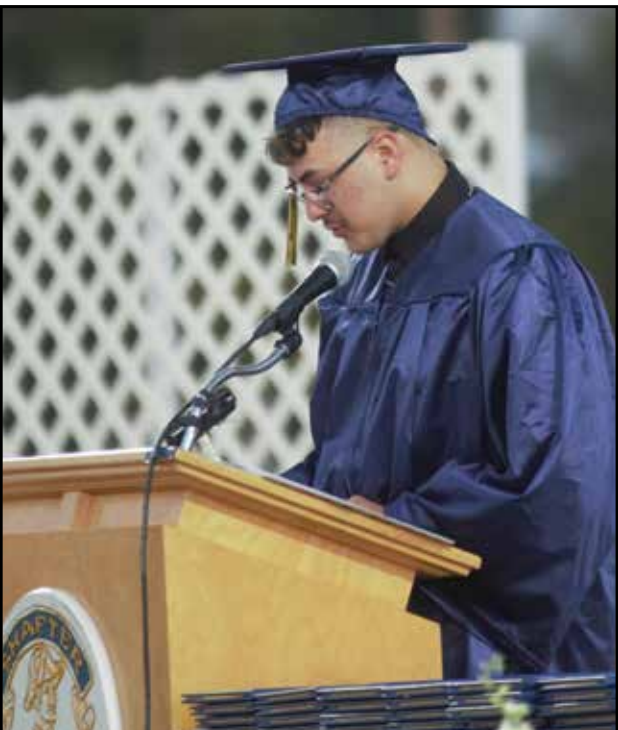


Happy Graduation

★ Congratulations to the ★
Class of 2022!



New graduates christen a ‘new’ stadium



Shafter High's speaker Valentino Gonzales.

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Shafter High, especially Hal Friedman, the Drama Club advisor, for showing her how to open up, which gave her a purpose and a dream that she plans on pursuing.

Another highlight of the evening was the announcement of the top four students with the highest GPAs for their high school careers. The Doc Stringham Award – named for the patriarch of the Stringham-Weidmann pharmacist family – had two sets of ties. Kyle Cleveland had the fourth highest GPA of the 2022 Class. Taking third place was Jeremy Seinz, with a 4.389 GPA. There was a tie for second place in the class between Arlette Richards and Miriam Soto Cabrera, with identical 4.397 GPAs.

Tied for first in the class were Edith Guadalupe Beltran and Yahir Dimas. Dimas was honored earlier this year with the Young Person Award from the Shafter Chamber of Commerce.

Kern High School District Board of Trustees member Cynthia Brakeman told those gathered how proud she was of this class for their perseverance, dedication and strength in each other. “This might not have been the exact high school career that you pictured four years ago, but you will never have anyone take this experience away from you. You are unique, special, and are an example of your wonderful teachers and staff here at Shafter High.”

It was also announced that, in addition to having one of the largest graduating classes in Shafter history, the school also set a record for the most members of the California Scholarship Federation by any one class. Nearly 90 students earned a gold cord with their cap and gown, symbolizing the achievement.

After the diplomas were handed out, it was time for the students to congratulate one another, and have one last night as Shafter High seniors.

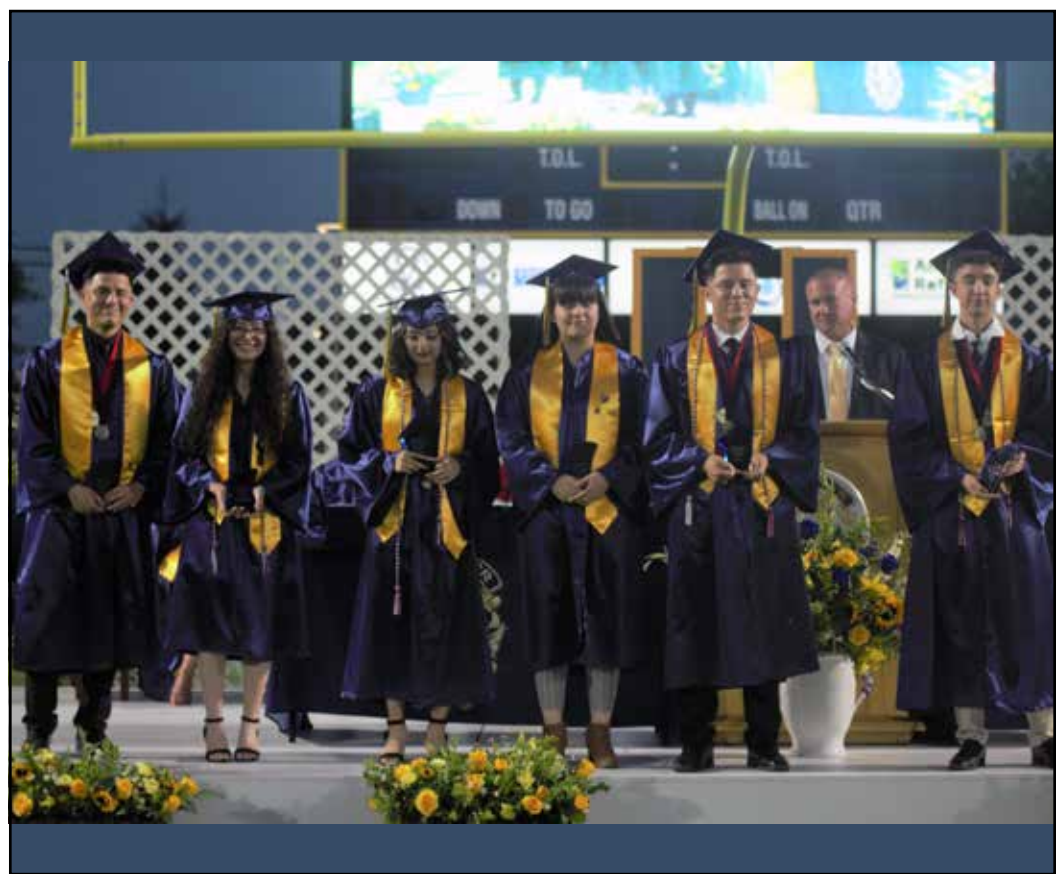


Jesse Abernathy with his family, grandmother Hortencia Chavez, mother Rosie Chavez and father Randall Abernathy. Jesse is holding a photo of his late grandfather, Raul Chavez. BELOW: The four highest GPAs belonged to Yahir Dimas, Edith Guadalupe Beltran, Arlette Richards, Miriam Soto Cabrera, Jeremy Semes and Kyle Cleveland.

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It was smiles and giggles as students received their awards.



Principal Russell Shipley addresses the Richland Junior High graduates.



Adelyn Gonzales celebrates with a member of the faculty during the procession line.



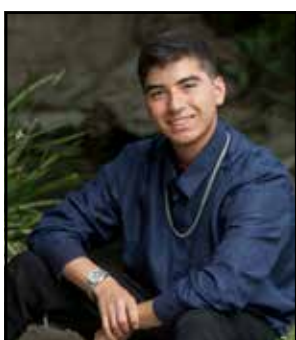
Trustee Cynthia Brakeman speaks to the graduates and their families.



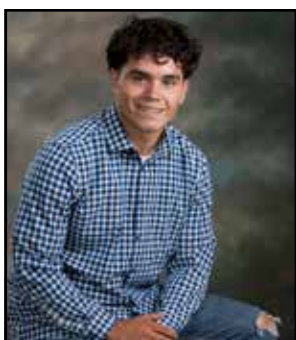
Congrats

TO THE CLASS OF

2022!

**Andrew Acosta****Adrian Acosta Uribe****Versailles Agee****Leslie Aguilar****Missael Aguilar****Vanessa Alvarez****Elizabeth Amador****Olga Amador****Mirka Anaya****Gabriela Arellano****Isabella Arias Lopez****Jakob Armstrong****Manuel Jr. Arredondo****Andrew Aviles****Melanie Ayala****Aiden Ayon****Andrew Bermudez****Judith Bocanegra****Arlette Bojorquez****Domingo Bojorquez****Maria Camacho****Anthony Camarena****Kayla Campbell Romero****Sophia Cantu****Jasmine Cardenas****Leandro Adrian Cardenas****Samantha Cardenas****Isaac Carrillo****Enya Castillo****Alexa Castrejon****Isaac Castro****Claudia Cazares****Julian Cejudo****Gabriela Celedon****Diego Cervantes****Larry Chavez****Nicole Chavez****Zayleen Chavez****Dharma Chavez Santana****Angeles Cholico****Esteban Cisneros****Steven Clausen****Kyle Cleveland****Cody Coon****Neveah Cruz****Pablo Cuevas****Brooke Cummings****Isabel De Leon****Stephanie Denis****Cesar Deniz****Ryan Derry****Malachi Dewitt****Araceli Diaz****Jeremy Dimas****Yahir Dimas****Tyson Dozhier****Jhoana Duarte****Silvano Jr. Duarte****Damian Duran****Renso Duran**

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Andrea Rios



Alondra Robles



Stephanie Rodas Cerano



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Emanuel Solis



Mairynn Soto



Brandon Stokes



Denis Suarez



Devon Sundgren



Cameron Taber



Mackenzie Toews



Madison Toews



Angel Torres



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Fernando Torres



Francisco Torres



Michael Trevino-Arellano



Marissa Tucker



Landon Valderrama



Mark Valencia



Christian Valenzuela



Simon Vander Poel



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Congratulations to the
Class of 2022 **Graduates!**

North Kern students graduate

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The North Kern School held their annual graduation ceremony recently, with the graduates receiving diplomas, certificates and other awards for their educational achievements.

There were eighth graders who were being promoted to their high schools and also a few students who graduated and completed their high school educations.

The school is a faith-based institution that provides one-on-one instruction, as well as giving the students a more than the three Rs.

North Kern was established in 1978, after a team from the Shafter and Wasco Mennonite churches looked into the feasibility of opening a Christian-based school

to serve their communities. It offers a course of studies for children from kindergarten through eighth grades. The mission of the school is to worship and glorify God, rejoicing in the joy of the Lord and helping people find Christ.

The curriculum is similar to what is taught in public schools, with the students learning what is necessary for them to succeed as they move on to college. A major difference from North Kern and public schools is the goal of teaching the students about their faith and how to use that strength and faith in their everyday lives.

The teachers and staff congratulated the students on their accomplishments and celebrated the dedication and hard work that it took to get them to this point in their journeys.



North Kern eighth graders Mia Horte and Silas Jesse Robles. The school also honored the students from the Shafter and Wasco Mennonite churches who graduated from high school, including Taya Elizabeth Brey, Domnik Berlyn Luna and Christian Moreno.



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