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10% of city has coronavirus

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The city is still being bombarded by new coronavirus cases, as there were 127 new cases last week. This brings the total of confirmed cases in Shafter to 2,450.

This figure is very high on a case per population graphic. For example, in the Bakersfield 93308 area code, which includes Oildale and northern parts of Bakersfield, they have a population of over 50,000 people and have just 600 more confirmed cases of the virus than Shafter, with our population of just over 20,000 people. This calculates to about 10% of our population.

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The city is working hard to slow the spread of the virus, with the continuation of the Wear to Care mask campaign, which has gained a lot more support in recent weeks. The city is also providing suggestions to prevent the spread of the virus.

City buildings are still closed to the public, with customers being served at a window at the back, in the alleyway.

They also are working to repair the damage done to the IT system that took place when the system suffered a malware attack that caused the systems to be shut down.

Utility bills can still be paid at the window. During this time, they will not be imposing late fees to bills that are not paid by the posted due date.

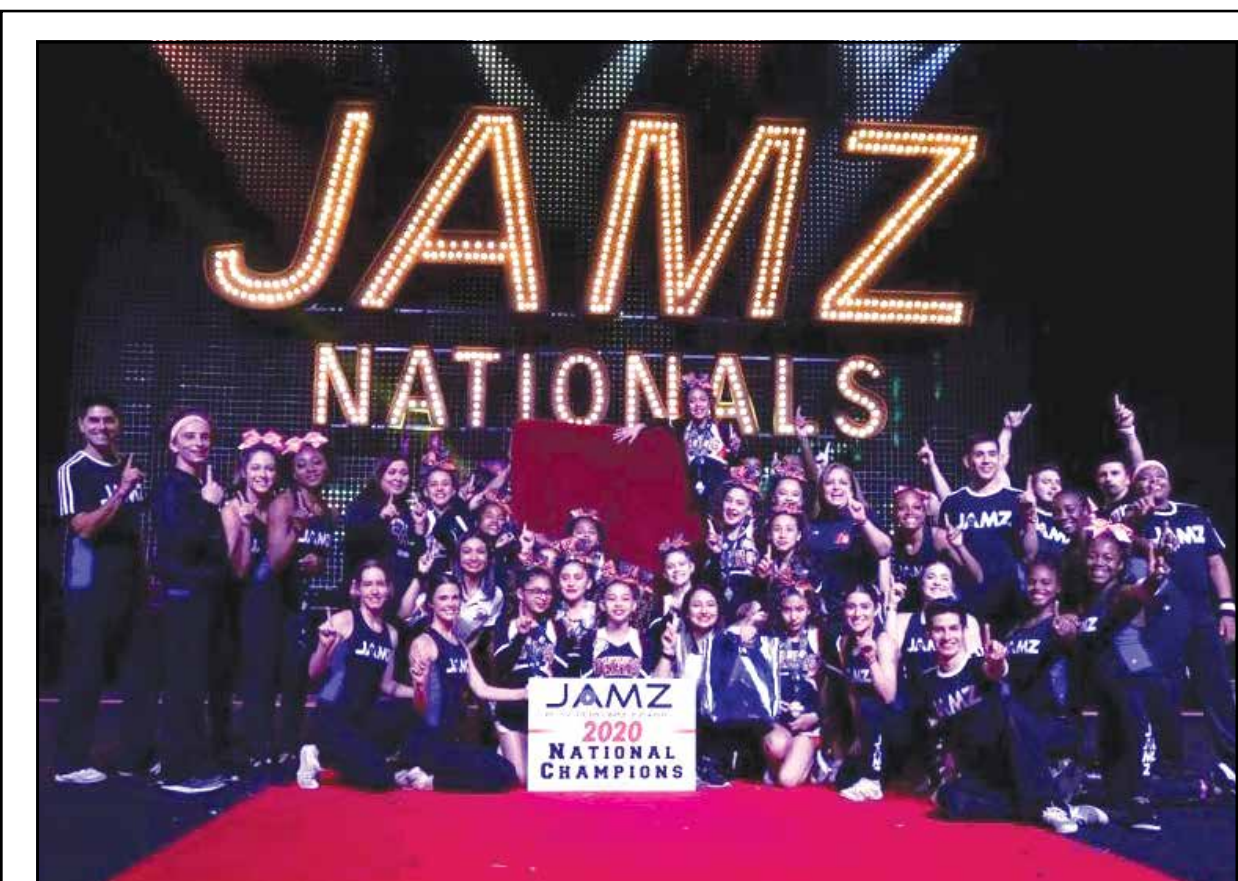
Restaurants in town went back to take-out and delivery options, with a number of the businesses offering a full menu.

Local stores have stayed open with face covering and social distancing guidelines in place, helping to keep the customers and staff safe and healthy.

For more information on the city's services that are offered in this time of the pandemic, call the city hall building at 661-746-5001.



Shafter is using these digital signs for its Wear to Care campaign.



The Bengals became national cheer champions.

Wasco was full of ups and downs in 2020

JAMIE STEWART
WASCO TRIBUNE

2020 will always be referred to as the Year of the Virus, but the city managed to thrive during the pandemic.

Here is a brief look at the year.

JANUARY

In January, at a City Council meeting, three people said they were

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concerned on the increase of crime. They cited instances of drug-related crimes, as well as instances of shots being fired. They questioned the council on how often deputies patrol the streets and how many deputies are on shift at one time.

Deputy Public Works Director

Chuck Soblewski presented two options to the council to get rid of graffiti. Option 1 included hiring two new personnel, purchasing a new vehicle and graffiti abatement equipment with Measure X funds, which would cost the city \$651,000 over five years or \$130,000 per year. Option 2 called for adding overtime

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Starting the comeback year

It was a year many of us will remember for all the wrong reasons.

Never has there been so much change in so little time. The coronavirus took us all by surprise, never realizing how it would affect our lives. How could we have expected everyone to wear face masks and asking those close to us to stay away (well, at least six feet). Or the stock market to reach new records every day of the week the last week of a year in which we hit over-the-top levels of unemployment and spent trillions of dollars we didn't have to keep the economy from sinking? And in the middle, protests and counterprotests throughout the country about the treatment of minorities at the hands of institutions, and even the movement to "defund police."

And then there was a presidential election like there never was before, with this environment as a backdrop. No traditional conventions, a campaign (mostly) waged in social media and televised debates, followed by a fractious vote that extended over a month and almost took longer to count.

Even these papers had to make moves we never expected, combining the strength of two communities into one.

But we came through it all, despite it all. We end the year with hope. We're starting to get vaccines that may allow us to get back to what we remember as normal life. Back to being together, sharing meals and special times with those that we care about. Being able to see our loved ones to share good times and bad. Being able to be there when we are needed most.

OUR VIEW

"Bring hope through what you do."

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City manager blames crime on state moves, Page 8.

Council meets to address rise in crime

JAMIE STEWART
Wasco Tribune

Fresh on the heels of the second homicide in the city in a one-week period, a roundtable discussion was held to address the issue.

Hosted by council members Tilo Cortez and Vincent Martinez, the Zoom meeting had over 20 people in attendance including community members Hector Moreno, Orquida Ocampo, Elizabeth Maartinez and Tracy Clendanan of the Orange Hearts Foundation.

Martinez, who is a former sheriff's deputy with the Kern County Sheriff's Department, gave the group an update on the cases

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in question and what law enforcement officials are saying.

"In both shootings, law enforcement officials believe that they are gang related," said Martinez. "With the way the shooting was done, it appears that it was a gang hit."

In recent years, the violence has escalated in the city, which has residents very concerned and frightened about the future

of Wasco.

Martinez said that one main reason that is given for the uptick in violent crime in town is the lenient policies in place when it comes to arresting individuals and how they are sentenced. Martinez gave an example of one of the suspected shooters.

"The suspected shooter in one of the

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Community Calendar

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

ONGOING

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

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

Covid-19 testing — There will be free covid-19 testing at the Wasco Library, 1102 7th St., Wasco. If you have insurance, they will be billed. Appointments can be made at lhi.care/covidtesting or call 888-634-1123.

Donde? Biblioteca de Wasco 1102 7th St., Wasco. Si no tiene acceso de internet llame al (888)634-1123.

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

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

CAPK y el Condado de Kern "Programa FOOD2DOOR" atienden a personas mayores de 65 años. Una caja de comida de 70 libra cada mes se entrega directamente en la puerta. El programa no se basa en los ingresos, está diseñado para mantener a las personas ensus hogares y mantenerse saludables para que podamos vencer al COVID-19. Llame al 661-498-7831 ext. 1310. Para averiguar si es elegible para el programa e inscribase hoy mismo.

TUESDAY

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

THURSDAY

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

FRIDAY

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

ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

Dec. 28

Maria Lourdes Mendez, 39, of Shafter, was arrested for inflicting corporal injury onto spouse.

Dec. 31

Michelle Annette Orton, 32, of Shafter, was arrested for forgery, grand theft of property \$950 plus and crimes committed in a state of emergency.

Jan. 1

Israel Gutierrez, 28, of Shafter, was arrested for theft and extortion of a vehicle.

Gustavo Adolfo Soto, 35, of Shafter, was arrested for burglary in the first degree, obstruction of a public officer, on an outside agency warrant and for conspiracy to commit a crime.

Louis Anthony Torres, 35, of Shafter, was arrested for burglary in the first degree, obstruction of a public officer, on an out-

side agency warrant and for conspiracy to commit a crime.

Michael Angel Valdez, 27, of Shafter, was arrested for burglary in the first degree, obstruction of a public officer, on an outside agency warrant and for conspiracy to commit a crime.

Jan. 3

Ruth Breanna Records, 29, of Shafter, was arrested on an outside agency warrant.

Sergio Gonzalo Diaz, 30, of Shafter, was arrested for controlled substance paraphernalia and disorderly conduct: under the influence.

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As reported by the Wasco Substation

Dec. 29

Peter Beltran Lerichi, 37, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2300 block of 7th Street for felony and misdemeanor obstruction of an officer, and misdemeanor disorderly conduct while

under the influence of drugs. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Christopher Perez, 46, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of 5th Street and Griffith Avenue for misdemeanor possession of burglary tools. He was cited and released at the scene.

Jesus Antonio Rocha, 30, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1200 block of Poplar Avenue for misdemeanor driving without a license. He was cited and released at the scene.

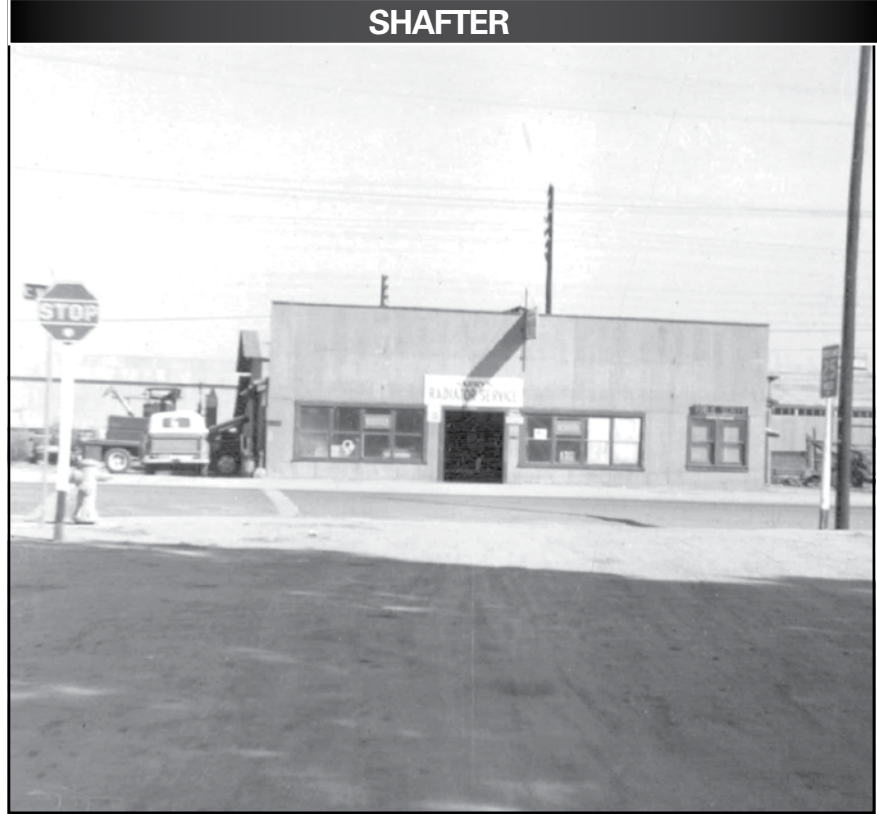
Oscar Sanchez, 29, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Margalo Street and Annin Avenue for felony possession of a controlled substance for sale and misdemeanor driving while license is suspended or revoked. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Dec. 30

Anthony Leobardo Cisneros, 20, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection

Mystery history

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Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to *The Press*, 406 Central Ave., Shafter 93263, or e-mail it to mystery-photo@TheShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** 1966 SHS Dance, The Criterions' Danny Ramos

of F Street and 7th Street for misdemeanor driving while license is suspended or revoked and on his active misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

Luis Luera Jr., 23, of Wasco, was arrested in the 800 block of Lewis Court for misdemeanor disorderly conduct while under the influence of drugs. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jan. 1

Juan Carlos Gomez Jr., 22, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2600 block of Spruce Avenue for misdemeanor obstruction of an officer, disorderly conduct while under the influence of alcohol, and on his active misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Victor Alfonso Zarate, 35, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Spruce Avenue and Beckes Street for misdemeanor driving under the influence of alcohol and reckless driving on a highway. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jan. 2

Roberto Renden Gonzalez, 58, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of Lily Street for misdemeanor or contempt of court by disobeying a court order. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jan. 3

Jesus Miranda, 29, of Wasco, was arrested in the 600 block of Oak Avenue for felony vehicle theft, possession of a stolen vehicle, conspiracy to commit a crime, and misdemeanor possession of burglary

tools. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Vincenzo Osuna, 30, of Wasco, was arrested in the 600 block of Oak Avenue for felony vehicle theft, possession of a stolen vehicle, conspiracy to commit a crime, and misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Federico Rios, 37, of Wasco, was arrested in the 300 block of Pomegranate Court for misdemeanor disorderly conduct while under the influence of alcohol. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Keon Tyler, 27, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of Rose Street for felony infliction of corporal injury of a spouse or cohabitant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

PASTOR'S CORNER

Seeing through the fog

PASTOR PAT COYLE

Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church

For the past couple of weeks there have been "dense fog" alerts on my phone's weather app. With that in mind, each morning I've looked out the window of my home to see if it's foggy or clear. Although many mornings have been clear, there have been a few with pretty thick fog for our area.

As we look back on this past year it may feel like we've been living in a "fog" since the first changes happened due to covid-19.

As many medical experts shared their insights concerning the pandemic, after awhile we probably all thought the same thing; they really don't know for sure (kind of like my weather app). Of course, that's understandable in that the world has never seen anything quite like this virus and even experts have limited perspective.

It has certainly been a different and challenging year on many fronts and

unfortunately, the "fog" hasn't quite lifted just yet. Let me encourage all of us as we begin 2021 to remember that the Lord's ability to "see" is not limited by covid-19 or any other issue that may impact our world. He always sees clearly and knows exactly what the future holds.

As we begin a new year I hope we'll find comfort, strength and encouragement in

knowing that the Lord is in full control of what we see (or don't see) happening in our world. He is a loving, sovereign and ever-present God who is still at work building His kingdom in and through His people, the Church. May 2021 bring us not only a new year, but also a renewed vision for who God is and what He's doing in and through our lives!

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Bond measure fails, pandemic surges

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for two personnel when needed and new equipment, which would be a total cost of \$171,000 over five years, or \$37,000 per year.

The council chose the cheaper option, which included the purchase of a Dustless Blasting DB500 Mobile S, which directs a blast of sand and water over the graffiti and erases it from a surface without damaging the paint previously used to cover up older graffiti.

Also in January, the Bengals Cheer squad took the national title in a competition held in Las Vegas, performing a routine that earned them zero deductions in the process. This title brought national recognition for a program that has been improving every year.

At the end of January, the City Council approved a plan to put new water wells in Wasco. The city plans to drill new wells and treat water at each site rather than centralize water treatment for nitrates and 1-2-3-TCP contaminants, Mayor Tilo Cortez said. The city's water system relies on groundwater provided by six existing wells.

FEBRUARY

After years of city campaigning, Panda Express announced that they would be coming to Wasco in mid-April 2020. Director of Real Estate Susan Wong said Wasco is located in the center of Central California, on Highway 46 between I-5 and Highway 99, with easy access to major highways and the interstate — the right place for the

new Panda Express.

The first Panda Express opened in 1973. The restaurants create authentic Szechwan and Mandarin dishes, while most other fast food franchises prepare hamburgers or chicken, so there's little competition in this part of the fast food industry. Panda Express is a privately-owned company headquartered in Rosemead. The chain has grown from 50 restaurants in 1992 to over 1,700 restaurants today.

The restaurant held a hiring blitz in early February with hopes of hiring an assistant manager, general manager and possibly 10 kitchen support staff and 10 service members.

Also in February, the High Speed Rail Authority released its Business Plan for the section of rail that would involve Fresno to Bakersfield. An open house was held to get the public informed on the plan.

Toni Tinoco, information officer for High Speed Rail, said the 2020 Business Plan was released in mid-February and is available for public review on the HSR website, hsr.ca.gov. It is anticipated that electric-powered trains will be running between Bakersfield and Merced by 2030. As of the most recent forecast, the cost is estimated to be \$20.6 billion to \$23.4 billion and that funding is available through the state bond, a federal grant and the Cap and Trade Program. By 2022, construction of right of way along the 119-mile section between Madera and Wasco should be completed, Tonico said, and the entire right

of way from San Francisco to Los Angeles should have environmental clearance. She said there are currently about 700 onsite construction workers on the project. Extension of HSR to Los Angeles and to the Bay Area will be built as funding becomes available.

MARCH

In March, a local bond issue that would have meant \$40 million in bonds for improvements to the Wasco Union Elementary School District was defeated. This was the second time the bond measure has failed.

Both local education bond issues lost in last week's primary election. Measure A called for almost \$40 million in bonds to build a new gymnasium and renovate the existing gym. This was the second time the same project was quashed by the voters. The difference between 2020's Measure A and 2018's Measure E, also rejected, was that Measure A did not include a swimming pool. Under Measure A, taxpayers would pay \$30 in additional tax for every \$1,000 of assessed property value. The measure, which required a 55% approval, failed with 50.57% voting yes and 49.57% voting no.

In another school bond issue, Measure C would have authorized the Wasco Union Elementary School District to issue \$16 million in bonds in three phases. This, too, needed a 55% yes vote to pass. All precincts have reported in and the measure lost with 51.03% yes votes and 48.93% no votes.

Also in March, the coronavirus pandemic began and made it necessary for the local

schools to close their doors. Instruction was continued later in the spring by distance learning, which continued through the rest of the school year.

It was also the first time that confirmation was received of the virus affecting residents in Wasco as two couples were confirmed positive. Both couples asked not to be identified. The first couple booked a trip to Northern Italy, after friends and relatives asked them not to go. When they arrived at their destination, the trip was canceled, and they were forced to find their own way home, a friend told the Tribune. Both needed hospitalization, and one of the two had pneumonia and was placed on a ventilator.

March was also the first time that the City of Wasco's city building was closed to the public because of the pandemic. Water, sewer and refuse services still operated as usual, but the public was encouraged to call City Hall for service instead of in-person contact.

APRIL

In April, Kelly Richer, superintendent of the Wasco Union Elementary School District, said that the future of the district does not look bright for the next couple of years. Richer is looking at the consequences of the pandemic and the empty classrooms it's created — and what he sees is not good.

"It's doom and gloom for the next couple of years," he said.

Since schools are paid for each student's daily attendance, and schools are now

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Company fined for failure to adequately protect workers

JAMIE STEWART

Wasco Tribune

Primex, a nut company, was fined over \$77,000 for violations in regards to the coronavirus outbreak that took place at the company in June.

The violations state that the company failed to adequately protect employees during the outbreak and didn't have a plan to protect employees from contracting the virus.

On Dec. 11, the Department of Industrial Relations issued \$27,500 in penalties against the plant's Los Angeles-based owner, Primex Farms LLC; \$27,500 against San Luis Obispo-based United Staffing Associates LLC; \$11,250 against Bakersfield-based H&R Labor Contracting LLC; and \$11,250 against Selma-based Jacobo Farm Labor Services Inc.

H&R and United Staffing disputed the state's allegations and insisted they take all appropriate steps to protect their employ-

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ees. An emailed statement from United called its citations "unsubstantiated, unreasonable and punitive." Both companies said they are appealing their fines.

Primex employs as many as 400 people processing and packing locally produced almonds and pistachios off Wildwood Road.

Paperwork filed by the Department of Industrial Relations says between May 25 and June 15 Primex failed to put in place and maintain an effective program for protecting its employees and those of all three staffing companies from the spread of covid-19. Among the violations alleged is a failure to provide or ensure the use of face coverings.

Primex also failed to train its employees and those of United Staffing on measures for preventing the disease's spread, spotting signs of infection and the use of cleaners and disinfectants, according to the depart-



Primex workers held picket signs in protest of the way they were treated during the coronavirus outbreak.

ment.

A lesser citation against the company says it failed to notify the state after one employee went to the hospital June 16, followed by another two days later, for illness-related to covid-19.

In June, workers picketed the company, trying to highlight the conditions at the plant, with workers saying that there were workers that were on shift that still had tests pending results.

To compound the problem at the company, there were over 30 family members of affected workers who had tested positive.

The UFW, working with news media across the state, helped employees at the

plant draw attention to various concerns about conditions at the plant. They said Primex supervisors downplayed infections among plant workers and wouldn't guarantee the job security of workers who missed work because of the outbreak. Another allegation was the company scheduled people to work even when virus test results were pending.

Primex disputed each of the allegations at the time. It said July 6 the only people working there had tested negative or had a written release from a doctor stating they could return to work.

The company said that they were looking forward to the appeals process.

Police: Latest shootings gang related

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recent instances has a history of several arrests, including drug and weapon charges. If this individual was still incarcerated, he would not have had the chance to shoot anyone."

He also said that the Wasco State Prison is a big reason for the increase in violence. With the passage of recent measures, almost a third of the prison population

has been released early. These individuals are setting up camp in Wasco, instead of being in prison, or going back to the counties in which they had been living before being sent to prison.

Several of the participants were concerned with the need for a stronger police presence in Wasco, with more officers patrolling and patrolling in the right places.

Avila said, "I can see a couple

of officers hanging out in the parking lot of a business, instead of talking and being stationed at a more appropriate place, like in a street that is known for drugs, or violence."

The decades-old issue came up once again about whether it is feasible for Wasco to have its own police department.

Cortez said, "We have visited this possibility in the past, and

studied what the cost would be, and we decided that at the time, it was not feasible to have our own police department, taking in consideration the annual cost of operating, and the start-up cost that it entails."

"I love Wasco, and it seems that we are losing our city. We need to take our city back. We need to stand up and fight for our neighborhoods," said Elizabeth

Martinez.

Moreno had a similar sentiment.

"We used to be able to walk down any street, not worrying about what part of town you were in, or what time of day or night it was," said Moreno. "Now, our kids are being taken from us, either by being drawn into a criminal lifestyle, or not listening to the right people in their

life."

He also blamed a large part also on the lack of a male role model for children.

"Kids are being raised with no positive male role models in their lives. They are not seeing anyone to look up to, or to emulate. The male influences they have in their lives are leading them into a life of destruction," he said.

Vincent Martinez also said as of last year, the Kern County Sheriff's Department has no Gang Task Unit anymore. They don't have officers dedicated to stopping the gang crime and there is no one sufficiently tracking the gangs and their members.

In conclusion, Cortez said, we as a city are going to have to take our neighborhoods back. He said that he believes it should start with the park on 15th Street.

"Even if it is people walking the street, or getting more officers here, we need to do something and this is a great start," he said.

Kiddie Kollege is now accepting Applications for the spring.

School will start January, 11 2021. Three year olds will attend the Tuesday and Thursday program and the 4 year olds will attend on Monday, Wednesdays, and Fridays. If space allows, the 5 day/ week option may be available for the 4 year olds. All sessions run from 8:30 - 11:30 am.

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Residents, businesses weather pandemic

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closed for at least two months, a lot of income has been lost.

“We are sure funding will be cut significantly, but the Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) will probably stay similar to what we have for next year,” Richers said in an email. “The following year (2021-2022) will almost assuredly see deep cuts; however, it is too late to give notices of certificated layoffs for the coming year, so we will not be cutting significantly — just moving money around where allowed.”

Later in April, the offices of the Wasco Tribune and Shafter Press were spared when a blaze was started in the building in the Brookside Deli portion of the property.

The building that houses The Shafter Press, Wasco Tribune and the former location of Brookside Deli suffered extensive smoke damage and a small fire. Due to the response of the Shafter Police Department and the Kern County Fire Department, the damage did not go any further than a portion of the former deli. Shafter police were dispatched to Central Avenue and Central Valley Highway a little after 8 a.m., when smoke was reported coming from the building. Upon arrival, officers found smoke billowing from the former deli’s side of the building. Sergeant Randy Mulligan stated that a glass door in the patio area between the deli and The Shafter Press office had been busted and the door jamb appeared to be pried.

After investigating, it was determined to have started in the bathroom of the closed deli. The location has been victim to several instances of people entering the patio area between the two buildings and staying overnight. The upstairs attic space that houses and displays different decorations during the holiday seasons and The Press offices suffered no damage in the incident.

MAY

In May, City Manager Daniel Ortiz-Hernandez presented a letter to the council that was sent to the California High Speed Rail Authority from the City of Wasco. It addresses the city’s concerns and impacts the HSR has had on the city.

Ortiz-Hernandez said that the city has incurred security and maintenance costs and the cost of purchasing the building at the corner of Poso/J and Wasco streets because of the HSR.

In earlier correspondence, the HSR said that it would work with the city to discuss any negative impact the HSR has.

JUNE

Graduations in one form or another took place in June with Wasco Independence High leading off the schools with their graduation.

There are three types of students who attend Wasco Independence High School, Principal Martin Lonza said as the school prepared its

commencement ceremony for 105 graduates: students who have fared poorly at larger schools, adults who are seeking their high school diploma, and students studying from home. Each graduate could only bring two guests and families had to maintain the required social distancing.

JULY

In July, speculation abounded about whether the city would hold its annual fireworks show. The Orange Heart Foundation led a Fourth of July car parade downtown and, thanks to Wasco High School, the annual fireworks show would happen.

Approximately 25 cars paraded down 7th Street and up and down several nearby streets to Highway 46 with horns honking and windows rolled down so drivers could shout out to passers-by on the streets. The Orange Heart Foundation members were up late into evening of Thursday strategically placing American flags throughout town.

“We wanted to bring positivity back to Wasco,” Orange Heart member Orquidea Ocampo said. “There have been some negative things happening, and we wanted to lift everyone’s spirits.”

Before the fireworks show, the high school and the city set up some strict guidelines that needed to be adhered to, such as no restroom facilities would be available, and people would have to stay inside their vehicles during the fireworks. The show was an extravaganza of color with red, green, blue, yellow and white fireworks lighting up the sky.

July also saw Primex in the news again, this time regarding an employee who died after testing positive for the coronavirus.

Located in Lost Hills, Primex has been at the forefront of the news regarding the covid-19 pandemic. A July 17 story in Kern Sol News stated that one employee had died and another was taken off life support. Jesse Rojas of the Redd Group, a Bakersfield business consulting firm hired by Primex, confirmed there has been one death at Primex. However, he said that until the autopsy is concluded, the direct correlation to the virus is unknown.

The July 17 story stated that according to the United Farm Workers, 40 employee family members had tested positive and that 23 of those were children.

AUGUST

In August, the Wonderful Company established a new \$1 million relief fund to support nonprofit organizations and schools in California’s Central Valley, including Wasco, Shafter, Delano, Firebaugh, Avenal, Sanger, Mendota and Del Rey.

The company said funding will go to organizations and schools in these communities that have been impacted either by state or federal budget cuts or have new, critical needs due to the pandemic.

Schools in the Wasco Union School District announced in August that schools would begin the year distance learning only.

Robert Cobb, assistant superintendent of the Wasco Union High School District, announced that the beginning of school was not what the district envisioned when it had almost completed preparations for the new school year; however, plans had to change with the increase in covid-19 cases in Kern County.

The district realized that their original goal of allowing students a couple of days of in-person class will not be possible for the fall quarter.

Cobb said the distance learning will be improved from the experience of last spring. Regular attendance will be taken, students will need to engage daily during the classroom session, protocols will be placed for students who don’t log on, students are guaranteed internet access, and they will need to pursue a letter grade as opposed to credit/

no credit.

Cobb also said distance learning creates a unique challenge for Career Technical Education and hands-on learning. He said that the district is aware that while some classes are compatible with distance learning, others are not, and that “the district will do its best to keep students engaged and provide alternative activities to the hands-on experiences students would have in many courses. Some of those alternative activities may include online simulations and video-based lessons until in-person instruction can be provided.”

Hoyett’s shut its doors in August.

Hoyett’s opened in 1948, and Hoyett Smothers started working there that year. A friend of Easter’s suggested that she head over to the burger place in town and see the new employee, who was Hoyett. Hoyett and Easter married in 1951. Eventually they sold the restaurant to employee Terri Anderson, who owned Hoyett’s from 1996 to 2010.

Anderson sold the restaurant to Kevin Newcomb. Newcomb previously worked at SavMart for 25 years, but once Walmart was approved by the city, he knew SavMart wouldn’t last long. After Newcomb bought Hoyett’s, his parents, Max and Linda Newcomb, would often stop by to help out.

Hoyett’s was known for its chili and charburgers.

SEPTEMBER

September saw a very different Wasco Rose Queen Pageant.

Isabella Garcia was crowned the 2020 Rose Queen/Miss Wasco. Tailored to meet the covid-19 restrictions placed on indoor gatherings, the pageant still had its air of splendor. While the location was kept a secret, once the program began, it didn’t matter where it took place. 2019 Rose Queen Elisa Flores opened the program. Each girl introduced herself and shared her mermaid name with the attendees to go along with the Under the Sea theme.

Garcia performed a toe-shoe ballet dance as the Sugar Plum Fairy from the Nutcracker Suite. Garcia took home the title of 2020 Rose Queen/Miss Wasco and Talitha Arellano was 1st Runner Up, Christianne Ray Hernandez was 2nd Runner-Up and Idaly Flores was 3rd Runner-Up.

Also in September, long-time educator Lori Albrecht announced her plans to retire.

Albrecht made the announcement at the September district board meeting. Albrecht lists several significant accomplishments during her time at the district beginning with a continuous school improvement journey with a focus on system alignment, which began about 12 years ago. She also cited the district’s ability to shift to one of the state’s new indicators of success for high schools, which is college and career readiness.



A public forum sponsored by Women’s Club.

OCTOBER

October saw some things in Wasco staying the same amid the changing times with the pandemic still going full force.

Nonprofits and businesses have become more creative when it comes to raising money as well as giving back to the community, such as last spring’s “Sponsor a Senior,” which might make a comeback next spring depending on where the county stands with respect to Gov. Gavin Newsom’s four-tier platform.

The Toys for Tigers nonprofit has had to cancel its holiday plans, which usually meant the committee would receive donations from FFA’s Dodgeball tournament, the annual toy drive and the annual Christmas Tree decorating event.

This year, Toys for Tigers will be celebrating birthdays by providing pink flamingos with birthday greetings to anyone who wishes to order them. Contact Candy Wilson, 661-330-3134, to order your flamingos for someone special’s birthday. A special birthday message will be delivered, including two additional smaller birthday messages and lots of flamingos, ending up with a colorfully decorated front yard.

Also in October, businesses were elated when Kern County went to Red Tier from the stricter Purple Tier, allowing businesses to reopen, such as restaurants, salons, and gyms.

Restaurants were eager to open their doors to begin serving dining-in customers. Hair salons breathed a sigh of relief that customers were able to relax and enjoy

their haircuts or manicures.

Wherever people are, and wherever they decide to shop, masks are required to enter business premises, hair and nail salons and all restaurants. Walmart is tough on wearing masks. The store has a sign on the front door that requires masks to enter the store. They have taken the directional arrows out, so people are back to milling every which way on up and down each aisle.

NOVEMBER

In November, the general election took place, with a couple of local races not declaring a winner until weeks after.

In the elections in Wasco, the City Council elections are by district, instead of using an at-large system. In the most hotly contested district, William

David Ward outpointed Vincent Martinez in District 2 by 11 votes. In District 4, Tilo Cortez Jr. had a 52 to 48% lead for the council seat over Eddie Saldana. Incumbent Alex Garcia ran unopposed for District 5.

Under school districts, Randy Bloemhof won the Maple School Board with almost 78% of the vote to Ty Roger’s 22%. For the Wasco Union High School District board, John Steward and Sharon Nichol won with 43% and almost 35%, respectively. The Measure H vote was shot down by voters, 51% to 47%. The measure would have authorized the Wasco Union School District to issue up to \$16 million in bonds with bond revenue going to fund improvements in schools, health, safety and security, restrooms and facilities, as well as a master kitchen.

The Recreation and Parks Department of Wasco put on its second movie night at Barker Square. The movie “Angry Birds” was enjoyed by many residents who knew this was probably going to be the last of public events until the covid-19 numbers go down again.

Even in the face of the pandemic, Thanksgiving was still celebrated in Wasco.

DECEMBER

In December, Wasco High welcomed a new principal, Sunni Dobbs. Both Dobbs and her husband and their two daughters are graduates of Wasco High School. Dobbs worked at the Maple Elementary School District as a 6th and 2nd grade teacher, athletic coach, student council advisor, oral language festival coordinator and eventually academic coach for a total of 12 years. In 2016 she was hired at Wasco High and is currently in her third year as the assistant principal of curriculum and instruction. She taught U.S. History her first two years at the high school and was a support teacher for the Wonderful Ag Prep Academy while coaching the freshman volleyball team as well as assisted with the varsity softball program.

December also saw the holidays being observed just a little different this year. Families had their homes lit up bright as they entered the Recreation and Parks District competition. Most of the houses had blow-up decorations such as snowmen, candles, the nativity scene and reindeer with Santa on rooftops along with strings and strings of lights.

At the end of the year, community members gathered virtually for a Zoom meeting that concerned the growing violence percolating in the city. There were two deadly shootings in one week. A round table including council members and concerned community members was held and one issue discussed was the need for a stronger police presence in town. This brought up the idea that has been batted around town for over a decade of the possibility of Wasco having their own police force again. Some community members thought that it was worth looking into the possibility and feasibility of the venture.



The Wasco sign lit up and decorated.



Council member Vincent Martinez.



Pearla Hernandez and Lucio Rivera, speakers at WIHS graduation.



CITY OF SHAFTER NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., the City Council of the City of Shafter will conduct a public hearing to consider the following:

Zone Code Amendment No. 20-14: A request to add fire-arm sales and repair, and ammunition sales, as a permitted use in the Downtown Commercial and General Commercial Zone Districts under Title 17 (Zoning Ordinance) of the City of Shafter Municipal Code. The proposal is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 15061(b)(3). On December 8, 2020, the City of Shafter Planning Commission recommended the City Council of the City of Shafter adopt Zone Code Amendment No. 20-14 under Resolution No. 20-373.

Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Copies of the above documents are on file in the office of the Planning Department at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, and are available for public review. Any person wishing to be heard, or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of said project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments to Wayne Clausen, Planning Director (661-746-5002) at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263 or by e-mail at wclausen@shafter.com. Anyone challenging any proposed development entitlement listed in this notice in court may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at, or prior to, the public hearing.

Consistent with Executive Order N-29-20, in person participation by the public will not be permitted and no physical location from which the public may observe the meeting will be available. You are strongly encouraged to observe the City Council meetings live via YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofShafter/>. 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, January 19, 2021 to the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com. If you wish to submit written comments, mail to City Clerk, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. If you wish to make a comment during the live meeting, callers must first register with the City Clerk at 661-746-5012 before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. Please call by 5:00 pm on the Monday prior to the City Council meeting to allow ample time for sign up. You will need to provide your name, phone number and the item number you wish to address. All public comments are provided to the City Council and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the City 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: January 4, 2021
Publish Date: January 7, 2021 (1/8 page advertisement)

Yazmina Pallares
City Clerk

OBITUARIES

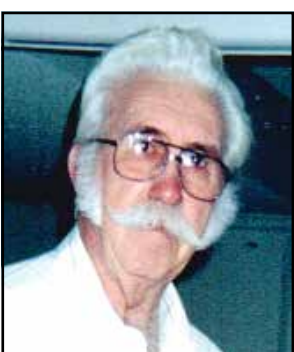
Billy C. Martin
Sept. 29, 1940 –
Dec. 28, 2020

Billy C. Martin, of Shafter, 80, passed away on Monday, Dec. 28, 2020, at Memorial Hospital in Bakersfield.

He was born Sept. 29, 1940 in Lavaca, Arkansas, to Carroll Bradford Martin and Myrtle McCrae Martin. He is survived by his son, Billy B. Martin, and daughter-in-law, Melissa Martin, and his grandchildren, Luke, Austin and Alyssa, all of Shafter.

Billy also leaves behind his spouse of 22 years, Cecilia Hill. He was a bonus dad for Cecilia's children, Ashley, Kenny, Greg and Tommie Sue, all of Shafter. Billy was known as "PaPa" to all their grandchildren. Billy is also survived by his stepdaughter, from his previous marriage, Kimberly Howard, and he was "PaPa" to her three children.

Billy is also survived his brother Bob (Ruth), Harold (Sheila) both of Arkansas; sisters Christine Davidson,



Artie Martin (Buford) and Nancy Teague (Benny), of Arkansas, and Willine, of Oklahoma; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother Ted and sister-in-law, Carolyn, of Arkansas, brother Stanley Martin and sister-in-law Frieda, of Buttonwillow, and brother-in-law Ed Davidson of Arkansas and Brent Ellison of Oklahoma.

Billy grew up in Arkansas and was enlisted in United States Army on Nov. 3, 1958 and served as a National Guard until he was honorably discharged on Oct. 31, 1966. He moved

to Kern County shortly after being discharged from the Army. After moving to California, Billy became a bus driver at Shafter High School in 1966 and drove a school bus until 2002 when he retired. Aside from driving the school bus in the early mornings, he had his own sprinkler and gardening business and worked a custodian at Shafter High School in the evenings.

Over the years Billy was known and loved by many people in the community. He was known by many small children as the "candy man," he always had a pocket full of smarties ready to hand out. His iconic mustache made him stand out in a crowd, he was a local celebrity of sorts. Billy had a heart of gold and will always be remembered for his kindness and generosity. He was a very social man and everywhere he went he knew someone or someone knew him.

Billy was enlisted into the Army during his senior

year in high school and was not able to graduate, but years later he received his GED and was very proud of his accomplishment. Billy was a life-long learner as he even completed college courses as a master gardener in 2011. He loved to share his knowledge, and days before he was hospitalized, he helped his son-in-law fix his sprinkler system and plant winter rye grass. He had a passion for growing things especially succulents. Billy was a life-long Arkansas Razorbacks fan and wore his hog head hat with great pride. He was an avid collector of many things especially baseball cards and thought he could salvage anything. He will be greatly missed by so many.

A memorial service will be held at 10 a.m. at Peters Funeral Home in Shafter for his family. The family would like to invite anyone who wants to pay their respects to the graveside services at 11 a.m. at the Shafter Cemetery.

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will be greatly missed and forever in our hearts.

Visitation is 5 – 10 p.m. and Rosary at 7 p.m. Jan. 7 at Basham & Lara Funeral Care, 343 State Ave. in Shafter. Mass will be on Jan. 8 at 10 a.m. at St. John's Catholic Church in Wasco with graveside service to follow at Smith Mountain Cemetery in Dinuba.

The family of Maria sincerely thanks the doctors and staff at the Comprehensive Blood and Cancer Center for (CBCC) in Bakersfield for their outstanding attention and care.

Visitation was held at Peters Funeral Home in Wasco, on Wednesday, Jan. 6, from 4 to 8 p.m.; Recitation of the Rosary at 6 p.m. Outdoor funeral Mass will be held at St. John the Evangelist on Thursday, Jan. 7, 2020 at 1 p.m. and interment followed at Wasco Memorial Park.

a Eucharistic Minister, delivering Communion to the sick and a member of the St. John's Women's Society.

Since approximately 1995, Maria became afflicted by a rare (one in 20 million people) slow growing form of cancer that started in her pancreas. She flew by herself on various occasions to the M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston for consultations. She had many sessions of chemotherapy and hydrations at CBCC in Bakersfield, and a number of operations, procedures, and hospitalizations in Bakersfield and at Stanford Medical Center. The latest treatment was a new radioactive isotope therapy at Stanford. Through the cycles of treatment, Maria always remained positive and cheerful, many times being supported and helped by her good friends including Joanne E., Earlynne W, Maria S., Kay E., Dorothy G., the late Ingrid R. and Patti P., Shirley P., Maggie G., Adela F., Patti M. and many others to whom she was forever grateful.

She participated in, and sometimes co-chaired, the St. John's Angels team in the American Cancer Society Relay For Life event held at the Wasco High School athletic field. It was always a positive experience for her to walk the track with the other survivors of cancer.

Beside the successes of her four children, another of Maria's proud moments was becoming an American citizen on Nov. 10, 2015.

Maria was very active on Facebook and was able to stay connected to her family, classmates and friends in Camapua. She loved her family and friends in the U.S. and Brasil, and com-



children.

Upon his discharge from the Army after serving in Korea, Deryl went

to work in Southern California for Hughes Aircraft and enjoyed four decades of working in the U.S. Space program where he was able to meet many of the early astronauts as they strived to put an American on the moon.

Deryl took his nephews to Cape Canaveral to see the Apollo flight lift off for the moon and was at Edwards Air Base for the first landing of the Space Shuttle with his nieces and nephews.



gel Narvaez, Arturo Narvaez, Rogelio Narvaez, Consuelo N. Garcia, Gloria Narvaez, Jesus Narvaez, Bertha Narvaez, 29 grandchildren and 67 great grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, Euverto joins his beloved wife Mere and daughter Maria Esther N. Chapa. Euverto was dearly loved by family and friends. He

will be greatly missed and forever in our hearts.

Visitation is 5 – 10 p.m. and Rosary at 7 p.m. Jan. 7 at Basham & Lara Funeral Care, 343 State Ave. in Shafter. Mass will be on Jan. 8 at 10 a.m. at St. John's Catholic Church in Wasco with graveside service to follow at Smith Mountain Cemetery in Dinuba.

Euverto Narvaez

Euverto Narvaez, 98, of Wasco, passed away on Dec. 25 2020. Euverto was born in Buda, Texas to Fernando Narvaez Rocha and Maria Esther Moreno.

In his early 20s, he met Maria Hiracheta and they fell in love in Los Rodriguez, Nuevo León. He is survived by his children Jacinto Narvaez, José An-

Maria Graf
July 31, 1949 –
Jan. 1, 2021

Maria – or Ildonete – Graf was born July 31, 1949, in the small town of Camapua, Mato Grosso Sul, Brasil, and passed away Jan. 1, 2021 in Bakersfield.

She is preceded in passing by her parents Firmino Borges de Lima, her mother, Eunice Costa Vieira, three sisters Maria Jose (ZeZe) de Lima, Maria Ildonei de Lima Pedra, Angela Custodia de Lima, and a brother Carlos Diogo de Lima.

She is survived by her husband of 42 years, Joe Graf of Wasco, and four children, Alex Graf of Paso Robles, Erick Graf (Mirley) of Oxnard, Nolan Graf of Augusta, Georgia, and Kelly Guzman (Martin) of Los Angeles, and five grandchildren Tomas, Nicolas, Audrey, Elizabeth and William.

Camapua is a small town in Central-West Brasil, in ranching country. Maria grew up in an era when electric service, health services, as well as education opportunities were minimal. Getting a better education became one of her ambitions. She was finally able to graduate from high school at age 22, and when searching for an escort for the graduation ceremony, she asked a newly arrived Peace Corps volunteer from the United States to be her chaperon. They continued to communicate, and after graduating from a Catholic college, Dom Bosco, in the city of Campo Grande, MS, and after exchanging letters for four years, Maria finally came to the United States on a fiancé visa, and married her husband Joe Graf, in October, 1978. The couple lived in Bakersfield for three years and have lived in



Wasco for the past 40 years.

Maria – or Ildonete – could not speak any English when she arrived in California, and attended the English as a second language school for adults at Bakersfield High School, where she proceeded to learn not only English, but also Spanish, while conversing with her mostly Spanish-speaking classmates.

Maria had an empathy and love for young children and had a talent for teaching them. She practiced first on her own children, the earliest learning the A-B-C's by 18 months, the latest by 3 years old. She then became employed by the Maple School District as a bilingual aide in the kindergarten classroom for approximately 27 years. She often used her practical teaching style-including single pieces of candy as rewards- to motivate her students. Her greatest joy was to see her students learn English and then excel thru the later classes.

As a cafeteria monitor, she would regularly use her soothing, but firm tone of voice to quiet a hall full of rowdy children. An ardent Catholic, and member of St. John Catholic Church, Maria continued educating children through these years by teaching religious education classes to first and second grade children to prepare them for their first Communion. She was also

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DEATH NOTICES

Ernest “Ernie” Bon Cabrera, 79, of Bakersfield/Delano, passed away Dec. 29 in Bakersfield.
Geraldine Gayle Najera, 75, of Wasco, passed away Dec. 20 in Wasco. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.
Vincent Cruz Hinojosa Regalado, 23, of Wasco, passed away Dec. 26 in Wasco. Basham & Lara Fu-

neral Care, Shafter.
Hilario Botello Torres, 48, of Shafter, passed away Dec. 30 in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.
Elise Bernice Warren, 93, of Shafter, passed away Dec. 24 in Los Angeles. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.
Felix Villanueva Juarez,

87, of Shafter, passed away Dec. 16 in Shafter. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.
Frank Garza Saldivar, 71, of Wasco, passed away Dec. 23. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.
Judy F. Cates, 89, of Shafter, passed away Dec. 30 in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.
Maria Del Carmen

Cervantes Valdovinos, 74, of Lost Hills, passed away Dec. 29 in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.
Tom Hernandez, 62, of Shafter, passed away Jan. 1 in Shafter. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.
Betty Bergman, 89, of Shafter, passed away Jan. 1 in Shafter. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Martha Lucano, 69, of Las Vegas, passed away Dec. 31. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.
Henry Gonzalez, 78, of Bakersfield, passed away Dec. 31. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.
Darryle Layne Rodriguez 58, of Bakersfield, passed away Jan. 1. Basham & Lara Funeral Care,

Shafter.
Jimmy Boen, 78, of Bakersfield, passed away Jan. 1. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.
Jose Flavio Solis Duran 64, of Shafter, passed away Jan. 2 in Shafter. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.
Sylvia Garza, 62, of Wasco, passed away Dec. 31 in Wasco. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
GoBe Ranch
2020-B5447
34929 Flyover Ct
Bakersfield, CA 93308
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
34929 Flyover Ct
Bakersfield, CA 93308
Wegis & Young Property Management, LLC
34929 Flyover Ct
Bakersfield, CA 93308
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
Date the business commenced: NA
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/ Michael C. Young, President
Date Statement Filed: 12/9/2020
Date Statement Expires: 12/9/2025
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/ N Franco
Publish *Shafter* Press December 17, 24, 31, 2020 and January 7, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
J.J. & Sons Baling Services
2020-B5588
30709 Burbank Street
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
30709 Burbank Street
Shafter, CA 93263
Juan Jose Vazquez Fonseca
30709 Burbank Street
Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: NA
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/ Juan Jose Vazquez Fonseca
Date Statement Filed: 12/17/2020
Date Statement Expires: 12/17/2025
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/ N Franco
Publish *Shafter* Press December 24, 31, 2020 and January 7, 14, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
Fashion Shoe
2020-B5584
252 Central Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
252 Central Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
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1109 Birch Ave
Wasco, CA 93280
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 08/01/2020
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/ Saeed Aayed Aeed
Date Statement Filed: 12/17/2020
Date Statement Expires: 12/17/2025
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/ M Hernandez
Publish *Shafter* Press December 24, 31, 2020 and January 7, 14, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
Herrera Transport
2020-B5604
10805 Paul Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93312
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
10805 Paul Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93312
Pablo Herrera Jr
10805 Paul Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93312
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/ Pablo Herrera Jr, Owner
Date Statement Filed: 12/18/2020
Date Statement Expires: 12/18/2025
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/ M Hernandez
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
Front Street Mini Mart
2020-B5661
420 E. Front Street
Buttonwillow, CA 93206
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
PO Box 1870
Delano, CA 93216
JAJ Ventures
162 Rd. 172
Delano, CA 93215
The business is conducted by: Corporation
Date the business commenced: 12/03/2020
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/ Jose Angel Garcia, President
Date Statement Filed: 12/22/2020
Date Statement Expires: 12/22/2025
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/ N Franco
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PUBLIC NOTICE
SUMMONS (Family Law)
Notice to Respondent (Name):
Hilario Rodriguez
Aviso al Demandado (Nombre):
You have been sued. Read the information below and on the next page. Lo han demandado. Lea la información a continuación y en la página siguiente.
Petitioner's name is: Digna A. Rodriguez Bustillo
Nombre del demandante:
Case Number (Número de Caso): SFL – 20000137
You have 30 calendar days after this Summons and Petition are served on you to file a Response (form FL-120) at the court and have a copy served on the petitioner. A letter, phone call, or court appearance will not protect you. Tiene 30 días de calendario después de haber recibido la entrega legal de esta Citación y Petición para presentar una Respuesta (formulario FL-120) ante la corte y efectuar la entrega legal de una copia al demandante. Una carta o llamada telefónica o una audiencia de la corte no basta para protegerlo.
If you do not file your Response on time, the court may make orders affecting your marriage or domestic partnership your property, and custody of your children. You may be ordered to pay support and attorney fees and costs.
Si no presenta su Respuesta a tiempo, la corte puede dar órdenes que afecten su matrimonio o pareja de hecho, sus bienes y la custodia de sus hijos. La corte también le puede ordenar que pague manutención, y honorarios y costos legales.
For legal advice, contact a lawyer immediately. Get help finding a lawyer at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courts.ca.gov/self-help), at the California Legal Services website (www.lawhelpca.org), or by contacting your local county bar association.
Para asesoramiento legal, póngase en contacto de inmediato con un abogado. Puede obtener información para encontrar un abogado en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en el sitio web de los Servicios Legales de California (www.lawhelpca.org) o poniéndose en contacto con el colegio de abogados de su condado.
NOTICE – RESTRAINING ORDERS ARE ON PAGE 2:
These restraining orders are effective against both spouses or domestic partners until the petition is dismissed, a judgement is entered, or the court makes further orders. They are enforceable anywhere in California by any law enforcement officer who has received or seen a copy of them.
AVISO – LAS ÓRDENAS DE RESTRICCIÓN SE ENCUENTRAN EN LA PÁGINA 2:
Las órdenes de restricción están en vigencia en cuanto a ambos cónyuges o miembros de la pareja de hecho hasta que se despidia la petición, se emita un fallo o la corte dé otras órdenes. Cualquier agencia del orden público que haya recibido o visto una copia de estas órdenes puede hacerlas acatar en cualquier lugar de California.
FEE WAIVER: If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the clerk for a fee waiver form. The court may order you to pay back all or part of the fees and costs that the court waived for you or the other party.
EXENCIÓN DE CUOTAS: Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario un formulario de exención de cuotas. La corte puede ordenar que usted pague, ya sea en parte o por completo, las cuotas y costos de la corte previamente exentos a petición de usted o de la otra parte. The name and address of the court

are (El nombre y dirección de la corte son):
Superior Court of California County of Kern
325 Central Valley Hwy
Shafter, CA 93263
The name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner's attorney, or the petitioner without an attorney, are: (El nombre, dirección y número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante si no tiene abogado, son):
Digna A. Rodriguez Bustillo
18458 Poplar Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
661-201-5073
Date: (Fecha): Dec 03 2020
Clerk, by (Secretario, por) /s/ Tamarah Harber-Pickens
/s/ P Juarez, Deputy (Asistente)
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PUBLIC NOTICE
SHAFTER CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
Notice is hereby given that on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., the Shafter City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider possible expenditures of Fiscal Year 2021-2022 Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Funding, estimated to be \$136,447. The City is seeking community assistance to identify eligible and qualifying projects for the funding. For those wishing to propose a project, it is requested that all information including project description and estimated costs be provided to the City Clerk at Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263, no later than 5:00 p.m., Friday, January 15, 2021. Projects that the City may consider include but are not limited to community park facilities, street and alley construction, water, sewer, drainage infrastructure and public buildings.
Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Information regarding this project funding is on file in the City Clerk's Office at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, and is available for public review. Any person wishing to be heard or wishing to present evidence either for or against the proposed project is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time place aforesaid or send written comments to the City Clerk at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263. Anyone challenging any proposed action which is the subject of a public hearing listed on this Notice, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the public hearing, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at or prior to the public hearing.
Consistent with Executive Order N-29-20, in person participation by the public will not be permitted and no physical location from which the public may observe the meeting will be available. You are strongly encouraged to observe the City Council meetings live via YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofShafter/>. 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, January 19, 2021 to the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com. If you wish to make a written comment to the City Clerk, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. If you wish to make a comment during the live meeting, callers must first register with the City Clerk at 661-746-5012 before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. Please call by 5:00pm on the Monday prior to the Council meeting to allow ample time for sign up. You will need to provide your name, phone number and the item number you wish to address. All public comments are provided to the City Council and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the Board prior to taking action on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the Council meeting.
Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk
Date: January 4, 2021
CONSEJO DE LA CIUDAD DE SHAFTER
AVISO DE AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA
Se hace saber por el presente aviso que en Martes, 19 de Enero, 2021, a las 6 p.m., el Consejo de la Ciudad de Shafter llevará a cabo una audiencia pública para considerar posibles gastos del Financiamiento de la Beca Bloque para el Desarrollo de la Comunidad para el año fiscal 2021-2022 estimado ser \$136,447. La Ciudad está buscando asistencia de la comunidad para identificar proyectos elegibles y calificantes para la financiación. Aquellos que deseen presentar una propuesta de proyecto, por favor envíe toda la información incluyendo descripción del proyecto y los costos estimados a la Secretaría de la Ciudad a Municipalidad de Shafter, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263, no mas tarde de 5:00 p.m., Viernes, 15 de Enero, 2021. Los proyectos que la ciudad puede considerar incluyen, pero no son limitados a las facilidades del parque de la comunidad, construcción de calle y callejón, infraestructura de agua, alcantarilla y drenaje, y

edificios públicos.
Dicha audiencia está abierta al público y todas las personas interesadas están invitadas a asistir y ser escuchadas. Información acerca de esta financiación del proyecto está archivada en la oficina de la Secretaría de la Ciudad en la Municipalidad, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, y está disponible para revisión pública. Cualquier persona que desee ser escuchada o que desee presentar pruebas a favor o en contra del proyecto propuesto, es avisada y dirigida a cualquiera, de aparecer en el momento y lugar mencionado o enviar comentarios por escrito a la Secretaría de la Ciudad a Municipalidad, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263. Cualquier persona retando algún tipo de acción propuesta que es el tema de una audiencia pública que aparece en este aviso, esa persona puede ser limitada a plantear las cuestiones abordadas en la audiencia pública o en correspondencia por escrito entregada a la Secretaría de la Ciudad en o antes de la audiencia pública.
De acuerdo con la Orden Ejecutiva N-29-20, no se permitirá la participación del público en persona y no habrá una ubicación física desde la cual el público pueda observar la reunión. Le recomendamos que observe las reuniones del Consejo de la Ciudad en vivo a través de YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofShafter/>. Si desea hacer un comentario sobre un tema específico de la agenda o comentario público, envíe su comentario por correo electrónico antes de las 5:00 p.m., Martes 19 de Enero, 2021 a la Secretaría de la Ciudad a Municipalidad en CityClerk@shafter.com. Si desea hacer un comentario por escrito la Secretaría de la Ciudad a Municipalidad, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263. Si desea hacer un comentario durante la reunión en vivo, las personas que llaman primero deben registrarse con la Secretaría de la Ciudad a Municipalidad a 661-746-5012 antes de que la reunión comience a recibir instrucciones y el número de llamada y el código. Llame antes de las 5:00 pm del Lunes anterior a la reunión del Consejo para tener tiempo suficiente para inscribirse. Deberá proporcionar su nombre, número de teléfono y el número de artículo que desea dirigir. Todos los comentarios públicos se proporcionan al Consejo de la Ciudad y al personal correspondiente, para su revisión y consideración por parte de la Junta antes de tomar medidas sobre los asuntos enumerados en la agenda y se incorporan al registro oficial de la reunión del Consejo.
Yazmina Pallares, La Secretaría de la Ciudad
Fecha: 4 de Enero, 2021
Publish *Shafter* Press January 7, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF SHAFTER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., the City Council of the City of Shafter will conduct a public hearing to consider the following:
General Plan Amendment No. 20-34 and Zone Change No. 20-68: A request to change the land use designation under the City of Shafter General Plan from MDR (Medium Density Residential) to C/P (Commercial/Professional Office) and change the zoning under Title 17 of the Shafter Municipal Code from R-2 (Medium Density Residential) to GC (General Commercial) on two 6,500 square foot residential lots (APNs: 026-171-14,15) located on the north side of Beth Eden Avenue, just west of South Shafter Avenue, adjacent to Meyer's Big Stop Market. The proposal is categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Title 14 of the California Code of Regulations, Section 15061(b)(3). On December 8, 2020, the City of Shafter Planning Commission recommended the City Council of the City of Shafter adopt General Plan Amendment No. 20-34 under Resolution No. 20-371 and adopt Zone Change No. 20-68 under Resolution No. 20-372.
Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Copies of the above documents are on file in the office of the Planning Department at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, and are available for public review. Any person wishing to be heard, or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of said project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments to Wayne Clausen, Planning Director (661-746-5002) at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263 or by e-mail at wclausen@shafter.com. Anyone challenging any proposed development entitlement listed in this notice in court may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at, or prior to, the public hearing.
Consistent with Executive Order N-29-20, in person participation by the public will not be permitted and no physical location from which the public may observe the meeting will be available. You are strongly encouraged to observe the Planning Commission meetings live via YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofShafter/>. 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, January 19, 2021 to the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com. If you wish to make a written comment to the City Clerk, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. If you wish to make a comment during the live meeting, callers must first register with the City Clerk at 661-746-5012 before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. Please call by 5:00 pm on the Monday prior to the City Council meeting to allow ample time for sign up. You will need to provide your name, phone number and the item number you wish to address. All public comments are provided to the City Council and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the Commission prior to taking action on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the City Council meeting.
Dated: January 4, 2021

by the public will not be permitted and no physical location from which the public may observe the meeting will be available. You are strongly encouraged to observe the City Council meetings live via YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofShafter/>. 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, January 19, 2021 to the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com. If you wish to submit written comments, mail to City Clerk, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. If you wish to make a comment during the live meeting, callers must first register with the City Clerk at 661-746-5012 before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. Please call by 5:00 pm on the Monday prior to the City Council meeting to allow ample time for sign up. You will need to provide your name, phone number and the item number you wish to address. All public comments are provided to the City Council and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the City 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: January 4, 2021
Yazmina Pallares
City Clerk
Publish *Shafter* Press January 7, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF SHAFTER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., the City Council of the City of Shafter will conduct a public hearing to consider the following:
Amendment No. 1 to Amended and Restated Development Agreement No. 18-16 for Tentative Tract No. 7318: The Development Agreement is being proposed for the completion of Tentative Tract No. 7318 located on the north side of W. Tulare Avenue, west of Vera Cruz Way. The tract map contains 158 residential lots and a drainage basin lot on approximately 39 acres. Amendment No. 1 is proposing new house plans from those approved on April 7, 2020 under Ordinance No. 716. No other change to Amended and Restated Development Agreement No. 18-16 for Tentative Tract No. 7318 is proposed under the project. An Addendum to the adopted Mitigated Negative Declaration for General Plan Amendment No. 16-28 and Zone Change No. 16-63 for Amendment No. 1 to Amended and Restated Development Agreement No. 18-16 has been prepared for the project. On December 8, 2020, the City of Shafter Planning Commission recommended the City Council of the City of Shafter approve the subject project under Resolution No. 20-370. Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Copies of the above documents are on file in the office of the Planning Department at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, and are available for public review. Any person wishing to be heard, or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of said project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments to Wayne Clausen, Planning Director (661-746-5002) at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263 or by e-mail at wclausen@shafter.com. Anyone challenging any proposed development entitlement listed in this notice in court may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at, or prior to, the public hearing.
Consistent with Executive Order N-29-20, in person participation by the public will not be permitted and no physical location from which the public may observe the meeting will be available. You are strongly encouraged to observe the Planning Commission meetings live via YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofShafter/>. 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, January 19, 2021 to the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com. If you wish to make a written comment to the City Clerk, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. If you wish to make a comment during the live meeting, callers must first register with the City Clerk at 661-746-5012 before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. Please call by 5:00 pm on the Monday prior to the City Council meeting to allow ample time for sign up. You will need to provide your name, phone number and the item number you wish to address. All public comments are provided to the City Council and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the Commission prior to taking action on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the City Council meeting.
Dated: December 30, 2020
Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk
Publish *Shafter* Press January 7, 2021

Yazmina Pallares
City Clerk
Publish *Shafter* Press January 7, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE
Statement of Abandonment Of Use Of Fictitious Business Name
Henry Vander Poel and Son Dairy
11495 Jumper Ave
Wasco, CA 93280
County: Kern
Mailing address:
PO Box 8012
Wasco, CA 93280
Agnes Vander Poel, Trustee of the survivor's trust created under the Henry Vander Poel Family Trust 2200 Norwich Way
Bakersfield, CA 93311
Robert J Vander Poel, Trustee of the Robert and Elizabeth Vander Poel Family Trust
16855 Griffith Ave
Wasco, CA 93280
Elizabeth Vander Poel, Trustee of the Robert and Elizabeth Vander Poel Family Trust
16855 Griffith Ave
Wasco, CA 93280
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/ Robert J Vander Poel, Partner
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2019-B0536
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 01/23/2019
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 12/17/2020
I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.
Mary B. Bedard, CPA
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/ M Hernandez, Deputy
Publish *Shafter* Press January 7, 14, 21, 28, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF SHAFTER
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on January 19, 2021, at 6:00 p.m., the Shafter City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the project described below:
Tentative Tract 6555: A request for a two-year extension of time for this map proposing to subdivide 22.99 acres into 72 single-family residential lots ranging in size from 8,381 square feet to 14,109 square feet and a sump lot. The project site is located on the southwest corner of North Shafter Avenue and East Fresno Avenue. The City of Shafter adopted a Negative Declaration for Tentative Tract No. 6555 on December 6, 2005 (Resolution No. 05-1801).
Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Copies of the above documents are on file in the office of the Planning Department at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, and are available for public review. Any person wishing to be heard, or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of said project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments to the Suzanne Forrest, Senior Planner (661) 746-5002) at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263 or by e-mail at sforrest@shafter.com. Anyone challenging any proposed development entitlement listed in this notice in court may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at, or prior to, the public hearing.
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Dated: December 30, 2020
Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk
Publish *Shafter* Press January 7, 2021

COUCH'S CORNER

Thanks to the California Farmworker Foundation

DAVID COUCH
District 4 Supervisor

It's 2021, and with 2020 in the rear view mirror, let's all hope these vaccines, our social distancing, and our personal protective measures help eradicate this pandemic in the New Year. As we look back upon some of the heroes from 2020, I can't help but recognize the work of the California Farmworker Foundation and their executive director, Hernan Hernandez, who has been working most of the year out of the spotlight making sure his farmworkers are protected and that the farmers have a healthy workforce. Were it not for the hard work of our farmworkers, the effects of the pandemic, especially when it pertains to the availability of food, would have been much worse.

It was Hernan who came to the District 4 office way before anybody else was offering to help and volunteered his organization to go out in the fields and start testing our essential farmworkers where they work. This was important as CFF had already built up trust with their workers and trust is critical when asking farmworkers

to do something public like getting tested for COVID. Working closely with our office and Good Samaritan Hospital, another hero in this effort, Hernan laid the foundation with the farmers who had to agree with this intrusion into their work processes and the farmworkers whose livelihood could be affected by a positive test.

His work brought national attention to the fields of Kern County as several national news networks reported this testing as the first of its kind in the country. It was so newsworthy that the Surgeon General of the United States, Jerome Adams, paid us a visit to check out our innovative program. And it was so successful



District 4 Supervisor David Couch.

that others created programs similar to it. The program has spread to Tulare and Fresno counties as well. Not long after CFF's program was being praised, the Latino Task Force was created, with one of its goals to replicate CFF's testing program in the rural communities of Kern County. Now, thanks to the Task Force and CFF, the fields, the vineyards, the processing plants, and the communities where our farmworkers live are getting the

testing needed to understand and attempt to control this virus outbreak. CFF is averaging 1,000 tests per day, 5 days per week. This is a huge accomplishment and an important component in helping Kern

County reach its goals.

While others put a dollar figure to the county for the work they were offering to help with testing, CFF has done it for free for all of 2020, out of a commitment to serving their constituents and being part of the solution. This is unheard of in these times and highly appreciated. In the coming year, we hope to solidify and expand our relationship with CFF so that we can continue providing farmworkers testing at the worksites. Just the fact that CFF went into this in 2020 without concern for compensation and with complete commitment to their community and the farmworkers they represent to me makes Hernan Hernandez and the California Farmworker Foundation worthy of special recognition. I hope this is just one of the many expressions of gratitude they receive for their selfless commitment to our community.

Got any questions regarding this or any District 4 matter? Feel free to contact our office at District4@kerncounty.com or at 661-868-3680. I hope you have a great start to this new year.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
LEGAL NOTICE

Notice of Public Hearing

City Council Meeting Date of January 19, 2021
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to all that a public hearing will be held before the City of Wasco City Council on Tuesday, January 19, 2021, at 6:00 P.M. or soon thereafter in the City Council Chambers located at 746 8th Street, Wasco, California, to consider the following:

Municipal Code Amending Title 8:
Project: Public hearing and the first reading of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of Wasco Amending Title 8, "Health and Safety," Chapter 8.12, "Solid Waste" of the City of Wasco Municipal Code.

The Municipal Code text changes and any supporting documents may be reviewed during normal business hours at City Hall located at 746 8th Street, Wasco, CA 93280, for a period of two weeks prior to this public hearing. Any person wishing to testify on the above project may appear before the City Council at their hearing of January 19, 2021, and will be given full opportunity to be heard or may submit written comments on or before January 19, 2021.

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

If you need special assistance to participate in the meetings described in this notice, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (661) 758-7215 to

make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to these meetings. Telephone (661) 758-7215 or via California Relay Service (Hearing-Impaired Only). Requests for assistance should be made at least two (2) days in advance whenever possible. If you have any questions, you may contact the Public Works Department at (661) 758-7271.
/s/Maria O. Martinez, City Clerk
Publish Wasco Tribune January 7, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

The Wasco City Council is recruiting for individuals to serve on the Sales Tax Oversight Committee due resignation of Vincent Martinez to fill the remainder of his term through December 31, 2024.

On November 8, 2016, the citizens of Wasco approved and authorized a one-percent (1%) sales tax increase known as Measure X, or the Enhanced City Services Measure. Funds from this measure are to be used for essential general services, including but not limited to police and fire services, streets, parks and recreation, and other General Fund services.

As a means of checks and balances for these funds, the City Council ordinance will require a Sales Tax Oversight Committee to oversee the effective and efficient utilization of these additional funds and an independent accounting firm will perform an annual audit as specified in Government Code Section 6505.

Members are nominated and appointed by the full Council and must be a resident of the City throughout their term.

Applications are available online on

the City website:

https://www.cityofwasco.org/Form-Center/Applications-9/Commission-Committee-Board-Application-50 And must be submitted by 5:00 p.m., Monday, January 18, 2021.

For further information and assistance regarding this appointment, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (661) 758-7215 or by email at city-clerk@cityofwasco.org
Publish Wasco Tribune January 7, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

Wasco Mini Storage

451 N. "F" Street
Wasco, CA 93280
ONLINE Auction
StorageTreasures.com
Ending 1/9/21 @ 8 AM
Cleaning deposit \$50
72 hours clean-out
U1210 Sandra Arellanes
Household
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Fictitious Business Name Statement

Warrior Bees

2020-B5501

28990 W. Cecil Ave.
Delano, CA 93215
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
28990 W. Cecil Ave.
Delano, CA 93215
Ever Gutierrez-Penalosa
28990 W. Cecil Ave.
Delano, CA 93215
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 08/17/2015

A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Ever Gutierrez-Penalosa
Date Statement Filed: 12/15/2020
Date Statement Expires: 12/15/2025
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/N Franco
Publish Wasco Tribune December 24, 31, 2020 and January 7, 14, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE

Fictitious Business Name Statement

Henry Vander Poel and Son Dairy

2020-B5590

Solo Dairy
2020-B5591
11495 Jumper Avenue
Wasco, CA 93280
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
P.O. Box 8012
Wasco, CA 93280
Robert J Vander Poel Trustee of the Robert and Elizabeth Vander Poel Family Trust
16855 Griffith Avenue
Wasco, CA 93280
Elizabeth A Vander Poel Trustee of the Robert and Elizabeth Vander Poel Family Trust
16855 Griffith Avenue
Wasco, CA 93280
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
The business is conducted by: General Partnership
Date the business commenced: 01-

01-2000

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/s/Robert J Vander Poel
Date Statement Filed: 12/17/2020
Date Statement Expires: 12/17/2025
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Statement of Abandonment Of Use Of Fictitious Business Name

Diamond Truck Lines

2340 Algebro Drive
Delano, CA 93215
County: Kern
Mailing address:
2340 Algebro Drive
Delano, CA 93215
Dalbir Singh Dhillon
2340 Algebro Drive
Delano, CA 93215
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/Dalbir Singh Dhillon, Owner
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2019-B5838
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 09/10/2019
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 12/16/2020

I hereby certify that this is a correct copy of the original statement on file in my office.

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Fictitious Business Name Statement

RZ Welding Service

2020-B5552

13264 Wallace Rd.
McFarland, CA 93250
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
319 2nd Street
McFarland, CA 93250
Roberto Carlos Zacarias
319 2nd St.
McFarland, CA 93250
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 12/01/2020
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Council discusses issue of public safety

SARAH VALARDE
For the Wasco Tribune

The first City Council meeting of the year Tuesday night focused on the issue of public safety in Wasco.

Council members hoped to shed light on rising numbers of gun crimes, and an apparent increase in general crime in the community.

"It's unfortunate," said City Manager Daniel Ortiz-Hernandez. "But it's important our residents know that the California criminal justice system is at fault."

Ortiz-Hernandez prepared a lengthy Powerpoint presentation to help educate the

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public about the recent changes in the state judicial system how it is affecting the quality of life.

In October 2011, the California Public Safety Realignment Act went into effect, reducing overcrowding in prisons and cutting the state corrections budget. An estimated 45,000 felons were transferred to county and local jails.

In 2016, Proposition 57, the Public Safety and Rehabilitation Act allowed the state to provide for the early release of up to 30,000 criminals convicted of "nonvio-

lent" felonies. The presentation noted that some of the crimes considered nonviolent included assault with a deadly weapon or force likely to cause great bodily injury and domestic violence, battery with serious bodily injury, inflicting corporal injury on a child, and rape/sodomy/oral copulation of unconscious person or by use of date rape drugs.

And last month, the California Supreme Court ruled that "certain sex offenders are eligible for early parole."

These changes are egregious, Ortiz-Hernandez emphasized. "We are in an unfortunate position. The criminal justice system

has failed us, and now we are to deal with the ramifications as best we can."

As a parent and family man, the city manager feels the urgency and is grateful for the ongoing discussions among his peers. "We recently participated in a roundtable discussion with other administrators in the community on how we can partner up and implement a strategy."

When asked for his hopes of the new year, Mr. Ortiz-Hernandez replies, "I hope we will sustain this momentum and create awareness of the current crime justice system."

Residents declare resolutions going into 2021

SARAH VALARDE
For the Wasco Tribune

Asking someone their New Year's resolution can be quite personal. A resolution is defined as a firm decision, and the changing of the year is the ultimate restart button. So, when asked what major life change are you determined to make, people tend to have a fight, flight or freeze approach. They fight for themselves. With a plan of attack, they speak of their approach to change with gusto, like the gentleman leaving True Value with quite a lot of pep in his step.

"I will regain financial peace! Thanks to Dave Ramsey." This young man will apply a whole new approach to his handling of his finances. "The goal is to be rich, not

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look rich. With the snowball method I will be out of debt. I am aware of my shortcomings when it comes to money now, and by 'dumping,' this is how I will be able to achieve my goal/resolution and finally have financial freedom."

That is quite the New Year's resolution -- concrete, established and definite.

There is also the flight approach. Take the new year and run. Young Mary Jane Flores a seventh grader at Palm Avenue Middle School learned that she developed some unbecoming habits this past year.

"I do not want to waste any more time with laziness and unhealthy habits. I'm go-

ing to read more and start choosing healthy snacks over the usual Takis." When asked if this was an achievable, she assuredly replied, "Yes. I want to learn a new hobby, and I'm excited to read new books." Her attitude showed she would make the effort to do it.

A handful of patrons had great resolutions to do this, or to finally do that. Then there's the "freezers," or perhaps "chillers," not really frozen at all in their approach to the new year. "Just chilling, taking it day by day," said a grandmother of four as she enters Theresa's for her call-in order.

"I used to say I'll quit smoking this year, or this time around I'll lose the unwanted weight. But once my resolution changed to be more God focused, everything fell into

place. We learn time and time again; nothing is for certain. I stopped believing I was in control a long time ago. I do what I can and put my trust in God's plan."

She radiated love, but declined a picture.

Surrounded by women giving their testimonies of when they made the resolution to stop making resolutions, Denise Gonzales, mother, salon owner, and Wasco native agrees, "I just take it day by day. Every day I put my faith in God and every day My God provides. No one saw this past year coming, but we did get through it. As a small business owner, my hopes is that we support local, and we flourish no matter the circumstances, because we are small-town people with big-time faith."

There is something each of us can do

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We've already seen essential workers step up to protect us, to help us, to serve us. There's no doubt they will continue to be there for us. The inner strength that binds us together as individuals as well as a society

when things are at their worst is ready to break out to bring us back.

What will you do to contribute to the big comeback? What sacrifice will you make to help your neighbors return to living? For some, it may doubling down on wear-

ing masks and keeping their distance; for others, gifting their talents and resources to help those who have lost their livelihoods and are facing hunger and loss of home. Helping may be as simple as picking up a phone, or punching on a keyboard, to lift up

the lonely of this solitary time.

But most assuredly, there is something each one of us can do to aid in this recovery. Bring hope through what you do in the coming year. We are committed to doing the same.

OBITUARIES

Megan Rose Page
March 4, 1983 -
Dec. 25, 2020

Megan Rose Page went home to her Lord and Savior Jesus Christ on Dec. 25, 2020.

Megan (Cossey) Page was born on March 4, 1983, the daughter of Tommy Fred Cossey and Terri Michelle Nixon. She grew up in Weldon until the age of 7, then moved to Bakersfield where she lived until the age of 9. She became the stepdaughter of Freeman Nixon at the age of 10 and spent most of the rest of her life residing in Shafter. In 2002 she had her first child, Isis, and in 2008 welcomed her second child, Colin, into the world.



Megan was a creative soul and enjoyed drawing, doing hair, makeup, and cooking. She had a unique and infectious laugh, wore her heart on her sleeve, loved Jesus, her family and friends. She was also loyal to those she loved and was quick to forgive.

Megan is survived by her parents Terri and Free-

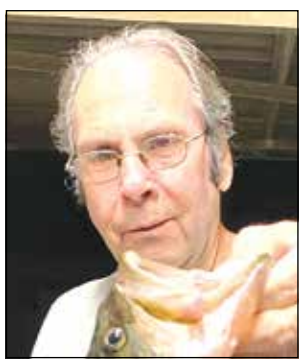
man Nixon, father-in-law Jerald Page, mother-in-law Brenda Page, husband Jaren Page, sister Doris Martin, brother-in-law Tyson Page and Justin Martin, sister-in-law Jenna Page, and children Isis and Colin. She is preceded in death by her father Tommy Cossey, grandparents Tom and Mary Cossey, Bill and Maxine Puckett, and uncles Bill Dehart, Larry Cossey, and David Cossey.

Megan is loved by many and those who knew her are suffering the loss of a daughter, sister, wife, and mother however we take comfort in knowing our Heavenly Father has gained his daughter and we will see her again in his kingdom.

Kenneth (Kenny)
Ralph Jameson
March 19, 1956 -
Dec. 25, 2020

Kenneth (Kenny) Ralph Jameson born on March 19, 1956, passed away on Dec. 25, 2020. Kenny was a great man and will be missed by many.

He leaves behind his beautiful wife, Annie Jameson, his children Cody Jameson (and Mayra Ornelas), and Eric Jameson, his grandson Ethan Jameson, his brother Ronald Jameson, sisters Vivian (and Richard) Bias, Alice (and Steve) Nelson, Shirley (and Freddie) Dunnahoe, brother in-law



Herb Wood, sister-in-law Brenda Hurley and sister-in-law Maryilyn (Kenny) Petty, several nieces and nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins and friends. Kenny was preceded in death by his parents, Everett and Aline

Jameson, father-in-law Marvin Hurley, sister-in-law Gayla Jameson, brother-in-law Johnny Hurley and his grandson William Cody Jameson Jr.

He loved his family and friends with his whole heart. He brought joy to anyone and everyone he met. His grandson Ethan was his pride and joy. Kenny loved classic cars, BBQed ribs, fishing, shooting and working on cars. And boy could he shake his leg like Elvis Presley. Kenny had a great sense of humor, gave you great advice and would be there when you needed him. Kenny will truly be missed by many.

Judy Faye
(Marchman) Cates
Aug. 30, 1931 -
Dec. 30, 2020

Judy Faye (Marchman) Cates was born Aug. 30, 1931, in Quinton, Oklahoma, to Rachel Sarah (Bastden) and Roy Marchman. She passed away peacefully on Dec. 30, 2020, into the arms of Jesus. She leaves behind her husband of 73 years, Lannis J. Cates, her daughter, Patricia (Cates) Funk and husband Howard, her son, Alan and wife Lori Cates, her granddaughters Jamie (Funk) Gonzales and Corey, Carly (Cates) Max-well and Cody, Mallory (Cates) Reese and Justin, and grandson Ryan Funk. She also leaves behind her 8 great grandchildren whom she adored.



Her first 5 years were spent in Oklahoma. She moved to Shafter with her mother and four siblings in the fall of 1936, and would live the remainder of her life in Shafter and Bakersfield. From an early age, Judy knew what it meant to work. In those days, if you didn't work, you didn't eat. She attended Shafter schools and met her future



husband at Shafter High in study hall. They married on Sept. 2, 1947.

Judy attended the South Shafter Mennonite Church when she was a young girl and accepted the Lord as her Savior. After Judy and Lannis married, she attended the Shafter Pentecostal Church of God and later the Sunshine Church in Oil-dale.

Judy had a career of 37 years with California Planting Seed at the Cotton Research Station in Shafter where she was employed as a fiber lab technician. Judy loved the people she worked with and the years spent at the facility.

Judy's life was one of caregiving, hospitality, and family. She loved to cook for friends and family. If any of her children, grandchildren or great grandchildren had an event, you could rest assured she would be there to support them. We all loved Nana's yummy apricot jam, curling up with an afghan she had crocheted for each of us, or eating raisins she had dried.

After retirement Judy and Lannis traveled all over the United States in their

RV with friends. They also purchased a mobile home in Oceano where they would enjoy the coast. Those times were happy ones.

Judy's last years were more difficult. First she developed cancer, then suffered severe burns, and finally Alzheimer's. We are grateful for the wonderful care she received in her final days at Carrington of Shafter. Alicia, Brittany, Amanda, and the entire staff did their very best to comfort mom and us during the tough times of 2020. We are also extremely grateful to the nurses and caregivers from Hoffman Hospice. Special thanks to Mary Ann, Mona, and Veronica.

Judy was preceded in death by her parents and all of her brothers and sisters.

Kenny Marchman and Carl Kuhlman, Jr., Lorene, Irene, Betty, Syble, and Rita.

Viewing will be at Peters Funeral Home in Shafter on Thursday, Jan. 7, 2021, from 2 - 8 p.m. A graveside memorial service will be held at Shafter Memorial Park on Friday, Jan. 8, 2021, at 11 a.m. Unfortunately due to covid-19, masks and social distancing will be required and there will be no gathering after the service.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Alzheimer's Association, 1401 Commercial Way, Suite 210, Bakersfield, CA 93309, or to Hoffman Hospice, 4325 Buena Vista Road, Bldg. A, Bakersfield, CA, 93311, would be greatly appreciated.

Sharon Elaine Whitworth
July 31, 1947 -
Dec. 27, 2020

Sharon Elaine Whitworth, 73, of Wasco, passed away Dec. 27, 2020, at the family home in Arroyo Grande.

She was born to the late Donald and Dorothy Galloway, July 31, 1947, in Wenatchee, Washington. Sharon graduated from Wasco Union High School and attended Federico Beauty College in Bakersfield.



Sharon married James A. Whitworth in 1986, and they made their home in Wasco until moving to Ar-

royo Grande in 2019.

She is survived by her husband, James Whitworth, children: Bart and Ann Wilburn of Wasco, Kayla Wilburn and James Weilbacher of Arroyo Grande, Brian and Michelle Whitworth of Southaven, and Tanya and Paul Holmes of Olive Branch. She is also survived by grandchildren: Samantha and Justin Jackson, Frankie Wilburn and Lisa Ellis, Kaylyn and Austin Runnels and Jenna Dancy, and great-grand-

children: Zakery Mays and Bentlie Wilburn. Sharon was preceded in death by her older brother, Donald Galloway and niece Sherie Miller, and is survived by siblings: Pam and Ronnie Sutton, Gary and Tina Earl, and Vicki and Joe Dominguez. Beloved nieces and nephews include: Kim and David Miller, Tracy and Jason Christy, Melisa and Kevin Butterick, Stephenie Gordan, Shelbie Jameson, Sunni and Mike Dobbs, John and Liz Sutton, Nick

and Sandra Sutton, Michael Galloway, Matthew and Tiffany Wankum, Marcus and Kayla Wankum.

You may have known Sharon from PTA, The Showcase salon, cheering at Wasco High wrestling matches, football/volleyball/basketball games, or running the office at Fabbri Farms or Wilbur-Ellis. She was Merle Haggard's #1 fan, preferred her Coca-Cola with a bag of peanuts, never met a slot machine she didn't like, loved the

sound of the ocean, and always had a glass of sweet tea and a hug for anyone who needed it.

A celebration of Sharon's life will be held on Saturday, Jan. 30, 2021. Please visit the event page at <https://www.facebook.com/events/148085503542556> for more information and to RSVP.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests charitable donations be made in Sharon's name to Buster's Legacy at www.busterslegacy.org.