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Mayor's State of the City

Mayor Cathy Prout released her State of the City this week; a speech that typically would be given at the annual Chamber Awards Banquet that was canceled due to the pandemic.

Prout gave residents a look into the efforts made during the pandemic to keep the city strong financially and sociologically.

Prout mentioned the strides Shafter has made in helping local businesses with a new program that temporarily reduces

fees for existing and new businesses that are building or making improvements. She also mentioned how the city is helping its infrastructure.

The following is the State of the City speech prepared by Prout and city staff.

As your mayor, I have given these speeches before. Every time, I have talked about the changes of the year. I have seen big changes in Shafter over the years, some challenging, many exciting, but the past year has been truly unique.

Many people in Shafter are hurting. Some of us have lost loved ones. We have lost time with family and friends. Our children and grandchildren have missed out on school and activities. Special gatherings have been postponed or moved online, including the one where this speech usually happens. We all miss our normal lives.

As a city government we have also had to adjust. We were forced to rethink everything about how we meet to make de-

cisions and how we deliver services. We have had to do this at the same time as we were already making big changes in the organization. Gabriel Gonzalez started his work as our new City Manager, just the first stay at home orders came out. He hit the ground running and has guided our staff well in responding to the new environment. We are grateful for his experience and steady hand. Then, we began the process of closing the Community Cor-

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Anthony Olivas is another of the founding members of the organization.



Audrey McPhetridge is one of the original leaders of the movement.



Yesenia Gil said that she seized the opportunity to be in the group.



Jose Magana said that he gets satisfaction from watching the successes of his peers who he has helped along the way.

Shafter High program helps students thrive together

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

As the pandemic continued, a group of Shafter High students were feeling disconnected with their peers as they left the school campus to learn at home.

The group soon developed a solution to help better support their peers, starting a program called THRIVE.

Audrey McPhetridge, Yesenia

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Gil, Jose Magana and Anthony Olivas wanted to find a way to get their peers together after so much time by themselves.

"We could feel that the connectedness of the students was lacking we wanted to find a way to bring those peers back together," McPhetridge said.

They originally started the pro-

gram with Zoom meetings in November, but it quickly evolved.

"I seized the opportunity to connect and help others in situations where they may feel alone or a little down," Gil said about becoming a leader in the group. "I believe that you can only truly feel fulfilled if you have lived a life of service."

"THRIVE is a time where students can receive the support they

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City plans office, Dial-a-Ride reopening

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

The city office will reopen its doors to the public on April 5, City Manager Daniel Ortiz-Hernandez reported during the recent council meeting.

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"The city's offices have been closed for a year tomorrow (March 17, 2020) and the city has completed many of the facility updates required for a covid-19-safe return such as installing recommended barriers between the public and city staff, purchasing an air purifier to disinfect the work stations and upgrading the doors so handles won't have to be touched, instead a large bar will be across the doors, which can be pushed with an elbow or shoulder," Ortiz-Hernandez said.

Ortiz-Hernandez also informed the council that Dial-a-Ride will begin around April 5 with a modified schedule due to the city having one bus driver on staff. Dial-a-Ride will be available Monday through Friday with reservations needed prior to a trip. Contact the city at 661-758-7222. The drivers will not be making change, so come with the exact amount

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Generals ready to hit the field as sports resume

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

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The Shafter High School sports programs got the green light and are preparing for an abbreviated season, with the only exceptions being indoor sports such as basketball, volleyball and wrestling.

The Kern High School District laid out a plan that will get the majority of the sports programs back in action beginning late this month.

Practices have begun with safety measures and protocol in place including temperature checks, daily screening and social distancing when possible.

The Shafter Generals football team will take the field for the first time in over a year when they face SSL foe Arvin on March 26.

The football season will consist of five games against Arvin, Kern Valley, Foothill, Mira Monte and Golden Valley. They will have their Senior Night against Kern Valley on April 1 at Centennial High School.

In addition to the pandemic, the Generals must also find a location for their games, with Shafter's stadium in the middle of a major renovation which will not be complete until the fall.

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Coach Jerald Pierucci talks about his team's upcoming season.



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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

Bengals Tryouts - Bengals Football Tryouts will be Week 2: March 18 and 19 at Westside Park (across from the skate park) from 5:30-7 p.m. Athletes must live in the Wasco School District and turn 7 years old/cannot turn 15 years old on or before Nov. 15, 2021. Athletes must attend at least two tryout dates to be considered for selection. Athletes should come dressed in sports attire and bring a water bottle. Cleats preferred, but not mandatory. Only participating athletes are allowed inside training areas.

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

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

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

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

Zumba Gold — Register at brandiroot.zumba.com/livestream for class on Mondays and Wednesdays 9:30 a.m. Hosted by Shafter Recreation and Parks District.

Zumba Kids — Register at brandiroot.zumba.com/livestream for class on Saturdays at 11 a.m. Hosted by Shafter Recreation and Parks District.

Zumba.com/livestream for class on Saturdays at 11 a.m. Hosted by Shafter Recreation and Parks District.

Zumba On Demand — Register at brandiroot.zumba.com/livestream. Saturdays from 2 to 7 p.m. and Thursdays 3 to 8 p.m. Hosted by Shafter Recreation and Parks District.

MONDAY

Shafter High Pride Pantry — Help stock the pantry on Monday, March 22 from 3-6 p.m. in the Shafter High front office parking lot. You can contribute to the drive with drop-off donations of personal hygiene products, new clothing items, household cleaning supplies and non-perishable food items.

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.

Truth ministries — Truth Ministries: A Faith Based 12-Step Program providing fellowship recovery will be held on Thursday nights from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Shafter Menonite Brethren Church, 400 Kern St. The program begins on Feb. 25. Call 661-746-4969 for more information.

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

Bulky waste drop off — The Kern County Public Works is helping to Keep Kern Beautiful with a bulky waste drop off event on Saturday, March 20 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Richland School District, 300 N. Valley St., Shafter. Drop off old furniture, home appliances, TVs, mattresses and water heaters. Not accepted include trash, green waste, hazardous materials, construction or remodeling scraps.

ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

MARCH 8

Juan Alberto Campos Galindo, 30, of Shafter, was arrested on the 400 block of N. Wall St on a felony bench warrant.

MARCH 10

Dirk Barton Underwood, 51, of Shafter, was arrested on the 500 block of James St. on an outside felony warrant and a misdemeanor bench warrant.

Victor Arredondo, 35, of Shafter, was arrested on E. Lerdo Hwy. and Cherry Ave on a felony bench warrant, misdemeanor bench warrant and possession of controlled substance.

Eduardo Alexander Juarez, 21, of Shafter, was arrested on the 400 block of Calloway for DUI and proof of financial responsibility.

MARCH 11

Robert Taylor Robles, 22, of Shafter, was arrested on the 100 block of W. Los Angeles for DUI.

Joel Urbina Nunez, 27, of Shafter, was arrested on the 200 block of Colvard on a felony bench warrant and misdemeanor bench warrant.

MARCH 14

Judith Figueroa, 60, of Shafter, was arrested on the 200 block of Rodriguez St. for disorderly conduct: Alcohol.

Jose Soto Reyes, 38, of Shafter, was arrested on Central Valley Hwy and E. Ash Ave for controlled substance paraphernalia and on a felony bench warrant.

BUTTONWILLOW

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

MARCH 10

Martin Zamora, 24, of Shafter, was arrested in the 30800 block of Richland Avenue in Shafter for domestic violence. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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As reported by the Kern County Sheriff's Office, Wasco Substation

MARCH 8

Myron Elijah Williams, 38, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1200 block of Palm Avenue in Wasco for domestic violence. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

MARCH 9

Julian Jaime, 32, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Poplar Avenue and Snapdragon Drive in Wasco for being in possession of stolen property, being in possession of drug paraphernalia, conspiracy to commit a crime, receiving known stolen property and failure to appear warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Vincenzo Rafael Osuna, 31, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Poplar Avenue and Snapdragon Drive in Wasco for being in possession of stolen property, being in possession of burglary tools, conspiracy to commit a crime and receiving known stolen property. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Brice Patterson, 33, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of H Street in Wasco. He was cited and

released at the scene.

Ramiro Montes, 52, of El Monte, was arrested in the 1000 block of 7th Street in Wasco for driving on an expired license and expired registration. He was cited and released at the scene.

MARCH 11

Vincenzo Rafael Osuna, 31, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1800 block of 2nd Street in Wasco for being in possession of stolen property, vehicle theft, grand theft during a state emergency, conspiracy to commit a crime, being in possession of drug paraphernalia, being in possession of burglary tools, and driving on a suspended license. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Julian Jaime, 32, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1800 block of 2nd Street in Wasco for being in possession of stolen property, vehicle theft, grand theft during a state emergency, conspiracy to commit a crime, being in possession of drug paraphernalia and being in possession of burglary tools. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Molly Alegria Perez, 72, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street in Wasco on a misdemeanor warrant. She was cited and released at the scene.

Miguel Figueroa, 49, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on five misdemeanor warrants. He was cited and released at the scene.

Willie Joe Harris, 32, of Wasco,

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 mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** In 1987, Cathy Prout, Julia Escalante and Dancy Escalante stand with a wagon.

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Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Wasco 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 *Tribune*, 406 Central Ave., Shafter 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@WascoTrib.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** Clarence Crawford's Adult Basketball Team played other teams in the league. Back row from left: Finis Garland '52, Mickey Carter '52 and Benny McLeod '49. Front row from left: Norbert Streiff '49, Clarence Crawford (sponsor), Oscar Newman '48 and Emery Crawford '47.

was arrested in the 800 block of 7th Street in Wasco for petty theft. He was cited and released at the scene.

Andrew Darwin Noguez, 23, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of H Street in Wasco for trespassing. He was cited and released at the scene.

Anthony Flores, 28, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of H Street in Wasco for trespassing. He was cited and released at the scene.

Christopher Rene Rodriguez, 24, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of H Street in Wasco for trespassing. He was cited and released at the scene.

Abel Noel Castillo, 32, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of 6th Street in Wasco for two counts of vehicle theft, conspiracy to commit a crime, burglary during a state emergency, tamper with vehicle, petty theft and being in possession of a stolen vehicle. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Joseph Castillo, 35, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of 6th Street in Wasco for being in possession of a stolen vehicle, two counts of vehicle theft, conspiracy to commit a crime, burglary during a state emergency, tamper with vehicle, and petty theft. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

MARCH 12

Paul Gutierrez, age 25, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1900 block of 7th Street in Wasco on a felony warrant and a misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

MARCH 14

Valente Sanchez, 27, of Wasco, was arrested in the 300 block of Sagebrush Court in Wasco for attempted burglary and vandalism. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Amayrani Aleman Almanza, 23,

of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of Griffith Street in Wasco for driving on a suspended license, hit and run and having no insurance. He was cited and released at the scene.

Guadalupe Ramos, 39, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of H Street in Wasco for trespassing and on two misdemeanor warrants. He was cited and released at the scene.

Brice Patterson, 33, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of H Street in Wasco for trespassing. He was cited and released at the scene.

CORRECTION



The following photo that ran in the March 11, 2021 paper should have identified as newly appointed Kern County Director of Public Health Brynn Carrigan.

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Book details experience in Vietnam as a young soldier

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

A project 50 years in the making for Shafter resident Barry Bongberg has finally come to fruition.

Bongberg recently published "Dear

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Mom and Dad — Letters from Vietnam," a project which began for his daughter.

The book is based on a series of letters that Bongberg wrote to his parents while he was overseas in Vietnam between 1967 and 1969.

"I didn't even want to think about Vietnam once I got back home," said Bongberg, who also said that it wasn't very popular to let people know that you had served in Vietnam, with him and his fellow soldiers being spit on, screamed at, so different than hero welcomes that greeted soldiers from other major conflicts that the United States had been involved in.

"I didn't even acknowledge that I had been over there for a long time, when people I didn't know were talking about the war. I didn't volunteer any information about my experiences over there," he said.

Bongberg had written a total of 268 letters in the 23 months that he had been stationed in Vietnam. To his surprise, when he was cleaning out his parents' house a couple of years ago, he found a box of letters that he had written that

his mother had saved, even in chronological order.

Bongberg's daughter, Erica, started reading the letters and Bongberg then read a few of the letters. Erica told her dad that she thought that this would be a project that would be worth the time of him typing up all of the letters, having a record of them for him and Erica.

"It started as a project that would end once I typed up a copy of the letters for me and Erica, something that we could save those memories in. It just grew from there," he said.

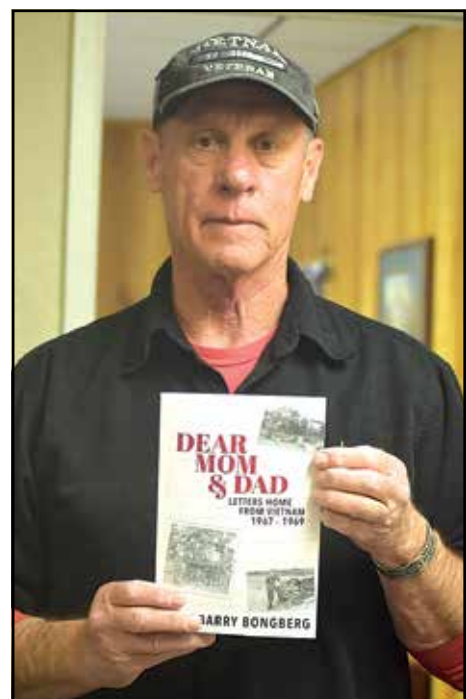
Once Bongberg was finished typing up a copy of the letters for his daughter, he delivered the manuscript to her up in Northern California. While at her house, a friend of his daughter's, an author and editor named Sara Olsher, read a few of the letters. Finding out what they were, Olsher thought that this would be something that a lot of people would be interested in reading, suggesting to Erica that her dad think about putting them in a book.

Erica passed away from breast cancer before the dream became a reality, with Bongberg and Olsher working hard on completing the project for him and his daughter.

After about a year the project was finished and the book was published. It is now available on Amazon.com. You can also purchase a copy from Bongberg himself.

All of the proceeds of the sales of the book go directly to Metavivor, a nonprofit organization dedicated to increasing awareness of advanced breast cancer and equity in research and patient support.

"I have read some really touching re-



Barry Bongberg will be signing copies of his book at the Portrait of a Warrior Gallery in Bakersfield.

views and emails from people who have read the book and are grateful for me putting their feelings into words, thinking that there were so many kids in Vietnam in the same situation," Bongberg said about the book's reception.

"I was just a young, 18-year-old kid who was scared out of his mind," he said. "I had to grow up really quick and these letters are almost a timeline of my growing up in that 23 months."

Bongberg will be signing copies of the book on March 29 at 9 a.m. at the Portrait of a Warrior Gallery as a part of the National Vietnam Veterans Day. The gallery is located at 1925 Eye St. in Bakersfield. Also included in the event will be the ringing of the bell to remember the veterans, as well as the reading of Roll Call of the 176 soldiers from Kern County killed in action in Vietnam.

City plans April reopening for offices, Dial-a-Ride

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for your trip for both directions. Note that the number of riders will be restricted, so making a reservation is necessary.

Ortiz-Hernandez also said that due to the construction on Highway 46, drop-off locations may differ. The city has also purchased an electro-static device that the driver will use in order to sanitize the bus.

He added that the bus will be able to transport wheelchairs.

City Clerk Maria Martinez said each trip for seniors and students will cost \$1 and the

general cost is \$1.50 each trip.

In other city business, the council discussed utilizing the former farm labor camp administration building as a possible site for a refurbished animal shelter to replace the existing shelter.

Council members Gilberto Reyna and Vince Martinez agreed that there are too many unknown cost factors in refurbishing the administration building and asked Ortiz-Hernandez to have staff investigate this further, while council member Palares stated that he would like to see the

project move forward. Council member Tilo Cortez was not present at the meeting.

"We can't build a facility that cheap," Mayor Alex Garcia said. Reyna and Martinez expressed concern about the costs such as vandalism and the number of times a deputy has been called out to the location.

Sam Estes, pastor and City Advance Director at Communities, Inc., gave a presentation on the newly formed Wasco Task Force. He described his experience with the

City of Sanger Task Force that he created. Martinez volunteered to be the liaison between the City Council and the task force to keep both groups informed.

Public Works Director Biridiana Bishop reported that there was only one bidder on the 7th Street Tree Well Repairs located in the historic downtown district.

"Their bid was \$105,000, which is too high," Bishop said. "The bid should have come closer to \$70,000, which is what was quoted to us. We should rebid the project to get closer to \$70,000."

Shafter Library to reopen for 3 months

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The City Council approved an agreement with Kern County to open the Shafter Library for two days a week for the next three months, beginning in April.

In March 2020, the library was closed due to the coronavirus and it remained closed because of budget constraints.

A group of citizens wanted to reopen the library, stating that the library is necessary for children and adults. With a number of libraries in the county reopening, it was deemed not feasible to open the Shafter branch.

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The newly approved agreement will allow residents to use the library services for education, personal enjoyment, and also employment searches.

Under the agreement, the County of Kern will open the library for two days a week, with the city of Shafter reimbursing the costs of the operation, with an amount not to exceed \$4,000. The agreement would be to the end of the fiscal year. There is an Adhoc Committee that is looking into options to keep the library open after the agreement is complete.

The City Council also heard a presentation from Christine Wilson, a living organ donor, about April being proclaimed Donate Life Awareness month.

Wilson donated a kidney to help save a local woman's life. Wilson encouraged everyone to check yes on their licenses, making them donors for the much needed supply of organs available for transplant. The city agreed to lend their name for a Donate Life campaign, including allowing the group One Legacy to have donor information included on the city's website, as well as having the city's logo on flyers and their website. There is no cost to the city for this action.



The council proclaimed April as Donate Life Awareness month. A presentation was made by living donor Christine Wilson.

Deputy reviews arrests, 3 repeat offenders charged

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

Sgt. Peter Martinez reported on the different crimes committed in Wasco March 16 at the City Council meeting, including reviewing the recent arrest of three repeat offenders.

On Saturday, March 6, at approximately 8:50 p.m., a deputy from the Wasco substation stopped a car in the 2300 block of Camellia Street. The driver, Brian Henry, 37, from Wasco, was known to have an active felony arrest warrant and was a convicted

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felon.

The deputy located several live shotgun shells in Henry's pocket. During a search of the vehicle, deputies found a Remington 870 pump action shotgun.

Henry was arrested and booked into the Kern County Jail for felon in possession of a firearm, felon in possession of ammunition, and his active felony arrest warrant.

At 1:50 p.m. on Tuesday, March 9, a 37-year-old male driver was shot at as he

sat in his vehicle on Broadway and 9th.

"He drove himself to Shafter and was transported to Kern Medical Center with non-life-threatening injuries. The investigation is ongoing," Martinez said.

Martinez also identified Vincente Osuna, 31, as having been arrested six times since the beginning of the year and was arrested twice in the last week. Julian Jaime, 32, has also been arrested four times since the beginning of the year and was recently arrested with Osuna for grand theft auto.

On Thursday, March 11 deputies on foot

patrol were at the old labor camp and arrested three people that were caught trespassing.

Also, on March 15, Martinez said that he and the city manager, fire department and PG&E attended to downed trees.

"This was a time for rapid response," Martinez said. "It was all due to the weather. There was potential for severe damage."

Chief Deputy Avery Simpson stated at the previous Wasco Task Force meeting that covid-19 protection policy between deputies and residents is being relaxed.

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rections Facility, which represented about half of the City workforce. The Facility contributed millions to City revenues over its history.

It has been quite a year.

Through it all, thanks to the resilience of our residents and businesses, a legacy of prudent financial decisions, and the hard work of our staff, the state of our city remains strong. In fact, despite all of the challenges of this year, I am pleased to say that we are starting 2021 stronger than ever. As I go through the events and accomplishments of the year, I think you will agree.

We had an election this year. It was encouraging to see our residents so engaged in the democratic process. Turnout broke all records. We welcome Pete Espinoza as a new council member and thank Manuel Garcia for his service. Serving you as an elected official is a great honor and responsibility. On behalf of the council, I thank you for the trust you have placed in us.

One of the core functions of our City is to maintain public safety through a dedicated, professional police department. We are proud of our outstanding people who make our police department the envy of the region. Their work and investments continue

to pay off with an outstanding reputation. We continued to invest in our police department in 2020, hiring seven new officers. These new hires allowed the department to create a full-time traffic officer position and a K-9 unit. The Shafter Police Department handled 22,692 calls for service in 2020, averaging 62 calls per day! Thank you, officers!

This has been an important year for infrastructure in the city.

We now have TCP removal systems at all of our city wells. This will ensure the safety of our groundwater. Water conservation remains critical, given the ongoing challenges of water in California.

Improving the condition, efficiency, and safety of our roads is a top priority for the Council. This year we completed a major resurfacing of James Street, made improvements to Tulare Avenue, in addition to resurfacing local roads. City staff will be playing a significant role in planning regional projects. One includes new roundabout at the intersection of Highway 43, Los Angeles, and Santa Fe Way.

The Public Works department completed its transition to a new corporation yard this year. The relocation of the Public Works Department has expanded its capacity

to keep up with the growth of city.

Community parks are essential to the life of our city. We have been fortunate to secure grant funding to make improvements to our community parks. In the future we look forward to getting resident input on the types of improvements that should be prioritized and built with this money.

Shafter is a place for business. I am happy to report that this remains true. Even in a difficult economic environment, all parts of our city are seeing new investment.

In the historic core of Shafter, the City recently sold the former Brookside Deli building on Central Avenue to Countryside Car Wash. The owner is planning to build a drive through car wash and deli market on site.

As a Council, we recently created a new Business Expansion, Attraction, and Retention Incentive Program. This program temporarily reduces City fees on business investments downtown. We hope this will encourage reinvestment, attract new business, and grow Shafter's tax base. Several business owners have reached out to explore taking advantage of the new program.

Along Lerdo Highway, construction has begun on a Corner Market and gas station. Phase two of the project will include a truck fueling island in the future. In addition, the S.O.S. Recycle Center is planning to open a new processing plant in the Minter Field Industrial Center.

Along Seventh Standard, The Wonderful Company has begun construction of its first phase Amenity Center. The amenity center is a 40,000 square foot, two story vocational training facility. When the Center is complete, it is expected to include an office building, parking garage, food market, and wellness center. The Wonderful Logistics Park continues to attract major companies and brings thousands of jobs to Shafter. The 220 million-dollar Walmart cold storage facility has been essentially completed. The company plans to begin shipping from the cold storage facility in April.

Three one million square foot shell buildings are in various stages of permit-

ting and construction in the Park. One building is an expansion of the Ross Distribution Center. The second building will be a Fulfillment Center for Amazon and the third building will be for a future park tenant. All representing well over one hundred million dollars of investment in Shafter.

East from the Logistics Park along Seventh Standard, Derrell's Mini Storage has begun construction on 475,000 square feet of storage space. At Gossamer Grove, building continues to grow quickly with an ultimate buildout of 3,000 homes. 1,000 home permitted and 800 home already occupied.

As companies invest in the potential of Shafter, we continue to believe in investing in the potential of our young people. The City of Shafter has a unique commitment to education. This year, as so many children have been learning from home, that commitment has been significant. Our focus areas remain familiar - ensuring access to books, have provided 2,000 hours of online tutoring, inspiring enrichment classes, providing learning kits, and financial support for Advanced Placement and Bakersfield College students.

Initial utility and site work have already begun on the Learning Center's "Building Dreams Together" expansion project. The project will add a classroom, a children's library, and a plaza to the Learning Center with the generous support of our long-time corporate partner, GAF. The project is expected to be completed later this year.

In addition, the Learning Center has been working alongside with Listen to Shafter on a mural project located behind the Hacienda Market on Sunset.

As you can see, our City has been busy. Responding to the changes of 2020 has forced us to be resilient and creative. We stand here near the beginning of 2021 hopeful that we can leave some of the challenges of the past year behind us. The people of Shafter have proven themselves ready for anything. Our community is strong, our employees are resilient and together, we continue to look forward to an even brighter future.

EASTER PAGE SPECIAL

Hey Shafter/Wasco residents get out those Easter photo albums and send us your favorite photo!

It can be of your family, a special Easter picnic, trip, or fun Easter pet photo... The Shafter Press and Wasco Tribune would like to highlight all things family and fun in a special Easter edition on **Thursday, April 1st.**

Ad size will be 3 inch x 2 inch Cost \$15 – All pictures submitted will be entered into a Drawing for a \$25 gift basket. Only 1 picture per household please. All pictures must be received by March 19th. You may come by our new office at: 455 Kern St, Ste E, Shafter (corner of Kern and Central) Or you may email your picture and info to: dgivens@theshafterpress.com



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Generals ready to hit the field as sports resume

From Page 1

The Generals will not face Wasco High.

One of the conditions to play is that Kern High School teams will play only other teams from the Kern High School District.

Wasco High is not a part of the district.

"Our guys have been working so hard, through all of the talks, waiting to see if they would be able to play. There were so many times when their hopes would rise then it would be down again. It was such an up and down time for the team. I am just happy that their hard work is not in vain and they will be able to have a season," said Coach Jerald Pierucci.

It is currently uncertain if spectators will be allowed at the games.

Shafter High Principal Russell Shipley said that the district decided to let the players have a season, while still keeping them as safe as possible.

"I am excited for our players and the coaches who have worked so hard through all of this, giving them something for all of their efforts," Shipley said.

There will also be seasons for baseball and softball, as well as tennis and soccer. There will also be mini tournaments for golf and cross country.

The baseball, softball, and soccer teams will also be facing Arvin, Foothill, Kern Valley, Golden Valley and Mira Monte in their seasons.



CONSTRUCTION ALERT

DEMOLITION OF THE AMTRAK BUILDING IN WASCO – AMTRAK SERVICE WILL REMAIN ACCESSIBLE VIA PLATFORM

KERN COUNTY, CALIF. – The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority), in cooperation with design-build contractor California Rail Builders (CRB), announces the demolition of the Amtrak building at 700 G Street in Wasco. Demolition activities will begin Monday, March 29, 2021 and is expected to last one week. Riders will continue to have access to the Amtrak platform and parking lot. Amtrak tickets are available for purchase online.

This work is part of Construction Package 4 (CP 4), the 22-mile stretch of high-speed rail between one-mile north of the Tulare-Kern County line and Poplar Avenue in Kern County.


DEMOLITION INFORMATION:

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HEADLINES IN HISTORY

10 years ago: March 2, 2011

It has been 10 years since the Shafter Press office fire at 107 E. Lerdo Hwy. The fire destroyed all of the Shafter Press Archives. It took 8 fire engines to calm the flames. This year (2021) will be 100th year since the Press has been established.

20 years ago: March 14, 2001

Shafter resident Nancy Grainger was given the Mother of the Year Award. It was presented by the Southern CA National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

30 years ago: March 6, 1991

The Shafter High Varsity Soccer Team won the 1991 South Sequoia League. A few of the team members were Jorge Maldonado, Robert Hernandez, Martin Arrillano and Coach Jim Graddy.



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Seniors return to campus to finish year

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Shafter High School and the rest of the Kern High School District schools are preparing to return to campuses in April.

The district board approved a plan that would allow seniors to return to campus to finish their high school careers in the halls of Shafter High School.

The plan gives students and their families a choice to get in-person instruction or remain in the distance learning program.

According to Shafter High Principal Russell Shipley, the plan is a big step in returning to a sense of normalcy for the seniors who will complete their careers this June.

The schools will use a block schedule that has a Blue schedule and a Gold schedule. Each day of the week is broken down into periods and students have classes from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. This includes a period at the

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end of the day for academic collaboration and student support.

Sophomores, juniors, and freshmen will continue using the distance learning model for the rest of the year.

According to Greg West, director of Kern Integrated Data Systems, academic performance is declining.

"Overall, we saw an increase of 14% Ds and Fs as compared to last year, with the majority of those coming from students in that middle range, the B and C range, dropping down into the D and F range," West said.

"We are so excited to welcome back our Generals," Shipley said. "We have truly missed them, and although we have been there with support and passion during distance learning, a computer monitor just isn't the same."



Senior Generals will be back on campus in April.

Academic testing resumes for school year

TONI DEROSA
Wasco Tribune

State academic testing resumed for this school year, but the data will not be used the same way, Assistant Superintendent David Bowling said.

"State academic testing (California As-

WASCO

essment of Student Performance and Progress or CAASPP) was entirely canceled last year," Bowling said. "Testing has resumed this year with the majority of Wasco Elementary students taking the test remotely

using their Chromebooks, and scores will be reported in the fall.

Bowling also said that the California State Board of Education has applied for a waiver from the federal government to use the data from this year's testing to inform instructors for the coming school year.

"In addition, testing data would not be used for accountability purposes this year due to the many issues connected to distance learning and the disruption created by the pandemic," Bowling added.

Bowling also said that the district submitted its request for the waiver March 16.

Thomas Jefferson Middle names February Cougars of the Month

CASSANDRA SANCHEZ
Special to Wasco Tribune

While under restrictions due to COVID, Thomas Jefferson Middle School staff is continuing with the Cougar of the Month Award.

The Cougar of the Month Award is designed to spotlight students who best "Respect the P.A.W." (Perseverance, Attitude, Wise Choices) through distance learning. The following students have stood out in the month of January to their teachers for working hard, joining class sessions on time, and being active participants.

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6th Grade Cougars of the Month

Samantha Castillo has worked hard from the start of the school year to adjust to distance learning. What's helped her keep her 4.0 GPA is setting schedules for her, finding quiet places to study in and believing in her. Samantha recognized the difficulty of the pandemic and the adjustments that have been made, but also appreciates that she's continued to make new friends through this virtual experience. By persevering through and finding ways to self-motivate, Samantha has earned the recognition of Cougar of the Month.

Yahir Torres has persevered through the online transition to do the best he can. To date, he has perfect attendance and works at keeping his grades up. His greatest challenge has been his LP class, but it doesn't keep him from working hard and doing the best he can. Yahir has stood out as a positive role model to his teachers and has earned the recognition of Cougar of the Month.

7th Grade Cougars of the Month

With a lively attitude, Elianna



Top row from left: Elianna Sanchez (7th Grade), Danny Arellano (Principal), Alex Mendoza (8th Grade) Bottom row from left: Patrick Acosta (V.P.), Samantha Castillo (6th Grade), Yahir Torres (6th Grade). Not pictured: Gabriel Sepulveda (7th) and Kierdyn Wilson (8th).

Sanchez has continuously shown her dedication to her education and hasn't let up throughout the year in distance learning. Elianna carries a 4.0 GPA with perfect attendance and receives praise from her teachers for her excellent work/participation in class. Elianna is a well-rounded student who represents the P.A.W. and has earned the recognition of Cougar of the Month.

Gabriel Sepulveda has worked hard throughout the first three quarters to hold a 4.0 GPA. Along with his family, he is very proud of this recognition. Gabriel is also a perfect attendance cougar and has earned recognition for his all-around academic achievements. His wise choices in the classroom have earned him the recognition of Cougar of the Month.

8th Grade Cougars of the Month

Distance learning has taught Kierdyn Wilson better study tactics like minimizing distractions by turning off her phone and using earplugs to block outside noise. Kierdyn's biggest challenge has been adapting to working independently and not hav-

ing that physical support from peers to get through the day. She has done an excellent job; however, and carries a 4.67 GPA with all honors and perfect attendance. Kierdyn is an active member of Leadership and hosts a weekly video podcast called "5 Minutes With..." in which she interviews a TJMS staff member. She looks forward to what high school will bring and we have no doubt she will leave a mark as she has done so here. Kierdyn has undoubtedly earned the recognition as Cougar of the Month.

Alex Mendoza has been a stellar student working hard in the classroom to achieve high marks. Alex is recognized by his teachers for his work ethic and great attitude. Showing up to class every day has helped him in staying on top of his work, even in classes where he struggles a bit. He has not let it hold him back and persevered through the challenges to do the best that he can. Carrying a full load of honor classes has its challenges yet Alex has shown he can work hard and do well. His perseverance has earned him the recognition of Cougar of the Month.

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**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF KERN
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
AND SUMMARY OF PROPOSED
ORDINANCE**

(CalBioGas Buttonwillow LLC)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:

On the 13th day of April, 2021, at the hour of 2:00 p.m., in the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, County of Kern Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, the Kern County Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing to hear any objections to the granting to CalBioGas Buttonwillow LLC ("Grantee"), a new 20 year non-exclusive pipeline franchise to construct, install, maintain, inspect, operate, repair, renew, and remove non-public utility, pipelines together with the appurtenances and equipment necessary or convenient for operation thereof. The actual external diameter of the pipelines, including casing, rounded to the closest inch, shall not exceed 13

inches. The principal purpose of the franchise is the transporting of natural gas, in and under any and all public highways, roadways, or streets, now or hereafter dedicated to public use for roadway purposes and expressly accepted and/or declared public highways by the County (including, but not limited to, the Kern County right of way for Scofield Avenue, Riverside Street, Magnolia Avenue, Seventh Standard Road, and Brandt Road), which are within the County of Kern, and within Sections 13 and 24, Township 28 South, Range 23 East, M.D.B.M., Sections 28, 29, and 33, Township 27 South, Range 24 East, M.D.B.M., Sections 4, 9, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 22, 23, 24, 27, and 34, Township 28 South, Range 24 East, M.D.B.M., and Sections 2, 3, 4, 10 and 11, Township 29 South, Range 24 East, M.D.B.M., but not included within the limits of an incorporated city. The Board intends to grant the franchise pursuant to the provisions of the Fran-

chise Act of 1937 (Public Utilities Code sections 6201, et seq.) and Government Code section 26001 and further terms, conditions and restrictions found in Ordinance F-3 (Fourth Revision).

The application of Grantee, the proposed franchise ordinance, and related documents are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Kern County Administrative Center, where they may be examined during normal business hours.

Throughout the term of the franchise the Grantee and its successors or assigns shall pay to the County an annual franchise fee equivalent to \$1.55 per cubic foot for each of Grantee's pipelines installed in County right of way. This franchise fee shall be adjusted annually, pursuant to Section 7 of the Ordinance. Grantee shall file with the designated agent of the Board of Supervisors, within three months after the expiration of the calendar year or fractional calendar year following the

date of the granting of the franchise and within three months after the expiration of each calendar year thereafter, a detailed and verified statement showing the location (by road name or number and section, township and range), length (expressed in feet) and size (expressed in inches) of all of Grantee's pipelines situated within the County right of way. Grantee shall pay to the County, within 15 days after the time for filing the statement described hereinabove, in lawful money of the United States, the annual fee due.

Any neglect, omission or refusal by Grantee to file the verified statement, or to pay the franchise fee at the time or in the manner provided, shall make the Grantee subject to penalties and/or constitutes grounds for declaration of forfeiture of the franchise and of all rights thereafter, as detailed in Sections 11, 13, and 14 of Ordinance F-3 (Fourth Revision).

The Grantee shall maintain, at its cost and expense, at all times during the term of the franchise, a commercial general liability policy of insurance, including broad form property damage coverage, owner's and contractor's protective insurance (during construction), fire legal liability coverage and contractual liability coverage for obligations under the franchise, naming County, its officers, agents, employees and volunteers as additional insureds, acknowledging that the Franchise shall be used for transporting oil, gas, produced water, and other hydrocarbons. The amount of the insurance coverage required by this agreement shall be the policy limits, which shall be at least \$1,000,000 per occurrence, and \$2,000,000 aggregate. Persons seeking additional information on this matter should contact Lee Rangel, Real Property Agent II, ((661) 868-3071) with the General Services Division. Written comments may be submitted any time prior to, or at, the public hearing. Written comments may be sent to Kern County, General Services Division, Property Management, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, 3rd Floor, Bakersfield, CA 93301.

If you challenge the action taken on this request in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing. Dated: March 9, 2021 KATHLEEN KRAUSE Clerk of the Board of Supervisors /s/Theresa M. Derouchie, Deputy Clerk Publish *Shafter* Press March 18, 2021

**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Leticia's Hair & Nails
2021-B0696**

219 Central Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
219 Central Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
Leticia Salinas
212 Justin Ct
Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 3-24-91
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/Leticia Salinas
Date Statement Filed: 02/12/2021
Date Statement Expires: 02/12/2026
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/M Hernandez
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
First Place Engraving
2021-B0314
Diana Marie Notary Services
2021-B0315**

9404 Windcreek Court
Bakersfield, CA 93312
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
9404 Windcreek Court
Bakersfield, CA 93312
Diana M Staib
9404 Windcreek Court
Bakersfield, CA 93312
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 1-1-2021
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/Diana M Staib
Date Statement Filed: 01/25/2021
Date Statement Expires: 01/25/2026
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Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/M Hernandez
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Dollar Mart
2021-B0616**

226 Central Ave #B
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
226 Central Ave #B
Shafter, CA 93263
Motaher M Ahmed
654 Vasquez Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
A new Fictitious Business Name State-

ment 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/Motaher M Ahmed
Date Statement Filed: 2/9/2021
Date Statement Expires: 2/9/2026
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/N Franco
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Kern County Cancer Fund
2021-B0618**

6401 Truxtun Ave. Suite 280
Bakersfield, CA 93309
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
6401 Truxtun Ave. Suite 280
Bakersfield, CA 93309
Kern County Cancer Foundation
6401 Truxtun Ave. Suite 280
Bakersfield, CA 93309
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
The business is conducted by: Corporation
Date the business commenced: 12/24/2019
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/Michelle Avila, Executive Director
Date Statement Filed: 2/9/2021
Date Statement Expires: 2/9/2026
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Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/N Franco
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
S. Montalvo Trucking
2021-B0797**

300 Rodriguez Avenue
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
300 Rodriguez Avenue
Shafter, CA 93263
Serafin Montalvo Guzman
300 Rodriguez Ave.
Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 08/01/2000
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Serafin Montalvo Guzman
Date Statement Filed: 2/18/2021
Date Statement Expires: 2/18/2026
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/M. Hernandez
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
INVITATION TO BID**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed bids will be received by the Richland School District, of Kern County, State of California, at the Nutritional Services Department for the purchase of Dairy Products. Specifications and bid forms are available at Richland School District, Nutritional Services Department, 300 North Valley St., Shafter, CA 93263. PRICING DUE: Thursday, April 22, 2021, 10:00 AM.
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
INVITATION TO SUBMIT PRICING**
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that sealed Request for Pricing will be received by the Richland School District, of Kern County, State of California, at the Nutritional Services Department for the purchase of Bread Products. Specifications and bid forms are available at Richland School District, Nutritional Services Department, 300 North Valley St., Shafter, CA 93263. PRICING DUE: Friday, April 23, 2021, 10:00 AM.
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Schindler Ranch TIC
2021-B1114**

5100 California Avenue, Suite 234
Bakersfield, CA 93309
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
5100 California Avenue, Suite 234
Bakersfield, CA 93309
Coldwater Farms, Inc.
5100 California Ave., Ste 234
Bakersfield, CA 93309
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
Thomas Cattani Inc.
5100 California Ave., Ste 234
Bakersfield, CA 93309
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
Befra Farming, LLC
PO Box 9729
Bakersfield, CA 93389
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
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PO Box 9729
Bakersfield, CA 93389
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
P&R Almond Orchards, Inc.

5100 California Ave., Ste. 234
Bakersfield, CA 93309
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
F&C Farming
222 North Garden Street, Suite 400
Visalia, CA 93291
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA
Agriv-Venture
PO Box 26
Wisdom, MT 59761
State of Incorporation or Organization: MT
Vince Phillips
3838 San Dimas St. #B231
Bakersfield, CA 93301
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA

The business is conducted by: Joint Venture
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/Arnold Cattani, President of Coldwater Farms, Inc.
Date Statement Filed: 3/5/2021
Date Statement Expires: 3/5/2026
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/N Franco
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Kern Ironworks
2021-B1215**

1154 Weyand Way
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
1154 Weyand Way
Shafter, CA 93263
Fabian Rosas
715 Hermosa Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
Ruben Rosas
1154 Weyand Way
Shafter, CA 93263
The business is conducted by: General Partnership
Date the business commenced: N/A
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Fabian Rosas
Date Statement Filed: 3/10/2021
Date Statement Expires: 3/10/2026
Mary B. Bedard, CPA,
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/M. Hernandez
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Petition to Administer
Estate of:
Mary Idanell Nunlist, aka Mary
Idanell Holliman
Case Number: BPP-21-002228**

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Mary Idanell Nunlist, aka Mary Idanell Holliman
2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Ronald Nunlist in the Superior Court of California, County of Kern
3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Ronald Nunlist be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
5. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
a. Date: 4/23/2021 Time: 8:30a.m. Dept.: P
b. Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Kern, 1215 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301.
7. If you object to the granting of the petition you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
10. Attorney for petitioner: James R. Hulsy
412 Truxtun Ave.
Bakersfield, CA 93301
661-324-9475
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Shafter High program helps students thrive together

From Page 1

need to do better academically, socially, physically and spiritually," Magana said.

The leaders meet weekly as a team to collaborate and plan their group sessions based on student needs.

They also meet with Shafter High's Intervention staff for additional support and

guidance.

"All it takes is one friend to motivate you and push you forward. We will all grow, improve, survive and celebrate together," Olivas, a junior, said. "The leaders also came up with tenants to guide the group."

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THRIVE support is multilingual and leaders can provide support in English and Spanish. If you are a student and interested

in receiving additional support or if you are a parent and feel your child could benefit from peer connectivity, go to the Shafter High School website at shafter.kernhigh.org and click the link Student Request for Intervention and Supports. Complete the form and submit it. Someone from the THRIVE team will contact you.

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE CITY OF WASCO DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed Proposals for the work entitled:

Request for Proposals for Re-Roof of Annex Building will be received at the Office of the City Clerk of the CITY OF WASCO, 746 8th Street, WASCO, California, until 2:00 PM on April 8, 2021, at which time they will be publicly opened and read.

General work description:

This project scope is to provide roofing demolition, repair, and installation services of the City of Wasco's Annex Building located at 764 E Street, Wasco, CA 93280. The contractor shall be a licensed (B or C-39) Contractor in the State of California And any other items of work required to make the repairs outlined in the request for proposals.

A mandatory Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for March 25, 2021, and April 1, 2021, at 9:00 AM; meet at 764 E Street in Wasco, CA. Any Contractor wishing to bid on the Project MUST attend one of these meetings.

This meeting is to inform bidders of project requirements and subcontractors of subcontracting and material supply opportunities. Questions

in writing will be accepted until April 2, 2021.

Bids are required for the entire work described herein.

Bids must be submitted as described in the specifications provided by the City of Wasco. The bidder who is awarded the project contract will be allowed pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300 to substitute securities for the payment of funds withheld under the contract. All documents submitted in compliance with the requirements of this bid package, and the contract must be scannable and photocopyable.

This contract is subject to state contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990.

A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in this chapter unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5. It is not a violation of this section for an unregistered contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or

20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 at the time the contract is awarded.

Inquiries or questions based on alleged patent ambiguity of the plans, specifications, or estimate must be communicated as a bidder inquiry prior to bid opening. Any such inquiries or questions submitted after bid opening will not be treated as a bid protest.

Technical questions should be directed to Kameron Arnold, telephone (661) 758-7204.

Bid documents may be obtained after noon on March 16, 2021, for a NONREFUNDABLE FEE OF \$10.00 per set from:

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746 8th Street, WASCO, CA 93280
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An additional charge of ten dollars (\$10.00) per set will be made for mailing.

OR

Email CITYCLERK@CITYOFWASCO.ORG to request a PDF copy of the RFP at no-charge.

Pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the general prevailing wage rates in the county, or counties, in which the work is to be done, have been determined by the Direc-

tor of the California Department of Industrial Relations. These wages are set forth in the General Prevailing Wage Rates for this project, available at CITY OF WASCO City Hall, 746 8th Street, WASCO, California, and available from the California Department of Industrial Relations' Internet web site at <http://www.dir.ca.gov>. Future effective general prevailing wage rates, which have been predetermined and are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations, are referenced but not printed in the general prevailing wage rates.

The U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT) provides a toll-free hotline to report bid-rigging activities. Use the hotline to report bid-rigging, bidder collusion, and other fraudulent activities. The hotline number is (800) 424-9071. The service is available 24 hours, 7 days a week, and is confidential and anonymous. The hotline is part of the DOT's effort to identify and investigate highway construction contract fraud and abuse and is operated under the direction of the DOT Inspector General.

/s/Maria O. Martinez, City Clerk

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Good Samaritan Health Center Wasco 2021-B0846

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Wasco, CA 93280

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:
PO Box 85002

Bakersfield, CA 93380

Good Samaritan Hospital, LP
901 Olive Drive

Bakersfield, CA 93308

State of Incorporation or Organization: CA

The business is conducted by: Limited Partnership

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/Gerrie Halbrook, CFO

Date Statement Filed: 2/22/2021

Date Statement Expires: 2/22/2026

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

By: /s/M. Hernandez
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Viga's Tacos 2021-B0992

1401 Hwy 46
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Mailing address of business:
PO Box 1083

Wasco, CA 93280

Cesar Julian Viga Cadena
16059 Palm Ave

Wasco, CA 93280

The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: NA

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/s/Cesar J Viga Cadena

Date Statement Filed: 3/1/2021

Date Statement Expires: 3/1/2026

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OBITUARIES

Allen Loyd Terry 1945-2021

Allen Loyd Terry was born Feb. 6, 1945 to Vardaman and Joyce Terry in Oil-dale. Allen lived with his family in Lost Hills until they moved to Wasco.

Allen grew up spending time as a young boy out at Holloway's Gypsum Mine with his dad, who worked there from its start. He grew up attending elementary schools in Lost Hills until they moved to Wasco, where he continued his education at Wasco Schools.

After graduating from Wasco High School in 1962, he went to work at H.M. Holloway's Gypsum, following in his father's footsteps, where he continued to work until his retirement in 2012 after 51 years. When he retired, he was the mining superintendent where no one has or will ever be able to fill his boots.

After graduation, Allen met the love of his life, Barbara Wooten, whom he married and had three daughters that he doted on. He taught them to fish and hunt and change the oil in the cars. He along with Barbara taught their girls that hard work and love were the ways to a happy



life, and they were happy.

Allen grew up with a love of animals, especially dogs; he owned many throughout his life, some of which were strays that were dumped at the mine in Lost Hills, but he spent just as much time loving them. He taught his daughters that as well.

Until it closed, Allen and Barbara were active in Trinity Lutheran Church in Wasco, where they both served on the church board. Allen was an active member of the OFCC car club as well.

Allen loved the outdoors and spent any time that he could camping and fishing with Barbara and his girls. Not only was Allen a doting father, he was even more so a doting grandfather. He spent as much time as he could with his grandkids and took them on many

trips to the bubblegum store. As much as he loved his kids and grandkids, the great grandkids were just as loved.

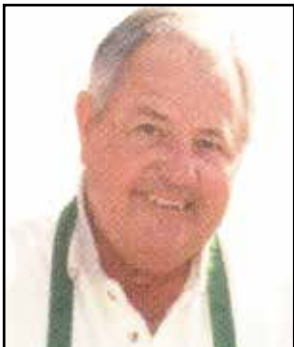
Allen was preceded in death by his loving wife of 56 years, Barbara Terry; his father and mother, Vardaman and Joyce Terry; his mother-in-law, Eula Wooten; his granddaughter Cassandra Marie Terry-Luna; and numerous loving aunts and uncles and cousins.

Allen is survived by his two sisters, Glenda Santillan (Charlie), Judy Burns (Charles) and a brother Vardaman Terry II (Carol); beloved daughters Robin Villalpando (Danny), Kellie Montoya (Greg Ursery) and Stacie Joslin; his amazing grandchildren Alysse Villalpando (fiancé Chris Hall), Jeffrey Montoya (Lupita Magallanes), Vincent Villalpando (Alex Avila), Jacob Lopez (Sayde Parrish), Meghan Montoya, Matthew Lopez, Kimberly Schatz (Jesse) and Chase Joslin; his cherished great grandchildren Grace Benavides, Kylie Montoya, Dominic Montoya, Brady Villalpando and Aurelia Jade Lopez. He is also survived by many dear nieces, nephews and friends.

John Dobbs 1937-2021

John Dobbs was born in Springdale, Ark., on Oct. 18, 1937. The family moved to Coalinga when he was 3 years old. John attended Coalinga schools, graduating from high school in 1955 and Fresno State in 1960.

Following graduation he entered the Army, serving in Vietnam. He worked for California Planting Cotton Seed Distributors for 37 years, retiring in 2000.



John's happiest days were spent in front of a barbecue wielding a spatula, a fishing pole in hand or traveling in search of a new

fishing adventure.

Survivors include his wife, Suzie; daughters Jennifer Ayres (Paul) and Stephanie Trickey (Jerry); son Timothy Dobbs (Heather); and grandchildren Christopher and Steven Trickey, Jenna Ayres and Charlie Dobbs.

Private burial Services will be at Bakersfield National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in John's name to the Congregational Bible Church, 430 E. Tulare Ave., Shafter 93263.

Shirley Geneva Hays Aug. 11, 1938 – March 10, 2021

Shirley Geneva Hays went to be with her Lord and Savior March 10, 2021 at the age of 82. Shirley was a woman of principle and was always firm on what she believed in. She was also a woman of gentle smiles and a soothing voice. The Lord was number one in Shirley's life, and she was not shy to let you know that.

Shirley was born in Red Hill, Okla., on Aug. 11, 1938 to Elmer and Mildred Burke. She attended Olka Union High School in Texas, where she was voted Most Beautiful and graduated in 1956. In 1962 Shirley moved to Bakersfield. In 1967, while working at Paramount Savings, she met John Hays. They were married May 13, 1968. In 1970, the couple moved to



Shafter, where they raised their two children and have lived there ever since.

Shirley worked for Santa Barbara Savings and Loan where she was the branch manager from 1980-1991. Shirley was also very active in the community. She served on both the Shafter Potato and Cotton Festival Board as well as on the Chamber of Commerce and Agriculture Board where she was honored to serve as the President in 1986. Shir-

ley was also an active member of Valley Bible Church.

Shirley retired from Santa Barbara Savings and Loan in 1991. It seemed that retirement was not the thing for her at that time, and she decided to go back to work as the secretary for the Wasco Cemetery where she worked for 17 years until she retired, again, in January of 2020.

Shirley was preceded in death by her parents, Elmer and Mildred Burke. She was survived by her husband of 53 years, John Hays; her son, Dale Ashley and wife Anne; her daughter, Robin Steele; and her granddaughters, Jacklyn Ashley, Allisyn Munoz and husband Joe, and Brooklyn Steele.

She was deeply loved and will be greatly missed until we see her again in Heaven.

Roger Alfred Weaver April 28, 1942 – Feb. 17, 2021

Roger Weaver was born April 28, 1942 to Oran and Eunice Weaver in Parma, Mo. Roger took the hand of Jesus and walked through the pearly gates on Feb. 17, 2021.

Roger loved the Lord with all his heart and will be greatly missed by his family, friends, church family and many others. Until we meet again. Roger was preceded in death by his loving wife, Judy, who passed away Jan. 25, 2019. He is survived by his children; Pamela Snyder (her husband, James



-- deceased), Trina Lopez and Roger Dale Weaver; grandchildren Courtney Wynn (her husband Adam), Jeremy Snyder, Anthony Lopez and Victoria Weaver; great grandchildren Alizah, Hailea (Justin), Jasmyn, Vanessa,

Dorian, Kamora, Kamron and London; great great granddaughters Kalea Garcia and Jhene Cabrera; forever in his heart son-in-law Julio Lopez and daughter-in-law Misty Campbell; granddaughter-in-law Samantha Love; sister Eddie Watts (her husband Joe); sister-in-laws Frankie Morris (her husband Virgil) and Linda McCurdy (her husband Terry); many nieces and nephews; and too many bonus kids to count.

Visitation was held on Feb. 25 at Peters Funeral Home, Shafter. A graveside service was on Feb. 26 Shafter Memorial Park. Petersfuneralhomes.com

DEATH NOTICES

Cullen Pressley, 49, of Bakersfield, passed away Feb 24 in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Carlos Velasco, 63, of Elk Grove, passed away March 8 in Sacramento. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Albert G. Salazar, 67, of Wasco, passed away March 8 in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Aguedita "Angel" Yanez, 74, of Bakersfield, passed away March 8 in Los Angeles. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Jonathan Rosales Montes, 21, of Shafter, passed away March 9 in Shafter.

Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Victor Manuel Sanchez Medal, 48, of Delano, passed away March 12 in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Robert J. Jasper, 82, of Bakersfield, passed away March 12 in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Fernando Sandoval Munguia, 53, of Shafter, passed away March 13 in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Anselma Flores, 90, of Wasco, passed away March 12 in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

PET OF THE WEEK

Meet Phantom next week



Phantom is a small, male, cream and white Spaniel mix that came in as stray.

He is about 2 years old and is great with staff and other dogs. He has been tested with small and large breeds. It is unknown how he would react with children and cats. Phantom will be available for rescue/adoption on March 25. If this is your dog contact the shelter as soon as possible.

Everyone is welcome to adopt from the facility. Adopters can be from out of town and/or local.

Call the shelter on the day he is avail-

able to set up an appointment. The shelter wants you to meet him and play with him. Just look at his face and they dare you not to fall in love with him.

The shelter is a first-come, first-serve and will not take calls for him before March 25. Contact the shelter at 661-758-7240. It is located at 5409 7th St.

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

PASTOR'S CORNER

Depression

FRANK CABRERA

Truth Church in Shafter

Depression is something we never really want to confront, or discuss. However, at some point in our lives every one of us will experience, at the very least, some symptom(s) of depression.

As complex human beings, we are capable of the highest highs, and the lowest lows. Some individuals experience minor depression that lasts only a few days or even a few months, but usually disappears with time. Others suffer long-term, or continual, depression and may even be a symptom of psychiatric or physical illness.

Depression is a common word that describes a multiplicity of symptoms ranging from "the blues," to "down in the dump," to more severe thoughts of suicide. With depression comes a feeling of much sadness, gloom, dejection, anxiety, hopelessness, disturbed sleeping patterns, withdrawal, energy loss, loss of interest, and even a loss of appetite.

As a pastor, I've seen individuals suffer

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depression because of losing a loved one, a job, financial security, or suffer a traumatic event in their life that deeply wounded them. Even recent events have brought many people to a depressive state. Depression can leave many people feeling very helpless. However, make no mistake, there is help!

You are not helpless. You are not hopeless. You are not doomed. First and foremost, God's word says, "Do not fear, for I am with you, do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you (Isaiah 41:10)" If you are depressed, don't carry that heavy weight alone. Don't be self-defeated! Reach out to someone who cares. Some, who have severe symptoms, may have to connect with a doctor, counselor, psychiatrist, and/or pastor. Others, with a close loved one, or a friend.

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