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The front of the BMW.

## City will upgrade tech

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The City Council approved an upgrade to its internet infrastructure at its regular meeting Tuesday night.

"The city is operating on old servers and old hardware," City Manager Daniel Ortiz-Hernandez said. Also included in this project are costs associated with fiber optics connections.

The budget of \$61,192 was approved for the project, along with additional expenditures not to exceed \$25,000.

In other business, the city manager will negotiate and enter into a contract with CivicPlus for \$19,265, plus any recurring costs, for the design and execution of a new website.

During staff reports, Lieutenant Augustine Moreno reported that in July 2019, felony arrests nearly doubled, with his office issuing 30 felony arrests compared to 16 in July of 2018 and 68 misdemeanors as compared to 44 for July 2018.

Moreno also announced that he and Deputy Peter Martinez had recently been promoted and would be relocating to the Kern County Sheriff's Office headquarters in Bakersfield. "This is my last meeting in Wasco," Moreno told the council. "This has been my favorite location since I joined the Sheriff's Office."

Sergeant Moreno is being assigned as watch commander. Interviews begin this week to replace him in Wasco.

Resident Brent Paul of Paul Farms addressed the council during Public Comments to advise them that while he grows hemp on his farm, he is not growing marijuana. "I'm growing hemp for CBD oil," Paul said.

The city council adjourned into closed, secret session where there was one item on the agenda: A discussion of the city manager's annual performance evaluation. No action was reported.

## Wasco residents introduced to electric car rental system

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The Kern Council of Governments was instrumental in bringing two electric cars to showcase at the Villa Hermosa Apartment Complex on Poplar Avenue in late July.

Aiding in this new option for

one-car families who need access to a second car, CalVan and Self Help partnered together with Kern COG. Chevy and BMW are just two of the automakers that have made electric cars available to rent for an hour, a day or a week.

The idea behind this concept of

ridesharing is to reduce pollution and cut down on vehicle costs in order to allow residents to rent a car to run errands, grocery shop, or make special appointments.

Once you become a member, you will have access to a network of elec-

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The Chevy Volt attracted some attention.

### Check us out online

If you haven't seen it yet, you should take a look at the *Wasco Tribune* online. The website, WascoTrib.com, has every story in the paper, as well as a digital version of the whole paper in pdf form,

just as it appears here. Your comments will make it better, too. Just email the publisher, Michael Schroeder, at mschroeder@WascoTrib.com with what you like and don't like.

## Dog owners line up for spay clinic

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The front of the old courthouse on 8th Street was taken over by dogs on Saturday, Aug. 24, as a nonprofit organized a free registration, spay/neuter and microchip clinic.

This event was for dogs only, and people were lined up outside the courthouse door, filling the lawn. Each owner held their pet or attended to their pet on a leash, waiting to hear their name called for microchipping, spaying/neutering or just registering their dog.

City Manager Daniel Ortiz-Hernandez and Councilmember Tilo Cortez attended the clinic. Also available were some Sheriff's Activities League helpers.

Owner of Bakersfield Boxers and Bullies, Sundee Martinez, organized the event with help from her organization and the cooperation of the City of Wasco.

Veterinarian Jeff Fankhauser took on the surgical portion of the day's events.

Martinez expressed how important it is to spay/neuter animals to prevent overpopulation and unnecessary breeding of dogs and cats.

"Even though today is for dogs only, I haven't forgotten about our feline friends," Martinez said. "It's just as important to spay or neuter cats as soon as they are old enough to have the surgical procedure."

Also, Martinez stated that all of the smaller rural communities in Kern County have a need for clinics.

"The inner cities have been hit, but the rural areas surrounding those cities have been neglected," Martinez said. "There are puppies running loose, getting pregnant, and no one is protecting them. We have a huge project here."

Additionally, she mentioned the organization is trying to get a grant for this project. "It costs \$100,000 to get a thousand animals fixed," she added. "You can see how big a project this is."



Attendees at the clinic included, from left, City Manager Daniel Ortiz-Hernandez holding Noel, his son, Raymond Verdugo and Navaeh Bryant of SAL, Brenden Cummings and David Lires.

"To spay and neuter is the only way to stop this problem," Martinez said. "My rescue organization, Boxers and Bullies... every three weeks we do a parvo [a high-

ly contagious, sometimes fatal, virus in puppies and young dogs] vaccination. It's \$3,000 a day to bring the mobile clinics to

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# Community Calendar

For updates or to submit additional information about a club, organization or meeting listed in this public service column, call the Wasco Tribune at 661-292-5100 or email calendar@WascoTrib.com.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**NEW:** Palm Avenue School -- Palm Avenue Middle School will have an open-campus evening for all students and parents Aug. 8 from 4-6 p.m.

New worship time -- Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church will be starting new worship time Sunday August 18th at 10:45 a.m. Sunday School for all ages will up again at 9:30 a.m. as well (8/18).

Class of 1969 -- Wasco High School Class of 1969 is looking for members for its 50th reunion. The classes of 1966-1972 also are invited. Contact Earl

Grizzell or email grizzell@comcast.net or 550-300-4410.

Farmers Market -- Wasco Downtown Business Association in partnership with the City of Wasco. Every Wednesday through Aug. 14, 4-8 p.m. Parking lot across the street from the Sheriff's Department. EBT & Senior WIC accepted.

## ONGOING

Senior lunch -- Senior center serving meal Monday-Friday at 11:25 a.m., 1280 Poplar St.

## MONDAY

**NEW:** Movie Time! (Película En La Biblioteca) -- at 1:00 p.m. Aug. 12 at the Wasco Branch Library.

**NEW:** Color Me Happy! -- at 3:30 p.m. Aug. 12 at the Wasco Branch Library

Mayor's office hours -- Mayor Alex Garcia holds office hours on the second Monday, 3-6 p.m., at 810 8th St.

Rotary Club -- Wasco Rotary Club meets every Monday at the Wasco Recreation Center at noon.

Fishes & Loaves -- Free dinner every first Monday 5-7 p.m. at 408 Griffith Ave.

Adult education -- Enroll for classes at 1445 Poso Drive. High school diploma program, ESL, citizenship and Microsoft Office.

## TUESDAY

Woman's Club -- Meeting second Tuesday at noon until May at clubhouse, 1601 7th St.

WUESD -- Wasco Union Elementary School District meets second Tuesday in the board room at 6:30 p.m.

Coloring -- Color Me Happy! At the Wasco Library from 4-5:30 p.m.

City Council -- Meets first and third Tuesdays at 6 p.m. on 8th Street.

## THURSDAY

ACTS Class -- Alcohol and chemical treatment series

## Mystery history



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:** 1930s Wasco High School secretaries, from left, unknow, Beverly Knoy and Lillian Ware. (The prior week's photo was of Wasco High's Class of 1936.)



meets Wednesdays at 7 p.m. at the Sounds of Pentecost, 2000 Palm Ave. Rides are available.

## FRIDAY

**NEW:** Got Yarn! -- at 1 p.m. Aug. 9 at the Wasco Branch Library.

**NEW:** Storytime & Craft -- at 3:30 p.m. Aug. 9 at the Wasco Library.

Seniors exercise -- Wasco Senior Center exercise class, starting at 10 a.m. 1280 Poplar St.

Family Storytime & Crafts -- 3:30-5 p.m. at the Wasco Library.

## PET OF THE WEEK

# Lana is looking for a new home

Lana is a 1-year-old female husky-German shepherd mix. Her owner wanted to spend more time with her and take her to obedience class, but didn't have the time, so she turned her into the shelter. Lana is very shy with new people but is not aggressive. She will run away, but doesn't snap or bite and will let you put a leash on her. Lana is good with other dogs.

Come see Lana, AC19-2251, as well as other animals up for adoption, at the Wasco Animal Shelter, 5409 7th St., or call 661-758-7240.

—Wasco Animal Control



Lana is shy, but not aggressive.

## ARREST LOG

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

July 29  
Sergio Acosta, 22, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1600 block of Spruce Avenue for mail theft. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Shawn Hasty, 23, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Highway 46 and Beckes Street for receiving stolen property, shoplifting, trespassing and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia.

Brittney Matthews, 25, of Chowchilla, was arrested in the 400 block of North Central Avenue for shoplifting. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Marisol Montoya, 19, of Shafter, was arrested in the 300 block of the Central Valley Highway for driving

without a license and tinted windows. She was cited and released at the scene.

### July 30

Gilbert Gamboa, 23, of Delano, was arrested at the intersection of Highway 46 and Beckes Street on two misdemeanor warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Breshyia Johnson, 29, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of H Street for possession of controlled substance paraphernalia and trespassing. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Andy Magallanes, 27, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of H Street for destroying/concealing evidence, obstructing a peace officer, possession of a controlled substance, trespass-

ing and on a felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Andrew Noguez, 22, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of H Street for possession of a controlled substance, trespassing and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Estella Zuniga Zapata, 41, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of 6th Street for on two misdemeanor bench warrants. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

### July 31

Marjorie Valenzuela, 32, of Lost Hills, was arrested in the 14000 block of Woodward Avenue on a misdemeanor warrant. She was cited and released at

the scene.

### Aug. 2

Hector Mario Moreno, 30, of Wasco, was arrested in the 900 block of Gromer Avenue for spousal battery, damaging a wireless device and vandalism. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Brice Patterson, 31, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of Maple Avenue and 4th Street on a misdemeanor warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

### Aug. 3

Joel Arrazate, 20, of Wasco, was arrested in the 600 block of N Maple Avenue for driving without a license. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jorge Romero, 34, of

Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of D Street and

Poso Drive for possession

of a controlled substance.

He was cited and released at the scene.

Wasco Union High School District is pleased to announce it will continue to participate in the Community Eligibility Program for the National School Lunch and Breakfast Programs for the 2019-20 School Year. As such, all students will be served lunch and breakfast at no charge at the following sites:

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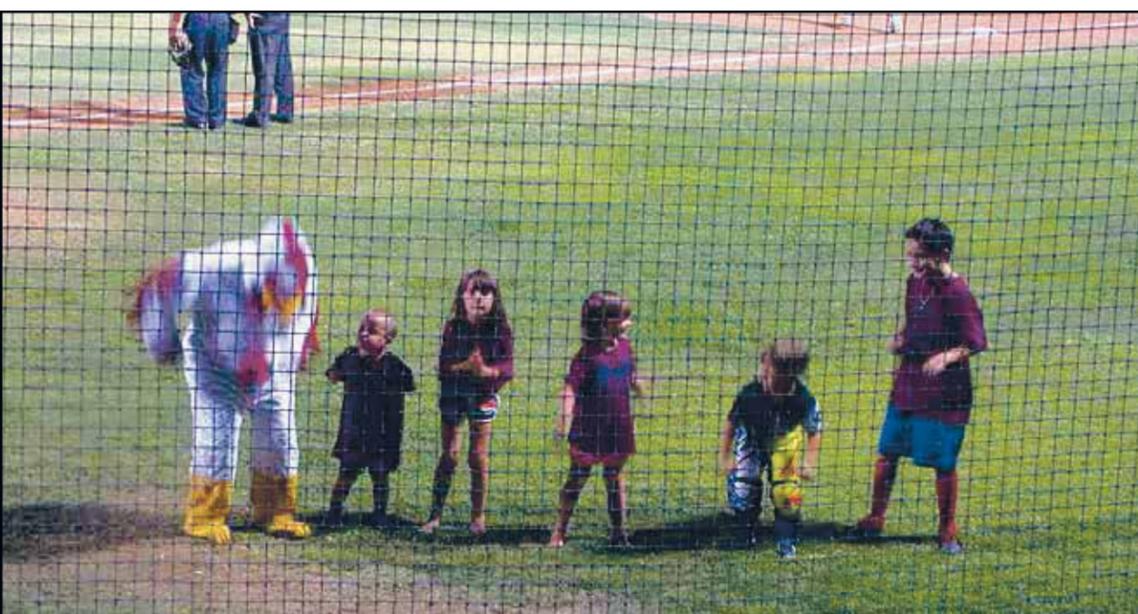
# Reserves will return in February



Coach Bill Moore bonds with a spectator's dog.



Huddle time with the coach after the game ended.



The Whiptail mascot led youngsters in the traditional Chicken Dance.

## Early ending, but big plans ahead

**TONI DEROSA**  
Wasco Tribune

The Reserves are coming back to Wasco next season, and will even expand into a winter league starting in February. But they will be called something else, says owner Andrew Dunn.

Fans can also look forward to lower ticket prices, the Pecos League president said. The \$7 gate admission for adults seems to be too high, he said in a telephone interview from Las Cruces,

N.M.

According to the Wasco Reserves' schedule on Wednesday, July 25, they still had at least two more home games to play in this inaugural season; however, that changed on Thursday when Manager Bill Moore and the players were informed their last game in Wasco would be Thursday, Aug. 1, and their very last game of the season would be Friday, Aug. 2, at Sam Lynn Ballpark.

"None of us found out about the schedule change until Thursday at about 2:30 in the afternoon," Coach Bill Moore said.

Even though the Reserves were playing the California City Whiptails, there were a lot of Bakersfield Train Robber fans wearing their Train Robber t-shirts in the stands. This shows that the teams have a solid following of fans who don't care what teams are playing — they just want to see a baseball game.

With several different bleacher sections available to sit in, it was difficult to know how many Reserves fans attended the game. But there were definitely fans of the Reserves at the last game.

Families hosting players for the summer were at the game to support the team. The evening began with the singing of the National Anthem by Johnny Gonzalez.

The score was tied 0-0 at the end of the first inning, but by the second inning, the score was 3-0, with California City ahead.

During the fifth inning, California City garnered another run, while Wasco had two. Luke Jackson hit a home run and the score became 4-6, with California City still in the lead.

Both teams changed out pitchers several times, until Alex Hernandez pitched until the end of the game.

"In the sixth inning, center fielder Tyler Dupree made a double play by pulling up a hit, snagging a hard grounder, touching third base and throwing it to second to get two outs," player parent Dave Williams was heard explaining to onlookers after the play.

While the game was a close one, the Whiptails beat the Reserves, 6-5.

After the game was over, several players had pictures taken with Coach Moore.

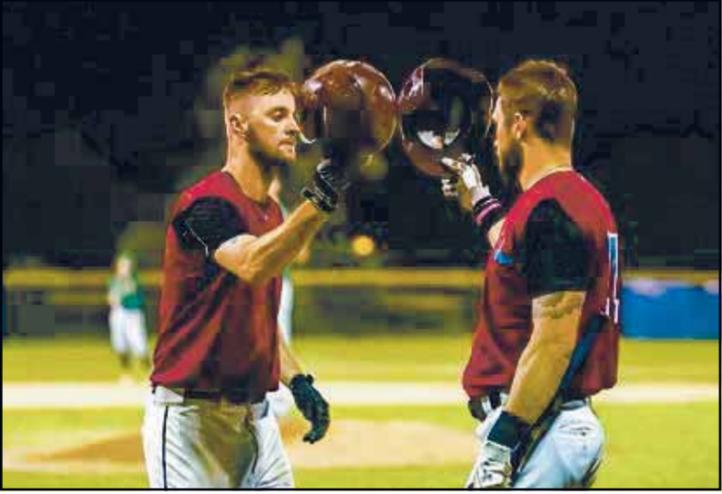
According to Moore, he changed his original plan to leave Wasco on Monday, Aug. 5, and left Saturday morning, heading back home to Arizona.



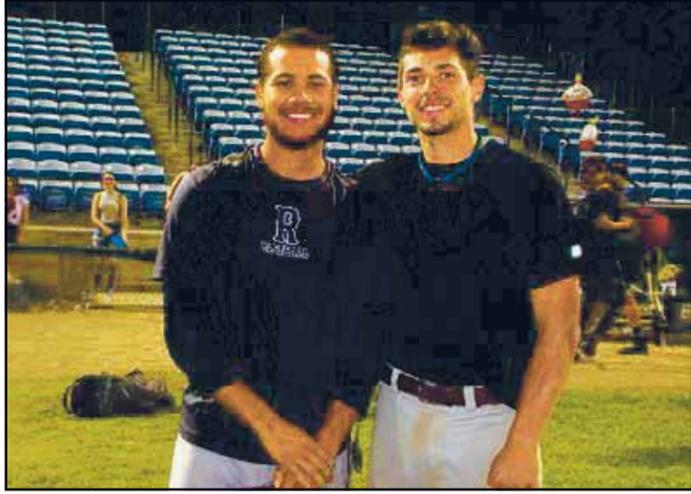
Players, from left, Max Williams and Dmitry Shtykher.



The stands were sprinkled with attendees in every section of the park.



Players celebrate earlier in the season. (Photo by Jennifer Johnson)



Corey Davis Jr., left, and Alex Hernandez.



The team photo in July. (Photo by Jennifer Johnson)

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# TJ principal welcomes 6th

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Thomas Jefferson Principal Danny Arellano looks forward to the Aug. 12 opening of school and anticipates a great school year.

"Because of so many sixth graders attending the middle school, we are happy to invite parents to visit the campus on Friday, Aug. 9 from noon to 3 p.m. to become familiar with the new middle school setup," Arellano said.

Arellano was born in San Diego, but his family moved to Wasco when he was two years old due to the agricultural opportunities. He is proud of the fact that he attended all Wasco schools and graduated from Wasco High.

"I have so many fond memories of earlier days in Wasco when there were no portables, no fences surrounding the schools, and no one had to check in at the office before heading to their child's classroom," he said.

He realizes how much the times have changed. One thing he hopes to continue is getting to know each student's name.

"Back in the day, everyone knew

who everyone was," Arellano said.

Arellano was raised by a single mother. "Educator Ruby Payne wrote a book entitled 'Emotional Poverty,' which I read. The book states that I had an 8% chance of finishing school."

In high school, Arellano participated in wrestling. "When I was a freshman, I didn't weigh the magical number of 83 pounds, so I didn't wrestle most of the year. However, I finally reached the required weight and wrestled during high school, weighing in at 98 pounds. They don't even have that weight class any longer."

Arellano attended Bakersfield College and ended up on academic probation his first year. However, after that, he focused on his classes and grades and transferred to California State University, Bakersfield, where he obtained his bachelor's degree, taking an additional year to get his credential.

Arellano believes it's important to instill values in everybody. "Every interaction we have with a student should be a position interaction."

Following graduation, Superintendent James Forrest hired Arellano as

a student teacher at Palm Avenue Elementary School, where the classroom teacher was Mrs. Mickels.

Continuing his education, Arellano returned to CSUB and obtained his master's degree in 1996.

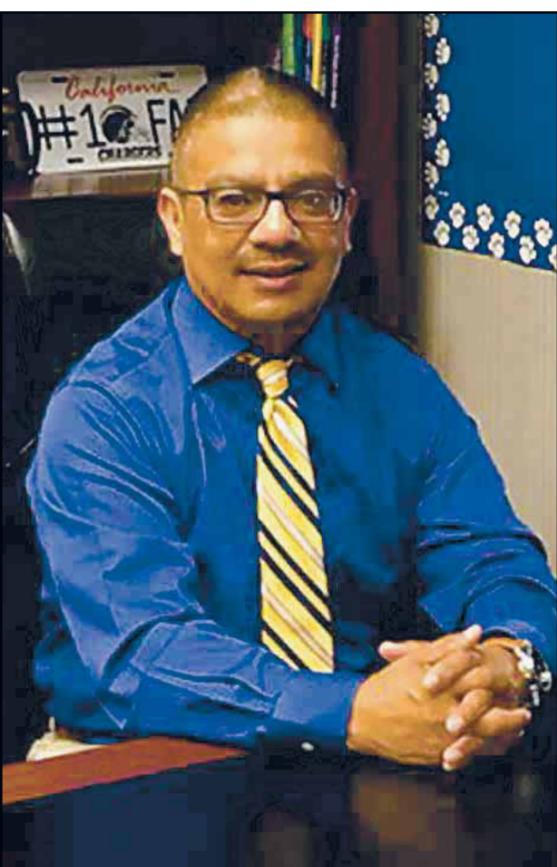
Forrest rehired Arellano to teach a fifth/sixth-grade combination class at Palm Avenue.

Following his assignment at Palm Avenue, then District Superintendent Gary Bray suggested Arellano apply for the vice principal position at TJ.

Because TJ Principal Steve Smith retired early in 2018, current Superintendent Kelly Richers recommended Arellano apply for the open principal position at TJ.

"I'm a firm believer when a boss gives you a suggestion, you follow that suggestion," Arellano said.

Because he has had experience at the elementary and middle school, he feels comfortable with the middle school age group. "I love the kids because of their adversity," he said. "I enjoy the changes they are going through and the opportunity to be able to help them through those changes."



TJ Principal Danny Arellano is ready for the first day of school.

# A Wonderful way to run a company

**TONI DEROSA**  
Wasco Tribune

The Wonderful Company, with operations on Highway 46 in Lost Hills, began in 1989 when Stewart and Lynda Resnick pur-

everything in the company," Mark Carmel, Wonderful's senior director of corporate communications, said.

The Wonderful Company's headquarters is in Los Angeles, and some of its subsidiaries include Teleflora, POM Wonderful, Wonderful Citrus and Justin Wines.

"Wonderful Real Estate develops a variety of industrial properties for major retailers and distribution companies. The company is in the process of developing three business parks -- one is the Wonderful Industrial Park

chased Paramount Farms. The company was formerly known as Roll Global and is currently a private corporation owned by the Resnicks.

"The Resnick's oversee

with 1,625 acres located in Shafter; North Meadows Business Park, which is 160 acres located northwest of Meadows Field Airport in Bakersfield; and Crossroads Business Park, an 80-acre mixed-use park located in southwest Bakersfield.



The Wonderful Industrial Park in Shafter.

are several ag divisions, such as citrus, pistachios, almonds and pomegranates. "Our Wonderful Halos, mandarins, Wonderful Pistachios & Almonds and POM pomegranate juices are equally popular," Carmel said.

In addition to the agricultural component of the Wonderful Company, there is a real estate division as well as an educational component, with the Wonderful Company Charter School located in Lost Hills. In addition, they also provide students with the ability to take college courses while attending high school

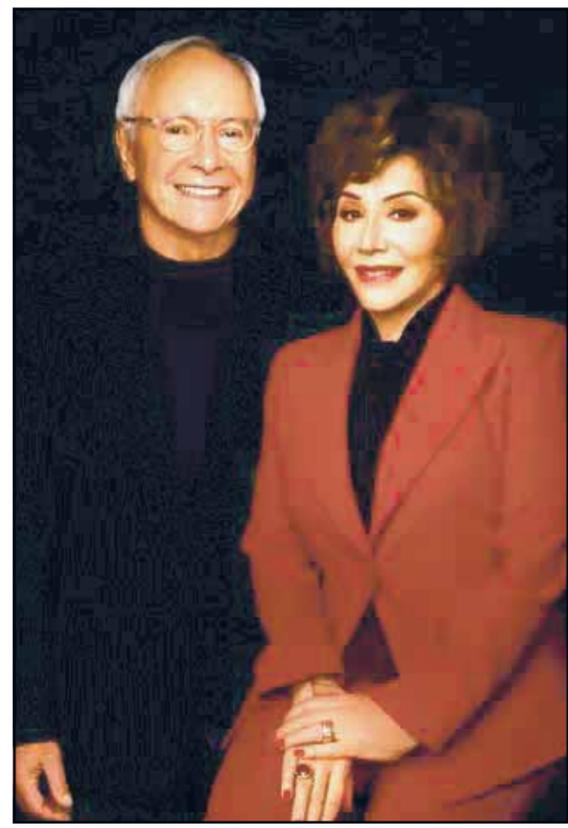
so they can obtain not only a high school diploma upon graduation, but also an AS degree in agriculture science.

The Wonderful Company has a company philosophy of giving back to the communities in which they are located. They offer scholarships, grants and other financial incentives to qualified applicants.

In addition to the work environment at the Wonderful Company, they offer each employee \$1,000 annually to give to a nonprofit of the employee's choice.

Also, employees volunteer in several community efforts when available.

In addition, the Wonderful Company invests time and energy into being a dedicated environmental leader within their communities. They efficiently control their water usage



Owners of the Wonderful Company, Lynda and Stewart Resnick.

and continue to evaluate how they can lessen their impact while continuing to harvest nutritious snacks.

One of the ag divisions is the citrus division. They grow the Wonderful Halo mandarins, Wonderful Sweet Scarlets (Texas red grapefruit), lemons, limes and oranges.

According to their website, they are the largest integrated growers, packer and shipper of fresh citrus in the United States.

Not only does the Wonderful Company offer agricultural products, they also have an in-house, full-service advertising and communications agency.



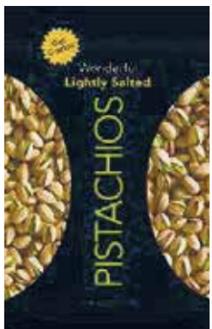
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**TOP:** Aaron Vasquez holds his dog, Blu. **RIGHT:** Martha Cordona holds her dog, Luna — tightly. **BELOW:** The Snip, mobile neuter/spay clinic.



# Clinic organizers' plea: Don't breed your dog

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a community," she said. "We need to stop the overabundance of dogs and cats in all the communities. We also need to get cat rescues out here."

Martinez added that she would like to see a clinic like this happen every other

week in Wasco.

"We are ready for change here in Wasco," Martinez added. "We've already talked to city officials so everybody understands not to breed their dog."

The message Martinez emphasized was to stop breeding pets.



Jeff Fankhauser, DVM, and owner of Boxers and Bullies, Sundee Martinez.

## Rental electric cars coming to Wasco

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trick cars available in designated locations 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

All residents have to do is download the Miocar Application on their smartphone and make a reservation to pick up the vehicle at either Sunrise Villa, 1500 Poplar, or Rosaleda Village, 650 N. Maple.

Chevy Volt and BMWi3 are just two of the cars available for rent.

Some important facts to understand when renting one of these vehicles:

- There is a one-time membership fee of \$20.
- The car costs \$4/hour.
- It costs \$35/day on a weekday.
- It costs \$45/day on a weekend.
- There is a \$.35 fee for

every mile driven over 150 miles in one day.

Additionally, there are a few requirements. You must be 21 or older and have a valid driver's license, a good driving record, and a credit/debit prepaid card.

Once you become a member, insurance and car maintenance are included.

Charging stations are located throughout the county, and there will be two charging stations coming to Wasco in the next year.

The Chevy Bolt will travel a total of 240 miles before needing to be recharged, and the BMW will go 180 miles.

For those without a smartphone, you can obtain the application online at Miocar.com or call 559-205-9730.

Filmmaker and environmental activist Lito Tejada-Flores said it best, "You never climb the same mountain twice, not even in memory. Memory rebuilds the mountain, changes the weather, retells the jokes, remakes all the moves."

As a Latino activist and recreational enthusiast, I can appreciate Tejada-Flores' commentary — especially its impact on the Latino community and preservation of the great outdoors. While our community does much to preserve our culture heritage, Latinos are often not recognized as passionate champions for the environment and conservation movement. But that's far from the truth.

From Kings Canyon National Park to the San Joaquin River Parkway, Latinos throughout the Central Valley have a strong connection to our diverse landscapes and waterways. We urge our elected and appointed officials to safeguard our precious public lands, so that our children can enjoy fishing, hiking, hunting, camping

and other outdoor activities for generations to come. For many Latinos, public lands funded through the Land and Water Conservation Fund have provided the most accessible means to experience the outdoors.

From having places to connect with nature, spend time with family, enjoy outdoor recreation or explore cultural heritage, LWCF isn't just about protecting pieces of land or waterways, it's about the connection we have with these places and what they represent for each individual and communities. Simply put, these public lands matter to people — and the loss of the program would be felt for generations to come.

LWCF began more than 50 years ago as a bipartisan promise that has been instrumental in creating, protecting and providing access to public lands not just for the Latino community, but also for every American across the nation — and at no cost to taxpayers.

Its funding has touched nearly every county in the country and has been one of the most critical avenues in pro-

viding Latinos, low-income families, rural and urban communities with access to the outdoors.

That's why I applaud Congressman TJ Cox for leading the bipartisan effort to support a full and permanent funding of LWCF. We need to urge more members of California's congressional delegation to fight for our communities and not lose sight of the benefits this program brings. It's not too late to fund this critical program, and it's now time for Congress to do so swiftly.

LWCF has touched the lives of so many throughout the Central Valley. To not properly fund such a valuable and effective conservation tool would be a tragedy that would reverberate through future generations. LWCF represents a promise to the American people to conserve our public lands and ensure that everyone has access for generations to come. Let's make sure we keep that promise and become active voices for LWCF.

**Ernesto Cazares**  
Wasco

## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Preserving our public lands

## DEATH NOTICES

**Liam Matthew Garza**, infant, of Wasco, passed away July 28. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

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EDITOR'S NOTE | TONI DeROSA

# R.I.P. John Wooner

I was lucky to meet John Wooner in 2005-06 when he worked for the City of Wasco.

What I remember about him was his great personality, warm, friendly smile and easy manner.

He was so nice to me when I began working at the Wasco Tribune in 2005.

Why does his death hit me so? It's because when I worked in Arvin and Lamont for

over eight years, I would drive on Comanche Road and see a Wooner Street at least several times a day. I always reflected back on the guy I met for a brief while in Wasco and wondered how he was doing.

I learned what happened to Wooner when he was reported missing. I thought it can't be the same guy.

But, sadly, it was and that was confirmed when I was in Wasco at a meeting and people I know were talking about how he was to work

with. Everyone spoke very highly of him.

The last time I saw Wooner, he was leaving the city to work for a water district. To know that he was the city manager of McFar-

*Unfortunately, life is fleeting. One minute you're here, and the next you could be gone.*



land was a pleasant surprise until I heard he was missing.

When the sheriff's office discovered a van underneath the water in the Kern River, my first thought was "could that be John's?"

Sadly, any hopes of Wooner showing up somewhere ended once the coroner's office identified the body in the submerged van as Wooner's.

In looking up the weather for June 14, 2019, the temperature

high was 96 degrees and the low was 70. Maybe Wooner wanted to take a nice drive through the canyon to appreciate the beautiful day. Sadly, no one will ever know what was going through his mind.

What we do know is that detour took his life.

My thoughts and prayers go out to the entire Wooner family, friends and former colleagues that will miss his presence.

Unfortunately, life is fleeting, as we all know. One minute you're here, and the next you could be gone.

It's a great time to take notice of all the positive things in your life and to notice those around you. They may be gone in a second.

*Toni DeRosa is editor of the Wasco Tribune. The opinions expressed are her own and do not necessarily reflect those of the paper or its management.*

## PASTOR'S CORNER

# Time for a short list

**PASTOR JIM NEAL**  
 "...Weeping may endure for a night, but joy comes in the morning." Psalm 30:5

This is one of my favorite Psalms and one that has helped me through some tough bumps in the road of life. We all have those crooks in the "road" coupled with a "pothole" or two as we travel down life's roadway, don't we? It's called life, but some are a little tougher than others.

One of the tough ones is when you lose a friend, a mate, a classmate, to death. And as we mature (age) it seems as though that event comes more frequently. As graying and gravity takes more of a toll on us each day, eternity is claiming more and more of all of our friends.

What I am trying to share is that time is short for all of us. The book of James in the Scriptures says our lives on this earth are

but a "fleeting vapor," here today and gone tomorrow. The picture in the original language is that our life is like the wisp of breath on a cold winter's morning. That being the case I vow to do a

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few things:

■ Enjoy every breath I have left, even on the tough days ... Psalm 90:12: "So teach us to number (make them count) our days, that we may gain a heart of wisdom."

■ Work on my intimate relationships with family & friends. I Timothy 5:8: "But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever."

■ Say the three most precious words more often: I

love you" I Corinthians 13:13: "So now faith, hope and love abide, these three; but the greatest of these is love."

■ Attempt to make a new friend each day. Proverbs 18:24: "... but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother."

■ Continuing to develop a closer walk with my Lord and trust more fully in Him. Philippians 4:19: "My God shall supply all my needs according to His riches in Glory through Christ Jesus."

■ Believe and say the best about others regardless of what may appear and what others may say. Psalm 141:3: "LORD, set up a guard for my mouth; keep watch at the door of my lips."

That is my short list -- oh, yes and then the big one: Stop procrastinating and take on whatever tasks lies at my doorstep.

Jim Neal is pastor of First Southern Baptist Church in Shafter.

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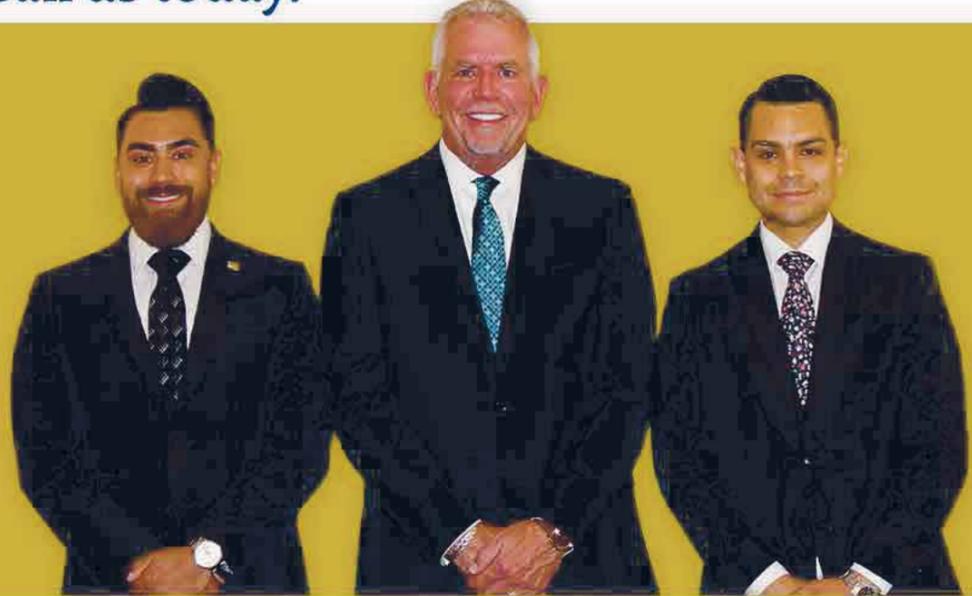
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