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The players had the chance to go onto the grounds at Harvard's football stadium. RIGHT: Twelve of the students had never flown before.

Generals seeing history on trip east

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter High Generals football team has been making history, from the first Valley Championship in over 70 years to playing in Shafter's first State Championship game. For a change of pace, Coach

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Jerald Pierucci, some staff and 22 players set out on a cross-country trip to see some of the country's earliest history.

The group have been saving and fundraising for the past two years, with each player responsible for their own bill for

the trip.

The group started in Boston on June 13, followed by a couple of days in New York, before heading to Philadelphia, Williamsburg and Washington, D.C. "This trip has been a dream of mine," said Pierucci. "It is a great opportunity for these kids to see so much of our nation's history, and

experience so much that they will never forget."

They were to return to Shafter on June 19.

While in New York, the group was going to visit the 9/11 Museum, Rockefeller Center, Ellis Island, the Empire State

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Nayeli Ceja and Awiahnai Bradford of ShePower at the event. RIGHT: Whitney Ballard, a member of the Juneteenth Celebration Committee, welcomes the large crowd.



The event was full of locally grown vegetables.

Wasco celebrates freedom, healing and hope

JAMIE STEWART
Wasco Tribune

Hundreds gathered for Wasco's third annual Juneteenth celebration at Bar-

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ket Park on Saturday, enjoying food, music and fellowship.

Whitney Ballard, a member of the Juneteenth Celebration committee, said that this year was bigger and better, with a full music program and activities for the whole family.

"We have speakers, performers, some great food, a bunch of vendors with a good variety of products. We have it all this year," Ballard said.

Congressman David Valadao made an appearance, along with



This event was for the young and old alike.

Mayor Alex Garcia.

Pastor Steve Major, from Los Angeles, kicked off the entertainment with a rousing rendition of

"Keep Your Peace," followed by a music program that included singers from several churches in Wasco,

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Farmer's Market downtown

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

On the heels of Shafter's first First Friday event of the year, the city held its first Farmer's Market of the year last Saturday. The event

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drew more than double the crowd from last, estimated at 200, with options from fresh vegetables to honey and snacks and seasonings.

There also was prepared food available, giving the crowd a variety of snacks and drinks. One of the vendors was local celebrity Jenny Holtermann, also known as Almond Girl Jenny.

Also for sale was a variety of locally grown vegetables, including tomatoes, carrots, onions, as well as peppers and fruits as well.

Another popular booth at the market was a vendor offering fresh mushrooms, with small button mushrooms to huge portabella mushrooms.

The Farmer's Market will be repeating all summer on the Saturdays after First Friday, like the First Friday events, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., in August and September.

As Almond Girl Jenny said, it is a great chance to shop local, get really fresh produce and support our local farmers.

First Fridays return to Shafter downtown

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Shafter held its first First Friday event of the year on June 14, filling downtown

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with plenty for the entire family to do.

Started last year, the First Friday events are put on to draw people to the downtown area of Shafter, as well as giving families in town a place to go on a Friday night, without having to go out of town to spend their dollars.

The event had numerous food vendors,

including Semper Fries, barbecue and homemade baked goods, as well as agua fresca and other drinks.

There was also plenty to do for the kids, with the Shafter Recreation having cornhole boards and other activities. For those wanting to shop, there were a variety of booths, including jewelry, clothing and housewares, boots, as well as candles and plants for the home.

The event was the brainchild of Shafter Mayor Chad Givens, who, after some convincing, had the support of the Shafter City Council as they planned the events. A

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Semper Fries was one of the main attractions at Frist Friday.

Community Calendar

The Shafter Press and Wasco Tribune encourage local organizations to let the public know about coming events and activities through this column. Drop off or mail items at the office, 455 Kern St., Suite E, in Shafter, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday, call 661-292-5100 or email esoriano@TheShafterPress.com. Deadline is 4 p.m. Thursday prior to publication. Updates will be on TheShafterPress.com and WascoTrib.com.

ONGOING

Wasco cooling center – A cooling center is now open at the Old Court House, 810 8th St., 1-7 p.m. when temperatures hit 105 and above. Residents who are registered to the city system will be notified a minimum of two days in advance by text and a phone call when the center will be open. Call the city clerk's office at 661-758-7215 for information on how to register.

Shafter cooling center – A cooling center will be open 1-8 p.m. at the Walker Senior Center in Shafter when temperatures reach 105 and approved by the county. For more information, call Shafter Parks and Recreation, 661-746-3303.

Kids summer program – Free registration at Shafter Youth Center. Full or half days available Monday, June 3-Friday, Aug. 2, ages 6 and older. For more information, call 661-746-8235 or register online at capk.org.

Downtown Shafter Summer Fun Series – First Fridays, June 14, Aug. 2, Sept. 6 and Oct. 4. 5-9 p.m. Live music, vendors and more.

Farmers Market — Downtown Shafter Square, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., every Saturday, June 15-Aug. 31.

Wardrobe for Wildcats — Semitropic School is seeking donations to provide two full uniforms, school t-shirt and school sweat-shirt to each Semitropic School student for the 2024-25 school year. All donations will directly benefit students at the school and are tax deductible. Bring a donation directly by the school at 25300 Hwy. 46 in Wasco or contact Melody Gebhardt at 661-746-4439.

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

Senior Sack Program – First and 3rd Tuesday of each month at 11 a.m. at the Griffith Avenue Baptist Church in Wasco.

Shafter Recreation and Parks District – Meetings the second Tuesday of the month at 505 Sunset Ave., the Shafter Senior Center.

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

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

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

Senior Food giveaway – Westside Family Fellowship hosts free senior food giveaway ev-

ery fourth Tuesday of the month, 9-10 a.m., 60 or older (ID required). 2150 Palm Ave., Wasco.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

Shafter Woman's Club – Meetings are held the first Wednesday of the month, September through May, starting at 11 a.m. at the Shafter Youth Center, 455 Euclid Ave.

THURSDAY

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

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

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

Free farmers market – Westside Family Fellowship hosts every fourth Thursday of the month, 8-10 a.m. 2150 Palm Ave., Wasco.

FRIDAY

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

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

SATURDAY

Depot Museum – Shafter Historical Society presents the city's history. Free admittance. 150 Central Valley Highway. Open Saturdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Green Hotel tours – Shafter Historic Green Hotel is open to tours on the first Saturday of each month from 11 a.m.-3 p.m. For more information about renting the hotel for events, email thegreenhotel@gmail.com or phone 661-746-1913 and leave a message.

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

Wasco Museum – Open every second Saturday of the month, 1-3 p.m., at 918 6th St. Free to the public. Wasco High School artifacts from over the last 100 years are featured.

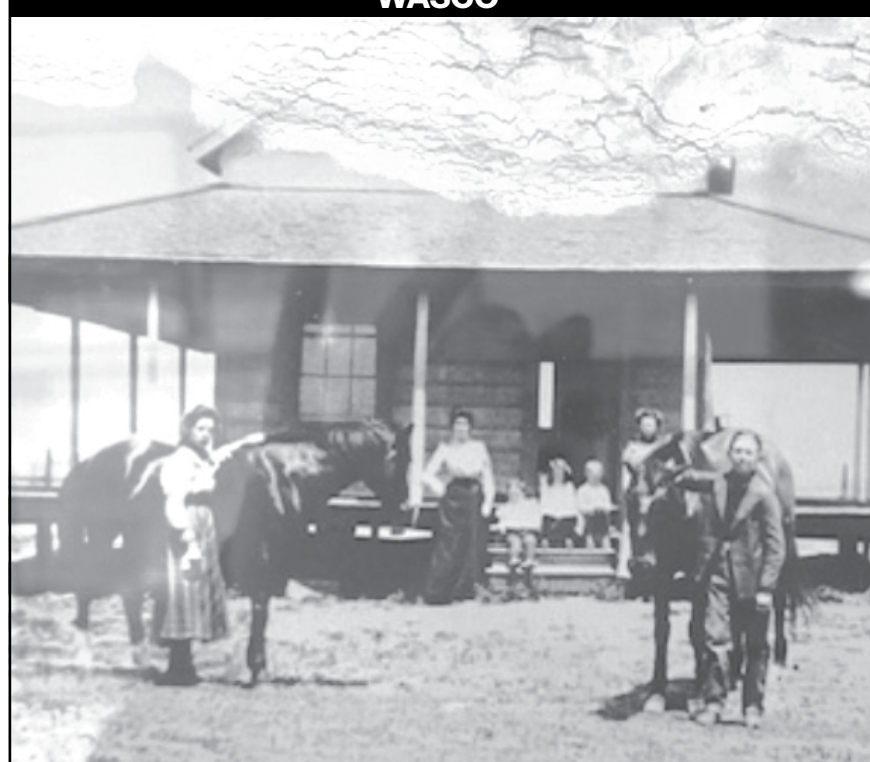
Mystery history



Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to *The Press*, 455 Kern St., Suite E, Shafter, CA 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** The Shafter-Wasco Maple Leaf Potato Shed Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs float at the 1955 Potato Festival parade.



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ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

JUNE 10

Brittany Nicole Derlington, 33, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of North Central Valley Highway for threatening to commit a crime with intent to terrorize and brandishing a firearm replica.

JUNE 11

Jose Maria Zuniga Gutierrez, 61, of Shafter, was arrested in the 30500 Orange Street on an outside felony warrant.

JUNE 12

Ivan Hernandez, 25, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Orange on an outside felony warrant.

Fredrick Lee Palmer Jr., 33, of Shafter, was arrested at Cedar Knolls Way and Cotton Creek Lane on an outside felony warrant.

JUNE 13

Ronald Alen Cain, 51, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of East Lerdo Highway on an outside felony warrant.

JUNE 14

Matthew Troy McBean, 41, was arrested at Resnick Way and Driver Road for DUI, driving without a license or proof of financial Responsibility, open container and unregistered vehicle.

Jennifer Nichole Mydland, 44, of Shafter, was arrested at Resnick Way and Driver Road for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

Chelsea Pena, 29, of Shafter, was arrested at Birch Avenue and East Euclid Av-

enue on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor and felony charge.

JUNE 15

Cecilio Blancas Cruz Jr., 24, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of East Lerdo Highway on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

JUNE 16

Jeanie Pimentel, 38, of Shafter, was arrested in the 300 block of Olson Avenue for battery on spouse/partner.

BUTTONWILLOW

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

JUNE 6

Christian Rios, 34, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1800 block of Gaston Avenue in Wasco for vandalism and cruelty to a child. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

JUNE 7

Louis Pacheco Castellon, 35, was arrested in the 300 block of Milo Avenue for obstructing, resisting and delaying a peace officer and on three felony warrants.

JUNE 8

Mark John Smedley, 38, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 27700 block of Lagoon Drive for attempted burglary. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

JUNE 11

Bruce Payne, 72, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 5100 block of Judd Street in Bakersfield on a felony warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

JUNE 12

David Brian Shaw, 42, of

Bakersfield, was arrested at the intersection of Orange Street and Highway 43 in Shafter for possession of a controlled substance, possession of drug paraphernalia, no registration, no proof of insurance, and on a misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Oswaldo Castaneda, 22, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1700 block of Heather Court in Wasco for possession of a stolen vehicle. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Fernando Sanchez, 26, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1700 block of Heather Court in Wasco for possession of narcotics/controlled substance for sale, possession of a controlled substance while armed, and possession of a large capacity magazine. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

JUNE 14

Clayton Dean Unruh, 37, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block of Mannel Avenue in Shafter on a felony Ramey warrant. He was booked into

the Kern County Jail.

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As reported by the Wasco Police Department

JUNE 10

Favian Infante Cervantes, 35, was arrested in the 400 block of North Central Avenue for second degree burglary. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Victor Adame, 20, was arrested at 1804 Hwy 46 on a felony warrant and misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

JUNE 11

Elois Rachelle Thomas, 43, was arrested at the intersection of Highway 46 and Palm Avenue for possession

of a controlled substance for sales and a nonwhite lamp to illuminate a license plate. She was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Ryan Sims, 52, was arrested at 2445 Hwy 46 for possession of a controlled substance and possession of unlawful paraphernalia. Sims was cited and released at the scene.

David Samarippas, 65, was arrested at the intersection of Highway 46 and Beckes Street for possession of a narcotic controlled substance, possession of a controlled substance, possession of unlawful paraphernalia, and on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

JUNE 12

Ryan Sims, 52, was arrested at the intersection of Highway 46 and F Street for obstructing/resisting a peace officer and on a misdemeanor or bench warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Milton Ramirez, 39, was arrested in the 700 block of G Street for disorderly conduct: alcohol. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

JUNE 13

Nathon Lopez, 27, was arrested at the intersection of 7th Street and Palm Avenue on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

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Wasco council OKs balanced budget

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

The Wasco City Council has approved the 2024-25 fiscal year annual operating budget, balancing general fund revenues and operating costs at \$15.4 million and \$15.2 million, respectively.

This year's budget reflects a significant decrease from the 2023-2024 fiscal year. Last year's budget projected revenues of \$18.9 million and general operating costs of \$18.0 million. This reduction of approximately \$4 million in revenue is primarily due to the one-time American Rescue Plan Act grant funding to support the Police Department's start-up while also paying the Kern County Sheriff's contract. As the Wasco Police Department became operational on April 18, these contract costs are now being phased out.

The 2024-25 budget reflects a strong commitment to public safety and infrastructure improvements. The city has allocated funds for the newly operational Wasco Police Department, ensuring higher staffing levels and local control. Significant investments in infrastructure will be implemented through an ambitious \$44.9

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million Capital Improvement Program, targeting essential upgrades and repairs.

Wasco starts the new fiscal year with several financial strengths, according to city's Finance Department:

Balanced budget. The city begins with a balanced budget, avoiding the need to address past deficits.

Clean audits. Consistently receiving unqualified audit opinions.

Awards for financial management. Recognized for excellence in budgeting and financial reporting.

No unfunded retiree healthcare obligations. A significant factor in the city's fiscal health.

No general fund debt obligations. Starting the fiscal year without general fund debt service obligations.

Strong general fund reserves. Projected to end the fiscal year with reserves at 92% of operating expenditures, well above the city's minimum policy target of 35%.

The city is actively pursuing a \$44 million State Revolving Fund grant to replace outdated water wells and install two 1.5



Finance Director Isarel Perez-Hernandez

million-gallon storage tanks. This infrastructure is to meet the State Water Board's new standards and ensure an alternative water source during emergencies. The

city's economic growth depends on these developments, as current water capacity limitations are issuing conditional "will serve" letters to developers. Without addressing these issues, Wasco's economic development could be significantly hampered.

Councilmember Vincent Martinez commented, "I am excited about this year's budget. Even with all the projects the City of Wasco has going on, including the launch of our Police Department, we have a balanced budget and continue to save for the future."

"We have more law enforcement on the streets, we are making progress with the downtown revitalization, we will open a new park soon, the labor camp issue has been resolved, our city is able to accomplish all this in our budget."

Finance Director Isarel Perez-Hernandez sees a bright future for the city, "The approved budget demonstrates a comprehensive approach to maintaining fiscal health, enhancing public safety and supporting infrastructure and economic development, ensuring Wasco remains well-positioned for future growth and stability."

Study approved for former prison

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter City Council approved a feasibility study to consider options for the use of the Modified Medium Correctional Facility that has been closed down for years.

City Manager Gabriel Gonzalez said that discussions with a sporting company resulted in an idea of turning the facility into a building for recreational use. Pickleball was mentioned as an alternative. Mayor Chad Givens said that pickleball

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has grown in popularity by 600 percent the past three years. Gonzalez said that the existing rooms could be made into indoor pickleball courts, with the outdoor parking lot perhaps being turned into some temporary courts while the inside is being constructed.

There also was mention of an indoor soccer facility. Councilmember Gilbert Alvarado expressed the need to talk to Director Phillip Jimenez and the staff at the Shafter Recreation Department about

their plans, just keeping them abreast of what is going on. This would make sure that the city's plans would not be in competition with the Recreation Department's plans for their new sports complex.

The council also approved a resolution to terminate their agreement with SITREP Security Solutions and go into a contract with Dark Knight Security.

Currently, the city is paying \$2,800 per month for SITREP to patrol its parks at night, as well as being responsible for locking the restrooms at night.

Dark Knight Security submitted a bid

that would cost the city only \$2,300 for the same service. They voted unanimously to terminate the agreement with SITREP and enter into a contract with Dark Knight. Councilmember Gus Olvera had to recuse himself from this item, citing a conflict of interest. Olvera has a relative that is involved in the security firm.

The council also approved \$700,000 for the Shafter Aquatic Center project.

The money is needed to supplement the funding originally given for the project. This includes the pool resurfacing the pool and making the facility ADA compliant.

Wasco to get \$250k to fight fentanyl abuse

JAMIE STEWART
Wasco Tribune

Wasco will get a \$250,000 state grant to fight fentanyl abuse under the Fentanyl Misuse and Overdose Prevention Task Force Bill introduced by Assemblymember Jasmeet Bains, as the City Council approved final paper work at a special meeting last week.

"This drug is not just a stand-alone

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drug. People are lacing this drug into all kinds of other drugs, trying to get those people hooked on it," said Chief Charles Fivecoat.

The city plans on spending \$75,000 on personnel costs, \$100,000 on training and equipment, \$30,000 on community education, and \$45,000 on operational expenses.

Fivecoat explained at Wednesday meeting that the city decided not to hire any additional personnel for the project. "We are going to be joining other cities in Kern County to make one large task force that will operate in each city but will be analyzed by one hired person. Arvin is hiring a crime analyst, so he will be analyzing reports and statistics for all of the participating cities," he said.

He also said that there will be several

programs in Wasco to educate the public on the dangers of fentanyl and also will have resources available for residents to aid in the fight against the drug, including reviving the department's PAL program.

"We are excited about getting the PAL program up and running. We think that it will be a very positive asset when it comes to communicating with the community, as well as reaching the youth of Wasco," Fivecoat said.

Wasco Sno-Shack: A summer tradition

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Wasco Sno-Shack is a seasonal business open from late May through Labor Day. With its doors open now, customers have the popular shaved ice cones in time for the summer heat.

The business has served the community for the last 34 years. It is family owned, founded by Elvia Garza in 1991 and passed down to her daughter, Stella Guerra, in 2010.

As a proud owner, Guerra said she will continue to cherish the family tradition of making the best snow cones since 1991. "It has been an honor to work at this beloved local establishment, nestled in the heart of Wasco," she said in an interview last week. "Serving the community for over three decades has been a blessing for me and my family. Each summer, my family and I are blessed to have other family members and close friends join us in running the Sno-Shack. It's truly a team effort filled with love and dedication."

This year marks a special milestone

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because her children have begun to immerse themselves in the family business. "They are learning the ropes, from delivering stellar customer service to mastering the art of creating consistent, high-quality recipes. It's wonderful to see my children taking an interest and understanding the value of hard work and understanding connection. It warms my heart to see my daughters talking to the customers, taking orders with confidence, making the snow cones and blending the acai just as I do. It reminds me of how I would help my mother when I was only ten years of age."

Wasco Sno-Shack is more than just a place to enjoy delicious shaved ice; it's a cornerstone of the community. "Customers will be greeted with a "hello," and I truly emphasize the importance of having a positive attitude for every customer we service. We want to provide top-notch service."

In the near future, she said, "I would like to expand the business with a mobile truck that will bring our soft ice and deli-



Stella Guerra, husband David Guerra and children Gabriel, Amelia and Katherine Guerra.

cious snow cones, acai bowls and nachos to any event."

Guerra plans to pass the business down to one of her kids or another family member. "Until then, my family and I will commit to excellence and serve the community. We thank the community and look forward to welcoming everyone.

Whether you're a long-time fan or a first-time visitor, Wasco Sno-Shack promises a refreshing and delightful experience every summer."

Wasco Sno-Shack, 517 F St., is open Sunday- Friday from noon to 9 p.m. and Saturday until 7 p.m. They are on Facebook at Wasco Snow-Shack.

ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Wasco Police Department

JUNE 13

Alexander Regaldo, 30, was arrested at the intersection of Filburn and Poplar avenues on

a misdemeanor warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

JUNE 14

Usvaldo Curiel, 48, was arrested on Banff Court for attempted arson: inhabited structure. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility

Priscilla Olivio, 28, was arrested on Mondavi Court for felony vandalism, court order violation, and possession of a controlled substance. She was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Alex Neri, 40, was arrest-

ed in the 1900 block of 4th Street for driving with a suspended license. He was cited and released at the scene.

Carlos Alberto Vazquez, 37, was arrested on Jackson Avenue for obstructing/resisting an executive officer,

battery on a peace officer, obstructing/resisting a peace officer and resisting a peace officer resulting in body injury. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

JUNE 15

Abraham Sanchez, 25,

was arrested in the 1700 block of Poplar Avenue for first degree burglary, felony vandalism, conspiracy to commit a crime, and on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

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Shafter Recreation executes a Takeover

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Recreation Department executed a "Park Takeover" last week, invading Shafter's Community Park at Gossamer Grove and turning it into a place of fun and games.

According to Shafter Recreation District Manager Phillip Jimenez, the Park Takeovers will take place all summer long, bringing a lot of activities to a different park in Shafter each week.

The event takes place on Monday, Wednesday and Friday of each week. At Community Park, there were a lot of activities to keep the kids busy. There was a baseball clinic, put on by Coach Jacob Bill. Bill also put on a softball clinic.

For those wanting to dance, a Zumba class was taught by Brandi Root. Root has been teaching Zumba for over two decades, operating several different classes through the Recreation Department, classes for those in grade school to seniors. There was a bean bag toss game at the

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event, as well as a big arts and crafts area, too.

Jimenez said that he got the idea for the Park Takeover from his childhood. Jimenez said that when he was younger, both of his parents worked, so they had to figure out what to do during the day. "I feel like programs like this are imperative to help out parents in the Shafter community because of my own experiences."

Jimenez also said that he cherishes those memories and said that he still talks about them. "This is something that I am wanting to give back to the community. My staff and I are really buying into the vision, and this is one of the goals that we need to reach."

Next week, the Park Takeover team and kids will be at Rodriguez Park from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information, call the Recreation Department office at 661-746-3303.



Arts and crafts was a big draw at the event.

2024 WHS scholarships/recognitions

Awarded by the Wasco Community Scholarship Association:

High School to a 4-Year College: Emily Alba, Amber Newby, Armando Saldana, Diego Gomez, Isaac Ocampo, Andy Santana, Esteban Hernandez, Zayda Orpineda Herrera, Maria de Jesus Soto Bravo, Benito Juarez, Karly Perez, Hope Valdivia, Isabella Moreno and Briseida Ruiz

High School to a 2 Year College: Diego Acosta, Julian Alvarez, Estevan Nieto, Irais Aguero, Branden Green and Xitlaly Rivera

Wonderful Education Program Participation: Dulce Aceves Gonzalez, Jonatan Cruz Perez, Yesenia Hernandez, Alex Aguilar Arizoca, Asuncion Diaz, Benito Juarez, Emily Alba, Luis Diaz, Jacob Lawrence, Camila Almanza Cruz, Paula Diaz Diaz, Aiden Litchfield, Mayra Altamirano, Kelly Dominguez, Jennifer Lopez, Arturo Barboza, Asher Dunlap, Fernando Lopez Arevalo, Alyse Biggs, Noah Duran, Ruby Macias, Rigoberto Campos, Catilia Duran Ponce, Leila Marin, Guadalupe Carpio, Genesis Espinosa, Abigail Martinez, Justin Casablanca, Sofia Gamino, Madison Martinez, Fernando Contreras Rivera, Diego Gomez, Luna Mendez, Elizabeth Cortez, Jude Granados, Elizabeth Millar, Natalia Crane, Esteban Hernandez, Isabella Moreno, Amber Newby, Fernando Rodriguez Villanueva, Isaac Tijerina, Isaac Ocampo, Jennifer Rosales Ruiz, Jayden Torres, Izaiah Matthew Ocampo, Viviana Ruiz, Yaritma Torres Mendoza, Anais Olivares Porras Briseida Ruiz, Jennifer Ugalde Mendoza, Zayda Orpineda Herrera, Armando Saldana, Hope Valdivia, Karly Perez, Maria Salmeron Ruiz, Lizeida Villanueva Orpineda, Maritza Quezada, Brayan Sanchez, Sidney Zavala, Mia Quintana, Andy Santana, Jesus Zuniga Duenas II, Julissa Ramirez, Jordan Santana, Sheyla Zuniga Duenas, Yasmin Ramirez, Areli Solis, Priscilla Raya, Yagaira Solorio, Lorena Rios Venegas, Fatima Soto Arellano, Esmeralda Rodriguez and Maria de Jesus Soto Bravo

The Norman Levan Annual Scholarship: Andrew Montano Lopez

The Donna Litherland Memorial Scholarship: Andrew Montano Lopez

U.S. Army Tuition Assistance Scholarship: Liliana Rios and Mairany Vazquez Palacios

U.S. Marine Corps-Scholastic Excellence: Ernesto Gutierrez and Gwyneth Kelley

U.S. Marine Cors-Semper Fidelis Award for Music Excellence: Gabriel Gonzales and Nicole Zarate

U. Marine Corps-Distinguished Athlete: Ramiro Lopez and Areli Solis

PEO Chapter JT Shafter/Wasco Scholarship: Briseida Ruiz

Omni Family Health Scholarship: Amber Newby, Esmeralda Rodriguez and Fatima Soto Arellano

California School Employee Association Scholarship: Antonio Juarez, Hector Magallanes, Julissa Ramirez, Aidan Lopez and Jasmine Perez

Wasco High Teachers Association Scholarship: Isaac Ocampo

Golden State Seal Merit: Dulce Aceves Gonzalez, Itzak Diaz, Jacob Lawrence, Vanessa Acosta Duque, Luis Diaz, Aiden Litchfield, Alissa Aguilera, Natalie Diaz, Celina Madrigal, Clarissa Aguilera, Natalie Briana Diaz, Hector Magallanes, Emily Alba, Kelly Dominguez, Ruben Mancilla, Camila Almanza Cruz, Michael Dominguez, Leila Marin, Israel Almanza, Asher Dunlap, Stephanie Marin, Mayra Altamirano, Catilia Duran Ponce, Amaia Marquez, Ganeva Alvarado Bonilla, Johnny Echiveste, Abigail Martinez, Priscilla Alvarado Rivera, Genesis Espinosa, Madison Martinez, Adolfo Amaya Torres, Andrea Felix Arredondo, Leah Mealy, Maria Arvizu, Evelyn Flores, Valeria Medrano

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nando Rodriguez Villanueva

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Outstanding Music Student: Mahalia Bradshaw and Eduardo Jimenez Corona

Outstanding Drama Student: Jorge Cabrera Ibarra and Sidney Zavala

VOCATIONAL AWARDS

Outstanding Yearbook Editor: Celina Madrigal

Outstanding Media Arts Student: Jorge Cabrera Ibarra

Outstanding Culinary Arts Student: Emma Brown and Jeremy Nunez

AGRICULTURE

Outstanding Agriculture Student: Rachelle Reyes Gallegos and Fernando Rodriguez Villanueva

FFA STATE LEADERSHIP

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Outstanding Agriculture Business Student: Zayda Orpineda Herrera

SCIENCE

Outstanding Science Student: Rigoberto Campos and Zayda Orpineda Herrera

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Outstanding Spanish Student: Adriana Colmenares Lucas and Isaac Ocampo

ENGLISH LANGUAGE ARTS

Outstanding English Student: Leah Mealy and Alejandra Diaz

Outstanding ELD Student: Miguel Chavez Sanchez and Mel Araujo

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MATH

Outstanding Math Student: Kelly Dominguez and Zahid Soto

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Most Outstanding Student: Ganeva Alvarado Bonilla

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TIGER OF THE YEAR

NOMINATIONS

Girls: Genesis Espinosa, Madison Martinez, Priscilla Raya, Addison Fore Vasquez, Amber Newby, Areli Solis, Destiny Maldonado and Zayda Orpineda Herrera

Boys: Diego Gomez, Aiden Litchfield, Daniel Zapien Garcia, Jude Granados, Isaac Ocampo, Jacob Lawrence and Brayan Sanchez



Kylie Montoya adopted Oreo from the Wasco Animal Shelter, which was promoting its services. MIDDLE: Volunteer Kellie Ursery helped adjust a helmet on Aylin Huape. RIGHT: Kern County Public Health EMS coordinators Edlin Blankenship and Anthony Dominguez said water safety knowledge is very important.

Gearing up for a Summer Safety

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Wasco Code Compliance Division held its Summer Safety event on Monday at Barker Park to educate youth and parents about bike, water and fire safety, and prepare them for the summer.

Code Compliance Officer Christian Tova, spearheaded the event. "We want to make sure our kids are aware of the dangers and how proper techniques are needed, being that they are going to be using their bikes more over the summer, being around pools and with the 4th of July right around the corner, learning about fireworks and fire safety."

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Tovar said that his hope with the event was for the kids to "have a better understanding of how to be safer in the summer and a good sense of community, seeing that there are people and organizations that are invested in their future."

"They can come together, have fun with each other, enjoy free snow cones and hot dogs, and participate in the bike raffles."

Free helmets were provided to kids, the Wasco Animal Shelter was there, and several puppies were successfully adopted. Bike Bakersfield hosted a bicycle obstacle course, a station teaching proper bike han-

dling techniques and a helmet-fitting area, along with repairing bikes. Kids enjoyed the pool with an open swimming session.

Captain Victor Reyes of the Kern County Fire Department attended with his team, firefighter Jake Stanphill and engineer Cody Rushing. "We are going over fire safety in the kitchen and having a plan if a fire happens in a structure. It's a family plan to make sure they know what a fire detector is, what it sounds like and that they have an escape route."

He also discussed fireworks safety: "Like lighting them outdoors and never indoors. Never allow your children to handle fireworks. Keep a bucket of water nearby so you can fully extinguish the fire-

works," he warned.

Edlin Blankenship, EMS Coordinator with Kern County Public Health, was there to do community outreach, inform the community about water safety and teach hands-only CPR.

She also promoted their Water Watchers program. "It's a lanyard for parents or any responsible adult committed to watching the children or anyone in the water for a specific amount of time to ensure eyes are always kept on the children. Not only can it save lives, but it can prevent drownings."

Tovar thanked his sponsors. "Kern Family Health Care, AERA, California Rail Builders and Wasco Toys for Tigers for their donations."

Grocery Outlet celebrates first year

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

It was a special day for Grocery Outlet owners Amor Regis and James Saucó as they celebrated the first anniversary of their store with a festive pop-up event on Saturday. The occasion was marked by a lively community gathering with music, food and raffles, reflecting the strong bond they've tried to build with their customers over the past year.

"I am blessed because people have supported us since day one, and it was a good turnout. Some people even brought their folding chairs because they wanted to celebrate with us," Regis said.

Many vendors participated in selling various goods, such as plants, jewelry, makeup, sports jerseys, crocheted items, organic bar soaps, pens, cups and wood burning and engraving crafts.

"Radio Lobo came with music for the crowd. Bobo the Millennium clown made animal balloons, and his wife painted the faces of the kids. It was a very festive environment," she said.

There were free tacos and \$1 hot dogs, with proceeds going to the Orange Heart Foundation. After the event, random gift baskets were given to select customers, along with free reusable shopping bags.

The event recognized the store's significant milestones over the last year. The highlight for Regis? "Connecting with the community. We have supported the Wasco Recreation and Parks District, Wasco Union Elementary School District, Wasco Animal Shelter, a Rose Queen, and various food banks in collaboration



Grocery Outlet owners Amor Regis and James Saucó.

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with local churches, where we have donated and fundraised for them."

Regis said she has been lucky with her employees. "My staff is my treasure. They are like family. They are all local. Without them, we would not be successful. I love my staff."

Cynthia Vega works at the store. "It's been great because they're really good people to work with. They are very great operators and owners."

She's enjoyed watching the team grow. "Everybody who is working here has started from the beginning. We've been the same employees

since we opened."

The best part for her is interacting with the customers. "We have a lot of loyal clients, and a lot of our regulars we know by name, and they know us."

One of those customers is Steve Saso. "I absolutely love that place. I first went because I wanted to get good prices, but then the staff treated me like a guest as if I already knew them. They are the most personable people."

When asked how he would rate his shopping experience, he said, "If there was a chart from one to ten, ten being the best, I would give them an 11."

EDITOR'S NOTE | JAMIE STEWART

Freedom of the press isn't free

I have been working for The Shafter Press since 2011, and it has been the best time I have had on a job. I love the people you meet, taking pictures, writing. The community of Shafter has been great to me and the paper through the years.

When the Reed family decided to close the paper down, the City of Shafter, represented by then Mayor Cathy Prout, went to Stan Wilson and asked what could be done about resurrecting the paper. It was the City of Shafter that was one of the main reasons that we are here today, other than our awesome owners who have been a godsend.

Recently, the council decided not to entertain a proposal about partnering with The Shafter Press. This was very disappointing, and not just because of the fear of maybe not having a job next year.

I was encouraged by Mayor Givens' remarks at the last council meeting, in

which he told owner Stan Wilson that he knows that something can be done to keep the paper going and that there is something that they can do.

Well, I was thinking about what it would be like if there was no paper. The city was boasting about their performance on the social media front, giving the residents information online that is real-time.

Well, I wonder what information the residents would get if the city was the only "information center." Residents would only be able to read what the city decides to put out. Are they going to put anything online on their Facebook page or website about your child's performance in a play, or something they did well at school, or how they did on the sports teams at school and in town?

An important part of having a newspaper is not only being there to memorialize events around town, creating a snapshot

in time, but it also serves as a city's town crier, of sorts. If there is something going on in town that may not be happy or pleasant, but still news, is the city going to put that on their platforms? I don't think so.

It was in the not so distant past in which our City Council, just a few years ago, could not even agree on the color of the sky. They were bickering at every meeting, and it was unfortunate. But, it was news that the public appreciated knowing about. I received a lot of comments during that time thanking us for letting them know what is going on in town and telling it like it is. A newspaper not only applauds achievements, but can also shine light on all of the news that the residents deserve to know about, the good and the bad.

Jamie Stewart is editor of *The Shafter Press*. The opinions in this column are his own, and likely represent those of the paper and its management.

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Public Works administrative assistant Cinthia Ugalde with Public Works Director Luis Villa. RIGHT: Connie Bernal and her husband, Tony, enjoy reading.

Center offers relief during extreme heat

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

When temperatures hit 105 and above, the City of Wasco provides a haven for residents with a cooling center complete with free wi-fi, cold water and snacks. There also is complimentary transportation to and from the center between 1 and 7 p.m. when it is open.

Public Works Director Luis Villa, who helps oversee the center at the Old Court House, said, "Everyone is welcome. Bring board games or books to read and enjoy some cool air."

He added that the center is a benefit to

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the community. "Some people have the older style units that are typically referred to as swamp coolers. Once temperatures reach anywhere from 95 and above, those are pretty much inefficient."

Residents subscribed to the city system will receive a text and phone call a minimum of two days in advance notifying them that the cooling center will be open. Residents also receive a reminder notification.

Residents can register on the city website, cityofwasco.org, to subscribe to the city system. Click on the icon "How do I." Then go to "Sign Up For," hit "Alerts and

Notifications" and click on the "Subscribing to Notify Me" link. Follow the instructions, fill out the profile information and hit save. Then, scroll down to the calendar section, select the community option and click on how you would like to be notified, by text or email.

No proof of residency or ID is necessary. One must only sign in.

Contact the city clerk's office at 661-758-7215 for more information.

"We're hoping this year that by using our text and phone calls, road signs, and social media, we'll reach more people and get more people to use it," Villa said.

The cooling center opened on June

5, and for Connie Bernal and her husband, Tony, it was their first time there. Connie said they were motivated to come because "it's just the price of air conditioning and utility. We have an AC system, but we only run it two hours a day because it gets expensive, and I budget myself all around."

To keep entertained, she said, "I brought word search, a book great for reading and color patterns and designs."

The cooling center is at 810 8th St. To book a complimentary ride, call 661-758-7222. For more information about the center, contact Cinthia Ugalde at 661-758-7271.

Blanchard recognized for 30 years at WHS

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Joe Blanchard recently earned recognition for his 30 years of dedicated service as a teacher at Wasco High School.

Throughout his time at WHS, he has taught physics, chemistry, earth and physical science, and math.

"Wasco High School is a good place to teach at. I know many teachers that have taught for 30 years, but they've gone from one school to another, so they haven't taught the whole time at one school, but Wasco High has always been an excellent school to work at, and I've never wanted to teach anywhere else," Blanchard said.

He shared that he doesn't have any plans to retire soon. "Maybe in another 10 years. I'm hoping to have 40 years. But it's been nice to teach at the same school. Many of my colleagues now at the school were students of mine at one time. At the beginning of the school year, it is always fun to figure out what current students are children of previous students."

When asked what accomplishments he is most proud of, he said, "I've been able to help build the science department to reflect the new science standards. We were at the forefront of adopting the science standards. When many other schools were starting to transition, I would go to conferences or meetings and say Wasco High had already been doing this for a few years and was able to tell them some of the ideas we'd been working on. I really think that we are one of the better science departments in the county."

Core values and principles have remained constant throughout his career.

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"I try to be patient with the students. I try to understand their needs. I like to talk to them as adults, making sure that they are responsible for their actions but also understanding that they still can make bad decisions and not making that bad decision detrimental to their education."

He's maintained an active role as a leader in school sports. "I've coached wrestling most of the time. I've coached shotput and discus for 20 years, and JV football for five years. Over this time, I've had many accomplished athletes. And I was very happy to be the first girls wrestling coach. We've had some girls wrestle off and on over these last few decades, but since the state recognized girls wrestling, we've been able to put together a large team. This year against Shafter High School was the first time I had a girl wrestle at every one of the 14 weight classes."

Blanchard acts as an academic coach, too "I help train all the incoming teachers for their first two years. We mentor in the Wasco way, so we teach them how the high school works and our teachers' expectations. Within the science department, I help mentor experienced teachers by developing new lessons and encouraging them to teach new concepts they haven't done before. If a teacher is struggling, I go around and talk to them regularly to see if they are doing okay because it's a stressful job."

Of the impact he wants to leave behind, "I'm hoping that both the students and the teachers I've helped train continue to keep Wasco High the distinguished school that it is by supporting the students."



Joe Blanchard with his wife, Joelle, and their family pet on a recent trip to Bryce Canyon National Park in Utah.

First Fridays return to Shafter's downtown

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committee also was formed, aiming to attract more shoppers and residents to the downtown area of Shafter. "You can look and see all of the families enjoying themselves," said Givens. "This has been

a really positive event for the city and its families."

There was live music and a host of information booths set up, including CAPK, Shafter Kiwanis, Shafter Police Department, Shafter Library and Learn-

ing Center, and Shafter Healthy Start.

Residents enjoyed the one-stop-shop feel of the event, with so much all in one place. "This is really great. There is so much to do and see. I'm glad they started having these," said Maria Olivas,

who was at the event with her granddaughter. "We need more stuff like this in town, getting a lot of people involved in town."

Two more First Fridays are set for August and September.

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June 27, 2024
/s/Oscar Luna,
Assistant Superintendent
661-758-7100
osluna@wuesd.org
Publish Wasco Tribune June 20, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
La Imperial Taqueria
2024-B3609
441 F. St
Wasco, CA 93280
County: Kern
422 James St Suite #11
Shafter, CA 93263
Marcela's Investments
422 James St Suite #11
Shafter, CA 93263
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by:
Corporation*
Date the business commenced:
07/01/2023
/s/Marcela A. Garcia, C.E.O.
Date Statement Filed: 06/06/2024
Date Statement Expires:
06/06/2029
Aimee X. Espinoza
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By: Z Arellano
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
M.G.R. Farm Labor Contractor
2024-B2807
4757 Coronado St West
Bakersfield, CA 93314
County: Kern
4757 Cornado St West
Bakersfield, CA 93314
Jesus Aguilar Reyes
4757 Coronado St West
Bakersfield, CA 93314
The business is conducted by:
Individual
Date the business commenced:
08/12/2019
/s/Jesus Aguilar Reyes, Owner
Date Statement Filed: 05/01/2024

Date Statement Expires:
05/01/2029
Aimee X. Espinoza
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By: Z Arellano
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PUBLIC NOTICE
WASCO UNION HIGH SCHOOL
DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
APPROVING AN INCREASE IN
STATUTORY (LEVEL 1) SCHOOL
FEEES IMPOSED ON NEW
RESIDENTIAL AND COMMERCIAL/
INDUSTRIAL CONSTRUCTION
PURSUANT TO GOVERNMENT
CODE SECTION 65995 AND
EDUCATION CODE SECTION 17620
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT
the Board of Trustees ("Board")
of the Wasco Union High School

District ("School District") at its regular board meeting to be held in the Wasco Union High School District Board Room, 1900 Seventh Street, Wasco, California 93280, on Thursday, June 20, 2024, at approximately 6:00 p.m., or soon thereafter, will consider approving an increase in statutory school fees ("Level I School Fees") that may be imposed on new residential and commercial/industrial construction located within the boundaries of the School District pursuant to Government Code Section 65995 and Education Code Section 17620. A report entitled "School Fee Justification Study" was prepared pursuant to and in accordance with applicable law, which includes information and analysis demonstrating the relationship between new residential and commercial/industrial

development and the School District's need for the construction of school facilities, the estimated cost of the school facilities, and justification for the levy of Level I School Fees on new residential and commercial/industrial development. The School Fee Justification Study and any related documents regarding the proposed adoption of the Level I School Fees are available for public review during normal business hours at the School District's administrative office located at 1900 Seventh Street, Wasco, California 93280. Questions and/or comments should be directed to Nelly Sanchez, Chief Business Official (661) 758-8447. Posted: June 6, 2024
Publish Wasco Tribune June 13, 20, 2024

PASTOR'S CORNER

Waves of grace

PASTOR PAT COYLE
Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church



For many years our family has enjoyed vacationing in Cayucos. We're usually there about a week and as our family has grown, so have the activities! A couple of my favorite things to do on the beach is either fly kites (I have four of them) or ride the waves on a boogie board.

Whether I'm on the beach watching the waves or actually in the waves on my board, I never get over the beauty and power of them. As I observed them several years ago, they reminded me of God's grace; beautiful and powerful. Beautiful in its "unmerited favor" of extending God's love for us in Jesus and powerful in its ability to change the lives of people. My mind often goes to pas-

sages such as Ephesians 2:8-9, "For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith...and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God...not by works, so that no one can boast."

Like the beauty and power of the waves, God's grace enables a person who has placed their faith in Jesus to receive the gift of salvation that has already been paid for on the cross. That gift is not earned or even deserved, but by grace is given. When I ride the waves on my boogie board, it's only due to the power of the waves that I'm carried along and that is a beautiful thing!

Let me encourage you to watch for the word "grace" as you read your Bible, and the next time you go to the coast, think about it as you watch or play in the waves!

PET OF THE WEEK

Introducing the adorable Odi

Odi came into the Wasco Animal Shelter as a stray. He is approximately a 2-year-old male shepherd mix. He is great with staff and other dogs. It is unknown if Odi is house/crate trained at the time. Dogs are not tested with children; his behavior towards children is unknown. Odi will be available for adoption on Thursday, June 20, and fees will be waived.

Everyone is welcome to adopt from our facility, and we like to give everyone the same opportunity to adopt. Adopters can be from out of town and/or local. We do not place holds for adoptions. Adopters are responsible for transportation.

Adoptions are on a first-come, first-serve basis, beginning at 8 a.m. on the date



they are available. You are welcome to call us the day before their availability to ensure the pet is still for adoption.

More information is available by emailing rifigueroa@cityofwasco.org.
-Wasco Animal Shelter

DEATH NOTICES

Cliff Brown, 78, of Bakersfield, passed away June 12, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Martin H. Mendoza, 51, of Delano, passed away June 10, in Bakersfield. Pe-

ters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Esperanza Godinez de Soliz, 90, of Mexico, passed away June 17, in Shafter. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

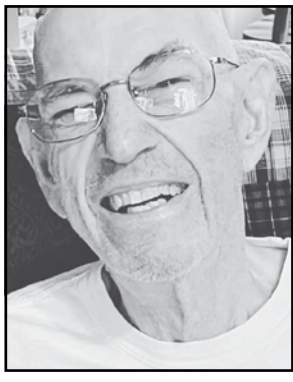
Angel Medina, 36, of

Bakersfield, passed away June 16, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

Santos Cruz Garcia, 23, of Wasco passed away June 15, in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

OBITUARIES

Freeman Coy Nixon
Aug. 15, 1944 – June 10, 2024



Freeman Coy Nixon was born on August 15, 1944, in Bakersfield. He passed away at his home in Shafter on June 10, 2024, at the age of 79.

He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Terri; his daughters, Moni Case and Doris Martin; his grandchildren, Tessa Ogles, Isis Brownlow, Collin Page, Luke Martin and Stella Martin; his brothers, Ron Perkins, Don Perkins, Bennie Nixon and Buddy Hooper; and his stepmother, Mary Nixon.

He was preceded in death by his parents, F.C. and Jackie Nixon, and his daughter, Megan Page.

Graveside services will be held at the Shafter Cemetery on Thursday, June 27,

at 10 a.m. A reception will follow at the Ford Theater in Shafter immediately following. Attendees are encouraged to drive their hot rod vehicles to both venues.

Freeman lived the majority of his life in Shafter, traveling seasonally as a child up and down the Central Valley with his family as they followed crops ready for harvesting.

Having been born during World War II, Free-

man was nearly 2 years old when he met his father upon his return from France. His extended "dust bowl Okie" family was an integral part of his life. His Nanny's farm labor camp in Shafter was center stage for many of them, and Freeman recounted colorful stories from that time in his life.

Freeman became a big brother at the age of 10 and was the definition of unconditional love until his dying day. Their mother, having passed unexpectedly when Freeman was 22, placed him in a parental role, and he played an invaluable part in raising his brother Bennie.

Freeman loved cars and motorcycles and loved to go FAST during his teenage years. Freeman developed his work ethic

while working summers as a teen in the potato fields and sheds. He could sack the spuds in the fields, but since he was not a big guy, in the sheds he was given the job of "Okie Sack Sew'r" as his good friend Gene Stark would say.

He graduated from Shafter High School in 1962. During the Vietnam war he joined the Army Reserves and served for six years.

He purchased a service station in Shafter in 1964 which he ran for 10 years. Upon leaving the service station business, he worked for the County of Kern Road Department for five years. He missed

being a business owner, and he opened Freeman Jewelers in Shafter and ran it for 10 years. His next venture was as a truck driver in the oilfields working for Ted Cummings and Jack Hickman, then on to Kern Vacuum Service as a dispatcher, where he ended his work career.

He stopped working after surviving brain surgery, his love for cars having endured throughout his life. He painted cars, raced Jeeps, restored, bought and sold many hot rods, and loved to attend car shows. His "car buddies" were family to him.

Freeman earned the nickname "Cookieman"

because of the delicious chocolate chip cookies prepared with his "secret recipe," and he would bake them by the hundreds to give away everywhere he went. He even used his cookies to convince the love of his life, Terri, to give him a chance.

She did, and Freeman again found himself in a parental role. He was a strong and loving father and grandfather.

In addition to cars and cookies, Freeman was known for his generosity. He was constantly thinking about what he could "give" to others.

He will be deeply missed.

James Harrison

James Harrison, 90. A graveside service will be held Thursday, June 20, at 10 a.m. at Wasco Memorial Park, 300 Leonard Ave. A memorial service will be at 11 a.m. at Truelight Missionary Baptist Church, 1104 14th St. Peters Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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Jerome Preston
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Jeromepreston7@gmail.com
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The Shafter Press and Wasco Tribune will have new hours beginning Monday, June 24th We will be open Monday-Friday 9:00am - 1:00pm
As a courtesy you can always email your advertisement or question to: dgivens@theshafterpress.com or call/text 661-549-4933 after hours
-We appreciate our business-

Local PEO chapter opening doors



PEO members and scholarship recipients, from left, are Carol Olsen, scholarship committee; Briseida Ruiz, recipient; Pat Ketcherside, scholarship chairman; Airam Sotelo, recipient; and Karen Holtermann, president. Not pictured is Yolanda Bailey, recipient.

BARBARA WARE
For PEO Chapter J.T.

One of the most rewarding projects of PEO, Philanthropic Education Organization, is to award scholarships to young women throughout the world. Local chapter J.T. has the unique pleasure of offering \$500 scholarships to high school seniors from Wasco and Shafter high schools who have been accepted to four-year colleges.

This year, three outstanding young women, Brisedia Ruiz, Airam Sotelo, and Yolanda Bailey, were selected based on their academic achievements, extracurricular activities and recommendations.

Brisedia Ruiz from Wasco High has been active in FFA and hopes to become a livestock veterinarian, fostering her love for animals and passion for agriculture. She will attend UC Davis, pursuing a bachelor's degree in animal science and

management.

Airam Sotelo from Shafter High School has been involved in numerous extracurricular activities, including cross country and track and field. This fall she will be attending UCLA as a mathematics major, her dream come true. She hopes to pursue a career in mathematics or medicine.

Yolanda Bailey, also from Shafter High, is an active participant in school activities and volunteer in the community. She will pursue pre-med classes at UCLA, majoring in molecular, cellular, and developmental biology. She also will major in Spanish, enabling her to communicate clearly with future patients.

J.T. members are very proud of these girls and their aspirations and for giving PEO an opportunity to open doors and create endless possibilities for young women through education. We will continue to offer them support and encouragement.

Wasco celebrates freedom, healing, hope

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as well as entertainers from all over Kern County.

A big reason for the event is to educate the next generation on the importance of the holiday, as well as uniting the community, no matter what race or denomination you are," Marcus Ballard, a pastor and teacher in Wasco, said. "Part of the celebration is remembering where we came from."

Ballard also said that the celebration was for the entire community. "It doesn't matter if you are black, white, Hispanic – it just doesn't matter. We are here to enjoy this day of fun, food and freedom."

Ballard said that the committee had started planning the event months ago. "We had members who were in charge of the music program, one for the outreach program, another for the vendors. It really is a big family and team effort."

There was also a great message at the event. Not only was it a day to celebrate freedom, unity and hope, it was also a day to help the next generation remember where they came from, and the amazing people and efforts that have come before



Pastor Steve Major sings a song to kick off the celebration.

them. Among the groups at the event was ShePower, a nonprofit organization that aims their efforts at the young women of Wasco and the rest of Kern County. Based in Bakersfield, the group has outreach programs that target cities as Wasco, Shafter,

Delano and other outlying Kern County cities, helping to bring up a strong and powerful generation of young women. "We have mentorship programs, tutoring, leadership programs, confidence building, and other programs that help these young women succeed," said Nayeli Ceja.

Ceja and Awjahnai Bradford, of ShePower, were on hand to answer questions and spread the word of their efforts.

"This really is a perfect day," said Ceja. "We are celebrating freedom and unity, and our organization champions those traits and goals for everyone."

Generals seeing history in trip east



The Shafter group ready to hit the road.

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building, and also catch a Broadway show. The team also had a chance to visit Harvard University, where they were able to meet some of the coaches and players, as well as go down onto the field of their stadium.

In Washington, D.C., the group will get to see the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, Lincoln Memorial and the Capitol building, as well as the Washington Monument and the World War II Memorial.

Pierucci said that this is a unique experience for the majority of the kids. "We had 12 of the kids who had never been on a plane before, and the majority of them haven't been further than Nevada in their lives. So, this is a great opportunity for these kids and I love being able to help make it happen."

The trip is put on by EF Educational Tours

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
SHAFTER RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
NOTICE TO ADOPTION
2024-2025 OPERATING BUDGET
(Cal. Pub. Res. Code § 5788.1)
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
PLEASE BE ADVISED that the Board of Directors of Shafter Recreation and Park District reviewed a preliminary budget at the regularly scheduled Board meeting on June 11th, 2024. The preliminary budget is available for inspection at the District office located at 700 E. Tulare Avenue, Shafter California during normal business hours. Please be further advised that the Board will meet to adopt the final budget at 6:00 p.m. on July 9th, 2024, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the District Board, at 505 Sunset Avenue, Shafter, California. Any person may appear at that time and be heard regarding any item in the budget or regarding the addition of other items.
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VMP Services
2024-B3749
205 California Ave #B
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern
205 California Ave #B
Shafter, CA 93263
VMP Services Incorporated
762 Pheasant Run Dr
Shafter, CA 93263
State of Incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Corporation
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Pedro Vargas, CEO
Date Statement Filed: 06/13/2024
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Aimee X. Espinoza

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: M Torralba
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PUBLIC NOTICE
CITY OF SHAFTER
NOTICE OF ELECTION
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a General Municipal Election will be held in the City of Shafter on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, for the following officers:
For Three (3) Members of the City Council (Full Term of Four Years)
The nomination period for these offices begins on July 15, 2024, and closes on August 9, 2024 at 5:00 p.m. If no one or only one person is nominated for elective office, appointment to the elective office may be made as prescribed by California Elections Code 10229. The polls will be open between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
Those wishing to file may obtain nomination papers from the City Clerk at City Hall, 336 Pacific Ave., Shafter, CA, 93263.
Yazmina Gallares, City Clerk
Dated: June 13, 2024
Posted: June 20, 2024
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Superior Court of Washington, County of Skagit
In the Guardianship of:
Lamar Richardson Dilley
Nytirri Richardson Dilley
Layben Richardson Dilley
Leahlee Richardson Dilley
Respondent/s (minors/children)
No. 24-4 00320 29
SUMMONS
To: The parents, child, and person with court-ordered custody:
The Petitioner has started a case asking for guardianship of the

above-named children under RCW 11.130.185. If the Minor Guardianship Petition is approved, the rights of the parents or legal custodians could be substantially restricted.
You must respond to this summons and petition by serving a copy of your written response on the person signing this summons, any other party, and by filing the original response with the clerk of the court. If you do not serve your written response within 20 days after the date of this summons was served on you (or 60 days if you are served outside of the state of Washington), exclusive of the day of service, the court may enter an order of default against you and the court may, without further notice to you, enter an order and approve or provide for the relief requested in the petition.
If the petition has not been filed, you may demand that the petitioner file this lawsuit with the court. If you do so, the demand must be in writing and must be served upon the person signing this summons. Within 14 days after you serve the demand, the petitioner must file this lawsuit with the court, or the service on you of this summons and petition will be void.
If you wish to seek the advice of a lawyer in this matter, you should do so promptly so that your written response, if any, may be served on time.
This summons is issued pursuant to rule 4 of the Superior Court Civil Rules of the State of Washington. Important! Read the Notice of Hearing for information about your rights and how to respond.
Dated: 06/06/24
/s/Rachelle Marie Eason
Signature of Petitioner or Lawyer/ WSBA No. 29922
File original of your response with the clerk of the court at:

Skagit County Superior Court
Skagit County Clerk
205 Kincaid Street, Room 103
Mount Vernon, WA, 98273
Serve a copy of your response on:
Petitioner's Lawyer
Rachelle Marie Eason
The Eason Law Firm, PS
725 South 1st Street, Ste B
Mount Vernon, WA 92873
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Fictitious Business Name Statement
Aaron and Son's HVAC
2024-B3663
4900 Kent Dr
Bakersfield, CA 93306
County: Kern
4900 Kent Dr
Bakersfield, CA 93306
4900 Michael Barriga
4900 Kent Dr
Bakersfield, CA 93306
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 05/05/2024
/s/Aaron Michael Barriga
Date Statement Filed: 06/10/2024
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
La Gardenia
2024-B3322
30701 Martinez Street
Shafter, CA 93263-2919
County: Kern
30701 Martinez Street
Shafter, CA 93263-2919
Mary Aburto
30701 Martinez Street
Shafter, CA 93263-2919
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 01/01/1979
/s/Mary Aburto
Date Statement Filed: 05/23/2024
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Abandonment Statement
Dollar Mart
226 Central Ave, Unit B
Shafter, CA 93263

County: Kern
Mailing address:
226 Central Ave, Unit B
Shafter, CA 93263
Firendley LLC
226 Central Ave, Unit B
Shafter, CA 93263
Business was conducted by: Limited Liability Company
/s/Saleh Alhassan, Manager
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2023-B7493
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 11/29/2023
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 04/24/2024
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/M Cedeno
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
Double M Personnel
2024-B3363
Triple M Personnel
2024-B3364
M & M Personnel
2024-B3365
8501 Littleton St
Bakersfield, CA 93314
County: Kern
8501 Littleton St
Bakersfield, CA 93314
Miguel Perez Perez
8501 Littleton St
Bakersfield, CA 93314
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Miguel Perez Perez
Date Statement Filed: 05/24/2024
Date Statement Expires: 05/24/2029
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: M Cedeno
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