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Shafter remembers its heroes

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

After a two-year hiatus due to the covid-19 pandemic, the Shafter Cemetery held its annual Memorial Day service, honoring those local heroes who served in our Armed Forces and have passed away.

The service was begun by Brian Smith, a Marine veteran, welcoming the crowd to the ceremony, followed by the invocation and the Pledge of Allegiance. Musician Gene Absher was on hand to play a couple of songs, one of which he wrote himself, after hearing stories of his father fighting at Iwo Jima.

The grounds were majestic, with small American flags stationed at all of the veterans' graves, with large flags lining the

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pathways, waving in the breeze. Smith told the story of how Memorial Day came to be.

Smith said that the first Memorial Day took place back in 1868, when Commander in Chief John A. Logan of the Grand Army of the Republic wanted to honor the Union soldiers who had died in the Civil War. The World Wars turned it into a day of remembrance for all members of the U.S. Military who died.

There were also poppies being handed out at the service. In 1918, inspired by a poem, YWCA worker Moina Michael attended a YWCA Overseas Conference wearing a silk poppy pinned to her coat. The

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Mayor Cathy Prout, Debbie Haley and Craig Haley during the placing of the wreaths.

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Maria Gutierrez said she worked really hard.



Leslie Castellon, Melissa Maldonado and Vianey Padilla proudly displayed their diplomas



Eva, Cynthia and Emily Escalera said they were proud of their sister, Clarrissa Marie.



Elijah Guitron will move on to the military.

Local teacher walks across stage as graduate

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Golden Oak second grade teacher Ashley Miriles had the opportunity to walk across the stage to collect her diploma from University of California Merced recently, with a little help from her class.

Miriles grew up in Shafter and attended Shafter schools throughout her childhood, up to and including graduating from Shafter High School. She always wanted to come back to her community once she graduated and give back to her hometown.

Miriles' graduation from UC Merced was postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, giving her a unique chance to celebrate her graduation with her students.



Ashley Miriles' second-grade students decorated her dress.

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Miriles with her UC Merced stole.

Miriles wore a beautiful dress that she had her second grade class decorate. They drew and colored different scenes, including animals, flowers, portraits of her, as well as plenty of "I Love You's." Richland Superintendent Rosa Romero said that this was such a happy occasion and one that she will cherish.

Romero said that she wanted to congratulate Mireles and applaud her ingenuity.

-Jamie Stewart

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Community Calendar

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

NEW: Coffee with a Cop – Saturday, June 4, at Flight Park, 9400 Club Oak Way (Gossamer Grove) 7:30 to 9 a.m. in New Shafter.

ONGOING

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

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

All residential households are able to order four free at-home COVID-19 tests. These tests will ship for free starting late January. Visit the following link @ <https://www.covidtests.gov/>

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

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

Senior Lunch Program – Every first and third Tuesday of the month: Griffith Avenue Baptist Church, 408 Griffith St. Sack lunches for seniors will be given out at 11 a.m. Sponsored by Golden Gleaners.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

THURSDAY

Wasco High School Board – Meetings the second Thursday of the month at 1900 7th St. in Room 202, or alternatively in Library Room 1101. The agenda is on the WHS website.

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

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

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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

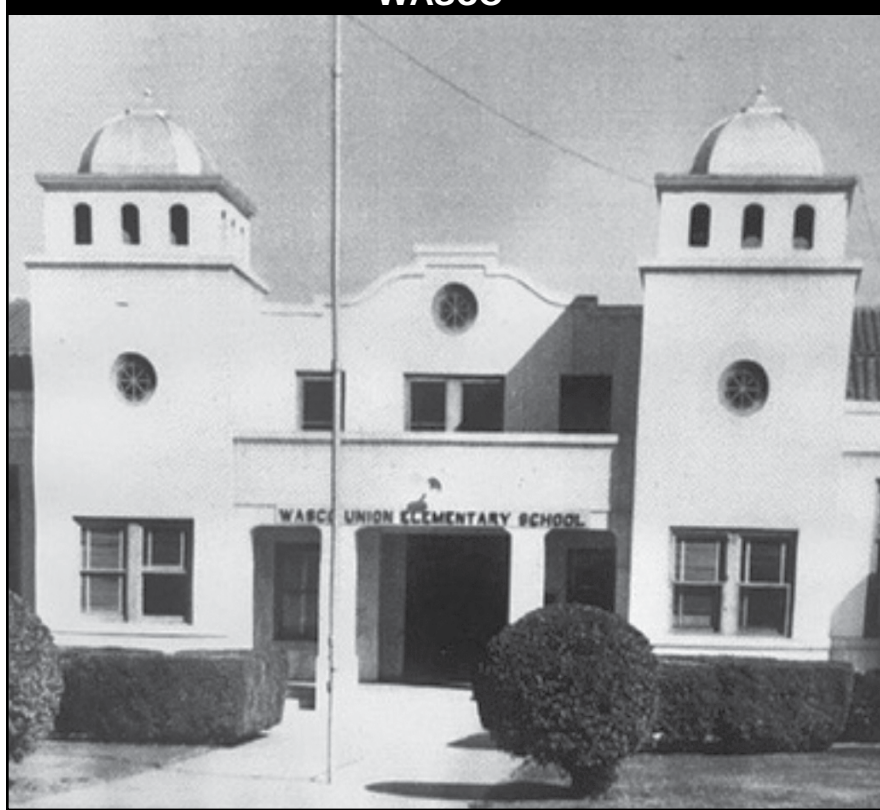
Mystery history



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:** Neufeld's Auto Parts.



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ARREST REPORT

BUTTONWILLOW

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

MAY 26

Ruben Sandoval, 23, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 18000 block of Poplar Avenue in Shafter for possession of burglary tools and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Rudy Roacha, 27, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 20000 block of Tracy Avenue in Buttonwillow for battery with serious bodily injury. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

MAY 29

Pedro Antonio Tallamantes, 22, of Buttonwillow, was arrested at the intersection of Wildwood Road and Seventh Standard Road in Buttonwillow for vehicle theft, possession of stolen property, evading a police officer and obstructing a police officer. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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

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County Sheriff's Department, Wasco substation:

MAY 23

Luis Antonio Mendez, 36, of Wasco, was arrested in the 900 block of Cedar Avenue on a felony bench warrant, misdemeanor violation of a court order, possession of a controlled substance and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

MAY 25

Anthony Flores, 31, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of H Street and J Street on felony and misdemeanor bench warrants, misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Ryan Sims, 50, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2100 block of Highway 46 for his felony and on 10 misdemeanor bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

MAY 26

Anthony Corona, 19, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of D Street and 10th Place for misde-

meanor driving without a license. He was cited and released at the scene.

Deshawn King, 38, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of F Street and 7th Street for misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He was cited and released at the scene.

MAY 27

Jaime Gerardo Tello, 49, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2400 block of Summerhill Court for felony inflict corporal injury on a spouse. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

MAY 28

Alexander Garcia Miranda, 26, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of North Central Avenue and Highway 46 for misdemeanor possession of burglary tools and on a misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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Amayrani Almanza, 25, of Wasco, was arrested in the 600 block of North Maple Avenue on a misdemeanor bench warrant. She was cited and released at the scene.

Eduardo Gutierrez, 32, of Wasco, was arrested in the 300 block of Smoketree Court for felony criminal threats. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Mario Gutierrez, 28, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1700 block of Highway 46

for felony possession of stolen property, felon in possession of a firearm, possession of a large capacity magazine, carrying a concealed firearm, possession of ammunition by a prohibited person and resisting arrest. He was booked into

the Kern County Jail.

Brice Patterson, 35, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of D Street and 15th Street on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

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Camp Hamilton remembers fallen soldiers

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Camp Hamilton, with its lush stand of trees among a desert of oilfields, held its annual Memorial Day Service on Monday, remembering all of the veterans who have served our country in all branches of the military.

Visitors gathered from all over Kern County to be a part of this tradition and ceremony. Camp Hamilton is a veterans memorial park that serves as a respite for veterans and their families. The grounds harbor a grove of trees that have been planted to memorialize Kern County soldiers,

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their friends and families able to visit the living memorials, including Shafter veterans, such as Noel Wilson, who was recently honored with a tree planted in his honor.

The Memorial Day celebration included several speakers and a tree ceremony, followed by a raffle and a barbecue. The day was a special one for many local people. Martin Gonzales, who has been going to the event for a few years, said that he would never miss it. "I will always remember the boys that we lost when I was in 'Nam. I still remember their names and hometowns, and still miss them today."

The sentiment was a common one on the day. The majority of the attendees had loved ones that served in the military, or have friends who were serving. Camp Hamilton has become a very popular destination for those in need of some inspiration.

The seed of the idea to create a veterans park was first planted in the 1970s, when another Marine and Vietnam combat veteran, Glenn Denton, bought the parcel of land sandwiched between oil fields and farms as an investment.

He had come to Bakersfield as a Marine recruiter, and would eventually make the city his home. But a



The shaded grounds were the site of the annual Memorial Day Service.



Camp Hamilton memorializes veterans from all branches of the US military.

promise to his comrades in the 1st Marine Division not to forget the 122 Marines killed during an eight-day battle in Vietnam's Khe Sanh Valley in the summer of '69 caused him to rethink his investment.

That parcel would eventually grow, develop and evolve to become Camp Hamilton: a playing field, park, shooting range and a memorial for veterans, a place where soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines who served honorably are remembered.

To fight and die and be discarded from

memory was not acceptable in Denton's view. He wanted to find a way to honor his fellow Marines and support his future brothers and sisters in arms. Ultimately, he named the park after his brother in arms, Leonard Hamilton.

"It's kind of an oasis in the oil field," he said.

There are now more than 300 trees planted as living memorials to those who served. It's also a place of support for current and recent servicemen and women.

Juneteenth to celebrate freedom day

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Community leaders of Wasco will host their second annual Juneteenth event on Saturday, June 11, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Barker Park.

Juneteenth is a holiday that takes place on June 19 to commemorate the emancipation of enslaved people in the US. The holiday was first celebrated in Texas, where on that date in 1865, in the aftermath of the Civil War, slaves were declared free under the terms of the 1862 Emancipation Proclamation.

Organizing the special day are community members made up of elementary school teachers from the district and church leaders from the three African American churches in town, including True Light Baptist Church, Apostolic Faith Temple Church and Macedonia Church.

One of the organizers is Marcus Ballard, a teacher at Palm Avenue Middle School and an assistant pastor at New Generation Church.

Ballard teaches 6th grade history and

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has a passion for it. He hopes to instill a love of history in his students and community, and this will be an occasion to do just that.

"I especially want our younger generations to learn about and not forget their history. All cultures in Wasco are connected. The foundation of this town started in agriculture, where all cultures worked in the fields together to help build Wasco. Now we see the fruit of that today."

Ballard said his team is organizing the event again to showcase the holiday, which was established locally last year. It is also a platform to honor the rich Black history of Wasco.

"Last year was amazing. Assemblymember [Rudy] Salas came and recognized our three churches and pastors. Vendors sold food and items pertaining to African American culture. The student choir provided entertainment. Poems were read. Speakers, including from local colleges, gave words



Organizer Marcus Ballard invites the community to join in the family-friendly event.

of inspiration," said Ballard.

"These elements will be brought back for the community of Wasco to enjoy."

This year the focus is on promoting healthy lifestyles, and booths will be set up to share information on that theme. Dignity Health will

be there with its team of advocates.

There also will be numerous schools and nonprofits on hand offering options for youth post-high school, such as Bakersfield College and CSU Bakersfield.

Another component will be a pop-up, where vendors will sell African American-themed art and original craft items, clothes and jewelry.

"This is a way to support our small businesses," Ballard said.

There will be live performances, guest speakers and gospel music.

An assortment of food will be sold, including barbecue, tri-tip, fried fish, tacos, burritos, ribs, desserts and drinks.

"We invite the community to stop by for an afternoon of fun, great music, food and culture. All are welcome no matter who you are," said Ballard. "It will be an opportunity for Wasco to shine in a gathering that will highlight all the positivity our town has to offer."

For more information or to join as a vendor, call Ballard at 805-636-8931.

Students move on to 1st grade

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

It was a happy day of celebration at the John L. Prueitt Elementary School kindergarten graduation. Students, parents and staff enjoyed the ceremony that recognized the youth for their dedicated efforts to fulfill all of the requirements necessary to move on to the next grade level.

"It was a culmination of a lot of hard work. Today was nothing but joy," said Principal Rosalinda Chairez. Parents were proud of their young ones.

"I am very proud of her because she has accomplished a great deal at this school," said Antonio Ramirez of his daughter Karen. Lucero Paniagua said of daughter Sophia, "She

Sophia Paniagua proudly displaying her graduation certificate.



Vanessa Jimenez is happy with her festive balloons.

makes me proud because she is a smart little girl and very independent. I think that is due in great part to her wonderful teachers."

The event included a performance by the kids, and there were lots of smiles on stage.

They sang a Frank Sinatra song that they modified to go along with the occasion, and the kids were ecstatic with their presentation.

"The students practiced all week long to learn their song and how to line up for the

event. There was much preparation to make the event special," said counselor Ore Sanchez. "It was really cute."

There was lots of excitement and emotion.

"I am excited for her, and I am both happy and sad because my little girl is growing up. Even so, I am pleased that she is moving up to the next grade," said Lupita Melgoza of her daughter Maria.

Students accomplished many goals.

"My daughter has learned to love books and to read. She knows her numbers and the alphabet and can write her name. She also learned to socialize and interact with other kids," said Melgoza.

"We are excited for her to begin 1st grade. She has made significant progress that has prepared her for this," said Marco Martinez of his daughter Maddie.

Social worker Mayte Quintana Raya taught them behavior management, coping skills, relaxation techniques and the importance of attendance.

"This has helped the students learn the basic rules of schools, including major components of letters and sounds that will guide them through their future academic years," said Quintana Raya.

Students were overjoyed that their parents came to support them.

"I am so happy that my dad came," said Jaydn Torress.

"It was fun because my parents came,"



Jayden with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Torres.

said Marrisona Mancilla.

"I took time off from work to be here because it was important for me to show him how much I care. I want to be here for him at every moment like this," said Rafael Torres of his son Jaydn.

Parents recognized how kindergarten changed their kids.

"She transitioned from not wanting to go to school to looking forward to it every day. Her teachers were great and good people," Ramirez said.

"The highlight is that she has learned how to bring the best to her studies. Now she loves school," said Gladys Ordaz of her daughter, Jael Bordas?

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Community coming together for VBS

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Vacation Bible School season is just around the corner, with several churches gearing up for this special time of the year. But, with budgets tight, and attendance a challenge with so many different events, a community of churches in Shafter decided in the past couple of years to combine their efforts, giving them the opportunity to reach more kids while still giving them the fun that they have come to expect at VBS.

This is the fourth year for a Community VBS, which will be held this year June 20-24 at Shafter's Ford Theater. Kids entering the K-6th grade are welcome to join the event as they sing fun songs, do cool crafts, play some crazy games, enjoy snacks and learn about Jesus. Admission is free.

This year, the VBS theme is Zoomerang. It is a sanctity of life VBS in the land down under. At Zoomerang, according to Director Chris Starrh, the kids will marvel at the unforgettable wildlife, culture and beauty of Australia while exploring the wonder and value of life, from the lives of preborn babies to eternal life in the kingdom of God.

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During this pro-life VBS, kids will discover that life is valuable. From the tiniest to the oldest, each person is made in the image of God- wonderfully designed to know Him and to live for Him.

Starrh said that they use this event as an outreach to the community and its children in order to share the good news of Jesus, promising freedom from the slavery of sin and eternal life.

The committee is made up of members from various churches in Shafter contributing their own unique talents to the program. The Valley Bible Church provides the treasurer, registration and crafts, as well as lending their secretary. The New Hope Church provides the Bible teachers, kindergarten teachers and assembly director. The Southern Baptist Church provides games and outreach. Church of Christ provides the snacks.

Volunteers from these churches will act as crew leaders, guiding the kids to the various stations and encouraging them in the Lord. Starrh said that there are too many to name, but all of them are under the leader-



The event is full of stories, games and fun crafts.

ship of Effie Heppner, who "does a fantastic job of organizing everyone and everything for the week."

"Community VBS is a very special week for all of us who attend and volunteer, and we are so very thankful to the Lord for

the resources He has given us to make this happen, Heppner said.

"So come on and join the gang and bring your boomerang and Zoomerang with us for a fun-filled week as we learn how are all precious in God's eyes."

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A poem was written by a physician, John McCrae, who wrote "Flanders Fields." Its opening lines refer to the fields of poppies that grew among the soldiers' graves in Flanders. In 1920, the American Legion adopted the poppy as its official symbol of remembrance.

The veterans who are buried in the



An American flag was placed on all of the veterans' graves at the Shafter Cemetery.

Shafter Memorial Cemetery were honored by family, friends, and community members thankful for their ultimate sacrifice. These brave men and women are listed in a special section of the Shafter Press newspaper, each name representing a hero that sacrificed for our freedoms.

This was the main message that Rev. Randy Miller, from the First Southern Baptist Church, gave for the good crowd that attended the ceremony. Miller said, "One thing that I remember most of all at the many veterans' services that I have been a part of is when the American flag is folded at the end of the ceremony. It is folded in such a way that it cannot come undone. It is then given to the family of the fallen soldier. This symbol of our freedom and their sacrifice that can never be undone." He said that the soldier then, while handing the flag to the family, "On behalf of the President of the United States, we thank you for your brave and selfless service."



An American flag was placed on all of the veterans' graves at the Shafter Cemetery.

Studio to present their summer gala

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Planet Dance Studio specializes in the art of jazz, hip-hop, ballet, tap and competitive dancing and is open to youth ages 4-18.

The studio was first opened in 2002 and will celebrate its 20th anniversary this year. To honor that, the studio is planning a Summer Gala tribute to the beloved singer Selena on Saturday, June 18, from 10 a.m. to noon. It will take place at the Shafter High

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School Auditorium.

"We expect the turnout will be great, with 700 -900 people joining in on the celebration," said studio director Jacob Hernandez.

The dancers have been practicing diligently since April in preparation.

"They are passionate about dancing, and this is a way to showcase their talent and all of the hard work they have been

putting in to make sure their presentation is a success and that guests will enjoy themselves," Hernandez said.

"The theme of Selena came to me last summer, and I thought it would make for a special show. Who doesn't love Selena?"

There will be 70 students performing 17 different numbers.

"We are excited to share our first performance of the year with the community, highlighting all of the efforts made by our staff and the dancers. It will be particularly memorable for our first-year members," said Hernandez.

The Planet Dance Studio team, in addition to Hernandez, is composed of a staff of five experienced and passionate teachers.

"We have over 100 years combined of expertise," said Hernandez.

The dancers have participated in many national and statewide competitions throughout the years, taking home top prizes.

They recently participated in the Star Power competition in San Diego and were acknowledged for their superior skills.

The team scored high enough to once again qualify for the nationals, and will be attending this event June 19-24 in Las Vegas.

"There will be almost 30 different national teams that they will be competing against, and I am anticipating we will do well," said Hernandez.

Through these competitions, the stu-



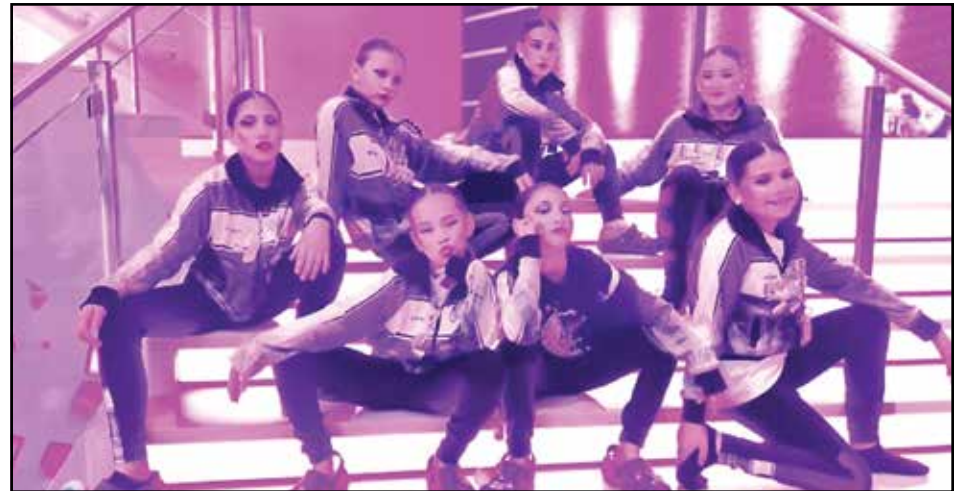
Dancers with instructor Miss Isabella at the 2021 Summer Gala. where the theme was "Disney's Coco."

dents develop their leadership skills, respect for others, dedication, and commitment to excellence.

"We pride ourselves in bringing the best that we have to all of our students because we want them to have a fun time while improving their self-confidence and relationships with others.

"The Selena gala will be wonderful because we bring the community together in another celebration of dance from Planet Dance Studio. We are ready for everyone to experience this in a live setting after the covid restrictions."

Pre-sale tickets are \$18 and can be purchased at the studio, 641 F St., Monday through Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. Tickets at the door are \$20. For more information, call 661-240-5924.



Team Galaxy: Anabelle Castillo, Makenzi Sanchez, Jacqlyn Cervacio, Brisella Lucio, Cavlynn Boiselle, Leneva Andrade and Analiee Lanuza.

RECRUITMENT

The Wasco City Council is recruiting for two (2) individuals to serve on the **Sales Tax Oversight Committee** with the terms expiring on December 31, 2025; these positions are a four-year term.

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Applications are available online on the City website:
<https://www.cityofwasco.org/FormCenter/Applications-9/Commission-Committee-Board-Application-50>

And must be submitted by **5:00 p.m., Monday, June 13, 2022.**

For further information and assistance regarding this appointment, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (661) 758-7215 or by email at cityclerk@cityofwasco.org

RECRUITMENT

The Wasco City Council is recruiting for one (1) individual to serve on the **Wasco Planning Commission** due to the resignation of Scott Hight to fill the remainder of the term through December 2022.

The Wasco Planning Commission is a five-member body appointed by the City Council. It serves as a policy advisory capacity to the City Council. The Commission retains jurisdiction over various land use matters, including the consideration of conditional use permits, subdivision maps, and certain design review matters.

Members are nominated and appointed by the full Council and must be residents of the City throughout their term. Applicants are advised that a Statement of Economic Interests (F.P.P.C. Form 700) will be required upon assuming office. Pursuant to State law, any person newly appointed shall successfully complete a course in ethics training approved by the Fair Political Practices Commission and the Attorney General. Each member is required to complete this training every two years.

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Local boy comes back to his root

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

A local man who graduated from Shafter High School has returned to town and is operating the newest barber shop here. Phatboyz Barber Shop.

Edgar Gonzalez has been operating his own barber shop since 2006, with a shop in Wasco with the same name, giving Gonzalez a growing clientele. Gonzalez's clients followed him to Shafter after the move, along with with a new group of customers.

Gonzalez said that he started cutting hair when he was 13 years old. "Every summer, we would shave our heads, so I got nominated to do the honors. A Kmart pair of clippers, and I was good to go," he said.

Gonzalez is known for his willingness to give a customer any type of cut that they want. "A lot of kids will bring in a picture and say, 'I want that,'" which Gonzalez does. "If I can see it, I can do it," said Gonzales.

Gonzalez graduated from Shafter High in 2002 and went to work for a roofing company. He was injured on the job and had to sit out of work and was put on disability for a time. With that time and assistance, Gonzales decided to make that childhood

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talent a career and went to Barber College. He said that he actually had decided to attend the school while he was still working, it just would have taken longer, with going to class and working around a job schedule.

After getting his license, he went to work for Tony's Barber Shop in Bakersfield, but found that he was actually cutting more hair from home, with a growing number of friends and acquaintances that were wanting him to do their cuts.

Gonzalez opened Phatboyz in Wasco in 2006, with an already steady flow of customers. The list grew as word spread, with customers making appointments or trying their luck as a walk-in.

Today, Gonzalez said that he does do walk-ins if he is not booked, but is usually booked two to three weeks in advance.

"I decided to come back to my roots here in Shafter," said Gonzalez, who, together with his wife, are raising their four daughters. The shop is cool, clean, modern, but the service is all old school. "I am a traditional barber, the cut, the shave, good service," said Gonzalez.



Gonzales cuts a variety of styles at the shop.

A cut above the rest

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

If you are looking for a first-class barbershop experience at a reasonable price, Wasco's Barber Lounge will provide just that. Located downtown, they pride themselves on delivering excellent service and a warm environment.

Owners Liz Garcia and Mario Martinez have tremendous experi-



ABOVE: Barber David Soto, with Nicolas Velasquez, has many years of experience cutting children's hair. BELOW: Barber Steven Guterrez said he loves cutting hair



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ence. Their team consists of three other barbers.

They cut hair for men, women and children. They also do all types of fades and tapers, and offer hot towel shaves, which provide a smoother, polished and less irritable shave.

Prices are affordable, and haircuts for men, women and children cost \$25. Women's cuts include a style. Hot towel shaves are \$15, while the fee for a traditional shave is \$5. Additional services like eyebrow shaping with a blade cost \$7. Waxing for both men and women starts at \$10.

"We offer some of the best prices in town. We know our community works hard, and we want to give tremendous value," said Martinez.

Martinez said they stand out above the rest because of their commitment to excellence, attention to detail, customer service and a relaxing ambience.

The shop is clean and modern, and tools are carefully sanitized for each client.

"We work hard to create a welcoming space. When customers come to us, they can expect to be treated with respect and handled with care. We want our customers happy to keep them coming back," Garcia said.

"The best part is getting to know our clients. They become our friends and feel at ease sharing their lives with us. It builds a bond and develops loyalty," said Martinez.

"It is exciting to see clients jumping off the chair with a smile," said Garcia.

Client Walter Ramirez has been going to Martinez for the last 10 years.

"I have a standing appointment with him every week, and I bring my two sons to join me for their cuts as well. I trust him to make me look good, so I feel my best. He is consistent, and you can tell he takes great pride in his work."

Steven Martinez is a five-year client.

"I like how they cut my hair and how they treat me. The shop is always alive with great music and friendly staff who are knowledgeable and passionate about their profession. The energy in here is special, and I have fun."

They are bilingual to better serve



ABOVE: Owners Liz Garcia and Mario Martinez said Wasco has been good to them. BELOW: Barber Leonardo Medina, with Joel Ruiz, said he enjoys providing great customer service.



Wasco's large Latino population, and they also take walk-ins.

"Unlike other shops, with our large team, we can cut waiting time for those without appointments," said Martinez.

"We welcome you to come to see us. We are confident you will not be disappointed," said Garcia.

The shop is located at 900 7th St., Suite D. They are open Tuesday to Thursday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Friday and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. To schedule an appointment, call 661-446-2172 or 661-858-7266. You can follow them on Instagram @wasco-brlounge.

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RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

Richland School District is pleased to announce its continual participation in the *Seamless Summer Program*. The Nutritional Services Department will be offering **FREE breakfast & lunch daily, to all children ages 2-18 years-old.**

The *Seamless Summer Program* will run, **Monday-Friday from June 10, 2022 through July 22, 2022 (Closed for 4th of July Holiday).**

Breakfast will be served from **7:45 a.m.-9:00 a.m.** and **lunch** from **10:30 a.m.-11:30 a.m.** at Redwood/Richland Jr High Cafeteria located at **331 N. Shafter Ave. Shafter, Ca, 93263.**
An adult must accompany children.

The Richland School District Nutritional Services Department encourages community members to take part in the nutritious/free meals made available to children.

Please note: Students enrolled in the RSD Summer School 2022 session will automatically receive free breakfast and lunch.

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Lady Tigers runner-up in Valley Championships

JAMIE STEWART
Wasco Tribune

The Wasco Lady Tigers softball team ended an outstanding season with a runner-up finish in the Division III Valley Championships, dropping the championship game to Monache High School, 2-0.

Wasco came into the final contest riding a 2-game winning streak, going undefeated in the South Sequoia League. The Lady Tigers began the Valley tournament with a 5-4 victory over Kerman, the 15th seed, with Wasco the No. 2 seed. The Lady Tigers followed that win with another nail-biter against seventh-seeded Tulare Union, winning that game by the same 5-4 score. Both games were won on Wasco's last at bats.

In the semifinal game, the Lady Tigers went up against former SSL foes the Garces Rams. With the game scoreless, the Lady Tigers got a hit by sophomore Gabriella Milligan, bringing in Tiffany Mello for the

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only run of the game to earn a spot in the final at Fresno State.

The Lady Tigers just couldn't get any offense going in the final, not getting that much-needed spark that they had generated in the previous games.

But, the future of Wasco High softball looks very bright, with the majority of the team underclassmen. Freshman pitcher Cedes Saldana, who pitched a complete-game shutout of Garces in the semifinal, giving up only three hits, is just one of many underclassmen that the Lady Tigers have on the roster.

Wasco High Coach Sonia Wedel said that this youth was actually a strength when it came to playoff time, with it shielding the Lady Tigers from getting nervous in big games, like the semifinal win over Garces. "I was stressed over that game for a week," said Wedel, about the Garces game.



Freshman Cedes Saldana throws to first base in the win against the Rams. (Bakersfield Californian photo)

PASTORS CORNER

The God of All Comfort

PASTOR JIM GLASCO

Seventh Standard Pentecostal Church

2nd Corinthians 1:3-4 says: *Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort; who comforts us in our tribulations, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort where we ourselves are comforted of God.*

God is our strength and comfort. If a people and a nation ever needed God's comfort, it is I now. Our nation is in mourning as we pray and weep with the families in Uvalde, Texas.

Jesus said *Come unto me, all you that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.* Psalm 42:5 tells us to hope in God.

The Lord once said he would comfort us as a mother comforts. Jesus said "blessed are they that mourn, for they shall be comforted." John 14:16 says, "I will give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you forever." Thank God for the Holy Spirit, who embraces us with his comforting presence.

One of the teachers who died in that tragedy was found holding one of her young students. Many people interviewed said it was tragic and senseless what happened. All we can do at times of hurt and pain is hold onto God. The Lord is close to them who are brokenhearted. He is a very present help in time of trouble.

The Lord's comforting presence will see

you through anything. Thirty-six years ago my wife and I felt that comforting presence as we lost a young son in a tragic automobile accident in Oklahoma. My grandparent's pastor met us for the first time and he put his arms around us and cried with us. He said I have never faced what you and your wife are going through right now; all I can say is *trust God's word*. People we never had met called and said we are praying for you. They shared our hurt and pain. Jesus bore our griefs and carried our sorrows.

All kinds of political opinions are going forth right now, but what the loved ones in Uvalde, Texas, need is God's comfort. The Lord is the God of all comfort.



PUBLIC NOTICES

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

1941 Dover St
Delano, CA 93215
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
1941 Dover St
Delano, CA 93215
Pedro Flores Jr
1941 Dover St
Delano, CA 93215
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Pedro Flores Jr
Date Statement Filed: 05/09/2022
Date Statement Expires: 05/09/2027
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: C Martinez
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Lalos Gardening Service 2022-B3354

318 C Street
Wasco, CA 93280
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
318 C Street
Wasco, CA 93280
Eduardo Lopez Ponce
318 C Street
Wasco, CA 93280
The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 05/10/2022
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/s/Eduardo Lopez Ponce
Date Statement Filed: 05/10/2022
Date Statement Expires: 05/10/2027
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By: T Fisher
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PUBLIC NOTICE Statement of Abandonment Of Use Of Fictitious Business Name K & S Truck Wash Lost Hills 14601 Warren Street Lost Hills, CA 93249 County: KERN Mailing address of business: 12879 Triton Ln.

Victorville, CA 92392
Sukhwinder Singh
5312 W. Home Ave.
Fresno, CA 93722
Mukhtiar Singh
14601 Warren Street
Lost Hills, CA 93249
Manjit Singh
14601 Warren Street
Lost Hills, CA 93249
I declare that all information in this Statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.)
Business was conducted by: General Partnership
/s/Sukhwinder Singh, Partner
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2021-B6037
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 09/03/2021
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 04/29/2022
Mary B. Bedard, CPA
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/M Hernandez, Deputy
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Fast N Freeze 2022-B2989

805 22nd Ave
Delano, CA 93215
County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
805 22nd Ave
Delano, CA 93215
Fast N Freeze Inc
805 22nd Ave
Delano, CA 93215
Stateof Incorporation or Organizations: CA
The business is conducted by: Corporation
Date the business commenced: N/A
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Saleh, President
Date Statement Filed: 04/26/2022
Date Statement Expires: 04/26/2027
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By: P Del Villar
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Sam's Market 2022-B2990

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County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
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Delano, CA 93215
Delano 76 Inc

2200 Girard St Delano, CA 93215 State of Incorporation or Organizations: CA The business is conducted by: Corporation Date the business commenced: N/A A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.) /s/Saleh, President Date Statement Filed: 04/26/2022 Date Statement Expires: 04/26/2027 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: P Del Villar Publish *Wasco Tribune* May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 2022

1138 W Cecil Avenue
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Delano, CA 93216
Adolfo Ruiz
1138 W Cecil Avenue
Delano, CA 93215
Maria T. Ruiz
1138 W Cecil Avenue
Delano, CA 93215
I declare that all information in this Statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.)
Business was conducted by: General Partnership
/s/Maria T. Ruiz, General Partner
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2020-B4626
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 10/20/2020
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 05/18/2022
Mary B. Bedard, CPA
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/C Martinez, Deputy
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PUBLIC NOTICE Statement of Abandonment Of Use Of Fictitious Business Name Ruiz Contracting 1138 W Cecil Avenue Delano, CA 93215 County: KERN Mailing address of business: PO Box 2528 Delano, CA 93216 Adolfo Ruiz 1138 W Cecil Avenue Delano, CA 93215 Maria T. Ruiz 1138 W Cecil Avenue Delano, CA 93215 I declare that all information in this Statement is true and correct. (A registrant who declares as true information, which he or she knows to be false, is guilty of a crime.) Business was conducted by: General Partnership /s/Maria T. Ruiz, General Partner Original FBN Statement File Number: 2020-B4626 Original FBN Statement Filed on: 10/20/2020 This statement of Abandonment filed on: 05/18/2022 Mary B. Bedard, CPA Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: /s/C Martinez, Deputy Publish *Wasco Tribune* May 26, June 2, 9, 16, 2022

1138 W Cecil Avenue Delano, CA 93215 County: KERN Mailing address of business: 1138 W Cecil Avenue Delano, CA 93215 Adolfo Ruiz 1138 W Cecil Avenue Delano, CA 93215 Maria Teresa Ruiz 1138 W Cecil Avenue Delano, CA 93215 The business is conducted by: Gen-

eral Partnership
Date the business commenced: 12/01/2002
A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)
/s/Maria T Ruiz
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Date Statement Expires: 05/18/2027
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By: C Martinez
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Ruiz Contracting 2022-B3607

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County: Kern
Mailing address of business:
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Delano, CA 93215
Adolfo Ruiz
1138 W Cecil Avenue
Delano, CA 93215
Maria Teresa Ruiz
1138 W Cecil Avenue
Delano, CA 93215
The business is conducted by: Gen-

PUBLIC NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Commission of the City of Wasco will hold a public hearing pursuant to WMC 17.52.020(F) to consider revocation or modification of the Conditional Use Permit for the project described below in this notice. The public hearing will be held on June 13, 2022, at 6:00 P.M. or as soon as possible thereafter in the Council Chambers located at 746 8th Street, Wasco, California.
Project Title: Conditional Use Permit 20-01
Project Description: The project is a Conditional Use Permit approved by the City of Wasco Planning Commission on October 12, 2020, for a wastewater processing facility on a 7-acre parcel within an existing 33,000 square foot industrial building. The wastewater treatment facility was designed to treat industrial, non-hazardous wastewater, which is brought to the facility by truck transportation. Process equipment was installed in an existing industrial building and was designed to process between 100,000 to 700,000 gallons per day (GPD) of wastewater. Wastewater received at the facility is from oilfield operations, including Produced Water and Flow Back Water. The wastewater to be treated will have the following primary constituents:
• Petroleum oil,
• BOD materials,
• Metals, and
• Suspended solids
Wastewater being received at the site is either off-loaded directly into the processing facility or held in portable tanks on the property, to be subsequently piped into the processing facility. All processing equipment and process steps will be within the building. Water is treated in a multi-stage treatment process and then pumped into holding tanks. A Blue Water Resource operator manually initiates the operation of the transfer pumps to move Treated water from the product storage tanks to be automatically pumped to tankers that will haul water off the site.

The facility was proposed to operate 7 days a week with 24-hour workdays. The facility will have 15 full-time employees who will work in shifts. There will be 40-75 tanker truck trips and 10-12 water truck trips to the property per day. The primary objective of the treatment process is to cleanse the water so that it can be sold back to the oil field service companies and re-used in oil extraction operations. Other uses for the treated water include distribution to environmental firms, water resource companies, and other small independent oil and gas producers merchant facilities.
Location: 591 J Street Wasco, CA 93280
APN: 030-020-19
Applicant: BlueWater Resources, LLC (Dundee Kelbel)
CEQA Determination: Mitigated Negative Declaration
The project and supporting documents may be reviewed during normal business hours at the Planning Department located at 764 "E" Street, Wasco, CA 93280. Any person wishing to testify on the above project may appear before the Planning Commission at their hearing of June 13, 2022, or may submit written comments on or before June 13, 2022.
If you challenge this proposal or any aspect of it in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Wasco Planning Department, 764 "E" Street, Wasco, CA 93280, at, or prior to the public hearing.
If you need special assistance to participate in the meetings described in this notice, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (661) 758-7215 to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to these meetings. Telephone (661) 758-7215 or via California Relay Service (Hearing-Impaired Only). Requests for assistance should be made at least two (2) days in advance whenever possible. If you have any questions, you may contact the Community Development Department at (661) 758-7250.
/s/Maria O. Martinez, City Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of: Shirley Joanne O'Dell aka Shirley J. O'Dell aka Shirley Odell aka Shirley Joanne Odell aka Shirley J. Odell Case Number: BPB-21-002509

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Shirley Joanne O'Dell aka Shirley J. O'Dell aka Shirley O'Dell aka Shirley Odell aka Shirley J. Odell
2. A Petition for Probate has been

filed by: Joe T. O'Dell in the Superior Court of California, County of: Kern
3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Joe T. O'Dell be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
4. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.
5. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.)
The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.
6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
a. Date: August 18, 2022 Time: 8:30a.m. Dept.: J-1
b. Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Kern, 2100 College Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93305, Juvenile Justice Center.
7. If you object to the granting of the petition you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.
8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code. Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.
9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.
10. Attorney for petitioner: Tina K. Stout of Patrick E. Jennison, APLC 4520 California Avenue, Suite 200 Bakersfield, CA 93309 661-324-2866
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SPECIAL GRADUATION EDITION

WUHS class of 2022 shines



ABOVE: Leslie Castellon, Melissa Maldonado and Vianey Padilla proudly displayed their diplomas. LEFT: Yvette Campos, with Angel Garcia, said she loved the experience. BELOW: Maria Carranza, with her sister Aleida, said she appreciated her family's support.



VERONI JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

It was a special day for 336 students at the Wasco Union High School graduation ceremony. The event was filled with pride, emotion and lots of happy faces for the accomplishments of the graduates.

"Today, we celebrate the Class of 2022, who faced obstacles but endured the challenges," said WUHS Principal Sunni Dobbs.

In the face of covid, the students' lives were disrupted by on-line learning.

"With the pandemic, we experienced stumbling blocks, but we pulled through it," said Jimena Acosta.

"I didn't think I would make it, but I applied myself. Now I am going to Bakersfield College to major in animal science to be an ag teacher."

Leadership commented on returning to some normalcy.

"The ceremony captured the great spirit that everyone had together in a normal ceremony after three years," said WUHS District Superintendent Robert Cobb.

It was a team effort.

"The entire staff worked

tirelessly for the students to be prepared for tonight," said Cobb.

Parents played a big role in the success of their children.

"I want to especially thank my mom for helping me realize this dream and for giving me the motivation to finish," said Angel Garcia.

Family was proud of and excited for the students.



Maria Gutierrez said she worked really hard.

"Seeing her grow and become a beautiful person makes me proud," said Cynthia Escalera. "I am excited for her because she is starting a new chapter in her life."

"She is going to college and following in my footsteps. I have big hopes for her," said Jesus Ibarra.

"It is exciting to see him move on with his life. He's

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Second chances at Independence

VERONI JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Wasco Independence High School graduation ceremony honored their Class of 2022 with moving speeches and messages of inspiration. Many students struggled academically and personally, but they overcame those challenges to earn their high school diplomas.

"We had 125 graduates from both our continuation and adult education programs. We've never had that many students graduate," said counselor Vianney Gonzalez.

"Even with all of the hardships our students had to face, they were able to complete their diploma requirements. It proves how tight-knit our staff is to ensure that every student gets a second chance to succeed."

Students put in the extra effort to graduate.

"I worked really hard because I was behind in credits, but I could catch up because of WIHS. I feel like they saved me with an opportunity to graduate on time," said Joseph Gamboa.

"I feel wonderful and so happy I was able to come all this way with my baby. I wasn't in school for the last three years, and though I graduated a year late, I still made it," said Kimberly Salazar.

"It's amazing. I feel a big weight lifted off my shoulders. It was difficult to complete 120 credits in just one school year, but I put my heart into it to make it happen. I am excited to see where my future goes from here," said Ava Calhoun.

Some students did not think they would make it, but family and friends were there to support them.

"I pushed them when they wanted to give up. They've been through a lot with both of their parents on drugs, but I stepped in to raise them. It is awesome, and I couldn't be more proud," said Danita Jones of her granddaughter and grandson.

"I overcame not believing in myself to taking a big step in life by graduating."

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Noel Angel Abugan and Ciara Celise Garcia were both student presenters and gave inspirational words of advice to the graduates.

"Today was a huge success for the students because they realized all their hard work was worth it," said teacher Michael Rowland.

"I am incredibly excited for these kids and a little emotional. I am going to miss them. They accomplished a great deal in the face of adversity. It was special to see how proud all of their friends and families were to see them graduate," said teacher Kayla Castillo.

It was historic for WIHS.



Oscar Rivas said he enjoyed spending his special day with family and friends. BELOW: Counselor Vianney Gonzalez, with Leadership President Arturo Perez, said he exemplified all of the qualities WIHS instills in students like respect, honesty and helpfulness.



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A class of second chances



CLOCKWISE FROM TOP LEFT: Stephanie Fuentes said she was nervous but felt accomplished having reached her goal. Principal Rusvel Prado said he was humbled by all of the speakers because they showed their passion for life, family, school and the community of Wasco. Alejandra Alvarado said she was happy having realized her dream, even though there were many times she wanted to give up. Vivica Maston, with her grandmother Danita Jones, thanked her counselors and teachers.

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Thanks to the support of my loved ones and also from WIHS, I now believe anything is possible," said Stephanie Fuentes.

The staff was acknowledged for helping the students realize their goals.

"It is a great day for all of our staff because they put in countless hours to get these students to this point," said Principal Rusvel Prado. "They showed their dedication and

love every day to motivate all the students to get here." The graduates are ready for their next steps.

"It makes me ecstatic to see that they made it, and WIHS has prepared them for the next chapter in their lives. We have instilled values such as respect, not only for others, but for themselves," said Gonzalez.

"Whatever they choose to do with their lives, they'll know that it will be a good path for them if they respect themselves."



Ava Calhoun said the most exciting part was seeing her mother with a smile on her face. FAR LEFT: Teacher Michael Rowland said of the graduates that it was their first day of stepping into the future. LEFT: Kimberly Salazar said she felt wonderful and so proud of herself.



Happy Graduation

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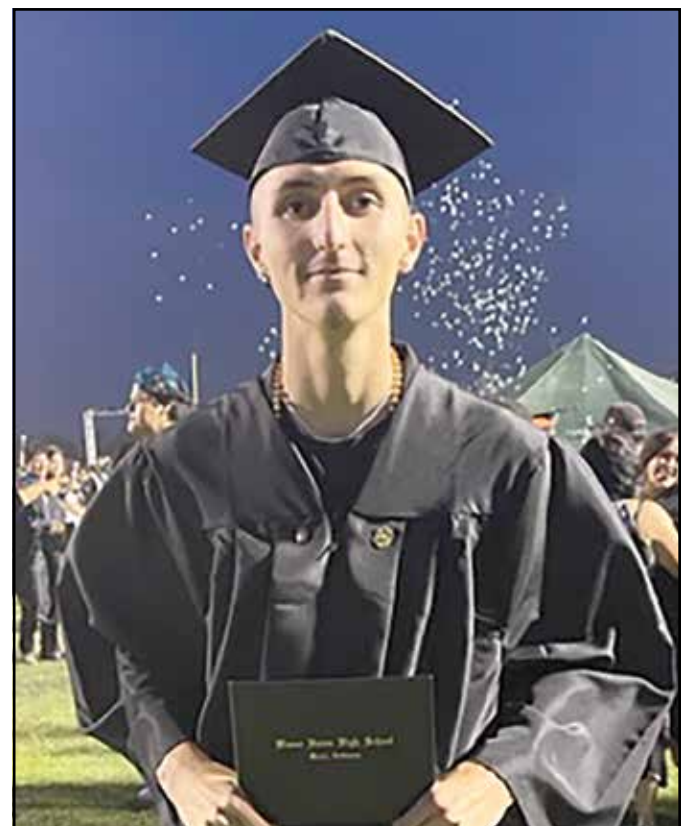
Tigers celebrate their accomplishments



Dalet Reyes said she feels good because she is going to college.

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been a good student and kid. This was a milestone."
 "I am proud of her because she is graduating and going to college. She worked hard these last four years, and it's exciting to see her move on to new adventures," said Brea Navarro.
 The night was one to be remembered, and emotions ran deep.
 "I feel really excited but nervous. It was memorable because I was here with the people I love the most," said Ivy Mariscal.
 "I am happy that we finally did it, but sad I won't be seeing my friends," said Garcia.
 "It was an awesome experience. The best part was when I moved my tassel to the left," said Yvette Campos.
 "There is a surge of emotions right now because I get to celebrate my academic progress," said Vianey Padilla.
 "It feels very unreal and emotional for my friends and the whole graduating class," said Melissa Maldonado. "I can't wait to see what we all will do in the future."
 Students gave credit to their teachers.
 "I look forward to what will come next, and my teachers have prepared me for it," said Dalet Reyes.
 "I am grateful for my teachers for believing in me," said Elijah Guitron.
 The students were left with encouraging words of school spirit.
 "Once a Tiger, always a Tiger," said Cobb.



Elijah Guitron will move on to the military.



Jimena Acosta, with her parents, said she felt "amazing."

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Spanish teacher Rosa Ocampo came to support her students.



Health teacher Luis Acosta said it was exciting for the students to soak in all of their accomplishments with their friends and families.



Eva, Cynthia and Emily Escalera said they were proud of their sister, Clarrissa Marie.



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Micah Jennings Rocha, Anthony Rocha Sr., Malakai Jennings Rocha and Tanya Rocha celebrated a proud moment. RIGHT: Nena Martinez and Nataly Montes said they worked hard to reach their goals.



Next generation of Tigers get diplomas

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Families, friends and staff celebrated the students graduating from Palm Avenue Middle School and Thomas Jefferson Middle School. It was a festive event, and many people attended. "We are very proud of each and every one of these students for their tenacity and true grit to see it through to the end. They not only made it, but they conquered it. The future is bright for them," said Palm Avenue Middle School Principal Dr. Zach Ellis.

It was a joyous occasion for all. "I feel blessed that all of his family is here to see him embark on a new chapter of his academic life," said parent Oscar Gonzalez. "I am just so happy for her and can't wait to see her graduate from high school," said Rosario Delgado of her granddaughter. "Today was amazing. I loved walking across the stage and having all of my family and friends cheering for me," said student Audrina Munoz.

Students overcame challenges.

"I've been through a lot, and my teachers prepared me for this moment. I gave it my all and always tried my hardest," said student Salutatorian Khriz Echeverria.

"It was a rough few years for him. I am so proud he reached this milestone despite the battle to get him here. The fact that he made it makes the whole family ecstatic," said parent Valerie Williams.

"Even though he had many obstacles because his mom and dad separated, he persevered and made a tremendous effort. We are overjoyed for his accomplishments," said family member Norma Rodriguez.

"I feel really great today because I thought I wasn't going to make it, but my parents pushed me. I went from straight F's to graduating," said student Winter Rocha.

Graduates are moving on to bigger things.

"I feel excited that I am entering high school. I put a lot of energy into my studies. I completed all of my assignments and made sure not to procrastinate," said student Ryleigh Gonzalez.

"I got accepted into the Wonderful Program and will begin to take college-level classes. My goal is to attend UCLA and become a nurse."

Graduation marks a new beginning for these students.

"I am a little bit nervous about starting high school, but I know I am prepared for it. I expect to work just as hard to achieve my dreams," said Flores. "I want to go to college and find a career I love."

"The best part about high school is that I will see my friends from middle school and also make new ones," said Echeverria.

"I look forward to high school, and I will



Jonathan Guerra, with his parents, Luis and Maria Guerra, said he was happy that his family came to support him.



Gilberto Pineda Mendez and Roberto Pineda enjoyed the ceremony.

try my hardest to succeed. After graduating, I will go to a university and continue to pursue my education," said Rocha.

Leadership left the students on a positive note.

"I encourage you to think smarter and

work harder. There are no shortcuts or magical solutions. Push your limits, and don't stop there. You are possible class of 2022. Your future is up to you," said Thomas Jefferson Middle School Principal Danny Arellano.



Belen Nunes displayed her graduation diploma with pride

Students worked hard to realize their goals of fulfilling all of the middle school requirements to move on to high school.

"The work was difficult at times. Even so, I always stayed hopeful and tried my best. I could not have done it without the support of my family," said student Jonathan Flores.

"Today is a celebration for all of my efforts to get here. I feel proud of everything I accomplished and look forward to a successful four years in high school."

"It's exciting to see how far I came. I went from all bad to all good. Now I talk about college, and I want a positive life," said student Malakai Jennings Rocha.



LEFT: Winter Rocha was overjoyed with her accomplishment. ABOVE: Salutatorian Khriz Echeverria said he worked hard for his 4.00 GPA. RIGHT: Ryleigh Gonzalez said she is excited to move on to high school.

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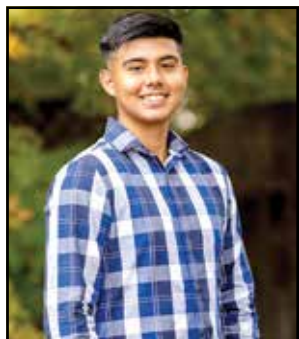
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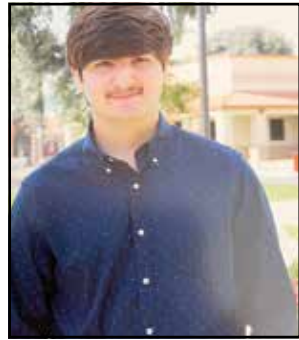
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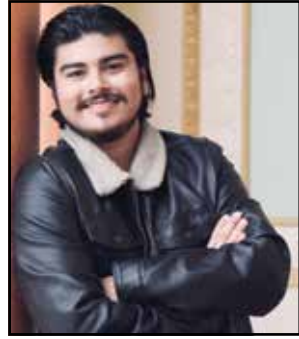
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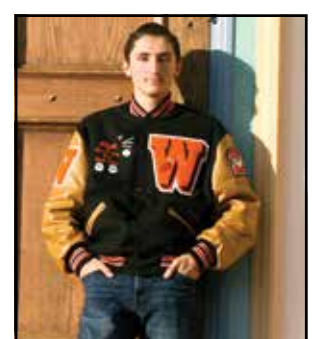
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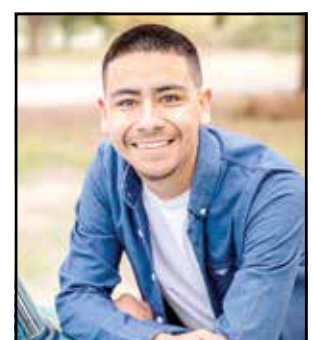
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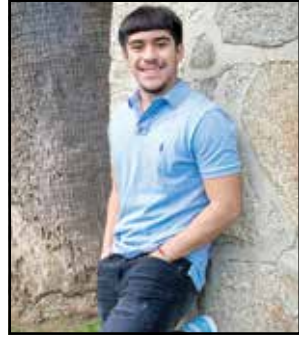
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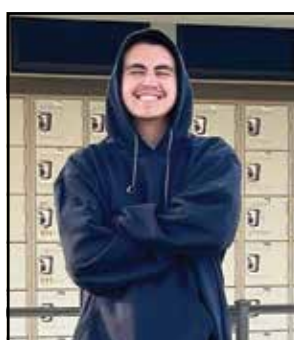
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