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Marking the start of \$30M sports complex

VERONICA JACUINDE

The Press and Tribune

A groundbreaking ceremony on Thursday for The Wonderful Company Community Sports Complex in Shafter was attended by dignitaries and other prominent figures, generating excitement for the project that will feature four basketball courts, three soccer fields, four baseball fields, two softball fields, five baseball batting cages, three universal courts, three handball courts, two large youth/child playgrounds, two barbecue picnic areas, a baseball concession stand, three parking lots and two restrooms.

Construction will begin in December,

with an estimated completion date of 12 to 15 months. The total cost for the 42acre project is expected to be \$30 million.

SRPD District Manager Phillip Jimenez, who grew up next to Rodriguez Park, expressed his passion for parks: "It's a big part of the quality of life, and we need to have an area where kids can have access to baseball fields, softball fields, basketball courts, handball courts and open grass areas for people to hold functions. We also need areas for people to walk in lighted areas that are safe, especially during the winter months."

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Cheers all around as SRPD District Manager Phillip Jimenez gives a thumbs up, surrounded by supporters celebrating the new sports complex.



Runners launch from the start line in a burst of excitement.

SHS Color Run kicks off Rivalry Week

VERONICA JACUINDE

The Press and Tribune

The Shafter Tiger Chase Color Fun Run last Saturday at the SHSl was the kickoff to Shafter/Wasco rivalry week. Yearbook teacher Larissa Davis, who co-organized the inaugural event with student advocacy teacher Sharya Durant, was inspired to start a new tradition that would bring the whole community together. "It was something we had talked about for a couple of years and thought this year was a good year for it.

Around 60 students, teachers, families and friends joined the noncompetitive morning run around the school, getting covered in bright blue and gold powders along the way. "It will get them ready to cheer on our teams, build school spirit and shows that Shafter High's pride runs deep," Davis said.

Alma Ruiz attended the run with her son, Matteo, and daughter, Jackie. "We love doing these runs together," she shared af-



ASB members Alexia Ramirez, Gloria Huestis and Sarah-Jane Osborne had a blast covering runners in blue and gold powder

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ter the event. "Matteo is on the cross-country and swim teams, so I wanted to support him and his school. It's rivalry week, and funny enough, my husband went to Wasco High. Although I'm not from the area, my kids are proud Shafter kids. Shafter is a great community,

and we're excited for the upcoming Shafter/Wasco week."

The event brought out families like SHS social studies teacher Jorge Maldonado, his nieces Kyara and Nairoby Gonzalez Maldonado from Bakersfield, and his girlfriend, Areli Mejia. Mejia said, "The best part was crossing the finish line and

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Shafter Ghost Tour thrills attendees

VERONICA JACUINDE The Press and Tribune

The Shafter Rotary Club held a spine-tingling Ghost Tour fundraiser on Sunday, captivating guests with local

legends and eerie stories just in time for Halloween. The tour began at the historic Green Hotel, where guests boarded a glow-lit school bus that set the tone for the

spooky journey ahead. The bus took attendees on a chilling tour through the Shafter Cemetery and then to the former Dewitt Paradise Labor Camp, the infamous location where Rose Marie Riddle was abducted in 1961. The night concluded at the Shafter Depot and Museum, where guests en-



Enthusiastic ghost guide Blake Goehring led attendees on an adventure filled with local legends.

joyed appetizers and drinks, with some having the unique

pleasure of exploring the museum all to themselves. "The stories we told were based on actual events and firsthand experiences of eyewitnesses," Blake Goehring, one of the principal tour guides and event organizer, said. "Jamie Kirschenmann told the story of the ghost of 7th Standard, while Nancy Goehring shared the tale of a 2006 murder at a cotton gin. Dan Urban recounted a haunting railroad story of a 1973 train wreck that tragically killed four young girls. These stories added an element of fright

and left our guests on the edge of their seats." Rotary Club President Lisa Marie Méndez explained, "Nobody knew what was going to happen. It was a secret, and we wanted it that way to surprise our guests. Blake, who spearheaded the event, has attended many ghost tours and thought it would be a great fundraiser for us, a community builder that would bring some fun back to Shafter. It was wonderful to see people smiling, enjoying the atmosphere and feeling the camaraderie of the event. Having the community involved and supporting our service group meant so much.

"We hope to build on this and turn it into an annual event. It really went off with a bang, and there are plenty more stories left to tell. I think the people of Shafter are eager to learn more. Thank you to all those who supported us. The funds we raised will aid our scholarship efforts and will stay right here in the community."

Chief Fivecoat honored by county peers

VERONICA JACUINDE

The Press and Tribune

Wasco Police Department Chief of Police Charles Fivecoat received the Administrator of the Year award from the Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation for his 50 years of contributions to the law enforcement community and for serving as the key facilitator in the startup of the Wasco Police Department.

"What made me proud was that my peers – the fellow chiefs in Kern County

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 were the ones who voted for me. It was humbling to know that your peers support you that way," he said in an interview.

The 36th Annual Kern County Law Enforcement Foundation Officer of the Year Awards, held on Oct. 10 at the Mechanics Bank Arena, were hosted by comedian Jay Leno, who performed standup comedy while thanking the officers for their service to the community. "It was

wonderful. He was funny – a great come-

dian and a nice, personable guy. It made for a special evening." Other awards were also given out, including Officer of the Year for a courageous officer and Citizen of the Year for individuals who have done extraordinary work.

Taft's chief of police and president of the Chief's Association, Damon McMinn, presented Chief Fivecoat with his award and shared his remarkable background

and accomplishments with the audience.

In addition to his service with Kern Coun-

ty, Fivecoat served as chief of the Shafter

police. He also was a full-time American government and international relations professor at Bakersfield College. A paratrooper in the Army during the Vietnam War, he worked in undercover narcotics and spent 15 years as a member of the Special Weapons and Tactics team, serving as the original scout sniper, team leader and bomb squad leader.

Reflecting on his career, Fivecoat shared some of his proudest moments. "It's been varied. Over the course of 50

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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.-1 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shafter bulky waste collection - Saturday, Nov. 2, 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. at 329 Central Valley Hwy. County Administrative Building, in partnership with Cesar Chavez Environmental Corps and American Refuse. Collecting household appliances such as refrigerators, water heaters, green waste, hazardous waste grills and large household

Park ribbon cutting – Veterans Memorial Park celebration Thursday, Nov. 7, at 749 7th St., Wasco, at 10 a.m. Refreshments and project tours following the ceremony at the new downtown plaza.

16th Annual Christmas Tree Display -Shafter Depot Museum presents "The Lights of Christmas!" If you want to set up a tree or know of anyone who does, contact Stephanie, 661-330-8769, or Stan, 661-747-0324, for more information. We love community involvement and accept last minute entries. Setup for the display will be the first week of December. Trees will be on display Saturdays, Dec. 14, 21, 28 and Jan. 2, 10 a.m.-3

ONGOING

Wardrobe for Wildcats - Semitropic School is seeking donations to provide two full uniforms, school t-shirt and school sweatshirt to each 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.

PRIDE Pantry donations needed - Help hurting families at Shafter High through donations of personal hygiene items, clothing, household items and nonperishable food. Drop off at the school office, 526 Mannel Ave. Call Katie Young at on-campus intervention, 661-746-4961.

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 every 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

Free farmers market - Westside Family Fellowship hosts 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).

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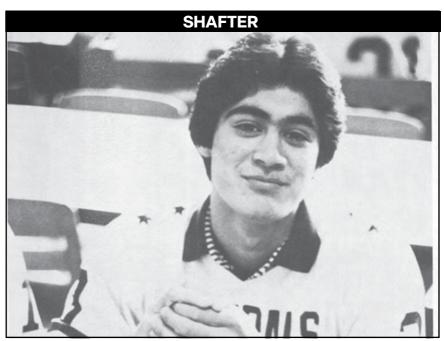
Depot Museum - Shafter Historical Society presents the city's history. Free admittance. 150 Central Valley Highway. Open Saturdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

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

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

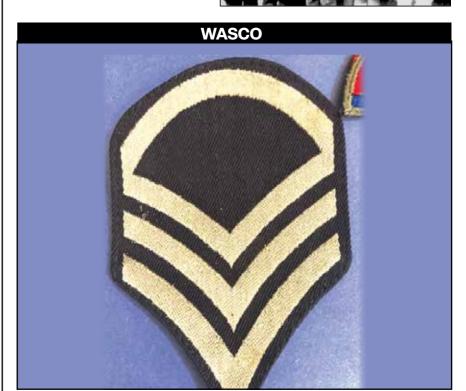
Wasco Museum - Open every second Saturday of the month, 1-3 p.m., at 918 6th St. Free to the public. Wasco High School artifacts from over the last 100 years are fea-

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 mystervphoto@The ShafterPress.com, Winners will be revealed here next week. LAST WEEK: The Ratzlaff brothers, who served in World War I, came from a long-established Wasco family.





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As reported by the Shafter Po

lice Department **OCT. 20**

Allen Parnell Scales, 42, of Shafter, was arrested in the 5000 of Stearman Avenue for inflicting corporal injury on spouse/cohabitant and possession of illegal assault weapon.

OCT. 21

Martha Laura Lopez Gamez, 34, was arrested at Burbank Street and Zachary Avenue for inflicting corporal injury onto spouse/ cohabitant and disorderly conduct: alcohol.

Stephanie Barrio, 31, of Shafter, was Shafter was arrested on Burbank Street and Zachary Avenue for inflicting corporal injury to spouse/cohabitant and disorderly conduct: alcohol.

OCT. 22

Luis Antonio Mendez, 38, of Shafter, was arrested at the corner of Fresno Avenue and Park Lane for giving a false ID and for possession of a controlled substance.

OCT. 24. Juan Jose Flores, 49, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of North Central Valley Highway on an out-

Andrew Martinez, 21, of Shafter, was arrested in the 600 block of Camp Avenue for vandalism over \$400 or more of damage.

side agency warrant.

Brandon James Rapolla, 27, of Shafter, was arrested in the 300 block of Mesa Verde Avenue for shoplift-

OCT. 26

Juan Carlos Munoz, 21, of Shafter, was arrested in the 18200 block of Thomas Lane for child abuse.

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

OCT. 14

Carmen Beatrize Rosas, 49, of Shafter, was arrested in the 18000 block of Beech Avenue in Shafter on a felony warrant. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

OCT. 15

Sarah Knight, 36, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 29000 block of Stockdale Highway in Bakersfield on a felony warrant. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Antonio Diaz Lopez, 32, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 21900 block of Highway 46 in Lost Hills for disorderly conduct, assaulting a peace officer and obstructing/resisting a peace officer. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Anthony Stephen Ridge, 37, of Wasco, was arrested in the 11000 block of Gaylyn Street in Wasco for domestic violence and assault with a deadly weapon, not firearm. He was booked into the Kern County Jail. Mario Valenzuela Mer-

cado, 39, of Shafter, was arrested in the 30100 block of Riverside Street in Shafter on a misdemeanor warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

OCT. 18 Juan Torres, 43, of Wasco, was arrested at the intersection of 6th and H streets in Wasco on a mis-

demeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail. **OCT. 22**

Fernando Quevedo, 26,

of Shafter, was arrested at

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the intersection of Shafter Avenue and San Diego Street in Shafter for robbery, making criminal threats, and on two misdemeanor warrants and a felony warrant. He was booked into

the Kern County Jail. OCT. 23

Bruce Lee Payne, 73, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 20300 block of Tracy Avenue in Buttonwillow on a felony warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

OCT. 24

Daniel Del Toro, 44, of Shafter, was arrested in the 30700 block of Martinez Street in Shafter for being under the influence of a controlled substance. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

As reported by the Wasco Police Department:

OCT. 22

Andy Magallanes, 32, was arrested in the 1000 block of 12th Street on a felony bench warrant and a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Miamonica Flores, 31, was arrested in the 400 block of North Palm Avenue for disorderly conduct. She was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

OCT. 23

Antonio Avila Perez, 39, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

OCT. 24

Andrea Ricardo Balde-

ras, 37, was arrested in the 900 block of Lily Street for false imprisonment and obstructing or resisting a peace officer. He was

booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility. Jose Arturo Bernardino, 20, was arrested at Griffith Avenue and 17th Street on a misdemeanor bench war-

leased at the scene. OCT. 25

Troy Butler Jr, 31, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

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Gary Ramos, 58, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

Velazquez, 47, was arrested in the 1200 block of Pecan Street for a hit and run. He was cited and released on

the scene. Martin Chomochoc, 45, was arrested at the intersection of F and 8th streets for disorderly conduct. He was booked into the Lerdo Jus-

tice Facility.

OCT. 26 Leonardo Arreola, 29, was arrested in the 800 block of 7th Street on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at

the scene. Brenda Mariana Garcia, 41, was arrested in the 800 block of Highway 46 for possession of a controlled substance. She was cited and released at the scene.

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This themed trunk brought smiles to Trunk or Treat.

VERONICA JACUINDE

The Press and Tribune

The Gossamer Grove Trunk or Treat event was a delight, setting a new attendance record with over 300 people and 23 decorated cars. The family-friendly Halloween event, organized by Villagers Inc., has grown each year, drawing neighbors together for a night of festive fun, food and candy, according to the organizers.

Villagers Inc. founder James Osborne appreciated the overwhelming support that helped make the event successful. "We at Villagers Inc. cannot thank our community enough for coming together

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and making this event happen this year. This is why we do this: the smiles on the faces of these kids, the gratitude of the parents, and the support of those who decorate their cars and give their time," Osborne shared.

In addition to enthusiastic community participation, partners CAPK Food Bank, Little Caesars Pizza and Papa John's Pizza provided donations of candy and pizza, which were distributed to attendees throughout the night. "It is because of them that we can feed all the kiddos who come out and give out candy," Osborne said.

Spooky fun awaits at Trunk or Treat

VERONICA JACUINDE

The Press and Tribune

Get ready for a spooky good time at the 5th Annual Trunk or Treat on Thursday, Oct. 31. Residents are encouraged to bring your favorite costumes and enjoy collecting candy at Barker Park, where there will be music and costume contests.

Hosted by the Wasco Recreation and Parks District, District Manager Chris Serna promises a fun-filled experience for kids. "There'll be lots of candy. Kids get the thrill of trick-or-treating, but instead of walking through an entire neighborhood, they quickly visit multiple decorated cars, collecting candy at every stop. This means more treats in a shorter amount of time, which is super exciting for them. Seeing the decorated trunks is like a mini pop-up attraction. Kids love dressing up in their Halloween costumes, and the Trunk or Treat event is the perfect opportunity for them to proudly show off their costumes."

Serna emphasizes that the event is great for families. "This is a free event to the

community; it provides a safe, controlled, secure environment for all, reducing concerns parents might have about traditional trick-or-treating in unknown neighborhoods. The event is organized with safety in mind, ensuring kids can enjoy the festivities in a well-monitored, well-lit area without the risks of street traffic or strangers. The Trunk or Treat event is inclusive and fun for kids of all ages. Younger children can participate in a safe, non-scary environment, while older kids enjoy the festive trunks and costume contests. It's an event the whole family can enjoy together, regardless of age."

The latest Trunk or Treat promises to be new and improved. "This year's event may stand out due to new themes, enhanced entertainment, and larger community involvement – all of which can bring fresh energy and make it a more engaging experience compared to last year. Families who attend will likely notice the effort put into improving the event, making it even more enjoyable for kids and parents alike."

Expect lively music, as DJ S will be on hand. "Music helps maintain a high level of engagement while kids collect candy from decorated trunks. Background music creates an entertaining ambiance that keeps everyone involved and excited. We will have a costume parade with prizes, along with a trunk/booth contest. Lots of dancing and laughter."

The Trunk or Treat is also an opportunity to start or continue family traditions. "Each year, the event becomes something the family can look forward to, from picking out costumes together to enjoying the excitement of the decorated trunks and activities. With creatively decorated trunks and kids in their costumes, it's an ideal event for capturing memorable family photos. Many local businesses, schools, and community organizations participate in these events, and by attending, families help support our community efforts to provide fun, safe and engaging events for residents."

The Trunk or Treat is from 6 to 8 p.m. at Barker Park, 1280 Poplar Ave.



Children in their Halloween costumes pose with Spider-Man at last year's

Trunk or Treat.

Wasco Athletic Hall tribute to champions

VERONICA JACUINDE

The Press and Tribune

The Wasco Union High School Athletic Hall of Fame inducted its Class of 2024 with an intimate dinner and ceremony on Saturday night. The gathering in the school cafeteria honored those who have left a lasting impact on Wasco's sports legacy, bringing together family, friends and former teammates to celebrate their achievements.

The 2024 inductees include Sherril Boyett, recognized for her achievements in football, basketball and track; Beth Holtermann, a standout in volleyball, basketball and golf; Mike Johnson, who excelled in football and wrestling; and Sean Medley, known for his contributions in football and wrestling. Also inducted was Coach Rusvel Prado for his dedication to football, along with Veronica Sanchez for her success in cross country and track, and Kayla Wilburn for her excellence in volleyball and basketball. Rounding out the class is the 2012 football team, celebrated

for their exceptional season. It was a special evening to pay tribute to loved ones, and Karen Holtermann was there for her daughter Beth, who passed away in 2019 of cancer. "This is great. I wish she could be here for this honor. She took no prisoners. She strived to be the best, whether in sports or academics, and



Edward Moreno with the 2024 Miss Wasco Rose Queen, Rihanna Sanchez, who was inducted as part of the 2012 football team.

she wanted her teams to do their best. She was a sports junkie—football, basketball, baseball, hockey, and she loved hockey and golf. She started sports at six years old with the Wasco Recreation and Parks. Then, they opened the Wasco Valley Rose Golf Course, and we would go as often as we could as a family. Sports were always a family affair, and she loved them."

Beth's best friend from college, Kay Hoey, attended from Temecula. "It's nice

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remembering her. She was a strong person and touched so many lives. Even during her hardships, she kept a positive outlook and loved everyone so deeply. I'm beyond grateful to be here tonight."

Coach Jeff Wedel and his son, quarterback Kyle Wedel, were honored as part of the 2012 football team. Jeff shared, "Working with Kyle has always been special because we broke down film every night preparing for games, studying our opponents. By the time he became a senior, he knew what I was going to call, and over the three years, our record was 33 and three. All those years of work resulted in Wasco

High's first Valley Championship title." Another coach of the 2012 Football Team, Donnie Johnson, spoke of the

bonds he formed with the players. "A lot of the kids I coached when they were young, so we grew together and built strong relationships year after year. We were a family. Many of them are here tonight. It feels good to see young men grow into adults. I made an impact in their lives, and they also made a strong impact on mine."

Wasco High School Principal Rusvel Prado was inducted for his significant impact as a coach. His brother, Hector Prado, praised him, saying, "It is a great pleasure. A wonderful memory. A great blessing. A blessing for the Prado family and the Wasco, California, community. A young man with strong opinions, deeply involved in sports. I saw great talent in him, a big heart and a determined fighter - and today we see the result: a great man and a great lead-

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As reported by the Wasco Police Department:

Hector Carmen Moreno Jr, 38, was arrested at the intersection of 7th and E streets on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

Carlos Ignasio Gutierrez Hernandez, 34, was arrested at the intersection of 7th and E streets on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released on the scene.

Monica Flores, 30, was arrested in the 1900 block of

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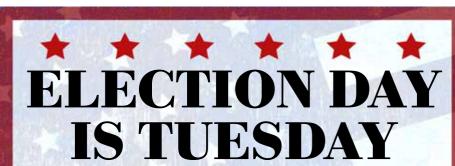
Cressida Court for disorderly conduct. She was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facil-

Dario Saldana Sandoval, 41, was arrested in the 700 block of G Street on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

Martin Homero Gonzalez, 37, was arrested at the intersection of East Lerdo Highway and Zerker Road for driving under the influence of alcohol, making an unsafe lane change and driving without a valid license. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Christopher Davis Perez, 50, was arrested at the intersection of 8th Place and Adams Street for felony parole violation and destroying or concealing evidence. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.

Mario Macias, 55, was arrested in the 1900 block of 1st Street for felon in possession of a firearm, on a felony bench warrant and misdemeanor bench warrant, and for possession of a controlled substance and prohibited person in possession of ammunition. He was booked into the Lerdo Justice Facility.



Registered voters can cast their ballots using those received by mail or at their polling places in Shafter and Wasco:

LIVE VOTING Tuesday, Nov. 5, 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Shafter Veterans Building 309 California Ave

Wasco Veterans Hall 1202 Poplar Ave

DROP BOXES Now through Tuesday, Nov. 5, at 8 p.m.

Kern County Fire Station #32 325 Sunset Ave., Shafter

Wasco Branch Library 1102 87th St.

MAIL YOUR BALLOT

Must be postmarked by Tuesday, Nov. 5

If you are registered and did not receive a ballot, inquire at your polling place on Election Day or call the Kern County Registrar of Voters at 661-868-3590.



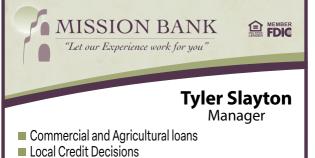
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Ribbon cutting to open new Veterans Park

VERONICA JACUINDE

The Press and Tribune

The City of Wasco invites the community and all military families to a ribbon cutting ceremony to inaugurate and dedicate the newly renovated Veterans Memorial Park and 7th Street. The event will be a tribute to the courage, dedication and patriotism of those who have served and

continue to serve our nation.

'The new Veterans Memorial Park is the renovation of the old 7th Street Park. Our vision was to honor our veterans and their families for their sacrifices," Assistant City Manager Maria Lara said in an interview. "Some of the new elements of the park include a monument with an LED board that we hope to use to promote community events and city activities. There is also a small dog park that will have a jungle gym for the animals. We hope to add benches there and want residents to enjoy it and help us maintain it."

Lara added that the project aims to make downtown Wasco more welcoming and unite the community. "We would love to see festivals and events at the new pla-

The event will also celebrate the first phase of the downtown beautification project, which includes improvements from G Street to D Street, including alleys, parking lots and the new plaza.

The event will be held on Thursday, Nov. 7, at 10 a.m. at 749 7th Street, with refreshments and project tours following the ribbon cutting.

Marking the start of \$30M sports complex

He added that the most exciting aspect of the new complex is starting the process and leaving an imprint on his community: "Being from Shafter and raised here, going through all the schools, leaving for college and returning to give back is an awesome feeling. It's always been a dream of mine to build a park, and thanks to the help of the Lynda and Stewart Resnick family and The Wonderful Company, we can turn our dreams into reality.'

Andy Anzaldo, The Wonderful Company's chief operating officer of corporate social responsibility, said of the company's \$5.5 million donation to the state-of-theart facility - the largest philanthropic gift to a parks and recreation district in Kern County, "When The Wonderful Company considers philanthropic projects, our first priority is to invest in the community where our employees live and work. When we looked at the impact this project could have on these employees, their families, and the families living in surrounding areas such as Wasco, McFarland, Delano and Bakersfield, we saw that it would reach tens of thousands of people there."

He emphasized that the sports complex reflects The Wonderful Company's commitment to health and wellness: "When many people think about health,

Breaking ground on Shafter's new \$30 million sports complex. From left are board members Fortino Valdivia and Nelson Salinas, project consultant Gilbert Garcia SRPD District Manager Phillip Jimenez, The Wonderful Company's Andy Anzaldo, and board members Cristina Camacho, Gary Rodriguez and Amando Chavez.

they think about what happens in the doctor's office. We focus on what happens outside the doctor's office, investing in infrastructure that supports physical activity and healthier behaviors.'

Mayor Chad Givens believes the sports complex aligns with Shafter's long-term goals: "Shafter is driven by healthy families involved in strong communities with a vision of always putting families first."

Givens also sees potential benefits for local tourism: "The city is looking to invest in the mindset of being an iconic destination, which means we're not just looking at what we do locally but also at how we as a city affect our region and state. We want to be the positive influence that creates change for families today and our future tomorrow."

The Shafter Recreation and Parks District board of directors chair, Nelson Salinas, was overwhelmed by the ceremony's success: "I always expected it to be big, but the level of representation from the community and the support really warmed my heart. So far, everyone

ders and seeing everyone's

Alexia Ramirez, echoed

the sentiment, adding,

"Running with my friends

among the clouds smoth-

ered in paint was thrilling. I

was also very honored to be

part of this new tradition in

my senior year because it's

leaving behind something

better. It's a new tradition during Rivalry Week. Every

class has its thing, and this

is our class leaving our high

school mark."

Another ASB member,

involvement.

in the community is thrilled, and I think they are ready to step on the green grass and enjoy themselves."

With the new sports complex, the Shafter Recreation and Parks District will have its own facility, and Cristina Camacho, a member of the SRPD board, expressed her enthusiasm: "Now they can create and grow their programs, providing more opportunities for our children and youth to develop a passion for sports and recreational activities."

Shafter High Color Run kicks off Rivalry Week



les after completing the color run.

Brandi Root enjoyed celebrating with tacos and tama-

being sprayed with blue and gold. It was nice coming together to support the school and the kids.

"It's fun, and as a teacher, it's a chance to connect with my students outside of the classroom and for them to connect with me."

Reflecting on rivalry week, he said, "It's a unique, one-of-a-kind rivalry – literally nationwide – with all the events. It gives us an opportunity to enjoy it and show the community what

Students, like the Associated Student Body President and Miss Shafter Gloria Huestis, were excited about Shafter/Wasco week. "I think it's a good way to create more anticipation and enthusiasm." especially enjoyed

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Wasco chief of police honored by county peers

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years in law enforcement, I've been blessed to work on many projects around the county, but the Wasco Police Department startup was the capstone of my career."

He is most looking forward to continued staff development for the Wasco force and getting the Police Activities League program up and running, along with instituting the Citizens Services Unit, which provides patrols in the community. His vision for the future of the Wasco

department is clear: "We want to continue the philosophy that we established when we launched – we are here for the people, and we want to partner with them. We want them to know we are always here for them."

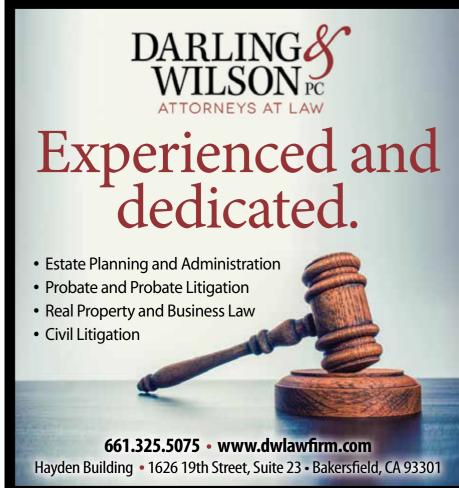
Fivecoat believes it is unfathomable that we all must recognize when it's time to allow someone to move forward. "But I have an absolutely excellent successor for my position: Lieutenant Alecio Mora."

When asked about the impact he hopes to leave on the Wasco community, he said, "I want to restore the public's faith and trust in the dedicated professionals we



have working in law enforcement. Over the past decade, corporate media, social media and shifting social norms have affected the public's perception. For the citizens of Wasco, my goal is to reassure them that when they call for help, we'll be there."









Mariyon Sloan makes a catch for a first down. RIGHT: Adrian Garcia grabs a pass and runs for a TD.

Generals dominate Chavez Titans, 56-0

JAMIE STEWART

For The Shafter Press

Shafter High quarterback Ezekiel Osborn made a triumphant return to the field on Friday night, leading the Generals to a 56-0 rout of the Chavez Titans, keeping the Generals perfect in SSL play, with one week remaining in the regular season.

Mariyon Sloan, who stepped in to quarterback Shafter in Osborn's absence, still had a major impact in the game, moving from receiver, to a back, attacking the Titans in a variety of ways in which they had no answer for.

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Shafter had a 14-0 lead just three minutes into the game, thanks to a strong defensive stand by the Generals, and quick scores from Alex Reyna, who scored on a 46-yard reception, and Sloan, who scored on a 9-yard touchdown reception. The second score was set up by a long pass from Osborn to Tremell Spain.

The Generals' defense shut out the Titans for the entire game. The squad only allowed two first downs from the Titans in the entire first half.

Shafter made it 21-0, still in the first

quarter, when Osborn tossed his third touchdown of the quarter, a 10-yard touchdown pass to Alex Garcia. The Generals closed out the first quarter

with one more score, a 70-yard touchdown pass from Osborn to Spain, giving the Generals a 28-0 lead at the end of the first quarter. The first half ended with Shafter lead-

ing the game, 42-0. In the second half, the Generals kept

the pressure on the Titans, not giving them an inch or an opportunity to score. Meanwhile, the offense scored another

two touchdowns to make the score 56-0. This was with the entire second half being

played with a running clock.

Shafter will close out the SSL season with a matchup against their rivals to the north, the Wasco Tigers. Next week will be filled with activities during lunch, dress-up days and a bonfire. The week will culminate with an Exchange Breakfast at Wasco High, followed by a rally at Wasco, before heading to Shafter, for the second half of the Exchange Rally.

Then, on Friday night, the two teams will meet on the Wasco gridiron to battle for the SSL title, as well as bragging rights for another year in this historic rivalry. Kickoff is slated for 7:30 p.m.

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Ernan Roman Sanchez

/s/Ernan Roman Sanchez

Aimee X. Espinoza

Date

PUBLIC NOTICES

T.S. No.: 2024-10130-CA APN: 028-592-35-00 **Property Address:** 917 NEWCASTLE COURT, SHAFTER, CA 93263

NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 10/16/2021. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. A public auction sale to the highest bidder for cash, cashier's check drawn on a state or national bank, check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, or savings association, or savings bank specified in Section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state will be held by the duly appointed trustee as shown below, of all right, title, and interest conveyed to and now held by the trustee in the hereinafter described property under and pursuant to a Deed of Trust described below. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by the Deed of Trust, with interest and late charges thereon, as provided in the note(s), advances, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, interest thereon, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee for the total amount (at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale) reasonably estimated to be set forth below. The amount may be greater on the day of sale. Trustor: Pedro Gabino Vallarta, a single man and Edwin Pelayo, a single manDuly Appointed Trustee: Nestor Solutions, LLC Deed of Trust Recorded 10/19/2021 as Instrument No. 221197589 in Book -- Page -- of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of Kern County, California Date of Sale: 11/27/2024 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: On the front steps of the City Hall South building at 1501 Truxtun Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93301Amount of unpaid balance and other charges: \$354,744.27 Street Address or other common designation of real property: 917 NEWCASTLE COURTSHAFTER, CA 93263A.P.N.: 028-592-35-00The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address or other common designation, if any, shown above. If no street address or other common designation is shown, directions to the location of the property may be obtained by sending a written request to the beneficiary within 10 days of the date of first

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NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS:

If you are considering bidding

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outstanding liens that may exist

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PUBLIC NOTICE **SHAFTER PLANNING** COMMISSION NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on

November 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, the Shafter Planning Commission will conduct

a public hearing to consider the

following: Zone Code Amendment No. 24-

19: The City of Shafter intends to amend Title 17 (Zoning Ordinance) of the City of Shafter Municipal Code to comply with recent changes to state law that impose new limits on local authority to regulate Accessory Dwelling Units (ADUs) and Junior Accessory Dwelling Units (JADUs).

Said meeting is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Any person wishing to be heard or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of the of these resources, you should be

project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments at or prior to the meeting to the City Clerk at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. Should anyone challenge any proposed action which is the subject of the meeting listed on this notice, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the meeting, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at or prior to the meeting. You are encouraged to observe the Planning Commission meeting live via YouTube https://www. youtube.com/user/CityofShafer/. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item or public comment, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, November 12, 2024, to the City Clerk at CityClerk@ shafter.com. If you wish to make a written comment please submit your comment to the City Clerk, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. If you wish to make a comment during the live meeting by joining the conference via Zoom (include making live comments the public comment period), callers must first register with the City Clerk at CityClerk@ shafter.com before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. All public comments are provided to the Planning Commission and applicable staff, for review and consideration by the Commission prior to acting on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the Planning Commission meeting. October 18, 2024 Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk Publish Shafter Press October 31,

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following: Revised Tentative Tract Map No. 7244 Amendment of Conditions: A request to amend the conditions of approval for Revised Tentative Tract Map No. 7244. The amendments consist primarily of: (1) changing the compliance timing triggers for various conditions, (2) adding a few possible street names to the approved list, (3) providing lot identification changes to be consistent with an approved substantial conformance map, (4) adding requested North of the River Recreation and Park District revisions, (5) updating fiber optic requirements, (6) removing language regarding lift station requirements because they are no longer needed, (7) removing Lot "F" references, (8) removing school site references, (9) removing Homeowners Association references, (10) revising per Senate Bill 937, and (11) including other nonsubstantive changes for clarity. Said meeting is open to the public

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PASTOR'S CORNER

God, government and godly citizens

PASTOR SPENCER CARPENTER

First Southern Baptist Church, Shafter

It's almost time again for Election Day as excitement, political pressure and intrigue reach their height. We all have been bombarded constantly with political ads, calls, mailers, news and interviews all aimed at influencing our vote, which will impact our city, our county, our state and our country. It is a good time to review what the Bible says about politics and Christians.

First, beware of the cult of politics. Politics has the tendency of becoming all consuming, like a religion. And 24/7 media coverage in our time has not helped. News flash: No political party is going to lead to a paradise on earth, and no political candidate will save your soul for eternity. Political solutions are not going to work on spiritual problems. There is only one Savior for eternity: Jesus Christ (John 3:16, 4:42; 1 John 4:14). There is only one perfect person who is going to rule righteously as king, King Jesus (Isaiah 9:6-7, Daniel 7:13-14, John 18:36, Revelations 19:16). Has politics become an idol for you? Are you sacrificing more on the altar of politics than serving and worshiping the Lord Jesus Christ? Then cast the idol of politics away (Exodus 20:3-5, 1 Corinthians 10:14). Second,

government was God's idea, with certain functions and responsibilities (Romans 13:1-7). Gov-

ernment was given and instituted by God for the organization and benefit of all people. God is in complete control of the rise and fall of rulers and governments (Daniel 2:21, 4:32). Government and its leaders are rightly called public servants, because they should serve the people and seek their good, peace and welfare (1 Timothy 2:1-2). Government has been given by God to punish evil and to encourage the good.

Government should safeguard per-



of conscience (Deuteronomy 30:19, Joshua 24:15, Matthew 11:28). The Bible clearly states that all rulers are accountable to God for how they lead (Psalms 2:10-11, Romans 14:12, Revelations 11:18). The government and its leaders should act to protect the vulnerable and oppressed (Psalms 82:3-4). We thank God for the common grace

sonal liberty and freedom

of government.

Lastly, Christians have their own responsibilities under the authority of government. We have the responsibilities of obeying just laws and submitting to leaders (Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 2:13-15), giving honor (Romans 13:7; 1 Peter 2:17) and paying taxes (Romans 13:6-7). Christians should be known as those who pray for political leaders, supporting a good government and godly leaders, zealous to do

good works in the realm of civics for the benefit of all (1 Tim 2:1-2; Titus 3:1). When was the last time you prayed specifically for your political leaders?

We in our context have the privilege and responsibility of exercising our right to vote for candidates closest to the character of Christ and political platforms closest to the righteous standards of the Bible (Psalms 72:1-2; Micah 6:8; Ephesians 4:22-24). We know that every earthly candidate and party falls short of the standards of God. But we are not absolved of the responsibility to influence our government toward righteousness, justice and godliness. It is time for the godly to make their choice known (Joshua 24:15; Psalms 82:3-4; Matthew 5:14-16).

"God cannot sustain this free and blessed country which we love and pray for unless the Church will take the right ground." -

"When the righteous increase, the people rejoice, but when the wicked rule, the people groan." – Proverbs 29:2

OBITUARIES

Phyllis June Pruitt Jan. 3, 1951 -Oct. 26, 2024

Phyllis June Pruit, born Jan. 3, 1951, passed away Oct. 26 in Shafter at the age of 73. She leaves behind her

three children. Eric Hopkins, wife Tammy, Darrell Hopkins and Carie Jackson, as well as her grandchildren, Samantha Hopkins, Ryan Hopkins,

Vanessa Garcia, Amanda Hopkins, Naomi Ruiz, Olivia Ruiz, Rebekah Murrieta, Adrianna Murrieta, Adam Hopkins, Isaiah Hopkins, Dillian Hopkins and Justin Hopkins, along with many great-grandchildren. Phyllis was dearly loved and will be profoundly missed by many.

A Celebration of Life to be announced at a future date.



PET OF THE WEEK Andy needs a loving home

Meet Andy, an adorable 2-year-old poodle with a bubbly personality and soft, curly fur. Found as a stray, he's a gentle, cuddly companion who enjoys being around people and dogs his size. At this time, it's unknown if Andy is house/crate trained, and since dogs aren't tested with children, his behavior around them is also unknown. Andy would love a cozy spot to call his own and a family to share his joyful spirit with. Come meet this sweet boy and see if he's the perfect fit for you. Available for adoption Friday, Nov. 1. –Wasco Animal Shelter



This week's Super Students at Karl Clemens



Karl F. Clemens Elementary School announced its Super Students for the week of Oct. 28. Criteria for selection were based on significant math improvement, showing kindness to all friends, respect and hard work, following class procedures, helping other students understand new concepts and improving learning English. Pictured from left are Principal Anabel Garrison, Alicia Gutierrez (5th grade), Destiny Barrios (4th grade), Kevin Martinez (3rd grade), Mateo Castro (2nd grade), Samarah Guzman (1st grade), Rafael Del Real-Santone (transitional kindergarten) and Vice Principal Angela Devin

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Tigers beat Delano, face Generals next

JAMIE STEWART

For the Wasco Tribune

The Wasco High Tigers got back on the winning track this week with a win over the Delano Tigers, 30-27. It was a tough matchup, with Wasco's high powered offense against the Delano defense. The Wasco defense did a good job of keeping

WASCO

the Delano offense in check for most of

Wasco took a quick lead with the only pass of the game for Wasco. Moroni Carranza caught a pass and ran it 76 yards for

The Tigers took a 30-13 lead into the

locker room. For the night, the Wasco offense gained 346 yards rushing, with 148 yards by running back Hammie Lo-

Delano scored two second-half touchdowns, but the Wasco defense held tight at the end of the game.

The Tigers now gear up for their annual rivalry game against the Shafter Generals. This year's game has the records as 5-0 for the Generals and 4-1 for the Tigers. Wasco can still grab a part of the SSL title with a win over their rivals.

The week will be full of fun Wasco/ Shafter Week activities, culminating with the Exchange Rallies on Friday and the battle on the field, kicking off in Wasco at

CITY OF WASCO

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement **Brightsun Solutions**

1798 Laguna Niguel Ave Wasco, CA 93280 County: Kern 1798 Laguna Niguel Ave Wasco, CA 93280 Jose Angel Perez 1798 Laguna Niguel Ave Wasco, CA 93280 The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: N/A /s/Jose Angel Perez Date Statement Filed: 10/11/2024 Date Statement Expires: 10/11/2029 Aimee X. Espinoza

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk By: M Torralba Publish Wasco Tribune October 24, 31, November 7, 14, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE-**CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER:** SCV-24-000030 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:

Petitioner: Anastasia Franco Villanueva filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows: Present Name

Marcos Lopez Franco Proposed Name Marcos Franco Villanueva

2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without NOTICE OF HEARING a. Date: 12/13/24 Time: 8:30 AM Dept: B

b. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN, 325 Central Valley Highway, Shafter, CA 93263

North Division 3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation:

(for resident of this county) printed in this county: Wasco Tribune Date: 10/11/24

/s/Marcos R. Camacho Judge of the Superior Court Publish Wasco Tribune October 31, November 7, 14, 21, 2024

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 on the project listed below in this notice. The public hearing will be held on December 9, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. or as soon as possible thereafter in the Council Chambers located at 746 8th Street, Wasco, California.

Conditional Use Permit 24-04 Project: El Toro Loco Supermarket is proposing obtaining an ABC Type 20 Off-Sale Beer & Wine License to provide off-sales of prepackaged beer and wine for offsite consumption, in an approved grocery store. Location: 1304 Highway 46 Wasco,

APN: 487-040-42

Applicant: Yousif K Hussein

CEQA Determination: Categorically Exempt pursuant to Government Code Section 15301 Class 1 which exempts licensing of existing uses with negligible expansion of the use. 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 meeting on December 9, 2024, or may submit written comments on or before December 9, 2024.

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 ensure accessibility to these meetings. Telephone (661) 758-7215 or via California Relay Service (Hearing Impaired Only). Requests

at least two (2) days in advance whenever possible. If you have any questions, you may contact the Community Development Department at (661)

for assistance should be made

/s/ Yolanda Tinajero, Deputy City Clerk Date: 10/25/2024

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

Sealed proposals for the work shown on the plans entitled: PROJECT PLANS FOR

WELL 14 TRANSIT GATE PROJECT will be received at the Office of the City Clerk of the CITY OF WASCO. 746 8th Street, WASCO, California, until 2:00 PM on NOVEMBER 14, 2024 at which time they will be publicly opened and read. Proposal forms for this work are

entitled: BID BOOK FOR

WELL 14 TRANSIT GATE PROJECT

General work description:

The work to be done includes, but is not limited to the following: demolition, concrete. steel fabrication, minor electrical all related to the installation of (2) vehicle gates with openers, and (1) man gate, and other items or details not mentioned above, that are required by typical construction and the project plans.

A Pre-Bid Meeting is scheduled for November 5, 2024 at 9:30 AM, at 764 G Street, WASCO, California. This meeting is to inform bidders of project requirements and subcontractors of subcontracting and material supply opportunities. Bidder's attendance at this meeting will not be mandatory.

Bids are required for the entire work

described herein.

Bids must be submitted on the Bid Proposal form provided by the City of Wasco. Each bid must be accompanied by one of the following forms of bidder's security in the amount of ten percent (10%) of the amount bid: (1) cash; (2) a cashier's check made payable to the City of Wasco; (3) a certified check made payable to the City of Wasco; or (4) a bidder's bond executed by an admitted surety insurer, made payable to the City of Wasco. Each bidder must be a licensed contractor as required by law at the time the contract is awarded. The bidder who is awarded the project contract will be allowed pursuant to Public Contract Code Section 22300 to substitute securities for the payment of funds withheld under the contract. In addition, the successful bidder must furnish: (1) a faithful performance bond in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price; and (2) a payment bond (also referred to as a labor and material bond) in the amount of one hundred percent (100%) of the contract price. All bonds must be in a form approved by the City of Wasco and must conform to California law (see Code of Civil Procedure section

995.010 et seq.). All documents

submitted in compliance with the requirements of this bid package and the contract must be scannable and photocopiable. The City hereby invokes its protest right under California Code of Civil Procedure 995.660 for any proposed surety bond submitted in satisfaction of the requirements of this agreement if the submitted bond is not issued by an admitted surety rated A-, VII or better by Best's Rating Service. The contractor shall possess a City

Business License and a Class "A", "B" or "C-13" license at the time this contract is awarded.

This contract is subject to state contract nondiscrimination and compliance requirements pursuant to Government Code, Section 12990. A contractor or subcontractor shall not be qualified to bid on, be listed in a bid proposal, subject to the requirements of Section 4104 of the Public Contract Code, or engage in the performance of any contract for public work, as defined in this chapter, unless currently registered and qualified to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5. It is not a violation of this section for an unregistered contractor to submit a bid that is authorized by Section 7029.1 of the Business and Professions Code or by Section 10164 or 20103.5 of the Public Contract Code, provided the contractor is registered to perform public work pursuant to Section 1725.5 at the time the contract is awarded.

Inquiries or questions based on alleged patent ambiguity of the plans, specifications or estimate must be communicated as a bidder inquiry prior to bid opening. Any such inquiries or questions, submitted after bid opening, will not be treated as a bid protest. Technical questions should be directed to Kameron Arnold, telephone (661)

Plans, specifications and bid documents may be obtained after noon on October 28th via email request to CityClerk@CityofWasco. 746 8th Street, WASCO, CA 93280 (661) 758-7215

Pursuant to Section 1773 of the Labor Code, the general prevailing wage rates in the county, or counties, in which the work is to be done have been determined by the Director of the California Department of Industrial Relations. These wages are set forth in the General Prevailing Wage Rates for this project, available at CITY OF WASCO City Hall, 746 8th Street, WASCO, California, and available from the California Department of Industrial Relations' Internet web site at http://www. dir.ca.gov. The Federal minimum wage rates for this project as predetermined by the United States . Secretary of Labor are set forth in the books issued for bidding purposes entitled "Bid Book," and in copies of this book that may be examined at the offices described above where project plans, special provisions, and proposal forms may be seen. Addenda to modify the Federal minimum wage rates, if necessary, will be issued to holders of "Bid Books." Future effective general prevailing wage rates, which have been predetermined and are on file with the California Department of Industrial Relations are referenced but not printed in the general

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

CITY OF WASCO, CITY CLERK /s/ Maria O. Martinez DATED: 10-21-2024

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