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Six COVID Deaths in a Single Day as Virus Slams Hospitals

BY RICHARD MONTENEGRO BROWN AND JULIO MORALES

The severity in COVID cases appears to be ratcheting up locally as six deaths related to coronavirus were reported among Imperial County's two hospitals on Monday, Nov. 30, according to El Centro Regional Medical Center's chief executive.

Four COVID-related deaths were recorded at the El Centro hospital alone, the most since the

pandemic began locally, chief administrator Adolphe Edward said during an interview with this newspaper Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 1.

A Pioneers Memorial Healthcare District spokeswoman would not confirm that two deaths occurred at the Brawley hospital. Edward, however, said the two other deaths were at Pioneers.

The announcement came as Edward and Imperial County Board of Supervisors Chairman Luis Plancarte joined together

Tuesday afternoon to plead with the public via Facebook Live to adhere to existing state and local health orders in the face of escalating COVID cases, hospitalizations, and, now, deaths.

In a follow-up discussion after the live update, Edward said the hospital's projections are that by Friday, Dec. 4, to Saturday, Dec. 5, there will be around 65 COVID-positive patients admitted.

"Those are the highest levels we've seen, even in the first wave," he said.

Imperial County, and much of the state, is bracing for additional and more stringent stay-at-home orders from the state after Gov. Gavin Newsom warned during a press conference Nov. 30 that more aggressive tactics to stem the rising number of cases throughout the state are being considered.

Although no announcement had come from the state as of Tuesday afternoon, Plancarte predicted during the joint update with Edward that a looming lockdown is inevitable at this rate.

Hospitalizations, and the severity of cases that come along with that, are of particular concern as healthcare officials worry that COVID will overrun resources. While it appears Imperial County has the physical capacity to house more patients, it might not have all the personnel needed to treat them, Imperial County Public Health Officer, Dr. Stephen Munday said during a presentation to the county Board of Supervisors on Tuesday

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Community Considers the Potential of COVID-19 Vaccine

BY CELESTE SILVA ALVAREZ

Holtville resident Molly Estrada said she is hopeful for what a COVID-19 vaccine might mean, and ultimately, what it might prevent.

"There's been a lot of deaths," the 70-year-old Estrada said. "If they say it's safe enough, then I'll take it."

Estrada and her family have experienced firsthand how devastating the pandemic can be as they continue to come to terms with the death of her younger sister, who died from coronavirus in late October.

"She was 68," Estrada said. "That's why I say it's been hard for us."

Based on her age, Estrada's sister was among those individuals with increased risk of contracting severe illness from COVID-19. Older adults, individuals with certain underlying medical conditions, and those pregnant are all at an increased risk of severe illness from the

virus, among others, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

Estrada's hope for a vaccine is a sentiment felt by many Americans who have been personally impacted by the death of a friend or loved one because of COVID-19.

Although most vaccines can take years to reach the general public, thanks to new guidelines released by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, which vets and approves new medical products, an emergency use authorization may soon allow for the use of two newly developed vaccines.

Through this FDA authorization typical protocols may be bypassed allowing for a new vaccine to be distributed if "the known and potential benefits of the product, when used to treat COVID-19, outweigh the known and potential risks of the product and that there are no adequate, approved, and available alternative treatments," according to FDA's emergency use authorization statement.

Two companies are currently vying to have their COVID vaccines be the first approved in the United States. Pfizer and its partner, BioNTech, filed for an emergency use authorization for their vaccine on Nov. 20. Only 10 days later, Moderna filed to have its vaccine be reviewed.

On Dec. 10 the FDA's Vaccines and Related Biological Products Advisory Committee will meet to consider Pfizer's EUA application for individuals age 16 and older, with an additional meeting planned for Dec. 17 to review Moderna's vaccine application.

California is set to receive about 327,000 doses of vaccine shipped in the next week or so, to be available first to healthcare workers and first-responders who deal directly with the ill, such as paramedics and EMTs, in what public health officials are calling Phase 1A of a public vaccine distribution plan, according to Imperial County Public Health Officer, Dr. Stephen Munday.

"I'm very happy to tell you that whenever it will be available



Two unidentified men in face coverings come and go at the Holtville Post Office on Monday, Dec. 1. Life goes on for many people as a second wave of COVID-19 surges across the United States and is escalating rapidly in California. Soon, a limited amount of vaccine to prevent against coronavirus is expected to make its way to Imperial County for targeted groups at first, and to a wider population in the ensuing months. Members of the community are both hopeful and skeptical of a vaccine. | CORISSA IBARRA PHOTO

for the retail pharmacy, we will be one of the locations to provide the vaccine," said Anuj Shukla, pharmacist and owner of Parkers Pharmacy in Holtville.

Although Shukla understands

that most first-line workers, first responders and others with an increased risk for the virus will

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Holtville Teen to Use National FFA Office to Promote Leadership

BY JULIO MORALES

Ever since Holtville resident David Lopez was just a boy, he has enjoyed being kind to others and helping put a smile on their face.

His actions would lead his mother to conclude early on that her only son and the second oldest of her three children was born to be a leader.

Nor have the intervening years proven her wrong. Before his 2019 graduation from Holtville High, Lopez served as president of the campus' FFA

chapter, as well as a state sentinel for California FFA's 2019-2020 team.

Today, Lopez serves as the National FFA Western Region vice president, after being selected during the organization's 93rd annual National FFA Convention, held virtually from Oct. 27 to 29.

He is the state's 28th FFA member to be elected to the organization's national office, the first Latino officer to be elected from California, and the only Valley student to hold a national

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DAVID LOPEZ

IID Leaders Recommend Looking to County for Energy Bill Assistance

BY ELIZABETH VARIN

With delinquent accounts for energy usage topping \$12.3 million since the start of the pandemic, something has to change, says Imperial Irrigation District leadership.

The district has a moratorium on shutting off people's power since the pandemic hit, but leaders are seeing that the problem has not gotten better, only worse.

"Just to let the community know, we've been holding off on doing anything for quite a while,

understanding the conditions of our customers financially, coupled with the high demand of our heat season where a lot of energy is used," General Manager Henry Martinez said. "We've been very carefully monitoring this situation, but it has come to a point where something has to change. Otherwise it's going to get worse and we'll find ourselves in a hole we can't get ourselves out of."

As of Monday, Nov. 30, there are more than 45,000 accounts that are in delinquencies, district

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Holtville Approves Request of COPS Program Funds

BY JULIO MORALES

The Holtville City Council recently approved two separate resolutions authorizing the request of allocated state grant funds that will be used to pay for police services.

The grant funds come from the state's Citizen Option for Public Safety and are administered locally by the Imperial County Executive Office.



An annual amount of \$100,000 is allocated for the city through the COPS program and must be formally requested from the county CEO. One of the council's resolutions authorizes the city to request the funds to be used in the current fiscal year.

The approval of the second resolution authorizes the request of an additional \$64,181 in "growth" funding that was recently made available and to be used to offset expenditures from fiscal 2019-20.

Plans call for funds to be spent in compliance with Assembly Bill 3229, passed in 1996 and which permits the monies to be spent on personnel costs.

"As in past years, it is recommended that the request be made to offset 'law enforcement officer salaries,'" the Nov. 23 agenda item report stated.

Woman's Club Of Holtville Community Birthdays

- DEC. 03: Carter Jude Weideman, Richard Baro, George Pacheco, Sadie Rubin, Kaya Allyn Denton, Joanna Hoff, Donovan Johnston.
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- DEC. 05: Jonathan Ramirez, Alexi Hernandez Bingham, Marvin McDonald†.
- DEC. 06: Joe Rothfleisch, Cameron Lyerly, Ellison Turner, Margie Garcia, Ernie Garcia, Jr., Nancy Turner, Nicky Martinez.
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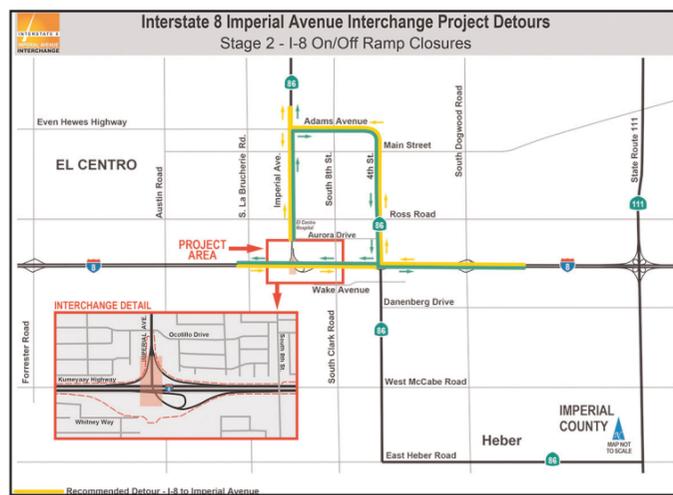
Construction crews will close the westbound Interstate 8/Imperial Avenue ramps on Thursday, Dec. 3 at 9 p.m., which will leave the eastbound and westbound I-8 ramps at Imperial closed for six to eight months for Stage 2 work on the I-8/Imperial interchange project, according to a press release from the state Department of Transportation.

Motorists on Interstate 8 will be detoured along northbound Highway 86/Fourth Street to Adams Avenue west to Imperial Avenue, according to the Caltrans release.

Access to businesses and medical facilities will continue via the detour, the release stated.

Caltrans asks community members to pardon noisy pile-

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Stage 2 of the project will include closing westbound I-8/Imperial Avenue on and off-ramps for the remainder of the project, which will be six to eight months. There will be no access from eastbound/westbound Interstate 8 to Imperial Avenue and no access from Imperial Avenue to eastbound/westbound Interstate 8. A portion of Imperial Avenue will be closed adjacent to the intersection with no through-access northward or southward of the closure. Motorists on Interstate 8 will be detoured along Fourth Street/Highway 86 located east of Imperial Avenue. | CALTRANS IMAGE

County Court System Rolling Back Amid COVID Surge

STAFF REPORT

The Imperial County Superior Court began implementation of its "Restoration of Full Services Plan" several months ago when the COVID infection rates had dropped significantly from the spring and early summer. The plan contained six phases and the courts are now in Phase 2, according to a press release from the court system.

However, due to the recent increase in COVID rates, the court will move from Phase 2 back to Phase 1.

Therefore, effective Wednesday, Dec. 9, family law, family support, and traffic matters will be remote only (with case-specific exceptions by individual judges). Small claims



cases will be continued into January and will not be heard at this time. Notices are being sent out regarding these changes.

The court will continue to hear certain civil matters, probates, guardianships, and conser-

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(Originally aired on October 2019)

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El Valor del Sueño Saludable para la Salud Mental
(Originalmente transmitido en octubre 2019)

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IID Approves Labor Agreement on Split Vote; Some Unhappy with Decision

BY ELIZABETH VARIN

Projects bid by the Imperial Irrigation District may soon have some new rules in place. But it was far from a unanimous decision.

The district Board of Directors voted 3-2 in favor of the project labor agreement presented at its meeting Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 1, the same agreement that garnered nearly four hours of debate during a special meeting Nov. 23.

A project labor agreement is a pre-hire collective bargaining agreement with one or more labor groups that establishes employment conditions for specific construction projects.

The district's agreement is a 10-year agreement that covers any construction projects estimated to cost more than

\$750,000.

President of the Board Norma Sierra Galindo, Vice President Alex Cardenas, and outgoing Director Erik Ortega voted for the agreement, while outgoing Director Bruce Kuhn and Director Jim Hanks voted against it.

Kuhn said he would have been in favor of the agreement if the threshold had been raised.

"I'm still not against the PLA," he said. "This thing could be made equitable for all with the stroke of a pen, and it could work for the non-union small contractors that have been faithfully taking care of the district for years on the smaller contracts. The bigger contracts, they've been union companies and God bless them. The bigger projects, the impact will be negligible.

"With the stroke of a pen, literally, if we raised that threshold

from \$750,000 to somewhere more like \$1.5 to even \$2 million, that would allow the non-union contractor who have served the district faithfully for years and years and years to get a little bit of what they're about to lose," he added. "I don't back down from supporting the PLA, and I'm not trying to serve two masters here, but I think it would be a hell of a lot more equitable if that threshold had been put at \$1.7, maybe \$2 million. That would have taken care of about 90 percent of that small stuff."

Hanks had other worries about the agreement, such as it being too vague in some areas.

"To me we are being asked to approve an agreement that will create barrels of litigation," he said. "The language is vague and non-specific, leaving the door open to manipulation and (to) challenge what is in the contract.

"Individual board members should be commended on their concern for quality of life, but not for employees from out of the district and not for union groups. That is not our mission," Hanks added. "I've supported more PLAs than any board member in the history of IID. On a case-by-case basis where ratepayers interest was the driving force because of the site, scope, threats, and timeline demands of a project. And I still would.

"Personally, I have lost confidence in management's duty of care and it's ability to lead," Hanks said. "Count to three and block opportunities to voice dissenting opinions from fellow board members and the public have now replaced policy."

Other directors disagreed.

Ortega, who was on the committee that negotiated the agreement, said he is in favor of mov-

ing forward with the agreement as presented.

"I'm for this agreement because for once it raises the bar in the Imperial Valley instead of lowering it," he said. "The contractors do not really believe a PLA will raise the cost of projects at the IID. They're opposed to it because they're afraid of it, that it will raise their cost, and they should be honest about it.

"We've heard a lot about equity this year at the IID, and I'm sure that it will become a continuing theme in the years to come," he added. "I won't be on this board after today, but if this agreement is adopted, the IID will be working to promote basic equity for workers and their families for the next decade. And I hope for generations after that."

Report on Traffic Death of Migrant by Border Agent Still Pending

BY RICHARD MONTENEGRO BROWN

A short funeral service will be held in Colton on Friday, Dec. 4, for the migrant who was struck and killed by a U.S. Border Patrol agent outside Calexico, and the next day his body will be sent home to his mother in San Francisco del Rincón, Guanajuato, Mexico, according to an extended family member.

Meanwhile, a San Diego-based attorney is in the process of being retained by the mother of that migrant, 21-year-old Heli Daniel Segura-Avina, who was struck by the agent the night of Nov. 6 and died a few hours later in a Palm Springs trauma unit.

All of this comes several weeks before a final report is scheduled to be completed by the California Highway Patrol on the collision that took place on Anza Road east of Bowker Road on the outskirts of Calexico.

A Highway Patrol public information officer out of the El Centro station said there is no timeframe on the completion of the report, yet the attorney for the family of Segura-Avina said on Monday, Nov. 30, that he was told the report would be done in three to four weeks.

The case is also reportedly being investigated by the Mexican consulate's office, but the consul in Calexico, Ricardo Navarrete, did not return messages left with his office last week.

There seems to be some dispute as to where Segura-Avina was at the time he was struck and killed, and that is what the attorney, Eugene Iredale, hopes to learn after the completion of the report.

Border Patrol officials said the agent claimed Segura-Avina was laying in the road at the time of the collision, but an initial report by the Highway Patrol suggests Segura-Avina might have been upright and moving when struck.

"That autopsy will show us injury and impact on the body and give us a real understanding of whether he was laying down or standing up," Iredale said.

The autopsy was conducted by a Riverside County medical examiner because Segura-Avina died in Desert Regional Medical Center in Palm Springs after he was transported there by air ambulance helicopter. Riverside County officials confirmed Segura-Avina's identity and the fact he was believed to be an undocumented immigrant.



HELI SEGURA-AVINA

He died from blunt-force trauma and compound-fracture injuries, according to the report of responding Highway Patrol Officer Cuauhtémoc Beltran.

Details into the Accident

Sometime around 8:40 or 8:45 p.m. Nov. 6, a U.S. Border Patrol agent, who was not identified by either the Highway Patrol nor U.S. Customs and Border Protection, was traveling east on Anza Road in a Ford F-150 Raptor pickup when he struck Segura-Avina, according to the Highway Patrol report from

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of Phase 1 as well, according to the release.

Attorneys should contact the court at court@imperial.courts.ca.gov to obtain passwords for Go To-Meeting appearances. Court Call will still be available for all civil matters. Attorneys are encouraged to have their clients appear remotely as well. There will be kiosks available at the courthouses for parties who cannot appear remotely on their own and for criminal cases in which defendants have been ordered to appear at the court.

The court will continue to conduct criminal jury trials. The Imperial County District Attorney, on behalf of the people of the state of California, and defendants have statutory and constitutional rights to have hearings and trials in courtrooms where witnesses can be questioned and confronted. The court has conducted several jury trials over the past several months and has taken and will continue to take safety precautions to do its utmost to ensure the safety of the attorneys, litigants,

witnesses, and staff. In fact, the court has been complimented by many jurors and others who have entered our courthouses on the significant safety protocols in place to protect all who enter, according to the court system's press release.

"The Imperial County Superior Court will continue to provide as much access to justice as is humanly possible during these unusual times. This court has not closed to the public during the pandemic and will not close. Courts are considered essential services and are here to conduct hearings to protect the public and guarantee constitutional rights to defendants who are presumed innocent until proven guilty; to hold hearings in juvenile cases that effect the safety of children and their rights as well as the rights of parents; to conduct family law hearings that involve the rights of parents and children; and to conduct as many other types of cases as we can to ensure access to justice to the residents of Imperial County," the release stated.

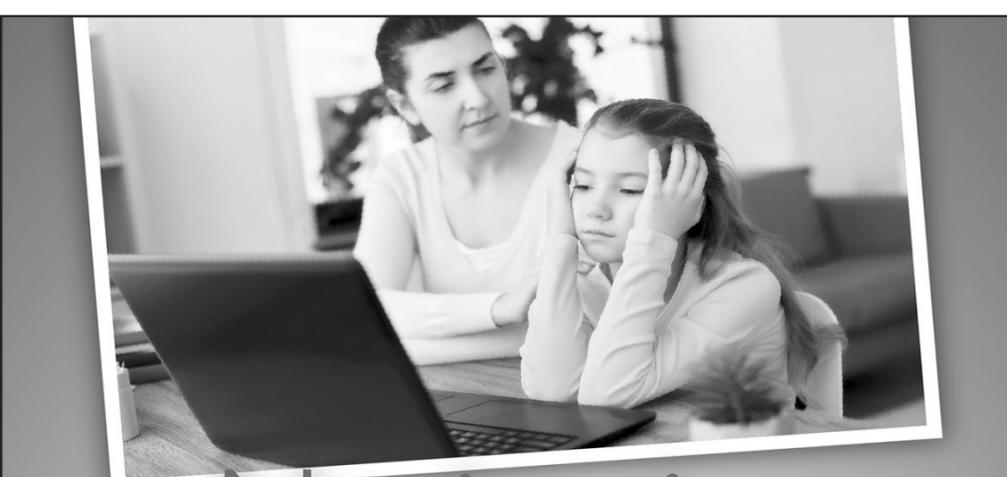
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-driving work continuing the next two months as crews work weekdays 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. Work will take place within the closed construction zone, away from motorists.

The project schedule has been advanced, and the interchange is expected to open to traffic in late 2021 or early 2022, with associated work continuing through 2023.

The I-8/Imperial Avenue interchange project removed the existing bridge and eastbound on- and off-ramps, and will reconstruct the structure and the on-

and off-ramps in both directions. Construction will include a new entrance loop ramp from southbound Imperial Avenue to eastbound I-8 and create access to the city of El Centro's upcoming extension of southbound Imperial Avenue to city areas south of I-8. Project construction began spring with Stage 1 closures of the eastbound on- and off-ramps beginning early July for eight to 10 months. Stage 2 requires closing the entire interchange for six to eight months, according to the Caltrans release.



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Imperial County Supervisors' Chairman Luis Plancarte (left) and El Centro Regional Medical Center Chief Executive Officer Adolphe Edward appear during a joint press conference/Facebook Live COVID update in front of a medical tent at El Centro Regional on Tuesday afternoon, Dec. 1. VIDEO SCREEN CAPTURE

morning. As an example, he said the Alternate Care Site at Imperial Valley College, which is alleviating some of the patient load from the two hospitals as it takes in less severe COVID cases on the mend, is built to serve 80 patients, but he said it does not have the staff to treat those 80 patients at present. There were 18 patients in the ACS on Dec. 1 and enough staff on hand to treat a total of 30, stated county Public Health spokesperson Maria Peinado in an email. There were 20 patients in the ACS on Wednesday, Dec. 2. In terms of daily census numbers for the hospitals, El Centro Regional had 62 COVID-positive patients in the hospital on Nov. 30, 56 on Dec. 1, and 58 on Dec. 2. Pioneers had 26 COVID cases on Nov. 30 and 21 on both Dec. 1 and Dec. 2. Meanwhile, Imperial County had 1,046 active COVID cases, for a total of 16,429 COVID cases, as of 10:30 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 2. The county's surveillance dashboard still showed 356 deaths; the six new deaths likely won't be reflected in that county for a couple of weeks due to delays in death reporting. The county had a positivity rate at 29.83 percent and 88.41 per day per 100,000 residents (unadjusted), also as of Dec. 2. "We're quite high in terms of deaths and cases for a county of our size," Public Health Director Jeanette Angulo said Tuesday morning. Of the high number of cases per 100,000 residents, Angulo added, "Unadjusted tells the true activity in our community." While Imperial County awaits word of more stringent measures, Mexicali is already preparing for a tightening of restrictions. An increase in hospitalizations and deaths prompted Baja California Secretary of Public Health Alonso Pérez Rico to announce on Dec. 1 that more restrictions can be expected across the state. "Right now, everything indicates we're going to transition to the red (tier)," Pérez said in a video clip that was broadcast online by Mexicali-based news station Canal 66. Mexico has a four-tiered colored system that corresponds with varying levels of restrictions, with red being the most restrictive, solely allowing for the operation of essential businesses and for residents to take walks nearby their homes. Pérez said officials are going to evaluate the department's next steps but assured the public that not all activities that are currently permitted would come to a complete standstill. He did indicate, however, that the number of patrons inside venues and forums would be further restricted, but not completely shuttered. As of Dec. 2, the city of Mexicali had 354 active cases, a total of 11,437 positive cases and 1,790 deaths to date, the state's website reported. Also, on Nov. 30, Mexicali Mayor Marina del Pilar Ávila Olmeda

shared a video on her Facebook page encouraging residents to remain indoors as much as possible and to refrain from hosting and attending large gatherings in the coming weeks. "The hospitals are dangerously close to filling," Ávila said. Her announcement also included a telephone number for residents to call to report large gatherings that are not permitted under the more restrictive red tier. Ávila's message to her constituents are nearly exact to what Supervisor Plancarte asked of Imperial County residents Tuesday afternoon with Edward by his side. "We understand that these are very difficult times for everybody, especially with the season where we are used to gathering and coming together as families. As a county ... our goal is to do everything we can to keep you safe, to keep you healthy, to help you help us keep you healthy," Plancarte said. "COVID is not like a grasshopper, where it jumps from one to place to another, or a mosquito that flies. COVID is something that depends on us to transport it to where it's going," he said. "It depends on us taking it to people, it depends on us getting it from people." Plancarte reminded the public that the county has stay-at-home orders already in place against nonessential travel within the community. "It is you that are watching us who can break this chain by staying at home, by sheltering at home," he said. "There's a stay-at-home order for all nonessential travel that we should all be aware of." He went on to define essential travel within the community as going to and from work, getting medicine, or groceries. Other than that, he said, people should be staying home and avoiding large crowds and large gatherings. Plancarte said the county of Imperial, with more than 1,000 employees, is already undergoing measures to limit exposures in the workplace, encouraging employees to telecommute, and only bringing in half of the staff members for morning shifts and half for afternoon shifts. He also cited the holidays, saying Thanksgiving has passed and county public health officials expect a bump in COVID cases due to people from outside their immediate homes gathering. But he said with Christmas and New Year holidays upon us, "there's the opportunity to protest us, to protect our families, to protect our loved ones." Simple ways to further that protection, he added, is to continuing using face coverings worn properly over the nose and covering the mouth, washing hands or using hand sanitizer when soap and water are not available, physical distancing of at least six feet apart, staying at home, and avoiding large crowds. Although allowed across the state in the purple tier, Plancarte was frank about what public health officials are seeing when people are gathering at restaurants, even in an outdoor setting.

"We have seen a lot of people, who do not live together that are friends that meet at a restaurant, and then they take that mask off so that they can share that meal and talk, creating those opportunities to transmit COVID, taking it home to your loved ones," he said. During a follow-up discussion Dec. 1, Edward spoke more on the projections his hospital is seeing with additional holidays on the horizon. He said the end of the

week will begin to produce that Thanksgiving holiday bump, which results some seven to 10 days after the holiday. He fully expects that Christmas, New Year's Eve, and New Year's Day will result in even more cases of COVID. "We're asking the public now to do a little bit more," he said. Talk of pandemic fatigue among the public has been a regular thing for some time, as people continue

to defy health orders, but Edward talked about the effect that he is seeing of pandemic fatigue on his own medical staff, and that is a concern, he said. Edward has seen medical staff come up positive with COVID after they admit to going out and decompressing with family, and as conditions worsen locally, he said he is worried that his own staff of doctors and nurses will begin to fall ill because of fatigue.

Accident.....from page three

Officer Beltran. Before Beltran's initial report was released to the media on the morning of Nov. 9, Customs and Border Protection issued its own statement on the incident on Nov. 7.

In the Customs and Border Patrol statement, the agent claimed the man was laying in the road at the time of the collision.

An agent assigned to the El Centro Sector's Calexico station was apparently responding to an "illegal entry of individuals into the United States from Mexico" about 8:40 p.m. when the agent, while responding to the area in his vehicle, "was unable to avoid colliding with an individual laying in the road," according to the CBP statement emailed to media by El Centro Sector Special Operations Supervisor Agent Jorge L. Rivera-Navarro.

Beltran's report, however, indicated the man who was killed was apparently moving across eastbound Anza Road in a northerly direction at the time of the collision. It specifically uses the term "traveling," which was affirmed by a Highway Patrol spokesperson the morning of Nov. 9.

However, during a subsequent conversation with California Highway Patrol Public Information Officer Arturo Platero Jr. on Nov. 10, he said a final determination on the details into the collision are still under review and investigation by both agencies.

After speaking with Border Patrol officials further, Platero said, "It appears the subject was on the ground at the time of the impact."

"The U.S. Border Patrol is working with relevant authorities to identify the individual. (Department of Homeland Security Office of Inspector General) was notified and is conducting its assessment. The



California Highway Patrol and U.S. Border Patrol personnel and vehicles are present at the scene of an accident in which a Mexican national and undocumented immigrant was struck and killed by a Border Patrol agent's vehicle on Anza Road east of Bowker Road on the outskirts of Calexico on the night of Nov. 6. PHOTO COURTESY OF IMPERIAL VALLEY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND FIRE

California Highway Patrol is investigating in coordination with CBP's Office of Professional Responsibility, which will also review this incident," according to the CBP statement from Nov. 7.

"As the investigation develops and more details are released, we will update," stated Rivera-Navarro in the Nov. 7 email.

Customs and Border Protection did not immediately respond to a request on Tuesday, Dec. 1, for an update into the investigation.

Rivera-Navarro on the morning of Nov. 9 was asked to offer clarity into the initial conflicting reports between the CBP statement and the initial Highway Patrol media release.

"The Border Patrol is cooperating with all the agencies investigating this incident. At this time, we have no further comment as this is an ongoing investigation. An official report will be generated by those investigating agencies and released at the conclusion of their investigation," Rivera-Navarro stated Nov. 9.

More on Heli Daniel

Segura-Avina Although few details about Segura-Avina were available, Iredale said the 21-year-old was not married and had no children, one of the reasons the attorney said he is being retained by the man's mother to represent her.

And while Segura-Avina is a Mexican national, he does have family in California, said Olga Avina, who is related to the man through marriage.

The brief, two-hour Colton funeral service is being held so Segura-Avina's brother and other stateside family members can say their goodbyes before his remains are sent back to San Francisco del Rincón on Saturday, Dec. 5, Olga Avina said.

Olga Avina is who originally contacted this newspaper through email a few days after the accident to say that the Highway Patrol had listed Segura-Avina's home state in Mexico incorrectly. The report stated he was from Nayarit when he is from Guanajuato.

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Chief Financial Officer Catherine Belen Valenzuela said. It totals more than \$12.3 million in charges that have not been paid.

If the district were disconnecting customers for not paying their bill, there would be 9,204 accounts ready to disconnect at the end of November, Valenzuela said. Just over half of those, 54 percent, are in the Coachella Valley, and 46 percent are in the Imperial Valley.

That number is compared to 3,666 accounts in November 2019 that were on the disconnect list, according to Valenzuela. The total amount of delinquent accounts was just over \$1 million last year, where it is at more than \$4.6 million now.

It takes some time, usually several months, for a customer to be on the disconnect list, IID spokesperson Robert Schettler said. The district does a lot of outreach trying to contact customers, let them know of the assistance that is available and get them on a payment plan before they fall onto the disconnect list.

There are more people who are delinquent on their account and have not paid in more than 31 days, he said.

There are programs in place that can help customers facing issues paying their bill, including a new one from Imperial County, Martinez said at the Tuesday, Dec. 1, meeting of the IID Board of Directors.

County officials have set aside \$1 million for the Imperial County COVID-19 Electricity Relief Program. The application is available at <https://bit.ly/COVIDUtilityRelief>

Others have presented plans to help the IID after discussion first started of collecting the unpaid money.

BY THE NUMBERS

\$12.3M

Total value of delinquent energy accounts since the pandemic began through Nov. 30

45K+

Number of delinquent IID accounts since pandemic began through Nov. 30

9,204

IID customers who could have had their power cutoff at the end of November with the district's current moratorium on disconnections

54% vs. 46%

The percentage of Coachella Valley-based IID accounts (54 percent) to Imperial Valley accounts (46) that could have been disconnected as of Nov. 30

On Nov. 25, the Imperial Valley Community Health Coalition, a union of numerous non-profit entities, proposed a two-part plan to avoid utility shut-offs during the current COVID-19 surge, drawing on the model for eviction moratoriums recently passed by the Legislature.

At a Nov. 16 meeting of the Imperial Irrigation District Energy Consumers' Advisory Committee, members voted against the proposal to reinstate a regulation that would disconnect customers' electric services for 9,486 delinquent accounts between March and December 2020, but urged committee members to bring forward a plan that would address a \$10 million deficit in the IID budget and create a pathway for repayment for impacted consumers during COVID-19.

The I.V. Community Health Coalition proposed a plan that adapts the terms of the California eviction moratorium (Assembly Bill 3008) to address the impact of COVID-19. The two-part plan establishes an automatic standard repayment plan for "delinquent" accounts from March and December. It ensures customers are not shut off on the basis of nonpayment and enrolls them on a 12-month repayment plan beginning April 2021, according to a coalition press release dated Nov. 27.

For struggling consumers after January 2021, the proposal establishes a payment modification plan for COVID-19-impacted consumers (with documented hardship), who will be eligible for protection from disconnection if they pay 25 percent of their utility payments every month. In cases of extreme COVID-19-related hardship, where a consumer is unable to pay 25 percent of charges, they could qualify for existing assistance to cover participation in a payment modification plan, the press release states.

"Staying at home is the most important action people can do to stay safe during this pandemic. Shutting off power will have devastating effects for our children that are distance learning, adults that are working from home, and individuals that are ill may need power for medical devices to recover to name a few. We want to believe we can pass a plan that will help consumers get out of this debt as this virus continues to ravage our community" stated Eric Reyes, a member of the IID consumer advisory committee, in the press release.

Around 80 people at the Dec. 1 IID meeting submitted public comments supporting the

Community Health Coalition's plan, adding that threatening to shut off the power will add unnecessary hardship on households already facing strain.

General Manager Martinez recommended members of the community health coalition help

to spread the word about already-existing sources of help, like the county's \$1 million COVID-19 Electricity Relief Program.

Coalition spokesperson Luis Flores was not immediately available for comment by deadline.

PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

George B. Covarruvia
CASE NUMBER: EPR000482

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **George B. Covarruvia**
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **Imperial County Public Administrator** in the Superior Court of California, County of: **IMPERIAL**

The Petition for Probate requests that **Imperial County Public Administrator** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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.

A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:

Date: December 18, 2020
Time: 8:30 a.m.
Dept. 9
Address of court:
Superior Court of California,
County of Imperial
939 West Main Street
El Centro, CA 92243

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. **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.

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.

Attorney for petitioner:
Imperial County Public Administrator
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:

Marta Alicia Carrico
CASE NUMBER: EPR000822

To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **Marta Alicia Carrico, aka Marta A. Carrico, aka Marta Carrico**
A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **Adriana Carrico** in the Superior Court of California, County of: **IMPERIAL**

The Petition for Probate requests that **Adriana Carrico** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

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.

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CITY OF HOLTVILLE
REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS for
Resident Engineering and Construction Management Services for
Two Streets Rehabilitation Projects



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the City of Holtville (hereinafter referred to as the "City"), acting by and through its City Council, is requesting PROPOSALS from qualified construction management and field inspection professionals to provide **Resident Engineering and Construction Management Services** for the following projects in the City:

Ninth Street Sidewalk Improvements Project Between Beale & Ash Avenues
FEDERAL AID PROJECT NUMBER CML-5174 (031)
Also known as the "City of Holtville – Ninth Street Improvements Project"

Orchard Road Improvements Project Between the Alamo River Bridge & Fourth Street
FEDERAL AID PROJECT NUMBER STPL-5174 (032)
Also known as the "City of Holtville – Orchard Road Improvements Project"

Funding for these projects is provided by local sales tax and through the federally-funded Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) Program, the Surface Transportation Block Grant (STBG) and the State-Local Partnership Program (SLPP). Consultants shall follow the Caltrans Local Assistance Procedures Manual (LAPM) Guidelines and procedures for Federal Highway projects. Full time inspection services shall be provided for the duration of the construction work.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: Receipt up to, but no later than 4:00 p.m., **Wednesday, December 23, 2020**

To be considered for negotiation and award of a contract, four (4) paper copies and one (1) electronic copy (CD or USB Flash Drive) of proposals must be received by the date and time specified above in a sealed package by the Project Administrator at the address listed below. Any agreement entered into pursuant to this notice will incorporate the provisions of Federal Davis-Bacon law and State Labor Code of the State of California. Compliance with the higher of Federal or State prevailing rates of wages established by Davis-Bacon and the State Director of Industrial Relations will be required. This includes compliance with prevailing wage rates and their payment in accordance with California Labor Code, Section 1720 and 1775. Affirmative action to ensure against discrimination in employment practices on the basis of race, color, national origin, ancestry, sex, or religion will also be required.

Questions can be directed to the City of Holtville Project Administrator listed below. Copies of the Request for Proposals can be obtained on the Holtville.ca.gov website or at the address listed below:

Mr. Nicholas D. Wells
City Manager/Project Administrator
121 West Fifth Street
Holtville, California 92250
Phone: (760) 356-4574

The Schedule of Events for the RE/CM Services Procurement Phase is as follows:

Issue Request for Proposals	Wednesday, December 02, 2020
Proposal Due	Wednesday, December 23, 2020
Bid Evaluation	Tuesday, December 29, 2020
City Approves Agreement	Monday, January 11, 2021
Notice to Proceed	Wednesday, January 13, 2021

Proposals will be evaluated by a committee. It is the City's intention to select the Consultant whose qualifications and understanding of the project are deemed most advantageous to the City in accordance with this Request for Proposals. The Selection Committee's recommendation will be forwarded to the Holtville City Council for final determination.

The City reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals, or to waive any irregularities or informalities in any proposals or in the proposal and selection process.

Agreements shall not be entered into with a consultant without an adequate financial management and accounting system(s) as required by 48 CFR Part 16.301-3, 49 CFR Part 18, and 48 CFR Part 31.

The **Disadvantaged Business Enterprises (DBE) Goal** for Resident Engineering & Construction Management services for these projects are:

Ninth Street Improvements Project	16.0%
Orchard Road Improvements Project	17.0%

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 Holtville, CA 92250
 County of Imperial

Mailing Address:
 346 E. State St.
 El Centro, CA 92243
 Full Name of Registrant:
 Richard Viesca
 346 E. State St.
 El Centro, CA 92243
 This business conducted by: An Individual

Registrant has not commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) listed above.
 I, Richard Viesca Declare that all of the information in this statement is true and correct.
 Signature: Richard Viesca, Owner
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this State

or a Fictitious Business Name in Violation of the Rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law.
 Filed with the Imperial County Clerk-Recorder on: October 30, 2020.
 NOTICE: This statement expires on: October 29, 2025. A new statement

must be filed prior to the expiration date.
 Chuck Storey/County Clerk-Recorder
 Elise Puyot, Deputy
 Legal 6406
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PUBLIC NOTICE

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT
FILE NO.: 20-622
 The following persons are conducting business as:
 Hannah House and Disciple Thailand Ministries
 722 E. 6th Street
 Holtville, CA 92250
 County of Imperial

Mailing Address:
 P.O. Box 776
 Holtville, CA 92250
 Full Name of Registrant:
 Trinity Baptist Church of Imperial Valley
 722 E. 6th Street
 Holtville, CA 92250
 This business conducted by: A Corporation

Registrant commenced to transact business under the Fictitious Business Name(s) listed above on: 2014
 I, Declare that all of the information in this statement is true and correct.
 Signature: David Crittendon, President
 The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this State

or a Fictitious Business Name in Violation of the Rights of another under Federal, State or Common Law.
 Filed with the Imperial County Clerk-Recorder on: November 6, 2020.
 NOTICE: This statement expires on: November 5, 2025. A new statement must be filed prior to the expiration

date.
 Chuck Storey/County Clerk-Recorder
 Victoria Camarillo, Deputy
 Legal 8999
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PUBLIC NOTICE

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME
CASE NUMBER: ECU001635
 TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:
 Petitioner (*name*): **Gloria Holguin Leal** filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:
 Present name: **Gibran Eslao Sanchez**
 Proposed name: **Eslao Gibran Sanchez Holguin**

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 hear-

ing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.
NOTICE OF HEARING
 Date: December 29, 2020
 Time: 8:30 a.m.
 Dept.: 9
 The address of the court is: Superior Court of California, County of Imperial

939 W. Main Street
 El Centro, CA 92243
 A copy of this *Order to Show Cause* shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county (*specify newspaper*):
 Holtville Tribune
 Date: October 29, 2020
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PUBLIC NOTICE

NOTICE OF PETITION TO ADMINISTER ESTATE OF:
 Nadine Wiley Montgomery,
CASE NUMBER: EPR000815
 To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: **Nadine Wiley Montgomery, aka Hester Nadine Wiley, aka Hester Nadine Montgomery**
 A Petition for Probate has been filed by: **Mona Hargis** in the Superior Court of California, County of: **IMPERIAL**
 The Petition for Probate requests that **Mona Hargis** be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.
 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.
 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.
A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
 Date: December 11, 2020
 Time: 8:30 a.m.
 Dept. 9
 Address of court:
 Superior Court of California, County of Imperial
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El Centro, CA 92243
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An unidentified man in a mask leaves the 7-Eleven convenience store in Holtville on Monday, Dec. 1. Life goes on for many people as a second wave of COVID-19 surges across the United States and is escalating rapidly in California. Soon, a limited amount of vaccine to prevent against coronavirus is expected to make its way to Imperial County for targeted groups at first, and to a wider population in the ensuing months. Members of the community are both hopeful and skeptical of a vaccine. | CORISSA IBARRA PHOTO

COVID vaccine, he is determined his pharmacy will carry such a vaccine once it becomes available.

"We are expecting for the retail pharmacies, it will be available between March through May," Shukla said.

Throughout much of the year, Shukla has come to learn all too well how the pandemic can impact his corner store pharmacy and the local customers that rely on his business.

"It was really hard for the older patients to take care of their medications as they couldn't come into the pharmacy for counseling or any kind of questions," Shukla said.

As a second wave of COVID-19 cases surge across the country, Shukla hopes more people will consider receiving a vaccine once it is available.

"I know the younger people have doubts about the vaccine," Shukla said. "But that's why we try to educate the people at the pharmacy that it is not for us."

Shukla believes that the vaccine can significantly reduce the number of coronavirus carriers and in turn reduce the risk for those individuals COVID-19 can seriously affect.

"We don't have to be careful for ourselves, we have to be careful for our family, especially for the kids and the older people," Shukla said.

Holtville resident Karen Gibbs also shared Shukla's thoughts on the potential vaccines having had family members and friends die from the virus.

"If it's going to make us well and rid us of this coronavirus, I'm for it," Gibbs said. "Coronavirus has taken too many lives."

Other locals like Erick Burnworth of Burnworth Landscape, are apprehensive about taking a COVID-19 vaccine that has been rapidly approved.

"I've been debating this the past couple weeks and I don't know," Burnworth said. "If it was mass produced, then I would possibly consider it."

Throughout much of the year, Burnworth's landscaping business has had to deal with hesitant employees concerned to work during the pandemic.

"Finding good employment has been hard," he said.

When it comes to a COVID-19 vaccine, Burnworth's biggest concern is not knowing a lot about it and also feeling as though there are other individuals that would benefit more from the vaccine than himself.

"I think other people need it more," he said.

Like Burnworth, Alexis Araujo of El Centro also held apprehensions about the vaccines given her need for more knowledge on the subject and their clinical trials.

"I don't have any information on it, and I think everything is so new with what's been going on," Araujo said. "As of right now I am on the fence."

As marketing manager of Payless Auto Insurance Broker, Araujo has spent much of the pandemic making sure staff and customers can continue with business

as safe and healthy as possible.

"At the end of the day, we are completely relationship-based, so not being able to see our clients has been the majority of the effect we've had (from the coronavirus)," Araujo said. "In my head, I haven't thought that far to a vaccine, because we've been working day-by-day, checking in at all of the offices and being there for anyone that needs support or encouragement."

Calexico resident Daniela Flores can understand why people would be skeptical about a new COVID-19 vaccine, which is why she believes information is crucial for the community to be on board with receiving such a vaccine.

"There is obviously a lot of mistrust that started before the COVID-19 vaccine, but in order for us to be able to get our community to take the vaccine, information is going to be so important," Flores said. "It's important to know who is a part of these clinical trials that show this vaccine is effective."

As a community healthcare researcher and local advocate, Flores understands how crucial vaccines have historically been to our survival and will likely continue to be as a second wave of coronavirus cases escalate.

"We know at the heart of our health history, people have been able to live longer thanks to vaccines," she said. "I can understand why there might be some mistrust, but I would definitely take it."

Her brother, Luis Flores, spokesperson for the Imperial Valley Equity and Justice Coalition that both help found at the onset of the pandemic, shared similar thoughts about the COVID vaccine based on his own research into the various vaccines being developed.

"I would take it, and I would encourage my parents who are older to take it," he said. "From what's out there, it does seem the vaccine is being put through the proper trials."

With a COVID-19 vaccine potentially approved within the coming weeks, the Flores siblings hope initiatives are made to provide the community more information about the vaccine to allow the public the chance to fully understand its effectiveness.

"Although it's going to be a new vaccine, it is so important that our communities understand the importance of vaccines to our society," Daniela Flores said.

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officer's position.

"The small actions are what cause change," Lopez said. "I believe we are all put on this earth for a reason, and if mine is to help lift others, I couldn't be more thankful and excited."

His accomplishments within FFA are all the more remarkable, the 19-year-old said, because unlike many students who join FFA, his family lacked the traditional ties to the agricultural industry.

Instead, Lopez credits an agricultural education class he took as a high school freshman that piqued his initial interest in the industry and, later, motivated him to join FFA.

"From there, it just skyrocketed," Lopez said.

That meteoric rise now includes the added responsibilities of being one of the national organization's six officers, which include president, secretary, and vice presidents representing the central, southern, eastern, and western regions of the country.

National officers commit to a year of service, during which time they will travel extensively to meet with business and industry leaders, thousands of FFA members and state FFA leaders, corporate sponsors, government officials, educators, and the general public.

Though Lopez had initially gotten the opportunity to meet and confer with a wide range of individuals and professionals while he served at the county- and state-level FFA, those discussions at times left him feeling intimidated. This time, the prospect of having similar interactions at the national level has him feeling motivated.

"You just got to put on your big boy pants and go out and do the stuff they've been training us to do," Lopez said.

Lopez was elected to the national office by FFA delegates attending the national convention, held virtually this year on account of COVID-19. Part of the selection process included an extensive interview process that was conducted virtually.

The virtual interviews presented a challenge for Lopez, who said he wasn't able to readily discern the judges' reactions to his responses. Nonetheless, he said he felt the National FFA organization did a good job of making the candidates feel comfortable and that their accomplishments mattered.

"That was something to be proud of at the end of the day," Lopez said. Since having initially joined his sophomore year in high school, Lopez said he has seen an increase in the amount of diversity in the FFA organization.

The FFA organization is a school-based national youth leadership development organization with more than 760,000 student members who make up 8,700 local FFA chapters in all 50 states, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

This year, the organization has more than 115,831 Latino members, more than 40,000 Black members and more than 12,000 members who are American Indian and Alaska Native, a National FFA press release stated in August.

"We just want something that is as diverse and reflective of who (the students) are and where they come from," Lopez said.

On June 2, National FFA posted an announcement on its Facebook page that acknowledged it had been the subject of criticism over its stance, or perceived lack thereof, on inclusion, diversity, and equity, and particularly in regards to the Black Lives Matter movement.

"The burden falls on all of us who want to make people from all races, ethnicities and walks of life feel welcome in our country," the statement read. "And, to feel welcome in FFA."

Two days later, National FFA announced the removal of its then Western Region vice president for making inappropriate social media remarks prior to his assuming the national office that were not in keeping with the organization's commitment to appreciate and promote diversity.

Making people of diverse backgrounds feel welcome within FFA will be a top priority for Lopez in his new role as Western Region vice president. The position will require him to move to Indianapolis in January and take a year off his studies at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, where he is majoring in agricultural communications. Lopez, who learned Mandarin and sign language, and has played travel volleyball in Mexico, said he would like to attend law school after completing his undergraduate studies in the hopes of becoming an immigration attorney.

In the meantime, the focus for Lopez and his fellow national officers will be to further promote personal growth, premier leadership, and career success among the organization's membership. Lopez cites his own trajectory within the organization as an example of the opportunities that it affords students.

"This organization is not just for a certain type of student, but for all of them," Lopez said. "No matter who you are or where you come from, there's a spot for you to step up and be a leader."

Lindsay Cox, Holtville High agricultural studies teacher and Holtville FFA advisor, said the campus' ag education department has done much to increase student awareness of career opportunities through classroom activities, competitive teams, and hands-on work experience projects.

The department's program has about 180 students currently enrolled, many of whom do not have ties to the Valley's agriculture industry. Regardless of whether those students are interested in an ag career or not, they are able to excel through the program's leadership development opportunities, much as Lopez has, Cox said.

"I feel David is an exceptional leader because he purposefully invested his time and talents into building up others," she stated in a Monday, Nov. 30, email. "He brings joy to a room and is able to engage and invest in people of all backgrounds. The Holtville community should be very proud."

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