



Shafter won the Valley Championship trophy, Regional Championship trophy and the State Championship runner-up award. Right: The team with their several awards at the rally.



City celebrates historic football season

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Shafter celebrated its most historic football season in history with a downtown rally on Friday night, honoring the Shafter High Generals, who finished the season as the State Championship runner-up in Division 5.

The Generals, led by Head Coach Jerald Pierucci, were honored by representatives of the city, as well as the offices of state Sen. Melissa Hurtado and Dr. Jasmeen

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Bains, who presented each team member with certificates.

The Shafter High cheerleaders performed for the crowd before the Generals took the stage. Mayor Chad Givens welcomed the crowd and congratulated the team and coaches on such an amazing season. “We saw this team progress over the season and saw what it did at the end of the season and thank them for such an amazing

season,” he said.

Coach Pierucci said that this year’s team didn’t give up in any game, and never thought that a game was out of reach. “These guys played together all year, really coming together at the end of the season and putting together this run. We are proud to represent Shafter High and the city of Shafter.”

This year’s team put together a run rivaled by no other in school history. They beat the ninth seeded team in the playoffs,

followed by upsets of the number #1, #4 and #3 seeds to claim Shafter’s first Valley Championship since 1955. They then traveled to Walnut High School and beat the Southern Section team in the Regional Championship, earning the school’s first trip to the State Championship game.

The Generals fought hard in tough conditions, coming up just short in the State Championship game. This team is also a very young team, and will bring back the majority of starters next season.



Mayor Vincent R. Martinez with his wife, Samantha, and sons Josh, Mathew and Vincent Ray. (Photo courtesy of Vincent R. Martinez)

Wasco welcomes new leadership

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Vincent R. Martinez is the new mayor of Wasco. He brings experience, enthusiasm and a willingness to work as a team. Together with the council, he hopes to empower residents and provide them with a better quality of life.

“I am excited to take on the role. The city is in a good position to make many positive changes. I’m looking forward to helping guide the city in the direction we have been going through in the last few years.”

He has two years of council experience and has served on the Wasco Recreation and Parks District and Measure X boards.

As mayor, his number one goal is to address public safety and help Chief of Police Charlie Fivecoat build the new police department.

“We couldn’t have found a better candidate. He has four main qualifications: the experience, the

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education, intelligence and political savvy to navigate the formation of a department that residents can trust and rely on.”

Other projects he cares about are the agreements in place to resolve the issues with the High-Speed Rail project.

In addition, he hopes to continue to build the city’s infrastructure.

“So we can grow and attract jobs and quality housing for our citizens. Also, the beautification of our city is something I would like to see and have our city be attractive for people when they enter our city.”

Martinez has personal pet projects he would like to come to fruition, including improvement on roads which he said the city has made a lot of progress and wants to keep that up.

“I would also like to see us move forward with building our new animal control center.”

He said he is thrilled about being mayor but a bit nervous.

“It is an important position being the spokesperson for the city. I don’t want to make mistakes. I look forward to being involved with our residents. Often people in the community don’t know what is taking place. Hopefully, through social media and community outreach, we can let the public know what is happening within the city. I value the input from our citizens, even those that disagree with me.”

Martinez believes he has the right team in place.

“We have a solid council that contributes a wide variety of knowledge and experience, working together to do what is best for the city.”

He is passionate about being a public servant.

“My background as a young man was in law enforcement, and when I was younger, I coached sports. Giving back is key to me because the

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No sandbagging residents when they see a need

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Recently, a Shafter resident saw a need, asked for help and got it for the whole city.

An employee of the Shafter Press, Erica Soriano, and her daughter, Chloe Hathcock, were concerned about the upcoming storms and how they could help their relatives who live in the Fresno Avenue area of Shafter prepare for the forecasted rains.

Soriano called the city’s Public Works Department to inquire about the availability of sand bags for residents. She was told that the city did not supply sand bags and referred her to the Fire Department. When she contacted the Fire Department, she was told that they have bags but they do not have any sand.

Concerned, Erica contacted Press Editor Jamie Stewart, who then contacted the Fire Department and was told that the department no longer supplied them. “I don’t know when we stopped doing it, but we don’t supply them anymore,” said Sergeant Stevens of the Shafter Fire Department Station 32. He said residents should fend for them-

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Salute to scholars at Golden Oak

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Golden Oak Elementary students returned from Christmas break with renewed enthusiasm and eager to learn. The school began the new quarter by recognizing scholars who excelled in achievement and attendance for the second quarter. They had 176 students in the 3rd through 6th grades who earned Honor Roll for the second quarter. Honor Roll is achieved by earning a 3.0 or higher GPA for the quarter. Those students who earned a 4.0 or higher were named to the Principal’s Honor Roll. Those students were: Third Grade: Alejandro Saldana Anguiano, Brianna Villegas, Maritza Sepulveda Lopez, Genesis Tobar, Carlos Valenzuela Lopez. Fourth Grade: Juan Coronado, Joyce Delgado Lopez, Santiago Garcia, La Ryieha Slaughter, Zeyla Espinoza, Evelyn Ruiz Vega, Yulith Bojorquez, Nikole Cerano Sanchez, Daisy Montelongo, Isabella Montoya, Genesis Ruiz, Felipe Vazquez Sanchez. Fifth Grade: Miguel Vallecillo. Sixth Grade: Alexa Bojorquez-Aguilar, Jessica Martinez, Jesus Sepulveda Lopez, Paola Vega Gomez, Luis Bermejo and Guadalupe Garcia.

They also recognized 173 scholars who received a perfect attendance mark for the quarter.

Council approves water and sewer rate adjustments

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

At the regular City Council council meeting on Tuesday, a resolution was passed approving the water and sewer rates adjustments. The new rates will become effective on Feb. 1.

A public hearing was held to allow residents to express their thoughts on the rate adjustments. Before that, notices were mailed to customers, informing them that

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they could submit protest letters.

The protest letters were tabulated, but it wasn’t the majority of customers, which is required to withhold power of the council to move forward and vote on the rate adjustments, which they did in favor of them.

Leading up to this, the City of Wasco contracted Lechowicz & Tseng Municipal Consultants to complete a comprehensive

utility rate study for the water and sewer enterprises.

The objective was to recommend utility rates that ensure the continued financial health and stability of the city’s water and wastewater enterprise funds while mitigating the impact of any proposed rates on customers. Consultant Alison Lechowicz presented the final analysis and proposed rate adjustments for approval by the council.

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Public Works Director Luis Villa

Community Calendar

As activities restart and businesses reopen, we will try to update readers on the status of events and activities throughout the area. Please contact Erica Soriano with additions and changes at esoriano@TheShafterPress.com or call 661-292-5100 by Monday at 4 p.m. for that week's paper.

ONGOING

Book bags – The Shafter Library and Learning Center have book bags (10 books in each) that can be checked out. The bags includes books mostly for the kids, but who says that adults can't enjoy them, too? Red bags for the holiday and orange bags with Halloween books; blue bags include books to improve reading skills, on all subjects and a lot of picture books. Bilingual book bags, too. Available any time at the library.

Learning Center classes – Registration for spring classes, including art, cooking and Spanish. Call the library for registration at 661-746-5055. For more information, visit shafterlearning.com

Adult ed registration – Wasco Adult Education Center Spring 2023 registration is open. Enroll for high school diploma, ESL, citizenship, Hiset English and Introduction to Computer. Wasco Adult Education Center, 1445 Poso Dr., 661-758-7414. All classes are free.

EMS training – Emergency Medical Responder 8-week programs. Register now to start Tuesday, Jan. 17. Classes are Mondays and Wednesdays, 6-9:35 p.m. or starting Monday, March 13, with classes Mondays and Wednesdays 6-9:10 p.m. Wasco Adult Education Center, 1445 Poso Dr. 661-758-7414. In association with Bakersfield College.

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

Hospice volunteers needed – Bristol Hospice Bakersfield needs volunteers in Kern County. Must be vaccinated. There are a wide variety of volunteer opportunities. Call the Volunteer Department at 661-716-4000 or email Edward.French@bristolhospice.com or Ashley.Charles@bristolhospice.com

All residential households can order four free at-home covid-19 tests. Visit covidtests.gov

MONDAY

North Kern 4H – Meetings are held at Karl Clemens cafeteria at 7 p.m. every 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

Shafter City Council – Meetings are held every first and third Tuesday of the month at

City Hall, 336 Pacific Ave.

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY

Shafter Rotary – 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. The agenda is on the WHS website.

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

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

FRIDAY

Food giveaway – The Impact Program is a weekly food giveaway provided to anyone in need, Fridays beginning at 7 a.m. First come, first 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 residentes de la ciudad de Shafter (core residents).

SATURDAY

Depot Museum – 150 Central Valley Highway. Open Saturdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Shafter Historical Society presents the city's history. Free admittance.

Shafter Historic Green Hotel is open to tours on the first Saturday of each month from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. For more information about renting the hotel for events, email thegreenhotel@gmail.com or phone 661-746-1913 and leave a message.

Mystery history

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Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to *The Press*, 455 Kern St., Suite E, Shafter, CA 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** Steve Rodriguez' parents, Juan and Margarita Rodriguez, in 1930



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ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

JAN. 8

Luis Ojeda Jr., 25, of Shafter, was arrested on an outside agency warrant.

Juan Jose Flores, 47, of Shafter, was arrested in the 1100 block of Stone Avenue on an outside agency warrant.

Esteban Lara Jr., 36, of Shafter, was arrested in the 1100 block of Munzer Street for giving false identification, light required during dark and bicycle, not using right edge of roadway and stop required.

Reynaldo Catalan Vilalobos, 33, of Shafter, was arrested for carrying a concealed weapon prohibited class/unlawful possession and impersonation of another.

JAN. 9

Everardo Gomez, 37, of Shafter, was arrested on a disorderly conduct drugs/narcotic violations.

Wuilmer Garcia, 49, of Shafter, was arrested for driving without a license and an unregistered vehicle.

Esteban Lara Jr., of Shafter, was arrested for possession of a controlled substance.

Adela Socorro Flores, 25, of Shafter, was arrested on Santa Fe and Burbank avenues on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

JAN. 10

Wendy Galilea, 20, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block of North Shafter Avenue for driving without a license, failure to stop at a red light and passing on the right.

Mariano Torres, 52, of Shafter, was arrested on a hit and run and lacking proof of financial responsibility.

JAN. 11

Elfego Araujo Mendoza, 48, of Shafter, was arrested on a bench warrant/failure to appear on misdemeanor charge.

Maxio Cruz, 43, was arrested on an outside agency warrant.

Octavio Roque, 21, of Shafter, was arrested on South Beech Avenue for driving without a license and lacking proof of financial responsibility.

JAN. 12

David Duran, 31, of Shafter, was arrested on a bench warrant/failure to appear on misdemeanor charge.

Diana Guzman, 36, of Shafter, was arrested for driving without a license,

having transparent material on windows and driving an unregistered vehicle.

Iris Selena Eucedamembr, 39, of Shafter, was arrested on S. Shafter on a violation of parole: felony and disorderly conduct: under the influence.

JAN. 13

Emily Flores, 23, was arrested for driving without a license and stop required.

Mariana Bautista Cruz, 33, of Shafter, was arrested on East Lerdo Highway for driving with a suspended license.

James Dean House, 44, was arrested on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Alejandro Ceballos Trujillo, 30, was arrested on a bench warrant/failure to appear on misdemeanor charge.

JAN. 14

Vincent Lopez, 28, of

Shafter, was arrested in the 300 block of Central Avenue on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

JAN. 15

Carlo Hernandez Jr., 26, of Shafter, was arrested on the 300 block Shaw Avenue on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Ricardo Ceballos Maldonado, 45, of Shafter, was arrested on the 400 block of West Lerdo Highway on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

BUTTONWILLOW

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

JAN. 6

Paola Quintero, 38, of Lost Hills, was arrested in the 21000 block of Highway

46 in

Lost Hills for assault with a deadly weapon not firearm, burglary and robbery. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Harvey Watkins, 47, of Buttonwillow, was arrested at the intersection of Tracy Avenue and Highway 58 in Buttonwillow for driving without a license, no registration and no proper license plate. He was cited and released at the scene.

JAN. 12

Ruben Iribe, 24, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 5000 block of Willard Street in Bakersfield for violating a domestic violence restraining order, possession of a controlled substance and possession of drug paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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Program makes impact on children

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The Wasco Union Elementary School District has a Migrant Education Program with the mission to empower students that come from migrant farmworker families. For families following the different crop seasons, their children's education is often interrupted, putting them at risk of falling behind significantly. The program aims to help students improve and maintain their academics.

Flor Martinez is a migrant resource teacher and said she is a product of the program. Most of the staff is, too. She knows firsthand the powerful impact the program can make on the lives of students from migrant farm working families.

"I was a migrant education student in high school, and they helped me attend college. In my role, I now can give back to those in the community that find themselves with children who are in jeopardy of failing because of their migrant status," Martinez said.

The program helps youth from 3 years old to 8th graders to strengthen their performance on the statewide academic assessments, among other areas of learning.

"We want to help our students fill their educational gaps and help improve state assessment scores. We look at their individual needs so we can provide lessons to meet those goals," Martinez said.

They host lunch time tutoring and after-

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school and summer school programs. They also do at-home visits for younger students ages three to four.

School readiness classes are offered for 3 to 5 years old.

"We get them ready for kindergarten to provide them with foundational skills, like how to write their names and how to hold a pen correctly, for example, so they are ready for transitional kindergarten or kindergarten, whichever one they qualify for," Martinez said.

TKZ to 5th-grade migrant students from Teresa Burke, John L. Prueitt, Karl F. Clemens and James A. Forrest elementary schools attend Saturday school classes. A focus is on math, science, writing and speaking skills.

The 6th to 8th-grade middle school migrant students participate in after-school classes every Tuesday and Thursday at Thomas Jefferson Middle School, providing a safe environment for students to learn and catch up on their studies.

They take a unique approach by providing support and guidance tailored to each student's needs.

"We offer hands-on activities that open their minds to new learning experiences while, at the same time, they are learning state standards," Martinez said.



Transitional kindergarten and kindergarten students participating in an art project during Migrant Saturday Academy.

Seeing all the academic success stories, she said their work is paying off.

"We have great teachers that make a big difference in our student's education which has helped boost our student's scores in state assessments."

There are special extracurricular activities they make available to some students, like a yearly trip to Washington, DC., to visit the White House and other landmarks. They also learn about historical figures and the legislative process.

"We pay for plane tickets, hotel stay and food. The main goal is to open migrant student's eyes to a career in government, but mainly inspire them to graduate and pursue higher education so they can be productive members of society," Martinez said.

"We want more people to know about what we offer. We really care about the families here from the city of Wasco and want to support them. If you know of a neighbor or family member that is new to Wasco that has children and work in agriculture, contact our migrant education staff at 661-758-7160 or 661-758-7443," she said.

Childrens author comes to library

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The latest in the Shafter Library and Learning Center's ongoing series of author appearances, featuring Saida Woolf, was a standing-room-only event.

Woolf is a 19-year-old writer and graphic artist from Tehachapi. She began working on her book, "Soulstream," as a sophomore in high school. She finished it during her senior year, signed a contract with graphic novel publisher Scout Comics, and then took a year off so she could promote the book. In September 2022, she began attending San Jose State University, where she is majoring in animation.

Woolf gave a presentation on how she

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created "Soulstream." She focused on character design, the meanings of colors and shapes in the creation of characters. Each student was then given a chance to design their own comic character. They were also given trading cards and a small print of Woolf artwork.

Participants had completed a coloring contest prior to the event, and 1st to 3rd place winners were announced, with prizes for all. Every student was given a copy of "Soulstream," thanks to the support of the California State Library. Woolf then signed books and posed for photos with her excited young fans.



Saida Woolf described what colors represent in the characters.

Shafter remembers another legend

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Everyone who has lived in Shafter for any length of time knows about the man who had a real train on his property. Kids growing up would marvel at the machine as it chugged along through his orchard.

Merrill Lehman passed away recently, leaving a large footprint in the history of Shafter.

Lehman graduated from Delano High School and went to Fresno State University, where he studied agronomy. Armed with his degree, Lehman worked as an agronomist for the USDA Cotton Research Station for decades. He also loved to tinker on different projects, from restoring old cars, which he turned into Antique Fender Works, to restoring player pianos.

Lehman had a very creative mind and a determination that would allow him to meet a challenge head on, no matter the obstacles. Lehman began work on his train decades ago after he bought a general train building plan.

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Lehman decided to make his train about six times larger than what the plans called for. He acquired different parts, while hand-making most of them. The engine, caboose and wheels were all hand-cut and welded to fit. He also perused different junk yards looking for parts that he could use.

The Shafter Press featured Lehman in an article years ago, where he talked about his experiences with the train. "I have no idea how much I have spent over the years. It was just a hobby." The hobby entertained an entire generation of Shafter residents, as well as generations to come.

"I remember going out there as a little kid and just amazed at the thing. I couldn't believe that I was upclose with an actual train," Mike Laruge said. He wished that it would have been around so his grandkids could have seen it.

Lehman also made a small bridge and tunnel that the train could run through, giving



Lehman loved giving his family, friends and community rides on the train.



This train was handmade by Lehman.

ing kids and adults alike a treat as it made its way through the forest of trees and the bridge and tunnel. "We mostly take kids from around the area on rides, as well as people from our church," Lehman had said.

Lehman put the train up for sale in 2016, when he and his wife Adele moved into Bakersfield.

Traffic stop leads to weapons, arrest

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

A Shafter man was arrested when a simple traffic stop turned into more serious charges when a weapon was found in the vehicle.

Kern County Sheriff's deputies stopped the man, later identified as Alexis Garcia, 22, of Shafter, at the intersection of Poso Drive and F Street on Monday night. Deputies suspected that Garcia was driving under the influence. Upon investigating, the officers found a loaded assault rifle and ammunition in the vehicle.

After the traffic stop, deputies served a search warrant at Garcia's residence in the 500 block of Martha Avenue in Shafter.

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During the search of Garcia's residence, deputies found a loaded short-barrel 12-gauge shotgun, two high-capacity magazines, and additional ammunition. Garcia was subsequently arrested and booked into the Kern County Jail for possession of a firearm while under the influence of a controlled substance, possession of an assault rifle, possession of a concealed firearm in a vehicle, and various additional charges.

KCSO are encouraging anyone with information about this investigation to call 661-861-3110 or the Secret Witness line at 661-322-4040.



Weapons and ammunition were among the items recovered after a traffic stop. (Photo courtesy of Kern County Sheriff's Office)

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Event cultivates a love of science

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Palm Avenue Middle School hosted the 40th annual Wasco Union Elementary School District Science Fair for kindergarten to 8th grade students. There were 235 projects presented based on scientific questions students created themselves.

In the morning, the projects were displayed and presented to a judging panel of volunteers made up of district employees, community members and teachers, including retired staff.

Students were divided into various judging groups based on age. They were each allowed to choose a project of their interest.

Some examples of the projects included exploring what causes ice to melt, how wind turbine design affects electricity production and studies on erosion.

Kory Mildenerger is a science teacher and district science fair coordinator. He has taught science for 23 years and said he couldn't imagine having another career.

"Even before I knew what school was, I wanted to be a teacher. I always gravitated to the science side of school, but it was in high school that I took chemistry. That was when the fire was lit in me. It was like magic, but it was real."

Mildenerger would like students to feel the same passion for learning and said with the science fair, they are taking away skills that can be implemented in high school and college.

He loves teaching science, teaching

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students to know why something is the way it is, and being able to back up ideas with actual evidence.

Of the science fair, Mildenerger explained that the judging was mostly based on how the students tested an idea with real data.

He said the projects were diverse, and it was interesting to hear the insight from students.

Students worked with their science teachers, science fair coaches and parents that helped out.

Mildenerger said a highlight was seeing all the hard work students put forward and their pride when they shared their projects with family and friends.

The science fair allowed students to explore ideas they were curious about.

It was also a way to introduce students to jobs related to science. Projects were directly tied to fields like engineering, chemistry, biology, medicine and psychology, to name a few.

"It exposes students to the scientific process and helps them realize that a career in science doesn't all happen in the laboratory," Mildenerger said. "It's more about getting students to acquire the skills necessary for careers in science."

Students worked on their projects since October, where they developed their experiments, collected their data, created their presentation board and practiced their presentations.

After the judging, the science fair



Winners proudly displayed their medals and trophy.

was open to the public to view the different exhibitions.

For the student's outstanding efforts, the judges selected winners from each age group, and they all received medals at the awards ceremony. The sweepstakes winners from the 4th to 8th grade categories received trophies and qualified to move on to the county science fair held in March.

Mildenerger said the best part was seeing a student's excitement after displaying and talking about the project they had spent so much time on.

"It is always very rewarding to see our district students compete at the highest science level. We take pride in our district science fair and ensure our students are learning the mastery skills to complete a science fair project," WUESD Assistant Superintendent Oscar Luna said.

"This year's science fair was a true success. Our teachers and staff are to be commended for their hard work and dedication to make this possible for their students."



Garner will bring his tribute to The Man in Black to the Shafter's Ford Theater on Saturday, Jan. 21.

Cash tribute coming to Ford Theater

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

For fans of "The Man in Black," a treat is coming to Shafter on Saturday, Jan. 21, at 6 p.m., when James Garner and his band, The Tennessee Three, will be bringing a tribute show to Shafter's Ford Theater.

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Garner has been performing his tribute to Johnny Cash for the past 15 years. In the many positive reviews of the show, it is said that Garner and his band faithfully recreate the "boom-chick-a-boom" sound that was pioneered by artists such as Cash, Luther Perkins and Marshal Grant in the mid-'50s.

Garner sings the majority of Cash's biggest hits, and also has plenty of amusing stories to go with the authentic sounding music.

Tickets can be purchased at the Ford Theater box office, as well as online at the Ford Theater's website. Tickets for the event are \$22 to \$35.

Bakery delivers the finest desserts

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

There is a new bakery in town that will surely delight your taste buds. Vane's Cakes and Bakery opened last November with rave reviews.

Husband and wife team Wences Flores and Vanely Uribe are the owners. It is a family affair, with uncles and nephews lending a hand to attend to the busy clientele.

Their specialty is preparing one-of-a-kind cakes for all occasions, including weddings, baptisms, birthdays and quinceaneras in various flavors such as chocolate, carrot and banana.

"We are most known for our unique cakes with original designs. There is always a great demand for our cakes," Flores said. "We enjoy the smiles on our client's faces when they see the special cakes we have created for them."

Their pastries are prepared fresh daily. They make traditional Mexican croissants, pan dulce, flan, fruit tarts and cupcakes. Ingredients are sourced from among the highest quality.

"We use only top ingredients, and lots of love goes into our baking. We aim to provide a wide variety of pastries," Flores said.

Before opening their store, they worked from home for five years un-

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der the name Cakes by Vane. After many compliments and cultivating the art of baking, they decided to realize their dream of opening a storefront in Wasco.

"Our home business took off rapidly, encouraging us to open our baking business in Wasco. We always stay focused on what we like the most, and this was it."

They chose Wasco because they appreciated the small community and wanted to serve the residents the best they had to offer.

"I know there are other bakeries in Wasco, but I believe we stand out from the rest because our customers tell us so," Flores said. "They keep coming back, showing us we are doing something right."

Uribe's fondness of baking was inspired after taking private classes.

Flores started his baking career at the age of 13 in Mexico, where he learned the ins and outs.

"I always enjoyed the work. It has been my passion for as long as I can remember," Flores said.

They both arrived from Mexico in 2008, spurred by their desire to achieve the American dream. Their excitement



Owners Wences Flores and Vanely Uribe take great pride in their work.

for baking led them to Wasco in hopes of owning their own business.

Flores said they have been received well by the community and intend to provide the tastiest desserts for the residents to savor.

He pointed to the rising costs with the current economic landscape, which is why their prices are so affordable.

"We want to make our products accessible to everyone."

He has a special message for the community of Wasco.

"We are here to serve them with delicious cakes and pastries 365 days a year," Flores said.

Vane's Cakes and Bakery, 947 7th St., is open seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. To order specialty cakes or pastries, call 661-240-5476 or 661-865-9450.

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The 1st Place tree was called “Our Recipe is Joy,” decorated by the Shafter Community Bible Study.



The 2nd Place recipient was a creative tree, “Recycle & Re-use,” by American Refuse.



The 3rd Place winner, “Shafter’s Christmas Recipes,” was done by the City of Shafter.

Creative trees are winners at Depot

STEPHANIE BENITO
Shafter Historical Society

This year’s Christmas at the Shafter Depot Museum’s tree competition theme was the Recipes of Christmas. We asked that each entry share their special Christmas recipes or the spirit of the season that embodies the “recipe” in their mind for that perfect Christmas. While all the trees were wonderfully done, our visitors ultimately decided on the winners through votes for their favorites!

The 1st Place tree was called “Our Recipe is Joy,” decorated by the Shafter Community Bible Study. The idea behind it was the joy of setting up a Christmas tree inspiring hope, joy and peace in the true meaning of Christmas, Jesus’ birth. This stunning entry was covered in personal ornaments brought in by many Community Bible Study members intermixed with green, red and gold balls, red and white ribbons and large red poinsettias. The top of the tree was crowned with a glittering gold star, and the

Photos by JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

base of the tree housed an elegant nativity bookended by two crystal clear large Angels.

In 2nd Place was a creative tree entitled “Recycle & Re-use” by American Refuse. The ornaments sparkly and playful encouraged a second look to realize that most of them were made from recycled materials. For example, there were toilet paper and paper towel tubes cut and glued into star flowers, bottle cap Christmas trees and snowmen, Keurig silver bells, paintbrush Santas, pistachio shells painted and glued together into red poinsettias, wine cork snowflakes and clothes pin reindeers. Other ornaments on the tree were personalized ornaments of American Refuse trucks. The tree itself was saved from going into the trash and broken pieces fixed before it was put on display. Topping the tree was a wine cork star and brightly wrapped gifts surrounded the base

with a wine cork Santa hat.

The colorful and bright 3rd Place entry “Shafter’s Christmas Recipes” was done by the City of Shafter. This delightful display was filled with pictures and ornaments painted to look like Christmas goodies often served in many Shafter homes during the Christmas season. Some of the delicious treats represented were Mexican sweet breads called Conchas, pies, sugar and gingerbread cookies, hot chocolate, champurrado, and tamales. The tamales were represented by cornhusks tied up with ribbon hanging on the tree. Hugging the tree was a multicolor pastel garland matching the pastel shiny colorful balls off setting the mouthwatering inspirations. A wire star with a bright red bow topped the tree while gifts and a sign claiming “Joy to the World” finished off the base of the display.

One more tree really caught our attention and was awarded a special Curator’s Choice Award! The Shafter Youth Center’s

tree depicted a “Kid’s View of Christmas Looks Like.” The kids from the Center each brought in a recipe card with a special family recipe listed on it. The cards were backed by colorful construction paper that matched a string garland of printed pictures of kitchen items, used in cooking and baking, brightly colored by the kids. Gold bows and cookie style ornaments of gingerbread men, stars and Christmas trees filled the tree. On top was a paper printed chef’s hat. The white paper base and a couple gifts underneath were covered with more colorful kitchen item pictures. We loved the effort expended by the kids and all of the care put into their family recipes and could not let that effort go unmentioned!

Thank you to everyone who participated in decorating a tree and all who came in to vote, celebrate the season, or just enjoy our local history. We can’t wait to see you again this next Christmas season! Or come in and see us any time during the year as the Depot is open every Saturday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Club teaches life skills and more

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

The Boy Scouts of America is among the nation's foremost youth programs for character development and values-based leadership training. It prepares kids for for adulthood and beyond.

The program is over 110 years old, and since its inception in 1910, more than 130 million boys and girls have participated, with over 35 million adult volunteers who have helped carry out the BSA's mission.

The organization serves youth from the ages of 5 to 17. They use the outdoors as a classroom and host many activities there.

"Anything from nature walks/hikes, learning about animal habitats, identifying plants and trees, building campfires, reading maps and compasses. There is also fishing, camping overnight, cooking and shooting sports for the older kids," Randy Saunders, scout executive for the Southern Sierra Council Boys Scouts of America, said.

"We also teach self-reliance, learning to find the answer for themselves, and being a good team player and leader. There is an emphasis on awareness of the environment and conservation."

Health and safety training is also an element of the program.

"Like first aid or disaster preparedness,

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for example, if there is a house fire, teaching them what to do in case of that emergency," Saunders said.

Saunders joined scouting at the age of eight years old.

"I've been doing it ever since. I am passionate about it because of what it did for me as a young child."

He said he wants youth to take advantage of the program and have the chance to grow into someone with good citizenship and morals.

Adult mentoring is important, and volunteer scout leaders are often parents of a scout, teachers, church leaders and any interested adult that will work with youth to help them learn a skill or hobby.

"It is a good partnership," Saunders said.

He said the best part is watching parents bond with their children.

"With all of our activities, we have a variety of training programs for parents to learn a skill they can teach to a scout."

Wasco Parent April Gurney said she likes that her daughter, Alex Trevino, has different opportunities to grow and be a more productive citizen.

"The scouts have made her more respectful and accountable. She is more confident and has improved her public speak-



Cub scouts building bottle rockets with their parents.

ing skills. The scouts push her to come out of her shell," Gurney said.

"I became her co-leader, so I've gotten to spend more time with her. I get to be with her, which is special for me."

Alex, 17, has been a scout for almost four years. She likes the interaction with all kinds of people, she said.

"I've learned to be more open and have de-

veloped my communication and survival skills. I think this knowledge will help me in life."

Among her favorite activities is camping.

"We go as a troop, and it's very fun."

She is about to earn the prestigious eagle scout badge, where she must fulfill 18 required merit badges in various areas and electives.

For example, a merit badge is where a scout must reach a specific goal, like with hiking. A scout would be required to accomplish certain miles in a day, including five miles in a day, moving on to 10 miles, 15 miles and then 20 miles a day to earn that badge.

Alex has earned badges in the areas of citizenship in the nation and world, cooking, dentistry, emergency preparedness, environmental science, family life, fingerprinting, first aid and more.

She is now working on her eagle scout project, where she plans to coordinate and raise funds for a branded BSA bench at the Wasco Rose Garden at Barker Park.

"Alex is a shining example of the wonderful kids that develop after going through our program," Saunders said, "We are always looking for more of them to join and more adults willing to help."

To learn more about how your child can join the Wasco BSA, visit sscbbsa.org or call (661) 325-9036.

Country to come alive on stage

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

On the heels of its successful winter recital, Planet Dance Studio has begun preparations for its upcoming summer gala on June 17 at the Shafter High School Auditorium.

The theme this year is the “Wild, Wild, West,” where the dancers will perform to music from the biggest country stars, from current to legendary. It will be a take on all things country with original costumes.

Almost 100 dancers are expected to showcase the talents that they will have cultivated over many months of practice, training from February until they hit the stage in June.

It will be the studio's midyear performance. Each year hundreds of people attend.

There will be 18 different routines in the genres of jazz, ballet, hip-hop and tap.

One can expect enthusiasm, excitement and entertainment with a high level of energy and creativity.

Jacob Hernandez is the dance studio director and teacher. He has been dancing and teaching professionally for the last two decades since the school was established.

"It's in my blood. I was born to dance and follow this career path; it is something I was called to do," Hernandez said. "I've been dancing since the age of six."

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His mother, Corine Matera, founded the school, and Hernandez said the reason for choosing Wasco as a location was because of the small-town feel and to fill a much-needed void.

"At the time, and to this date, there was no dance studio of this caliber, and we were directed to Wasco for that reason," Hernandez said. "I love the camaraderie, and the people here are very passionate."

Last year the studio celebrated its 20th anniversary.

"It's been amazing over the years to interact, bond and build relationships with the families here in Wasco, Shafter and surrounding areas."

There are three other instructors in addition to Hernandez. They are Vickie Limos and mother and daughter team Veronica Garcia and Isabella Garcia.

They have dedicated many years to the studio, including Vickie at 19, Veronica at 17 and Isabella at 16. All have poured their love of dance into their teaching.

"It is a group effort that we bring together that really makes the studio work," Hernandez said.

He said his students are so talented and so full of energy with tremendous drive.

"I love seeing them completely uninhib-



Planet Dance Studio dancers at the 2022 summer gala.

ited and fearless. They feel they have a safe place in our studio to be who they are."

The studio is open to ages 4 to 18. All levels are welcome, including beginning, intermediate and advanced.

"We get tons of new students with no experience that come through our doors that are super shy. They go through our program and are a completely different person after the season," Hernandez said.

"They become more confident and outgoing. Students also learn time management and discipline that helps them outside of the studio that they can apply to their everyday lives."

Planet Dance Studio has a competitive “Team Galaxy,” where they will be headed to Redondo Beach on Feb. 18 to compete against teams from southern California.

"In the past, we have won every award from national to international," Hernandez said.

Registration runs throughout February. Classes start Feb. 6. Call 661-240-5924 for more information.

"There is a misconception that it is expensive to join a dance studio, but with us, it is actually very affordable," Hernandez said. “We are here for the community that has treated us so well."

New year, new blessings for Westside

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Westside Family Fellowship will benefit from a generous grant awarded by the Wonderful Company to fund their free farmer's market for another year. This will help thousands of local families with the fresh produce and food essentials that are distributed to them every month.

CAPK of Kern is also an important partner as they donate canned and dried foods. They also offer heavily discounted rates for the purchase of meats.

"When we get here at 5:30 am, cars are already lined up. We know this is helping families because so many of them show up. We can tell people really appreciate it, and that is what we want to see," Pastor Johnny Martinez said,

The church first hosted the farmer's market in 2021. Since then, the number of individuals served each month has reached about 1,200.

With each event, they are supporting many individuals that are unemployed, un-

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deremployed, disabled, elderly and on fixed incomes.

"This is helping them save their hard-earned money to use for other expenses like rent, gas and utilities," Martinez said. "Many people in our community are living check to check, and we help keep them afloat, especially in these tough economic times."

The church cares about the health of the community.

"That is why we give fresh fruits and vegetables," Martinez said.

He believes giving to the community is an extension of the message of Christ and points to the scripture found in the book of St. Matthew: "I was hungry, and you gave me food."

Along with the food they distribute, it is a chance to share biblical literature.

"We not only feed them but provide spiritual nourishment as well. We like to show them the love of Christ and that we are a



Pastor Johnny Martinez with his wife, Assistant Pastor Sukie.

church that cares for them."

Martinez said he feels he is fulfilling his mission as a Christian.

"I am carrying out the work God entrusted to me, and it gives me great satisfaction."

He shared that he loves it and that the church has the ability to hold such large events.

"We have the facility to do it, and it works perfectly for us with our church layout. We can keep the flow going accommodating heavy traffic."

The success of the events depends on the assistance of many volunteers.

"We couldn't do it without them, and we are always looking for more."

Martinez said this is an excellent opportunity for youth that want to earn community service credits.

The farmer's markets are held on the fourth Thursday of every month from 8 to 10 a.m. at the church, 2150 Palm Ave. Because of the holidays, the next market is Jan. 19. For more information or to learn about volunteer opportunities, call Pastor Johnny Martinez at 661-301-5979.

At Wasco Library, a wealth of resources

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

The Kern County Library Wasco Branch has an exciting lineup of free fun activities for January and February for young and old.

The fun begins on Jan. 23, with an adult project program where participants will use their imagination to make placemats. Registration is required, and one can sign up by emailing kewasco@sjvls.org or calling 661-758-2114.

On the 30th, they will host a family craft

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event to design coffee mugs beginning at 4 p.m. Also, on the 30th, there will be a STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) program at 5 p.m.

On Tuesday, Feb. 7, a family board night at 5 p.m. will be hosted. On the Monday the 13th, adults can make heart-shaped pillows for Valentine's. Registration is required for this.

On Tuesday, Feb. 14, there will be a family craft event to make heart-shaped sachets starting at 4 p.m. The youth will make heart-shaped pencil toppers. Registration is required.

A Lego building activity will take place on the Tuesday the 21st at 4 p.m. This is a teen program where they will create night lights out of a mason jar with jewels and LED lights inside.

On the Tuesday the 28th, family story time and crafts will start at 4 p.m.

Other regular activities take place monthly, such as every Monday and Tuesday from 3 to 5 p.m. Snacks in the Stacks for ages 2 to 18.

Family story time and crafts take place every Tuesday at 4 p.m., with movies on Mondays at 3 p.m.

Library technician Tina Garcia, who has been with the branch for 44 years, said libraries play an essential role in a community bringing knowledge and a wealth of resources.

She believes libraries provide a special place for learning.

"Those who can't afford books for their children can come and pick them up here in a quiet place to study, hang out and read."

Garcia said that reading helps sharpen your mind and makes you smarter all around.

She has always had a love of reading.

"That is what is close to my heart and what inspired me to take on this career and why I have stuck around for so many years."

She points to the many services the library provides.

"There is computer access, help with job search and resume building, print-



Library technician Tina Garcia is passionate about books. RIGHT: Kids participating in story time led by library associate Suzanne Beard.

ing and faxing service for a minimal fee, arts and crafts, movies, books in Spanish and story time, to name a few," Garcia said.

Some genres for kids and adults are fiction, non-fiction, picture books for beginner readers, western, anime, space, dinosaurs, wild animals, fantasy, science, adventure, mystery, romance and autobiographies.

If they do not have a book at the Wasco branch, they can get it for you through the San Joaquin Valley library system.

The staff of three, including library associate Suzanne Beard and departmental aid Shellie Ornales, who has been there for almost 20 years, say they will go the extra mile to help find what readers need, whether for school or recreational.

"We are all very helpful and friendly," Garcia said.

Occasionally they give free books away to help children and families build their home libraries.

All that is needed to get a free library card is a California ID. Youth under 18 need an adult willing to take financial responsibility in case of a lost or damaged book.

"The library is just more than checking out books. It is also a hub for informa-



The Osorio family enjoys spending time together at the library. BELOW: Edwin Martinez and his sister Delilah like the fun activities.



Mateo Arreola said it's nice he can play games on the computer.

EDITOR'S NOTE | JAMIE STEWART

Where art thou?

It has been a few years since the city of Shafter has been the site of the Colours Festival, which had been an annual event for a few years before that. The event, which started out very small, had grown to draw attendees and artists throughout the county and beyond, drawing nationally renowned artists to some of the events.

Well, I just loved attending the events at the festival, from the art gallery, the coffee house music, the Shafter Symphony – all of the events were great.

I don't think that a lot of people realize what a talented community that we have when it comes to the fine arts. There are plenty of artists in a variety of mediums, and it is a shame that this event has not been held in years. We all know that fine arts is

in bad enough shape on a school level, with budgets being cut. I don't think many schools even have an orchestra any more. These outlets allow kids to express themselves, as well as giving them something that they love.

With no outlets for their passions, some people may just stop painting, or singing, or acting, whatever their specific talent is.

The people who were in charge of the festival have either moved away, or just decided that they were not interested in continuing their role. One big problem is that there were no younger residents ready to step in to fill their shoes. Some people I talked to would love to go to the festival, but they are not interested in working to hold it.

I was talking to local artist Charlotte

White recently at the Tin Cup. She has a few new pieces on display there. She mentioned that she really enjoyed being a part of the festival, with a variety of her work on display at the art gallery at the festival. "I would always look forward to that festival. It as a lot of fun," said White. "I would be willing to help get artists to the festival, having a lot of connections in the area."

She suggested – and I agree with her – that we should return this festival to the city by starting out small and local. We could attract the artists that we have in the area, making a weekend of it with different activities for a great number of people.

Maybe we could have just a weekend event, with a spaghetti dinner, which was

always a part of the festival, with also the Colours Fun Run, which always drew a huge crowd. We could also have an Art Gallery, the Coffee House Music event, and a play at the Ford Theater. This would be more than enough for a weekend of fun.

If you are missing the opportunity to watch a play, or hear a symphony or just look at some beautiful art, make some noise around town and the city. Let your voice be heard as we go once again without one of the most important events in our city.

Jamie Stewart is editor of The Shafter Press. The opinions expressed in this column are his own, and do not necessarily represent this newspaper or its management.

Wasco welcomes new leadership

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community gave me so much. I grew up as an only child without a father figure. If it wasn't for the community to guide me, I don't know where I would be now. They gave their time to help me grow into a man, and I want to give that back to the city."

Martinez is a lifelong resident of Wasco and said it is one of the most amazing places you could ever go to.

"I have lived my entire life in Wasco. With my past job experiences, I have visited many communities, and I have never seen a city that was so integrated where it doesn't matter your race, religion or income bracket. Everyone here is working towards a common goal of making this city a better place. When our residents need something, everyone reaches out to help lift them. Not to say our city doesn't have problems, but

those problems are fixable."

Martinez believes he was selected because he has spoken from his heart over the last two years on the council.

"I am passionate about the city, and I don't think anyone can doubt my love for Wasco. I hope that showed through during my time on the council."

Some values he said he would bring to the role of the mayor are honesty, integrity, transparency and openness to compromise.

One of the biggest challenges faced, and that he foresees, is a need for more communication with residents.

"I speak to many people in our community and hear their grievances. In many situations, their grievances are already being addressed by the city. Once we explain to them what is taking place and the amount of red tape that goes into that, they under-

stand we are taking steps to resolve issues. They are relieved to hear we are making progress, but it all goes back to us not effectively communicating with our residents."

On crime, he stands firm.

"Our state has created a situation where criminals run our state. Local law enforcement agencies can't prevent crime when they can't keep criminals in jail. Unfortunately, when you have a documented gang member driving around with a gun, and he gets arrested, he will be out of custody by the next day."

"At some point, residents must realize we are electing the wrong people as our state legislators. These soft-on-crime laws are not set by cities or county governments; those come from our state legislators."

"It is getting to the point where many of our residents don't even contact law enforce-

ment because they think nothing is going to be done, and that should not be the case."

He believes the council and city staff are poised to do good work.

"We are in a really good position that I believe we have the right people in place within our city to help to implement the vision of our council from the city manager to department heads to all of our city employees. We have put in place a team that cares about our city. They are hard-working, and they understand their roles. They are helping us to move forward."

Martinez is grateful for the opportunity he's been given.

"I am honored to have been selected for this position. I want residents to know I am approachable, and I want them to approach me and express their concerns or even to tell us positive things in our community."

Council approves water and sewer rates

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It was recommended that the water and sewer enterprises implement minor, inflationary revenue increases each year to keep up with continuing cost increases and future regulatory burdens.

Further, with the plan presented by the consulting firm, the city needs to revise its

utility rate structures to more equitably recover costs and to conform with state water conservation guidelines, Lechowicz said.

Water rates were last increased in 2015, and sewer rates were last increased in 2007.

With the new rate schedule, a single-family residential fee would see a decrease in water allotment with an associated reduction in the minimum monthly service.

Currently, a single-family residential fee has a monthly base volume allotment (ccf) of 25 with a monthly service fee of \$28.60.

One ccf is equivalent to 748 gallons.

The allotment and rates for February 2023 will be an allotment of 21 ccf with a fee of \$29.38.

For July 2023, the allotment would be reduced to 17 ccf for a decrease in fee of \$27.55.

For July 2024 total allotted would move down to 13 ccf and with a fee decrease to \$25.72.

July 2025 would see a decrease in water allotment to 10 ccf and a reduction to \$23.89; for July 2026, there will be an allotted seven ccf

and a fee of \$20.23.

Currently, for those going over the water allotment, there is an additional cost of \$4.03 per ccf.

In February 2023, it would be \$1.50 per ccf, \$1.81 in July 2023, \$2.12 in July 2024, \$2.43 in July 2025 and \$2.72 in July 2026.

For the proposed sewer rates, the monthly increase for a single-family residence will go from the current fee of \$23.78 to \$24.43 in February, \$25.08 in July, \$25.73 in July 2024, \$26.38 in July 2025 and \$27.05 in July 2026.

Different water fees and allotments for commercial, schools and other water users align with the trends above. Similarly, this applies to the monthly sewer rates.

Councilmember Gilberto Reyna said, "The state mandated that we reduce water consumption and have no choice but to do it."

City Manager Scott Hurlbert noted, "While complying with state-mandated reduction targets, the proposed water rate structure does give each customer more control over their water bill. Those that choose to conserve aggressively can actually reduce their overall bill."

"We would prefer not to have the rate adjustment, but it is a must to keep providing the service that we provide to the residents and meeting the state-mandated water conversation guidelines," Public Works Director Luis Villa said.

Also, at the meeting, the council ap-

proved a resolution to extend the "pay for vaccination" program where those Wasco residents that get vaccinated receive a \$50 gift card.

Previously 500 gift cards were distributed, and another 500 will be issued with the resolution.

"Vaccines lose potency against the virus over time, and variants arise that can better resist the vaccines, so continued boosters are needed to continue to prevent illness and death," Reyna said, referring to a Washington Post article published in November.

He added that in December, the Reuters news service reported that over 40% of covid-19 cases in the United States were caused by the highly contagious Omicron subvariant XBB.1.5 and data from the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention showed the subvariant doubling in cases from the previous week.

"Only 242 people, 1.8% of the eligible Wasco population, have received the latest booster, and only 47.50% have completed their primary shots series, making Wasco still the lowest vaccinated community in North Kern," Reyna said.

"Many in our community are disadvantaged; they work near each other and work in conditions that are conducive to spreading disease. Continuing the \$50 Visa incentive program is an investment that will help us improve the vaccination rate in Wasco and support many of our residents to avoid severe illness or death from covid-19."

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PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE City of Wasco County of Kern, State of California NOTICE TO SUBCONTRACTORS, MATERIAL SUPPLIERS AND WORKERS CONTRACT NO. 675-2021

The City of Wasco is actively soliciting bids from prospective subcontractors or materials suppliers whose businesses qualify as a small business under the criteria in 13 CFR part 121 and/or qualify as Section 3 Business Concerns, as well as individuals who qualify as Section 3 Residents in connection with the Community Development 16th Street Rehabilitation project to be located in the County of Kern and funded by the HUD.

A Section 3 Business Concern is a business:

that is 51% or more owned by Section 3 Residents; or

whose permanent, full-time employees include persons, at least 30 percent of whom are currently Section 3 Residents, or within three years of the date of first employment with the business were Section 3 Residents; or

that provides evidence of a commitment to subcontract in excess of 25% of the dollar award of all subcontracts to be awarded to businesses that meet the qualifications set forth in paragraphs (1) or (2) in this definition of a Section 3 Business Concern.

A Section 3 Resident is:

a resident of public housing located in Kern County, or

an individual who resides in the County of Kern and who is a low or very-low income person.

Qualified individuals and firms may obtain a list of plan-holding general contractors from the City of Wasco City Clerk via email: CityClerk@cityofwasco.org until 2:00 p.m. February 1, 2023. General Contractors should be contacted directly for possible use in their bid proposals on this project.

The City of Wasco and prospective General Contractors are seeking such subcontractors in compliance with the procurement standards found at 24 CFR 85.36(e) and Section 3 of the HUD Act of 1968, which provide that Small Businesses (SBs) and Section 3 Business Concerns/Residents be given the maximum practical opportunity to participate in HUD funded contracts.

Hiring is anticipated for the following trades:

Laborers, Cement Masons, Equipment Operators and Drivers.

Subcontracts may be let for the following categories of work on this project: Concrete, Paving, Traffic Control, Grinding, Trucking.

CITY OF WASCO, DEPUTY CITY CLERK

/s/ Monica Flores

DATED 12/22/2022

Publish Wasco Tribune December 29, 2022 and January 5, 12, 19, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of: Joyce Barreto Case Number: BPB-22-003331

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Joyce Barreto

2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Carlos Barreto in the Superior Court of California, County of: Kern

3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Carlos Barreto be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

5. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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

a. Date: 04.27.2023 Time: 8:30AM Dept.: J-1

b. Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Kern, 2100 College Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93305, Juvenile Justice Center

7. If you object to the granting of the petition you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

10. Attorney for petitioner: R. Sam Price
300 E. State Street, Suite 620
Redlands, CA 92373
909-328-7000
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PUBLIC NOTICE Notice of Petition to Administer Estate of: Dalton Charles Daniels aka Delton Charles Daniels Case Number: BPB-22-002528

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Dalton Charles Daniels aka Delton Charles Daniels

2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Elanor Louise Torrence in the Superior Court of California, County of: Kern

3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Elanor Louise Torrence be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

5. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

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

a. Date: 03/16/2023 Time: 8:30AM Dept.: J

b. Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Kern, 2100 College Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93305, Probate Division.

7. If you object to the granting of the petition you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

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10. Petitioner: Elanor Louise Torrence
801 Almond Ct Apt 5D
Wasco, CA 93280
661-440-6652
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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Good Day Sales 2023-B0146

340 21st Ave

Delano, CA 93215

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:

PO Box 101

Delano, CA 93216

Rafael Trujillo Mendez

340 21st Ave

Delano, CA 93215

The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: N/A

A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)

/s/Theresa M Flores

Date Statement Filed: 01/06/2023

Date Statement Expires: 01/06/2028

Mary B. Bedard, CPA,

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: J Lozano

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Trustees of the Wasco Union Elementary School District will receive bids to purchase certain school supplies for the 2022/2023 year in accordance with specifications on file at the office of said school district. Bids shall be sealed and marked "SCHOOL SUPPLY BID FOR 2022/2023" and filed with the Wasco Union Elementary School District Office, 1102 Fifth Street, Wasco, CA 93280, before 4:00 p.m., Tuesday, February 14, 2023. Bids will be accepted until this time. All prices shall be F.O.B. Wasco and exclude applicable taxes. Bids will be accepted and awarded by the Superintendent at a later date. The Board of Trustees reserves the right to accept and/or reject any or all bids, or any part of any bid, and to set and act as

sole judge of the merit and qualifications of the materials and supplies offered.

Signed, Authorized Agent

Wasco Union Elementary School District

Wasco Union Elementary School District

1102 Fifth Street

Wasco, CA 93280

(661) 758-7100

Attn: Polly Kelley Hughes

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PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Flotos Photo Booth 2023-B0190

300 Terraza Way

Delano, CA 93215

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:

300 Terraza Way

Delano, CA 93215

Theresa M Flores

300 Terraza Way

Delano, CA 93215

The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: N/A

A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)

/s/Theresa M Flores

Date Statement Filed: 01/09/2023

Date Statement Expires: 01/09/2028

Mary B. Bedard, CPA,

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: C Martinez

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PUBLIC NOTICE SUPPLIERS CALLING FOR BIDS WASCO UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT OWNER:

Wasco Union High School District

PROJECT TITLE: Funding

Year 2023-24 Wasco Union High School District E-rate Services (Category One: Internet Service.)

PROJECT LOCATION: 2100 7th Street, Wasco CA 93280.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Engineer, Supply, Configure, and Provide Installation Options as necessary for Internet Service requested by Wasco Union High School District - See 470 Number 230007727 for Project Details.

RESPONSE DEADLINE: January 24 2023 at 5PM PST.

Responses must be in receipt of Wasco Union High School District by 5PM PST.

PLACE OF BID/RESPONSE RECEIPT:

Wasco Union High School

2100 7th Street

Wasco, CA 93280

METHOD OF BID/RESPONSE RECEIPT:

Bids/Responses must be submitted in writing to: Wasco Union High School District via personal delivery, courier, or mailed via United States Postal Service. All bids must be delivered to the place of bid receipt. E- MAILED RESPONSES SHALL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

PLACE PLANS ARE ON FILE:

470 Number 230007727 / http://adsadsi.com/itb_year_26.asp

SEALED BID MARKING: E - r a t e

230007727 - clearly labeled on the outside of sealed response.

QUESTIONS: To assure all vendors have the same information ALL QUESTIONS MUST be posted to http://adsadsi.com/itb_year_26.asp.

Please visit the website and click on the RFP/470 Q/A link associated with the applicant's Form 470 Application to submit a question. In addition, please click on the RFP/470 Q/A link associated with this application to review all questions asked and answered. Please remember that questions submitted within 2 business days of bid due date may not be answered. See 470 Number 230007727 for additional details.

To perform the work required by the applicant, the winning Bidder must provide a valid Service Provider Identification Number (SPIN) issued by USAC and be licensed in accordance with all applicable rules and regulations, including Local and State Law.

Publish Wasco Tribune December 22, 2022 and January 19, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Rosysplaces 2023-B0276

624 Garces Hwy

Delano, CA 93215

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:

624 Garces Hwy

Delano, CA 93215

Rosa Del Carmen Ransom

624 Garces Hwy

Delano, CA 93215

The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: N/A

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/s/Rosa Del Carmen Ransom

Date Statement Filed: 01/12/2023

Date Statement Expires: 01/12/2028

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By: P Del Villar

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Residents don't get sandbagged when they see a need

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selves and head to the story. "I would advise them to visit their local hardware store and check to see if they have any sand bags," he said.
When Stewart contacted Public Works, he left a message for Public Works Director Michael James. James called Stewart back later in the afternoon. James said that the city no longer provides sand bags, but he said that they were going to set up a self-serve sand bag station at their location on East Ashe. James said that they would have a large pile of sand and bags

for residents to have. "They would just need to bring their own shovel. We are wanting to help those concerned about the flooding possibilities." James said that the city would not be there to assist people but they would be monitoring the station to make sure there remains enough sand and bags for everyone who wants them. The sand bag station was started on Saturday, Jan. 13, and was still there at press time.
When contacted, Soriano and her daughter were happy that the city had taken the time to listen to their residents.

January 19th Super Students

Karl F. Clemens Elementary School announced its weekly Super Students for the week of Jan. 9. The criteria for selection included 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.
Front row, from left: Denilson Paz (2nd grade), Erika Torres (1st grade) and Nadia Salem (kindergarten)
Middle row, from left: Hector Quevedo (5th), Alex Martinez (4th) and Jesus Jimenez (3rd)
Back row, from left: Vice Principal Anabel Garrison and Principal Sam Torres



DEATH NOTICES

Paula J. Johnson, 79, of Bakersfield passed away Jan. 10, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.
Edgar Perez, 31, of Wasco passed away Jan. 9, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.
Cesar E. Martinez, 64, of McFarland passed away Jan. 10, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.
Georgia Levern Hy-ton, 87, of Bakersfield passed away Jan. 4, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

ARREST REPORT

BUTTONWILLOW
As reported by the Kern County Sheriff's Department, Buttonwillow substation:
Dewey Charles Jesse, 37, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 20000 block of Tracy Avenue in Buttonwillow on a felony warrant and a misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.
JAN. 15
Darit Tyler Chew, 37, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 22000 block of Sidding Road in Bakersfield for obstructing, resisting, delaying a peace officer, domestic violence and vandalism. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.
WASCO
As reported by the Kern County Sheriff's Department, Wasco substation:
JAN. 9
Melissa Gracia, 30, of

Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of McCombs Road and Quilty Road on an felony accessory, conspiracy to commit a crime, misdemeanor evading a peace officer, possession of controlled substance paraphernalia, and resisting arrest. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.
Leonel Angel Vargas, 34, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of McCombs Road and Quilty Road on an felony accessory, felony evading a peace officer, misdemeanor resisting arrest, and his misdemeanor bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.
Pedro Morales Sanchez, 43, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2300 block of Jasmine Street for felony inflict corporal injury on spouse, and misdemeanor willful cruelty to child. He was booked into

the Kern County Jail.
Ryan Sims, 50, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of Palm Avenue on an misdemeanor disorderly conduct: drunk in public, possession of alcohol on school property, tampering with a waste container, possession of controlled substance paraphernalia, and his misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.
JAN. 10
Pedro Santiago Hernandez, 36, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Magnolia Avenue and Highway 46 for misdemeanor driving without a license. He was cited and released at the scene.
JAN. 11
Vinson Ray Callahan, 64, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Griffith Avenue and Lilly Street on a felony prohibited person in possession of ammo, misde-

meanor possession of controlled substance, and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.
Kenia Jacqueline Alvarez, 29, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of H Street for misdemeanor trespassing and on a felony bench warrant. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.
Willie Joe Harris, 35, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of H Street for misdemeanor trespassing. He was cited and released at the scene.
Ervey Martinez, 35, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of H Street for misdemeanor trespassing and on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.
Andrew Noguez, 25, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of H Street for misdemeanor trespassing, posses-

sion of a controlled substance paraphernalia, and on seven misdemeanor bench warrants. He was cited and released at the scene.
Guadalupe Ramos, 41, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of H Street for misdemeanor trespassing and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He was cited and released at the scene.
Christopher Rene Rodriguez, 27, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of H Street for misdemeanor trespassing and his misdemeanor bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.
David Samarripas, 64, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of H Street on a misdemeanor trespassing. He was cited and released at the scene.
JAN. 12
Pamela Figueroa, 41, of Wasco, was arrested in the

1300 block of Highway 46 for misdemeanor possession of controlled substance, possession of controlled substance paraphernalia, and her misdemeanor bench warrants. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.
JAN. 14
Anna Marie Valdez, 39, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1800 block of Highway 46 for misdemeanor battery on spouse. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.
Edgar Martin Valdez, 39, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1800 block of Highway 46 for misdemeanor battery on spouse. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.
JAN. 15
Luis Ocampo, 41, of Wasco, was arrested in the 300 block of Central Avenue on a felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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Shafter Mennonite Brethren Church

If you’ve ever watched a TV show or movie involving the military, you’ve probably heard the phrase, “Carry On”, used a few times. The phrase apparently came from the British Navy several hundreds of year ago, where it was given as a direction to keep going on the same course and not

change. Over the years, it’s been adapted in many settings to say essentially the same thing to a group of people. When I think of the beginning of a New Year, I sometimes wonder what the Lord might say to us? Although the phrase “carry on” isn’t found in the Bible (at least that I can find), I believe the principle or concept is. Let me suggest that if the Lord used that

phrase to speak to us he’d say something like, “I want you to carry on in these areas”:

- Love me, love others and make disciples (Mark 12:30-31; Matthew 28:18-20).
- Be a student of my Word (II Timothy 2:15, 3:16).
- Be a prayer warrior (Colossians 4:12).
- Be a participant in my Body, the Church

(I Corinthians 12:27; Hebrews 10:24-25).

Be a shining light to those living in darkness (Matthew 5:14-16).

As we begin a new year, I want to encourage all of us to “carry on” in the areas that we know are God’s will. May we look back at 2023 and be glad we followed the call to “carry on” for the Lord!

Happy New Year!

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
McKee Ranch
2022-B8245

16619 Johnson Road
Bakersfield, CA 93314

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:
16619 Johnson Road
Bakersfield, CA 93314

David Daniel
16619 Johnson Road
Bakersfield, CA 93314

Carl R. Daniel and
Patricia A. Daniel,
Trustees of the Carl R. and
Patricia A. Daniel
Family Trust
16201 Johnson Road
Bakersfield, CA 93314

The business is conducted by: General Partnership

Date the business commenced: N/A

A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)

/s/David Daniel
Date Statement Filed: 12/22/2022
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Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: C Martinez
Publish Shafter Press December 29, 2022 and January 5, 12, 19, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
4 Pines Designs
2022-B8093

9512 Four Pines Drive
Shafter, CA 93263

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:
9512 Four Pines Drive
Shafter, CA 93263

Melissa Bolton
9512 Four Pines Drive
Shafter, CA 93263

The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: N/A

A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)

/s/Melissa Bolton
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
CSG Investigative Services
2023-B0026

15412 Saint Clement Way
Bakersfield, CA 93314

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:
15412 Saint Clement Way
Bakersfield, CA 93314

Christopher Scott Garrett
15412 Saint Clement Way
Bakersfield, CA 93314

The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: N/A

A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)

/s/Melissa Bolton
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Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: P Del Villar
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Tricia and Tasha
2022-B7995

8301 Brimhall Rd Ste 26
Bakersfield, CA 93312

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:
23258 Swan Ln
Bakersfield, CA 93314

Patricia Belle Spainhoward
23258 Swan Ln
Bakersfield, CA 93314

Natasha Michele Guidera-Booth
3732 Red Rock Apt. A
Bakersfield, CA 93308

The business is conducted by: General Partnership

Date the business commenced: 10/01/2018

A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)

/s/Patricia Spainhoward
Date Statement Filed: 12/08/2022
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Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: P Del Villar
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PUBLIC NOTICE
T.S. No. 104685-CA APN: 028-241-11-00-1 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE
IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/1/2007. 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 On 3/10/2023 at 10:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 11/9/2007 as Instrument No. 0207226297 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Kern County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: ROQUE BARRERAZ AND ARMIDA BARRERAZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON A STATE OR NATIONAL BANK, A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL CREDIT UNION, OR A CHECK DRAWN BY A STATE OR FEDERAL SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS ASSOCIATION, OR SAVINGS BANK SPECIFIED IN SECTION 5102 OF THE FINANCIAL CODE AND AUTHORIZED TO DO BUSINESS IN THIS STATE; AT THE FRONT ENTRANCE TO THE CITY HALL, 1501 TRUXTUN AVENUE, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93301 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County and State described as: MORE ACCURATELY DESCRIBED IN SAID DEED OF TRUST. The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 380 EAST ORANGE AVENUE, SHAFTER, CA 93263 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$181,476.04 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (844) 477-7869 or visit this Internet Web site WWW.STOX-POSTING.COM, using the file number assigned to this case 104685-CA. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the

Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: Effective January 1, 2021, you may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (855) 313-3319, or visit this internet website www.clearreconcorp.com, using the file number assigned to this case 104685-CA to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. FOR SALES INFORMATION: (844) 477-7869 CLEAR RECON CORP 8880 Rio San Diego Drive, Suite 725 San Diego, California 92108 Publish Shafter Press 1-12, 19, 26, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
MG & Sons Contracting
2022-B8235

422 James Street, Suite11
Shafter, CA 93263

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:
422 James Street, Suite 11
Shafter, CA 93263

HSG, Inc.
422 James Street, Suite 11
Shafter, CA 93263

State of Incorporation or Organization: CA

The business is conducted by: Corporation

Date the business commenced: 12/15/2016

A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)

/s/Hector Solis Jr, President
Date Statement Filed: 12/21/2022
Date Statement Expires: 12/21/2027
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: P Del Villar
Publish Shafter Press January 12, 19, 26, February 2, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF VACANCY

Interested persons are hereby notified that pursuant to Government Code 1780 there is a vacancy at the Shafter Recreation & Park District Board of Directors.

The position to be filled is for a term ending December 2026.

The seat will go up for election or appointment on January 24, 2023 for the final 46 months of the term.

Applications are available at the Shafter Recreation & Park District Office located at:
700 E. Tulare Shafter, CA 93263
Phone #: (661) 746-3303
Website: ShafterRecreation.com

Applications are due by: January 24th, 2023

This district board has 60 days from the date the board is notified of the vacancy or the effective date of the vacancy, whichever is later, to fill the vacancy by appointment or call a special election. Gov. Code 1780.

Pursuant to Government Code 1780, this notice will be posted for 15 days at the Shafter Recreation & Park District Office, The Shafter W.C Walker Senior Center, The Shafter City Hall and the Shafter Press from dates January 10, 2023 to January 24, 2023.

Publish Shafter Press January 12, 19, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
B1G Head Smoke Shop
2023-B0074

2873 Sierra Hwy #A
Rosamond, CA 93560

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:
3453 Quiet Splendor Ct
Rosamond, CA 93560

Naser Maayah
3453 Quiet Splendor Ct
Rosamond, CA 93560

The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: N/A

A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use

in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)

/s/Naser Maayah
Date Statement Filed: 01/04/2023
Date Statement Expires: 01/04/2028
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: A Goodwin
Publish Shafter Press January 19, 26, February 2, 9, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE TS No. CA-22-944180-NJ Order No.: 220517813-CA-VOI YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 9/20/2007. 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 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 to the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state, will be held by duly appointed trustee. The sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the accrued 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. BENEFICIARY MAY BID LESS THAN THE TOTAL AMOUNT DUE. Trustor(s): ABDON MONTROYA AND MARIA D. MONTROYA, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS Recorded: 9/27/2007 as Instrument No. 0207197986 of Official Records in the office of the Recorder of KERN County, California; Date of Sale: 3/8/2023 at 10:00 AM Place of Sale: On the front steps of the City Hall South building at 1501 Truxtun Ave, Bakersfield, CA 93301 Amount of accrued balance and other charges: \$180,658.55 The purported property address is: 323 E MARENGO AVE, SHAFTER, CA 93263 Assessor's Parcel No.: 028-212-04-00 NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this Notice of Sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g of the California Civil Code. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call 916-939-0772 for information regarding the trustee's sale or visit this Internet Web site http://www.qualityloan.com, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the trustee: CA-22-944180-NJ. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call 916-939-0772, or visit this internet website http://www.

qualityloan.com, using the file number assigned to this foreclosure by the Trustee: CA-22-944180-NJ to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. NOTICE TO PROSPECTIVE OWNER-OCCUPANT: Any prospective owner-occupant as defined in Section 2924m of the California Civil Code who is the last and highest bidder at the trustee's sale shall provide the required affidavit or declaration of eligibility to the auctioneer at the trustee's sale or shall have it delivered to Quality Loan Service Corporation by 5 p.m. on the next business day following the trustee's sale at the address set forth in the below signature block. The undersigned trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the property address or other common designation, if any, shown herein. 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 publication of this Notice of Sale. If the trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the deposit paid. The Purchaser shall have no further recourse against the mortgagor, the mortgagee, or the mortgagee's attorney. If you have previously been discharged through bankruptcy, you may have been released of personal liability for this loan in which case this letter is intended to exercise the note holders right's against the real property only. As required by law, you are hereby notified that a negative credit report reflecting on your credit record may be submitted to a credit report agency if you fail to fulfill the terms of your credit obligations. Date: QUALITY LOAN SERVICE CORPORATION 2763 Camino Del Rio S San Diego, CA 92108 619-645-7711 For NON SALE information only Sale Line: 916-939-0772 Or Login to: http://www.qualityloan.com Reinstatement Line: (866) 645-7711 Ext 5318 Quality Loan Service Corp. TS No.: CA-22-944180-NJ IDSPub #0183218 1/19/2023 1/26/2023 2/2/2023
Publish Shafter Press

PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Aldoukhi Services
2023-B0241

4805 Peacock Ct
Bakersfield, CA 93313

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:
4805 Peacock Ct
Bakersfield, CA 93313

Yousef Aldoukhi
4805 Peacock Ct
Bakersfield, CA 93313

The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: 01/01/2022

A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)

/s/Yousef Aldoukhi
Date Statement Filed: 01/11/2023
Date Statement Expires: 01/11/2028
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: C Martinez
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
La Favorita Market
2023-B0114

749 So Shafter Ave
Shafter, CA 93263

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:
749 So Shafter Ave
Shafter, CA 93263

La Favorita Super Store, Inc
749 So Shafter Ave
Shafter, CA 93263

State of Incorporation or Organization: CA

The business is conducted by: Corporation

Date the business commenced: 01/06/2003

A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of an-

other under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)

/s/Saleh S. Ali, President
Date Statement Filed: 01/05/2023
Date Statement Expires: 01/05/2028
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: P Del Villar
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
La Imperial Catering Truck
2023-B0278

422 James St.
Shafter, CA 93263

County: Kern

Mailing address of business:
422 James St.
Shafter, CA 93263

La Imperial Taqueria Catering Truck
422 James St.
Shafter, CA 93263

State of Incorporation or Organization: CA

The business is conducted by: Corporation

Date the business commenced: N/A

A new Fictitious Business Name Statement must be filed before the expiration. The filing of this statement does not of itself authorize the use in this state of a Fictitious Business Name in violation of the rights of another under federal, state or common law (see Section 14411 et seq., business and professions code.)

/s/Hugo Garcia, CEO
Date Statement Filed: 01/12/2023
Date Statement Expires: 01/12/2028
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: C Martinez
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Petition to
Administer Estate of:
Leland Wallace Bergman, aka
Leland W. Bergman,
aka Leland Bergman, Decedent
Case Number: S-1501 PB-64962

1. To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of: Leland Wallace Bergman

2. A Petition for Probate has been filed by: Kim Renee Heinke in the Superior Court of California, County of: Kern

3. The Petition for Probate requests that: Kim Renee Heinke be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.

4. The petition requests the decedent's will and codicils, if any, be admitted to probate. The will and any codicils are available for examination in the file kept by the court.

5. The petition requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.

6. A hearing on the petition will be held in this court as follows:
a. Date: 5/25/2023 Time: 8:30a.m.
Dept.: J-1
b. Address of court: Superior Court of California, County of Kern, 2100 College Avenue, Bakersfield, 93305. Juvenile Justice Center

7. If you object to the granting of the petition you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.

8. If you are a creditor or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.

Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.

9. You may examine the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.

10. Attorney for petitioner: Joshua Wilson
1626 19th Street, Suite 23, PO Box 2411
Bakersfield, CA 93303
661-325-5075
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