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'We are just the caretakers' Family enterprise changes with the times

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

FOCUS ON FARMING Starrh farms

Starrh Farms has been a mainstay in the Shafter community for over 40 years, with the company changing with the times, but still keeping that same small town commitment to the residents of Shafter and the agricultural community.

Jay Kroeker, the operations director for the company, said that the organization loves the community of Shafter and will

keep serving them, as well as being caretakers of the land that has been given to them.

Kroeker, who joined the company in the early 1980s, is married to Fred Starrh's daughter Carol and was welcomed into the fold in 1983, after working in farming his entire life.

"I started farming when I would spend summers on my uncle's farm up in Dinuba.

I did that for eight years, which is where my love of farming began." Kroeker said, as sees himself as a farmer and a caretaker. "We don't make the trees, we don't make the carrots. God has created this great garden, and we are just the caretakers of His wonderful garden."

Fred Starrh began the operation and had his entire family involved in the busi-



Starrh Farms has over 1,500 acres of pistachios.

ness as they grew to one of the top producing operations in the county. In the beginning, they grew cotton and alfalfa, the hot crops at the time, and the business was very good to them.

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The Shafter Colours Committee, from left, Raydon Fortenberry, Randy Toews, Colleen Diltz, Phillip Jimenez, Barbara Gladden, Debbie Haley, Cathy Prout, Garry Nelson, Danny Payne and Chairman Pat Coyle.

Colours festival returns to Shafter Feb. 22-24

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The Colours Festival will be making a return to Shafter in February, giving the community a taste of the amount of talent here. The event will run Thursday to Sunday, Feb. 22-25, with over a dozen cultural events.

The event will kick off with the traditional Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, Feb. 22, at the Shafter Veterans Hall. It will be a drive-thru only event, running from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Also on Thursday, the Coffee House Strings event will feature local talent at the Tin Cup from 7 to

9 p.m.

The majority of the events will be centered at the Tin Cup and Ford Theater area.

On Friday, Feb. 23, the Fun Run and Walk will take off from the Shafter Recreation Office on Tulare Avenue. Registration begins at 7 a.m., and the race will begin at 9 a.m.

At the Shafter Depot Museum, the Cans d'Arte Exhibit returns from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. In this unique display, individuals and groups use canned food and other items to create art works.

The Green Hotel will be open

for tours and for perusing from 10:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

At the Tin Cup Stage, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., there will be the Youth Art Workshops. There will be two sessions, one from 10 to 11:30 a.m. and the other from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. This event allows children to connect with that creative side of themselves and make something that they will be able to take home.

The Polymer Keychain Workshop is on the Tin Cup patio from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Author Jennifer Gardiner will be appearing at the Ford Theater from 3 to 4 p.m. for Meet the Author.

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WRPD works to improve quality of life

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

A recreation and parks district enhances a community's overall quality of life by providing spaces for residents to engage in activities promoting physical, mental and emotional well-being. In Wasco, Chris Serna is the manager of this city agency and is responsible for leading the organization in innovative and interactive programming for all ages.

She has held the position for two years, previously being employed primarily in the public sector. She is not from Wasco – "But I have worked in Wasco for over 27 years and have spent so much time here that I consider it to be my second home," she said in an interview recently.

Serna is passionate about her job. "I love bringing people together. Our customers are so enthusiastic about their activities, sports, nonprofit organizations, etc. I love

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Wasco, Arvin police unite for public safety

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

The Wasco Police Department and Arvin Police Department have announced a long-term collaboration to enhance police operations, training and interagency relationships.

WPD Chief of Police Charles Fivecoat said, "We have used the same model throughout my time as a chief, even when I was in Shafter. The idea is to maximize resources to benefit our communities' citizens, which is why this collaboration is good."

"You look at all the officers, sergeants, lieutenants and everybody; they all have different things they bring to the table that we can all mutually benefit from. The overwhelming thing about this concept is that it mutually benefits us all."

The collaboration will allow for information sharing, training and professional development and coordination.

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Shafter's 2024 DYW selection in March

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A new Shafter Distinguished Young Woman will be selected in March, with 16 participants this vying to represent the city of Shafter in the State DYW competition.

This year's participants include Marisol Bazan Gutierrez, the daughter of Jesus El-oisa Amador; Jayna Pierucci, daughter of Jerald and Jodie Pierucci; Noemi Prado, daughter of Everado and Elma Rodriguez; Camryn Eubanks, daughter of Nick and Roya Eubanks; Amelie Rosales, daughter of David and Patti Rosales; Emily Trado, daughter of Reina Yanez; Kaitlyn Arismendez, daughter of Paul and Feyna Aris-

mendez; Alexis Lopez, daughter of Jeremy and Cassandra Lopez; Adriana Moreno-Bravo, daughter of Mario and Rosa Moreno; Celeste Perez, daughter of David Perez and Maria Rodriguez; Katie Pantoja, daughter of Juan Pantoja and Olga Cervantes; Erika Montoya, daughter of Sughei Montoya; Elissa Munoz, daughter of Edwin and Andrea Munoz; Emily Bejarano, daughter of Tomas Bejarano and Sandra Alvarez; Allison Figueroa, daughter of German and Martha Figueroa; and Lauren Givens, daughter of Chad and Vanessa Givens.

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Participants in the DYW 2024 are: (bottom, left to right), Marisol Bazan Gutierrez, Jayna Pierucci, Noemi Prado, Camryn Eubanks and Amelie Rosales. (middle row, left to right) Emily Trado, Kaitlyn Arismendez, Alexis Lopez and Adriana Moreno-Bravo. (top row, left to right), Celeste Perez, Katie Pantoja, Olga Cervantes, Erika Montoya, Elissa Munoz and Lauren Givens.

Community Calendar

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Anne of Green Gables" tryouts – Auditions on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 2-3, 4-6 p.m. in Tin Cup, 1101 E. Lerdo Hwy. The show will be "Anne of Green Gables." Open to all actors from high school through college. Auditions are free and an information packet will be provided upon request. For any questions, call 661-630-4059.

Tire drop off – Kern County Public Works, in partnership with Caltrans District 6, will be hosting a Clean California Tire Drop Off Day on Saturday, Dec. 3 and 10 for residents to drop off tires at the Shafter-Wasco Landfill, 17621 Scofield Ave., Shafter, 8 a.m.-4 p.m.

Waste collection – Kern County Public Works is hosting a household hazardous waste collection event Saturday, Feb. 17, at 17621 Scofield Ave., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Accepted materials include batteries, motor oil, paints, light bulbs, pool chemicals, automotive supplies, cleaning products and more.

Recolección de Residuos – Kern County Public Works evento de recolección de residuos peligrosos del hogar, Sábado 17 de Febrero, 17621 Scofield Ave., 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Materiales aceptados: baterías, aceite de motor, pinturas, bombillas, objetos punzantes, productos de limpieza ya mas.

Colours coming – A Celebration of the Arts in Shafter Thursday-Sunday, Feb. 22-25.

Distinguished Young Women scholarship competition – Sixteen contestants vie for the title at the Fred Starr Performing Arts Center at Shafter High School on Friday, March 22, at 6 p.m. Tickets are \$20 and are available from Toni Franz (661-805-7672) and at the SHS office.

ONGOING

Warm clothing drive – Supervisor David Couch invites the public to donate gently used or new warm clothing through the remainder of the year. Shafter drop off location is 329 Central Valley Hwy.

Basic office skills classes – Wasco Adult School offers Bakersfield College basic office skills certificates. Register now. Call 661-758-7414 for more information.

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

MONDAY

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

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

TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

Senior Food giveaway – Westside Family Fellowship hosts free senior food giveaway every fourth Tuesday of the month, 9-10 a.m., 60 or older (ID required). 2150 Palm Ave., Wasco.

WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

THURSDAY

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

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

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

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

FRIDAY

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

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

SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

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](mailto:ThePress), 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:** Across from Bank of America, Clint's liquor and convenience store was at 250-260 Central Avenue. It was built in 1941.



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Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Wasco 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 Tribune](mailto:theTribune), 455 Kern St., Suite E, Shafter, CA 93263, or e-mail it to mysteryphoto@WascoTrib.com. Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** The Wasco Mercantile in 1916. This was a popular general store downtown on 7th Street.



ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

JAN. 23

William Alejandro Lopez, 34, of Shafter, was arrested at Griffith Avenue and North Dresser Road for taking a vehicle without owner's consent, driving with a suspended license due to DUI, reckless driving, evading a peace officer and possession of a stolen vehicle.

BUTTONWILLOW

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

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Everardo Del Toro, 33, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 5100 block of Judd Street in Bakersfield for vandalism,

disorderly conduct and possession of burglary tools. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Marcela Preciado Rosales, 25, of Wasco, was arrested in the 17000 block of Scofield Avenue in Wasco for disorderly conduct, vehicle theft, conspiracy, and for obstructing, resisting and delaying a peace officer. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

JAN. 22

Rafael Gonzalez, 37, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2600 block of Parkside Drive on a felony bench warrant, misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Brian Marshall Henry, 40, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Poplar Avenue and Poso Drive for misdemeanor violation of a protection order and possession of a controlled substance. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Antonio Israel Lopez, 25, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1800 block of Pepper Tree Close for felony violation of a protection order to prevent domestic violence. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

JAN. 23

Alex Neri, 39, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1400 block of Highway 46 for felony possession of a controlled substance for sale, transporting controlled substances, misdemeanor possession of controlled substance paraphernalia and driving without a license. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

JAN. 24

Marcus Phillip Melgoza, 41, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 400 block of Central

Avenue for felony conspiracy, misdemeanor shoplifting, and on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Aurelio Montoya, 58, of Wasco, was arrested in the 400 block of Central Avenue for misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Vivienne Tupou, 34, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on a

misdemeanor bench warrant. She was cited and released at the scene.

Jose Mauricio Villegas, 26, of Wasco, was arrested in the 400 block of Central Avenue for felony possession of a stolen vehicle. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

JAN. 26

Armando Joe Macias, 29, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of G Street on misdemeanor bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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From addiction to inspiration at Westside

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Criston McPhetridge is an outreach pastor for Westside Family Fellowship who turned his life around after being addicted to drugs and alcohol and who now volunteers to help the homeless and minister in the Philippines. He gives of his time not for the recognition but for the love of it.

His story is one of inspiration, having overcome a 20-year addiction that almost destroyed him. "I started using meth at 17 and didn't stop until I was 40. I was going down a path where I was either going to end up dead or in prison."

But then he found God. "I went into a program called Teen Challenge. I was there for a year when he changed my life. Everything after has been a whirlwind since putting me in a place to be a blessing to others."

He got a job in maintenance at Westside Family Fellowship after he graduated from the program. "I knew that I wanted more of what God had to offer me, so I started to study and got my credential in ministry from the Pentecostal Church of God."



Criston McPhetridge preaching at the Westside Family Fellowship on the meaning of being strong and courageous.

McPhetridge was on the worship team at the church, holding a celebrate recovery class when his pastor offered him the position of outreach pastor. "And then they put me on staff, and that's when I began to feel the area that God wanted me to focus on, which was outreach."

With the church, he began a once-a-

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month event at Westside Park to feed anyone who came and gave a short church service. "We made sack lunches once a week for about two years, and we would go and hand them out in Shafter, Wasco and Bakersfield."

"I would give them a sack lunch and tell them my testimony and witness to them about Jesus."

Then, an opportunity arose to extend his service internationally. "I met a pastor at a men's group who had a ministry, Arise Shine, based in the Philippines, and I ended up going on a mission trip with him for three months."

There, he participated in many events, preaching the Gospel, teaching and giving daily devotions at the Bible college, doing street ministry and attending meetings with Arise Shine leadership.

"I couldn't believe it, and I kept thinking that God just had to be real. I had never even flown in an airplane before, and with my background, I never thought that God would use me in another country to share my story."

"And so that lit a fire in me that I knew

then that I wanted to preach. So, when I returned, I began doing that at our church. Working with my pastor, he has been mentoring me, giving me books to study, and having me do a lot more preaching."

"That's where I'm headed right now. I speak at churches around Bakersfield, McFarland and Taft, and I want to continue to do that, to share my story with people. In April, I will speak at Teen Challenge on a Friday once a month."

He said he is excited about that because that program changed his life. "If it wasn't for Teen Challenge and having somewhere to go when I worked on myself, I would probably still be addicted to drugs and alcohol."

Looking ahead, he sees a bright future, "I am going to continue to do God's work. I know that I'm going to be involved with people. I'm going to be involved with the homeless, the addicted and the broken for the rest of my life because with the compassion and the way my heart hurts when I see somebody addicted to drugs or sleeping on the street, I don't think that the kind of hurt I feel for those people is ever going to go away. I know that it's a place where I can make a little bit of a difference."

'It's always good vibes at Barber Bros'

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Barber Bros launched in 2023 and has since developed a reputation for its commitment to quality service and its vibrant, friendly atmosphere.

Owner Luis Magallanes said he started the business because of all the luxuries afforded by being an entrepreneur: "I wanted the freedom to make my schedule and have the flexibility to spend time with my growing family."

Magallanes is a Wasco native and thought the city was the perfect place to open the barbershop. He's familiar with the town and thinks it's a great community.

"I've been here my whole life. We all know each other."

As the owner of Barber Bros, he enjoys meeting new people and providing good service to his clientele. "It was a challenge in the beginning, but now it doesn't feel like work at all, and it's a lot of fun."

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He has a staff of two and prides himself on the welcoming ambiance.

"It's always good vibes in the shop. We laugh, make jokes and try to make our guests feel at home. Plus, our prices are affordable."

"We only charge \$25 a haircut, \$35 for a haircut and beard, and \$45 for a haircut, beard and hot towel shave."

They do all modern haircuts, including fades, gentlemen's cuts, frohairs, tapers, edgers and burst fades.

His clients seem to be happy. Adrian Soto is one of them. "I've been a customer since they opened," he said. "It's good. I keep coming back. The best part of their work is it makes me feel young again. I come out with a new haircut, and it brings that confidence back. It makes you feel good about yourself."

Magallanes has an experienced team. Barber Benjamin Carmona has been a part



Owner Luis Magallanes with faithful customer Adrian Soto.

of the shop from the beginning and enjoys working there. "It's one big family. We all help each other. We're unique to other barbershops."

Another barber, Junior Magallanes, added, "I love it. It's like my second home."

I love coming in in the morning. It's a lot of fun. The environment is amazing, and the customers love it too."

Of the quality of their work, he said, "Our styling is different and the most up to date."

He added there is a special camaraderie between the team. "We tend to support one another. We're growing and learning together, and we give each other a hand."

"So we're a tight knight group, and that helps us make sure it's a great experience for our customers," Magallanes explained.

He said he hopes to expand his business. "I am learning content creation so I can make videos online and take my business to another level. I want to be greater. This is not where it ends. It's only the beginning."

Barber Bros is located at 2013 Hwy. 46 and is open Tuesday-Friday, 10 a.m.-6:30 pm, Saturday until 3 pm. For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 661-912-6127.

Minter Field to celebrate anniversary

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Minter Field will be holding a celebration to commemorate the dedication of the base in February 1942.

Minter Field Shafter was officially dedicated Minter Field Army Air Corps Base in honor of Hugh Minter on Feb. 7, 1942.

They will be celebrating the 82nd anniversary of the dedication on Saturday, Feb. 10, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the museum, 401 Vultee St., at the Shafter Airport.

At the event, aviation historian Barbara Schultz will be signing her "Pioneering Aviation in Kern County" book.

Schultz has published several books, including "Pancho: The Biography of Florence Lowe Barnes." Barnes was a skilled

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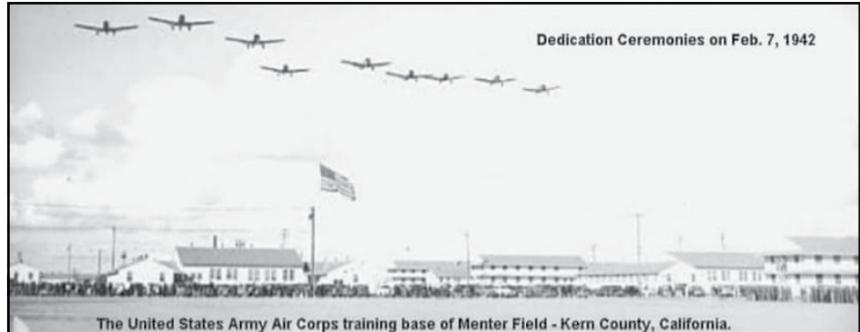
aviatrix who also was the owner of the Happy Bottom Flying Club.

Honor Flight of Kern County will also be at the event to sign up those interested in a future flight to Washington, D.C.

The museum will celebrate some of the things that have happened in the last year.

According to museum Chairman Ronald Pierce, the base owes thanks to the Johnson Family Fund for their generous donation in the namesake of Charles M. (Charlie) Johnson. With his donation, the museum was able to paint and restore the 82-year-old WWII building it calls home.

Steve Holloway Painting and their paint crew painted and restored the building. Bakersfield Carpenter's Union Local #743



Minter Field was dedicated in February 1942.

and Rebuilding Together Kern County remodeled a storage room into a brand-new exhibit room for the museum.

Ken Schultz provided the initial gift to start the Ken Schultz Airplane Hangar

Fund, benefitting the museum.

All activities are free at the anniversary event. More information is available from the Minter Field office at 661-393-0402.

Wasco, Arvin police unite for public safety

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tion in crisis response.

About information sharing, Fivecoat said, "It could involve new technology or case decisions through the courts and how they affect the agencies, or maybe a new tactical procedure that helps our ability to do our job. It's information sharing to help understand the problems better."

Information sharing also involves the exchange of intelligence and data, enhancing the ability to solve cases and prevent crimes.

With training and professional development, sharing training resources and expertise ensures officers are well-equipped to handle diverse situations. "We're trying to use everybody's expertise to develop

the best practices," Fivecoat said.

During large-scale emergencies or crises, collaboration between police agencies becomes crucial for an effective and coordinated response, he explained. This ensures that resources are deployed efficiently and that the safety and well-being of the community are prioritized.

The collaboration with the Arvin Police Department is up and running. Fivecoat said, "It's working very effectively, and I'm looking forward to doing the same with all the agencies we work with, including virtually every agency in the County of Kern and some in the County of Tulare."

Arvin Chief of Police Alex Ghazalpour agrees. "It's a fantastic thing. Anytime agencies

can resource share or have the ability to collaborate, it helps both our respective communities as a whole, and that's a huge benefit."

"Our cities have similar issues when it comes to law enforcement needs. Anytime we can help each other out and collaborate, it becomes a win-win situation for the residents and businesses in our cities. Case in point, if the city of Arvin had a major incident that occurred, it would be great to pick up the phone and ask for our neighboring agencies to help us, which they do."

"When we look at the collaboration with Wasco, it's good to have additional resources that can come to us from a city further away from us. Resource sharing and collaboration isn't a new concept, but it's

one that oftentimes isn't utilized as much."

He sees several areas that are good fits for information sharing.

"I look at technology; the city of Wasco and Arvin, along with some other cities in Kern County, has the same technology, such as body-worn cameras and dispatch software, which reiterates the need for collaboration and really helps with collaborations with police departments."

"Being able to assist the Wasco Police Department in their start-up process and allowing their officers and dispatch personnel the ability to utilize our equipment that they will be using makes for a better training and understanding and ultimate success for their police department."

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Dry January and beyond: Stop drinking for your health



Dr. Archana Dubey

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UnitedHealthcare of California

Millions of people worldwide are participating in the health movement of Dry January, simply choosing not to drink alcohol for the month.

Because many Americans reported increasing their alcohol intake during Covid, there is concern that consumption has remained high even after the pandemic ended. Health professionals report they are seeing increased drinking habits, especially among women.

California ranks 34th in the nation in excessive drinking, with 19.1% of adults reporting that they drink in excess, according to United Health Foundation's 2023 annual America's Health Ranking Report.

Individuals who consume alcohol identified improving their physical health and mental well-being as the main reasons for drinking less.

The health rewards of drinking less

Keeping alcohol use to a minimum allows good things to start happening in your body. You may find that you sleep better, your mood improves and you're able to think more clearly. Depending on the rest of your diet, you may even shed a few pounds. You'll certainly lower your risk of several types of cancer, including throat,

esophageal, breast and colorectal cancers, per the National Cancer Institute.

If reducing how much you drink is a personal goal, read on to learn tips and strategies that may help.

Tips and strategies for drinking less
Keep a journal to track your feelings. Knowing when and why you reach for alcohol can help you figure out ways to cut back. But if you're unsure of your reasons, keep a journal for a week. When you feel the urge to pour a drink, jot down what is making you feel that way, whether physical or emotional. Loneliness and boredom are often big ones. You may also feel stressed, sad, anxious or irritable. Review your journal at the end of the week and look for patterns. Once you find some common themes, you can brainstorm ideas for working around them.

Drink mindfully. For many people, drinking alcohol is almost an unconscious habit — they drink without even thinking about it. For example, maybe you sip wine while cooking dinner or open a beer when you turn on the TV. As you reach for that drink, give yourself a moment to think. Do you really want it, or is it just part of your routine? That's what mindful drinking is all about. If it's the latter, you can concentrate on changing the behavior pattern. If it's the former, have the drink, but stay present in

the moment — sit down and really savor it.

Change your routine. If you normally have your happy hour at 5 o'clock in the evening, postpone it to 6:30 or 7:00. Distract yourself by taking a walk, going to the gym or flipping through your favorite magazine. You may feel the urge to drink at first, but breaking your routine will help change your habits over time. It just takes practice.

Try breathing exercises. If you often turn to alcohol when you're stressed, anxious or irritated, try diaphragmatic breathing — also known as box breathing — before you pour a drink. This deep-breathing method calms the central nervous system and can help you relax. Here's how it works:

Sit or lie down and slowly breathe out all the air from your lungs.

Breathe in through your nose for a slow count of four. Aim to fill your lungs and stomach, not just push out your chest.

Hold your breath for a count of four. Exhale for another count of four.

Hold your breath again for a count of four.

Repeat the entire sequence three or four times.

Once you're calmer and more relaxed, you may find that you no longer need a drink to help you unwind.

Swap alcohol for something else. Even if you do well limiting your alcohol at home,

it may be harder to stick to your goals when you socialize, especially if your friends, family and coworkers are all drinking. If you feel pressured to drink when you go out — or you don't want to draw attention to the fact that you're consuming less, order something nonalcoholic that still looks like a regular drink. There are plenty of tasty, nonalcoholic beverage options to choose from. It can be something as simple as club soda with fresh lime, kombucha, or even a nonalcoholic version of your favorite cocktail. You could order a virgin margarita, and nobody would be the wiser.

The bottom line: Taking action to drink less puts you in control, so that if/when you do decide to have a glass of wine or a cocktail, it's a conscious decision, not a mindless habit. And while drinking less can take a bit of planning and effort, the health rewards — for both body and mind — are worth it.

Dr. Archana Dubey is chief medical officer of UnitedHealthcare of California.

'We are just the caretakers'

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Starrh himself grew concerned about the challenge of local farmers getting the amount of water that they would need to maintain their crops and fought to see that they could get it. Starrh planted his first almond trees in 1983, seeing the shift in the ag business and what crops would be needed to keep them successful. Before the turn of the century, they shifted their focus from the cotton and alfalfa to the trees.

This strategy would prove profitable until the water challenges became too great.

With the winds of change came the water allocations that made it hard for farmers who did not have their own water — mostly from their own wells — to get enough to sustain their businesses. The Starrhs ended up making a tough decision in 2021, when they were faced with stricter allocations and rising costs of water. "We ended up making the hard decision to let

the almonds go," said Kroeker. The company ended up abandoning 3,500 acres of almonds. "We are still in the process of removing the trees," he said.

Kroeker said that they are in discussions with a solar company that is interested in using the land, after the trees are scrapped. "This would help offset the costs of the water and operation costs for our existing acreage," he explained.

The Starrh family company now also

grows carrots and onions. "We met with all three of the local carrot farmers in the area...They needed land to grow their product on, so we supply the land and grow the carrots for them," Kroeker said. "It is not perfect, but it does keep us being able to sustain our operations with these contracts."

It also helps maintain the over 1,500 acres of pistachio trees and other crops that makes up Starrh Farms today.

Colours returning to Shafter Feb. 22-24

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Gardiner is a children's book writer, including "A Trip Around the Pond."

The Art Gallery open at the Ford Theater from 12 p.m. to 5 p.m. This event will feature local artists in a variety of mediums, including sculpting, painting, photography and more.

The Minter Field Air Museum will be open from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. to tour their many exhibits. They have artifacts and memorabilia from every U.S. military conflict, as well as an exhibit of Shafter's rich aviation history.

The Shafter Depot Museum will also be open for tours. The museum tells the story of the city, with a focus on its agricultural history.

Also on Feb. 23, there will be a corn hole tournament in the Church of Christ's parking lot, beginning at 1 p.m.

On Sunday, to close out the event, the Cans d' Arte exhibit at the Shafter Depot Museum will be open, as well as the Art Gallery at the Ford Theater. There also will be a Meet the Artists and Wine Tasting at the Ford Theater from 3:30 to 5 p.m.

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Super Students at Clemens

Karl F. Clemens Elementary School announced its weekly Super Students. Criteria for selection were based on significant math improvement, showing kindness to all friends, respect and hard work, following class procedures, helping other students understand new concepts and improving learning English. From left, school mascot Whiskers, school counselor Lisa Hill, Eliana Govea (1st grade), Belinda Garza (2nd), Marcela Escobar (3rd), Alex Hernandez (4th) and Principal Anabel Garrison, Not pictured is Juan Bello (5th grade).

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The ribbon cutting was well attended by the community, including city leadership and representatives from local elected officials. RIGHT: Pops Barbershop owner Joshua Hinojosa with Wasco Rose Queen Esmeralda Rodriguez, who said it was amazing to see the community support for small businesses.



California Home Pros unveils rebuild

On Saturday, it was the official grand opening and ribbon cutting of the completion of the renovation of the old PG&E building by California Home Pros. It was an opportunity to spotlight the business along, with Sherry Knapp's California Home Loans and the opening of Pops Barbershop.

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"It's a culmination of a year's worth of hard work of getting the building ready for our customers and contributing to the beautification of downtown 7th Street," California Home Pros owner Tilo Cortez said. "We couldn't have done it without the help of our agents Chris Olivares, Hector Gutierrez, Monica Biggs, Gustavo Olvera and Jesus Villarreal."

"There are other exciting things going on in the building, like the expansion of Angel's Family Nutrition and us renovating a space next door to a micro venue for meetings and small gatherings."

His wife and partner, Jenny, added, "One of the other things we are doing with the building to enhance downtown is collaborating with the high school art program to create a mural that the art class is going to paint."



Sherry Knapp of California Home Loans and Jenny and Tilo Cortez of California Home Pros said the event was an opportunity to share what they offer with the community.

Both Tilo and Jenny said the event was meant to be fun for the community with food and music. "It's to commemorate all of our efforts while making our community aware of where we're at and what services we provide," Jenny said.

Sherry Knapp from California Home Loans was also happy to partake in the celebration. "We're hoping to show the community that they have local resources and that they don't have to go to Bakersfield to find good service. I want to remind them that we are here and available to help."

For Joshua Hinojosa of Pops Barber-

shop, it was a special day. "It was a great turnout to get the community together to let them know that a local resident that grew up in the city of Wasco realized his dream as a barbershop owner."

"Coming from a small family cutting hair in the garage, it was always a dream to open my own shop. Today, after 12 years of cutting hair, we made it happen."

City Manager Scott Hurlbert said, "It's a great day for these businesses. It's always great to see local employers growing with the city, and we also applaud the owners for repurposing and refurbishing this original building."

Councilmember Gilberto Reyna said, "Congratulations to California Home Pros Tilo and Jenny Cortez, California Home Loans Sherry Knapp, and Pops Barbershop's Joshua Hinojosa on their outstanding achievement in the Ribbon-Cutting Grand Opening of their newly remodeled loca-

tion at 1136 7th Street."

He added, "What a fantastic event. Seeing local businesses thrive and expand is genuinely inspiring. They are the foundation of our community, and their growth has a powerful impact on our entire city's economy. I look forward to the achievements and successes they will reach next. They no doubt have a bright future ahead."

Auditions set for 'Anne of Green Gables'

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

The Shafter Ford Theater has set auditions for their upcoming production of "Anne of Green Gables." This classic tale is set to come alive on stage, and the theater is looking for talented individuals to bring this beloved story to life.

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Audition packets for "Anne of Green Gables" will be provided upon request. These packets contain information about the characters, scenes and the overall audition process.

Auditions will be held on Friday and Saturday, Feb. 10 and 11, from 4 to 6 p.m. at Tin Cup, 1101 E. Lerdo Hwy., in Shafter. This is an opportunity for young high school and college actors to showcase their skills and be part of a production.

Actors passionate about acting are strongly encouraged to try out for a chance to be part of the production.

The Shafter Ford Theater encourages everyone to follow their social media page at Yat_Shafter for updates and other information about the casting selection or call 661-630-4059.



The cast in the 2023 performance of 'A Christmas Chaos.'

Shafter's DYW selection in March

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The Distinguished Young Woman program, formerly known as the Junior Miss program, has been giving girls the chance to compete for scholarships for decades and is one of the largest scholarship programs in the country.

"DYW program has impacted the lives of high school girls in Shafter by providing them with a once in a lifetime experience," says DYS Shafter Director Toni Frantz. "The DYW program is a unique opportunity combining college and career readiness, life skills training, mentoring, friendships, fun and the chance to earn some college

scholarships.

Participants meet regularly for a few months to connect, learn new skills and work hard, all in preparation for a live program in front of their family, friends and neighbors. At the conclusion of the program, awards are given, scholarship money is awarded and one girl is chosen to represent Shafter as the DYW. She will not only be involved in the community throughout the year, but she will also participate in the California Distinguished Young Woman program for another opportunity to earn scholarships and add to her high school experience.

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WRPD works to build community wellness

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 Seeing firsthand new sports teams forming, recreation facilities being upgraded and people being active in our community. The benefits of recreation are endless, and I enjoy being a part of the industry."
 She believes that one of the goals of the WRPD is to engage with the community.
 "We do this by providing residents with a venue for community participation and a sense of place, offering essential life-enhancing qualities that aid community and individual well-being."
 As district manager, she sees her role, along with the WRPD team, as helping to influence the community, and increasing physical activity through the promotion of safe, equitable and inclusive access to parks

and recreation areas, sports programs, camps for different ages and community activities and events."
 She oversees many youth activities, including NFL flag football, Little League baseball, Little League softball, t-ball, swimming, coach pitch baseball, soccer and NBA basketball. For adults, there is a year-round Fit Club and a senior center with plans for co-ed adult softball, volleyball and basketball leagues.
 Serna said these are intended to support health and wellness.
 "WRPD programming, activities and events are aimed at creating a healthy community and play a fundamental role in enhancing the physical environments in which we live. Through facilities, outdoor settings and services provided, they support good health for people of

all abilities, ages, socio-economic backgrounds and ethnicities."
 Many special events take place under her direction, such as the annual Fireworks Show, the Color Blast Fun Run, Spring it On Easter Egg Hunt, Light Up Wasco Christmas Cruise and the Halloween Trunk or Treat.
 She said she is proud of the partnerships that have made some of these events possible. "It takes great partnerships and relationships because it would be difficult for the district to take them on its own without them."
 Looking ahead, she said, "We have more community events planned in the very near future and some work that we have planned for the Cormack Park renovation with the Prop 68 funds."



Manager Chris Serna said the WRPD contributes to the overall health and well-being of the community.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
 Kern-Tulare Water District Amended Rules and Regulations Summary of Changes
 The Kern-Tulare Water District Board of Directors approved the Amended Rules and Regulations for the Sale and Distribution of Water at its regular meeting on January 11, 2024. The document has been revised to 1) clarify procedures during a District allocation of surface water and 2) implement the District's groundwater pumping charge. Modifications were made to the following sections: Article I. Definitions, Article II. Allocation and Use of Water, Article V. Groundwater Extraction, and Article VI. Water Tolls and Assessments. Article I was amended to add and define the term "Allocation Period." Article II. Section 2.02 Allocation of Water was amended to add subsection (b) Allocation Period and to provide clarifying language to District procedures during an Allocation Period under subsections (c) Allocation

Adjustments, (d) Assignment of Water, (e) Private Wells Connected to District Facilities, and (f) Transferring Water in From Sources Outside the District. Article V Section 5.01 Groundwater Measurement was amended in subsection (a) Groundwater Measurement to clarify the units for groundwater flow meters and remove the previous date requirement. Subsections (b) Meter Maintenance and Calibration and (c) Meter Access were revised to add rules and noticing to support compliance with meter calibration procedures and ensure access to meters. Article VI. Water Tolls and Assessments Section 6.01 Establishment of Water Tolls and Assessments was amended to add clarifying language to how the Board establishes and may revise water tolls throughout the year in subsections (a) Water Tolls, (b) Standby Charges, (c) Special Assessments, and (d) Groundwater Extraction Fee. The full document can be found on the District's Website at: <https://kern-tulare.com/index.php/growers-resources>. A copy can also be found at the District's Office at: 5001 California Ave, Ste 102 Bakersfield CA 93309.
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PUBLIC NOTICE
SHAFTER PLANNING
COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on February 13, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, the Shafter Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider the following:
 City of Shafter 6th Cycle Housing Element Update (2023-2031): The Housing Element is a component of the Shafter General Plan that primarily addresses housing matters for the incorporated City. Under State law, the Housing Element must be updated on an eight-year cycle, which is overseen by the California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD). The Housing Element is currently being updated for the sixth cycle, which encompasses the 2023-2031 planning period. The draft Housing Element Update (HEU) was circulated for public review and comment from April 3, 2023, to May 3, 2023, and the Negative Declaration was circulated for public review and comment from June 2, 2023, to July 2, 2023. Following the public review and comment period, the draft HEU was submitted to HCD for review on May 16, 2023. On August 14, 2023, the City received HCD's feedback on the draft. Based on the feedback, the City revised the document and prepared a revised draft and re-circulated it for an additional seven-day public review between October 9, 2023, through October 17, 2023. HCD had additional comments on the revised draft and therefore, staff prepared a second revised draft and publicly circulated this draft for an additional seven days, from December 7, 2023, through December 14, 2023. HCD had additional comments on the second revised draft and therefore, staff prepared a third revised draft and publicly circulated this draft for an additional seven days, from January 8, 2024, through January 15, 2024. At the February 13, 2024, public hearing, the Planning Commission will determine whether to recommend adoption of the most current draft of the HEU to the City Council. Said meeting is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Any person wishing to be heard or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of the project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments at or prior to the meeting to the City Clerk at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. Should anyone challenge any proposed action which is the subject of the meeting listed on this notice, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the

meeting, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at or prior to the meeting.
 You are encouraged to observe the City Council meeting live via YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofShafter/>. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item or public comment, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, February 13, 2024, to the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com. If you wish to make a written comment please submit your comment to the City Clerk, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. If you wish to make a comment during the live meeting by joining the conference via Zoom (include making live comments during the public comment period), callers must first register with the City Clerk at CityClerk@shafter.com before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. All public comments are provided to the Planning Commission and applicable staff, for review and consideration by the Commission prior to acting on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the Planning Commission meeting.
 Dated: January 24, 2024
 Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk
 Publish Shafter Press February 1, 2024

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 02/23/2021. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 02/21/2024 at 10:00 A.M., America West Lender Services, LLC, as duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 02/25/2021, as Instrument No. 221035764, in book , page , of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of KERN County, State of California. Executed by: DYLAN NICHOLAS MCCLELLAN, A SINGLE MAN, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK/CASH EQUIVALENT or other form of payment authorized by 2924h(b), (Payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States) 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: AS MORE FULLY DESCRIBED IN THE ABOVE MENTIONED DEED OF TRUST APN# 482-361-45-00-7 The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 3700 JUNIPER KNOLL WAY, 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 made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, under the terms of said Deed of Trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created 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 \$ 306,009.14. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust has deposited all documents evidencing the obligations secured by the Deed of Trust and has declared all sums secured thereby immediately due and payable, and has caused a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be executed. The undersigned

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 1-866-539-4173 or visit this internet website <https://www.hudsonandmarshall.com>, using the file number assigned to this case 23-011208 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 Website. 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 if conducted after January 1, 2021, 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 1-866-539-4173, or visit this internet website <https://www.hudsonandmarshall.com>, using the file number assigned to this case 23-011208 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, by remitting the funds and affidavit described in Section 2924m(c) of the Civil Code, 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. 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 Mortgagee, the Mortgagee's attorney, Date: America West Lender Services, LLC P.O. Box 23028 Tampa, FL 33623 America West Lender Services, LLC MAY BE ACTING AS A DEBT COLLECTOR ATTEMPTING TO COLLECT A DEBT. ANY INFORMATION OBTAINED MAY BE USED

FOR THAT PURPOSE FOR TRUSTEES SALE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL 1-866-539-4173NPP0445855 To: SHAFTER PRESS 02/01/2024, 02/08/2024, 02/15/2024 Publish Shafter Press

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Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Westrock General Engineering
2024-B0547
 1313 Linda Kay St.
 Bakersfield, CA 93314
 County: Kern
 1313 Linda Kay St.
 Bakersfield, CA 93314
 Westrock LLC
 1313 Linda Kay St.
 Bakersfield, CA 93314
 State of incorp. or org.: CA
 The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
 Date the business commenced: 04/01/2020
 /s/Garrett Brown, Manager
 Date Statement Filed: 01/24/2024
 Date Statement Expires: 01/24/2029
 Aimee X. Espinoza
 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
 By: M Cedeno
 Publish Shafter Press February 1, 8, 15, 22, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Bloemhof Ag Enterprises
2024-B0164
 142 E Tulare Ave
 Shafter, CA 93263
 County: Kern
 142 E Tulare Ave
 Shafter, CA 93263
 Ted Bloemhof Sr
 17851 Palm Ave
 Shafter, CA 93263
 David Bloemhof Jr
 2350 Camino Edna
 San Luis Obispo, CA 93403
 The business is conducted by: General Partnership
 Date the business commenced: /s/David Bloemhof Jr
 Date Statement Filed: 01/05/2024
 Date Statement Expires: 01/05/2029
 Aimee X. Espinoza
 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
 By: T Cabrera
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Creative Landscape & 3D Design
2024-B0379
 289 Nickel Street
 Shafter, CA 93263
 County: Kern
 289 Nickel Street
 Shafter, CA 93263
 Jose Luis Llamas Guzman
 289 Nickel Street
 Shafter, CA 93263
 The business is conducted by: Individual
 Date the business commenced: N/A
 /s/Jose Luis Llamas Guzman
 Date Statement Filed: 01/16/2024
 Date Statement Expires: 01/16/2029
 Aimee X. Espinoza
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 By: Z Arellano
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name
Abandonment Statement
Tower Motel and Apartments
 3215 Chester Ave
 Bakersfield, CA 93301
 County: KERN
 Mailing address of business:
 3215 Chester Ave
 Bakersfield, CA 93301
 Bakersfield Properties, Inc.
 21405 Devonshire Ste 209
 Chatsworth, CA 91311
 Business was conducted by: Corporation
 /s/Lovepreet Deol, President
 Original FBN Statement File Number: 2023-B7494
 Original FBN Statement Filed on: 11/29/2023
 This statement of Abandonment filed on: 01/09/2024
 Aimee X. Espinoza
 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
 By: /s/P Del Villar

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Tower Motel
2024-B0233
 3215 Chester Ave
 Bakersfield, CA 93301
 County: Kern
 3215 Chester Ave
 Bakersfield, CA 93301
 Bakersfield Properties, Inc.
 21405 Devonshire Ste 209
 Chatsworth, CA 91311
 State or incorp. or org.: CA
 The business is conducted by: Corporation
 Date the business commenced: 06/21/2013
 /s/Lovepreet Deol, President
 Date Statement Filed: 01/09/2024
 Date Statement Expires: 01/09/2029
 Aimee X. Espinoza
 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
 By: P Del Villar
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Dollar Mart
2023-B7493
 226 Central Ave, Unit B
 Shafter, CA 93263
 County: Kern
 226 Central Ave, Unit B
 Shafter, CA 93263
 Firendley LLC
 226 Central Ave, Unit B
 Shafter, CA 93263
 State or incorp. or org.: CA
 The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
 Date the business commenced: 11/27/2023
 /s/Saleh Alhassan, Manager
 Date Statement Filed: 11/29/2023
 Date Statement Expires: 11/29/2028
 Aimee X. Espinoza
 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
 By: P Del Villar
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Freeline Design Group LLC
2023-B7725
 814 18th Street
 Bakersfield, CA 93301
 County: Kern
 814 18th Street
 Bakersfield, CA 93301
 Freeline Design Group LLC
 814 18th Street
 Bakersfield, CA 93301
 State or incorp. or org.: CA
 The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
 Date the business commenced: 12/11/2023
 /s/Jeromy Stevens, CEO
 Date Statement Filed: 12/12/2023
 Date Statement Expires: 12/12/2028
 Aimee X. Espinoza
 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
 By: Z Arellano
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Cleaning Lady Duo
2024-B0074
 3909 Raider Dr
 Bakersfield, CA 93304
 County: Kern
 3909 Raider Dr
 Bakersfield, CA 93304
 Aniza Garcia
 3909 Raider Dr
 Bakersfield, CA 93304
 Cruz Noelia Mendoza
 9009 Duncanson Dr
 Bakersfield, CA 93311
 The business is conducted by: General Partnership
 Date the business commenced: N/A
 /s/Cruz Mendoza
 Date Statement Filed: 01/03/2024
 Date Statement Expires: 01/03/2029
 Aimee X. Espinoza
 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
 By: P Del Villar
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PASTOR'S CORNER

Pride goes before destruction

PASTOR SPENCER CARPENTER
First Southern Baptist Church, Shafter

Pride, arrogance and self-conceit are at the root of every sin. Pride is the inflated view of oneself that derives pleasure from the self-perceived greatness of one's own reputation, status, power, influence, abilities, possessions and achievements.

Pride distorts one's self-image and conceit creates a self-imposed blindness which never sees the sin of pride. These delusions of grandeur are often indulged until the pride bubble bursts.

ning. "Pride goes before destruction, and an arrogant spirit before a fall." (Proverbs 16:18).

Pride offers the false promise of happiness and satisfaction by self-promotion and self-exaltation, but the prideful often live miserable lives. "Do you see a man wise in his own conceit? There is more hope for a fool than for him." (Proverbs 26:12).

the consequence and correction for pride. "Before his downfall a man's heart is proud." (Proverbs 18:12a; also 11:1a; 29:23a; Luke 14:11).

The antidote to pride is the often-misunderstood virtue of humility. Humility is the Christian virtue where one has a reasonable and lowly estimation of their own abilities, intelligence, importance, and needs.

Jesus' teachings and modeling of humility are unmatched, teaching service for all, washing the disciples' feet, and humbly taking on human nature and enduring death on the cross to pay for fallen humanities' sins (Mark 10:42-45; Luke

14:7-11; John 13:5-17; Philipians 2:5-11). The apostles wrote: "Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with one another, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love (Eph 4:2)."

The wise Christian learns to put off pride and to put on humility, which is essential for learning, loving others, and service.

Blessed are the humble, for they will inherit the earth. ~ Matthew 5:5

OBITUARIES

Janie Faye Ferrell-Colbert
Feb. 11, 1943 -
Jan. 20, 2024

Our precious mother, Janie Faye Ferrell-Colbert, age 80, passed from this earth to paradise on Saturday, Jan. 20, 2024 at Bakersfield Heart Hospital.

Momma devoted her life to her children, her grandchildren and her great grandchildren, of which there are many, many, many! Always with unconditional love this truly amazing woman was involved with all of our lives.



She leaves behind five daughters and a son: daughter Glenda and son in law Michael Pitcairn, of Kern County; daughter Mona and son in law Rick Sturgeon, of Lonoke County, Ark.; daughter Donna Gray, of Kern County; son

Raymond Ferrell Jr., of Arkansas; daughter Teresa Dawson, of Kern County; and daughter Christina Colbert, of Kern County.

Janie was a warrior woman, raised up hard in Southern Arkansas. Her vivacious personality, loving spirit and deep determination and success in her life was and is nothing short of amazing.

Please join us for her Celebration of Life service Wednesday, Jan. 31, at 1 p.m. at Peters Funeral Home on Lerdo Highway in Shafter.

PET OF THE WEEK

Introducing the loveable Wendy

Wendy came into the Wasco Animal Shelter as a stray. She is approximately a 3-5 year old female German shepherd. She is great with staff and other dogs. It is unknown if Wendy is house/crate trained at the time.



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Adoptions are on a first-come, first-serve basis, beginning at 8 a.m. on the date they are available. You are welcome to call us the day before their availability to ensure the pet is still p for adoption.

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

DEATH NOTICES

Prudencia DeLeon Cazares, 93, of Wasco, passed away Jan. 23, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

Janie Colbert, 80, of Shafter, passed away Jan. 20, in Shafter. Peters Funeral

Home, Shafter.

Verenda Bernelle Wells Carlton, 97, of Shafter, passed away Jan. 27, in Shafter. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

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Alex Aguirre led the Generals' defense this season. RIGHT: Maryon Sloan was named to the First Team All Area Offense.

Generals football recognized by BVarsity

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

SHAFTER

The BVarsity All Area Football Teams were announced and the Shafter Generals were well represented in the group, giving the Generals the largest amount of players honored in the school's history.

On the offensive side, the Generals' sophomore quarterback Ezekiel Osborn was named to the First Team All Area. Osborn had 2,677 yards passing on the season, with 35 touchdowns. Osborn also won the Most Valuable Player award for the entire South Sequoia League as well. Osborn led the Generals to an undefeated regular season, going 10-0, before losing a heartbreaker in the Central Section semifinal game which ended on a controversial play, with Matilda Torres using an ineligible receiver on the play. There were several

other players on the Shafter team that were also recognized on the offensive side. Also making the First Team Offense was the Offensive Player of the South Sequoia League Maryon Sloan. Sloan is a sophomore wide receiver who had 800 receiving yards and 17 touchdowns receiving. Sloan also had two kickoff returns for touchdowns, to go along with two more touchdowns on punt returns.

Parker Valderrama is a senior offensive lineman who helped guide the Generals on offense, allowing the Shafter offense to average 370 yards per game on the season. He also was named to the First Team Offense.

Jesus Figueroa, a senior wide receiver, was named to the Second Team Offense. Figueroa had 44 receptions and 944 yards receiving, to go along with 10 touchdowns.

Joining Figueroa on the Second Team Offense was Jeffrey Vander Poel. Vander Poel is a senior offensive lineman. Making the Third Team Offense were running back Christopher Espinoza and kicker Ernesto Guerrero. Espinoza had almost 1,000 yards rushing on the season, ending the year with 944 yards rushing and 17 touchdowns. Guerrero ended the season with 67 points kicking.

On defense, South Sequoia League's Defensive Player of the Year Alex Aguirre of the Generals was named to the All Area First Team Defense. Aguirre, a senior linebacker, ended the year with 73 tackles, two sacks and three fumble recoveries. Aguirre was an integral part of the defense that ended up making the offense a better team because of the opportunities that were had because of the performance of the Generals' defense.

Being named to the Second Team De-

fense for the Generals was junior defensive lineman Matt Cordova, as well as sophomore linebacker Nick Rossette and sophomore defensive back JJ Vasquez.

According to Head Coach Jerald Pierucci, this was the largest amount of players in one year to be recognized on the All Area teams. "This is the most players we have ever had on the All Valley list in my tenure at Shafter High. It really speaks to what our program is doing in developing our athletes for success, on and off the field."

Pierucci also said that Alex Aguirre being named to the First Team Defense is a special one for the program. "He is the first First Team Defensive Player we have had at Shafter in my tenure as Head Coach."

Pierucci concluded, "I am excited for what the future holds at Shafter and this year is really a testament that small schools can be the best in the area."

PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF VOTE BY MAIL BALLOT PROCESSING
MARCH 5, 2024

PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT: The processing of vote by mail ballots shall be open to the public, both prior to and after the election. (Pursuant to California Elections Code, Section 15104)

The processing of ballots will take place at:

Kern County Elections Office
1115 Truxtun Avenue
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And will commence on:
Monday, February 5, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.

The counting of ballots will take place at:

Kern County Elections Office
1115 Truxtun Avenue
Bakersfield, CA. 93301

And will commence on:
Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.

By: Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
County of Kern

(Una copia de este aviso está disponible en español.)

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
A.G Truck and Transport
2024-B0617

1054 16th St
Wasco, CA 93280

County: Kern
1054 16th St
Wasco, CA 93280

A.G Truck and Transport LLC
1054 16th St
Wasco, CA 93280

State of incorp. or org.: CA

The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company

Date the business commenced: N/A

By: Miguel Gonzalez, Manager

Date Statement Filed: 01/26/2024

Date Statement Expires: 01/26/2029

Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: P Del Villar
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Semitropic Union School District, Wasco, Ca. will receive qualifications for

Inspector of Record (IOR) professional services regarding the initial project of inspection and clearing of

two legacy projects as well as possible additional projects. The RFQ will

be available for download from the Semitropic School District website at

https://www.semitropicschool.net/ Questions about this Request for Qualifications will be accepted.

They are to be submitted to Supt. Bethany Ferguson at bferguson@semitropicschool.org

Notification to Receive Question Responses and RFP revisions: Firms that want to receive answers to questions and any RFQ revisions must provide Contact information at bferguson@semitropicschool.org with the contact person's name, firm, and email address.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
Notice of Public Hearing

City Council of the City of Wasco March 5, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the City of Wasco City Council on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 6:00 pm or soon thereafter.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WASCO DECLARING THERE ARE NO UNMET TRANSLIT NEEDS THAT CAN REASONABLY BE MET WITHIN THE CITY

OF WASCO

The supporting documents may be viewed during normal business hours at City Hall located at 746 8th Street, Wasco, California 93280. Any person wishing to testify on the above resolution or the adoption of the resolution may appear before the City Council at their hearing on March 5, 2024, or may submit written comments on or before March 5, 2024.

If you challenge this resolution or any aspect of it in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Wasco City Clerk, 746 8th Street, Wasco, California 93280 at or prior to the public hearing. If you need special assistance to participate in the meeting described in this notice, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (661) 758-7215 to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. Requests for assistance should be made at least two (2) days in advance whenever possible.

If you have any questions, you may contact Maria O. Martinez, City Clerk, at (661) 758-7215. /s/Maria O. Martinez, City Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Aviso de Audiencia Pública

Ayuntamiento de la Ciudad de Wasco 5 de marzo de 2024

POR EL PRESENTE SE NOTIFICA que se llevará a cabo una audiencia pública ante el Concejo de la Ciudad de Wasco el martes 5 de marzo de 2024 a las 6:00 p. m. o poco después.

UNA RESOLUCIÓN DEL CONCEJO DE LA CIUDAD DE WASCO QUE DECLARA QUE NO HAY NECESIDADES DE TRANSITO INCUBRIDAS QUE PUEDAN SATISFACER RAZONABLEMENTE DENTRO DE LA CIUDAD DE WASCO.

Los documentos de respaldo se pueden ver durante el horario comercial normal en el Ayuntamiento ubicado en 746 8th Street, Wasco, California 93280. Cualquier persona que desee testificar sobre la resolución anterior o la adopción de la resolución puede comparecer ante el Concejo de la Ciudad de Wasco en su audiencia en marzo. 5 de marzo de 2024, o podrá enviar comentarios por escrito a más tardar el 5 de marzo de 2024. Si impugna esta resolución o cualquier aspecto de la misma en el tribunal, es posible que se limite a plantear únicamente aquellas cuestiones que usted u otra persona plantearon en la audiencia pública descrita en este aviso o en correspondencia escrita entregada a la Secretaría Municipal de la Ciudad de Wasco, 746 8th. Street, Wasco, California 93280 en la audiencia pública o antes de ella.

Si necesita asistencia especial para participar en la reunión descrita en este aviso, comuníquese con la Oficina de la Secretaría Municipal al (661) 758-7215 para hacer arreglos razonables para garantizar el acceso a esta reunión. Las solicitudes de asistencia deben realizarse con al menos dos (2) días de anticipación siempre que sea posible. Si tiene alguna pregunta, puede comunicarse con María O. Martínez, Secretaria Municipal, al (661) 758-7215. /s/Maria O. Martinez, City Clerk
Publicado en el Wasco Tribune el 1 de Febrero de 2024

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PUBLIC NOTICE
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF KERN
SUMMARY OF ENACTED ORDINANCE

On January 23, 2024, the Kern

County Board of Supervisors enacted Franchise Ordinance F-695. Franchise Ordinance F-695 granted Plains Marketing, L.P. ("Grantee") a 20-year non-exclusive franchise, replacing Ordinance F-460, to construct, install, maintain, inspect, operate, repair, renew, and remove a non-public utility pipeline together with the appurtenances and equipment necessary or convenient for operation thereof. The actual external diameter, including casing, rounded to the closest inch, shall not exceed eleven (11) inches. The principal purpose of the franchise is the transport of oil, natural gas, and produced water. The requested franchise covers all areas in and under any and all public highways, public roads or rights of way now or hereafter dedicated to public use for roadway purposes and expressly accepted and/or declared public highways by the County (including, but not limited to, the Kern County right of way for Holloway Road), which are within the County of Kern, and are within Sections 24 and 25, Township 26 South, Range 20 East, M.D.B.M. and Sections 30 and 31, Township 26 South, Range 21 East, M.D.B.M., but not included within the limits of an incorporated city.

Throughout the term of the franchise the Grantee and its successors or assigns shall pay to the County an annual franchise fee equivalent to \$1.55 per cubic foot for each of Grantee's pipelines installed in County right of way. This franchise fee shall be adjusted annually, pursuant to Section 8 of the Ordinance. Grantee shall file with the designated agent of the Board of Supervisors, within three months after the expiration of the calendar year or fractional calendar year following the date of the granting of the franchise and within three months after the expiration of each calendar year thereafter, a detailed and verified statement showing the location (by road name or number and section, township and range), length (expressed in feet) and size (expressed in inches) of all of Grantee's pipelines situated within the County right of way. Grantee shall pay to the County, within 15 days after the time for filing the statement described hereinabove, in lawful money of the United States, the annual fee due.

Any neglect, omission or refusal by Grantee to file the verified statement, or to pay the franchise fee at the time or in the manner provided, shall make the Grantee subject to penalties and/or constitutes grounds for declaration of forfeiture of the franchise and of all rights, thereafter, as detailed in Sections 11, 13, and 14 of Ordinance F-3 (Fourth Revision).

The application of Grantee, the franchise ordinance and related documents are on file with the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, Kern County Administrative Center, where they may be examined during normal business hours. Effective date of the Ordinance is February 23, 2024

AYES: Peters, Scrivner, Flores, Couch, Perez
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
DATED: January 23, 2024
KATHLEEN KRAUSE
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
/s/Megan Simpson, Deputy Clerk
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Wasco Mini Storage
451 N. F Street
Wasco, CA 93280
ONLINE Auction
Storagetreasures.com
Ending 2/9/24 @9am

Cleaning Deposit \$50
72 Hours clean-out
U1415 Michael Munoz
household
U312 Odi Rivera
household
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
Cisco's Mobile Rig Service
2024-B0499

1010 Palm Ave
Wasco, CA 93280
County: Kern
1010 Palm Ave
Wasco, CA 93280
Francisco Gerardo Garcia Jr.
1010 Palm Ave
Wasco, CA 93280

The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: N/A

By: Francisco Gerardo Garcia Jr.

Date Statement Filed: 01/22/2024

Date Statement Expires: 01/22/2029

Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: Z Arellano
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
TNM Hay and Feed Sales
2024-B0218

763 Oak Avenue
Wasco, CA 93280
County: Kern
763 Oak Avenue
Wasco, CA 93280

Todd Northrup Millar
763 Oak Avenue
Wasco, CA 93280

The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: 03/01/2010

By: Todd Northrup Millar

Date Statement Filed: 01/09/2024

Date Statement Expires: 01/09/2029

Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: T Cabrera
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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 13, 2024. 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
1102 Fifth Street
Wasco, CA 93280
(661) 758-7100
Attn: Polly Kelley Hughes
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name
Abandonment Statement
Firmes Barber Shop

917 11th Ave
Delano, CA 93215

County: KERN
Mailing address of business:
PO Box 698
Richgrove, CA 93261
Edwin Lopez
290 Wheatland Dr
Richgrove, CA 93261

Business was conducted by: Individual

By: /s/Edwin Lopez, Owner

Original FBN Statement File Number: 2022-B7745

Original FBN Statement Filed on: 11/29/2022

This statement of Abandonment filed on: 01/09/2024

Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: /s/P Del Villar
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
Delano 76 Inc
2024-B0259

2200 Girard St
Delano, CA 93215
County: Kern
201 Norwalk St
Delano, CA 93215

Delano 76 Inc
2200 Girard St
Delano, CA 93215

State of incorp. or org.: CA

The business is conducted by: Corporation

Date the business commenced: N/A

By: /s/Saleh Saeed, President

Date Statement Filed: 01/10/2024

Date Statement Expires: 01/10/2029

Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: T Cabrera
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
Prime Performance Academy
2023-B7657

1121 Main Street
Delano, CA 93215
County: Kern
2227 Santa Barbara Circle
Delano, CA 93215

Angel Isaiah Jasso
2227 Santa Barbara Circle
Delano, CA 93215

The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: 09/01/2023

By: /s/Angel Isaiah Jasso

Date Statement Filed: 12/08/2023

Date Statement Expires: 12/08/2028

Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: P Del Villar
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
Tortilleria M8A
2023-B7828

1750 Poplar Ave Spc 66
Wasco, CA 93280
County: Kern
1750 Poplar Ave Spc 66
Wasco, CA 93280

Yuridian Ochoa Castillo
1750 Poplar Ave Spc 66
Wasco, CA 93280

Efren Montijo
1750 Poplar Ave Spc 66
Wasco, CA 93280

The business is conducted by: Married Couple

Date the business commenced: N/A

By: /s/Yuridian Ochoa

Date Statement Filed: 12/19/2023

Date Statement Expires: 12/19/2028

Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: M Hernandez
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
R & M Farm Service
2024-B0115

R & M Organics
2024-B0116
2312 Alpine Meadow Court
Wasco, CA 93280

County: Kern
PO Box 700
Wasco, CA 93280

R & M Farm Service, Inc.
2312 Alpine Meadow Court
Wasco, CA 93280

State of incorp. or org.: CA

The business is conducted by: Corporation

Date the business commenced: 01/01/2006

By: /s/Miguel Martin, President

Date Statement Filed: 01/04/2024

Date Statement Expires: 01/04/2029

Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: T Cabrera
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PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name Statement
El Molino Mexican Imports
2024-B0012

804 7th St
Wasco, CA 93280
County: Kern
645 Redwood Dr
Shafter, CA 93263

Benjamin Perez
1663 E Granada Ave
Fresno, CA 93720

The business is conducted by: Individual

Date the business commenced: 12/07/2021

By: /s/Benjamin Perez

Date Statement Filed: 01/02/2024

Date Statement Expires: 01/02/2029

Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk

By: M Hernandez
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PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Wasco Union School District ("District") will hold a public hearing at 6:30 pm or as soon thereafter as is practical on March 12, 2024 to allow for public comment prior to consideration of adoption a resolution which would approve a "School Facilities Needs Analysis for Consideration of Alternative School Fees (Sections 65995.5 and 65995.7 of the Government Code)" ("the Analysis") prepared for the District by Cooperative Strategies. The public hearing will be in the Board of Education meeting room located at 440 Griffith Avenue, Wasco, California 93280.

If adopted by the Board of Education, the Resolution and the Analysis would authorize the imposition of the higher Alternative No. 2 and Alternative No. 3 school impact mitigation fees on new residential development within the District as permitted by Senate Bill 50, Chapter 407 of the Statutes of 1998. The Analysis can be reviewed during the public review period of February 9, 2024 through March 12, 2024 at the offices of the Wasco Union School District, located at 1102 Fifth Street, Wasco, California 93280, Monday through Friday from 7:30am through 4:30pm. The Board of Education will respond to written comments on the Analysis at or before the public hearing.

Any questions regarding the Analysis or the public hearing should be directed to Brenda Cortez at (661) 758-7100. Publish Wasco Tribune February 1, 2024