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A bad call takes Generals out of Valley

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter High Generals lost the chance to repeat as Valley Champions when an official blew a call during the overtime period, giving Madera's Torres High a 43-42 last-play win in Shafter Fri-

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day night.

The Generals had scored on their first possession of overtime. Torres scored a touchdown and were going for a two-point conversion. But Torres was flagged for a penalty, pushing the ball back five

yards. Torres then decided to kick the extra point. A high snap forced the Toros' quarterback – the holder for the kick – to roll to the right side to avoid rushers. He then found Joseph Bass – the center who snapped the ball – in the end zone for a two-point conversion and the win.

The problem: Bass was ineligible to re-

ceive a pass.

On the sidelines right after the score, Shafter coaches were yelling within ear-shot of the referees that Bass was not eligible to catch the ball, so the penalty – a loss of down – should have given the Generals the game. But the officials rushed off

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Noah Lopez, #4 runs for a touchdown. (David Hernandez | For the Wasco Tribune)

After 13-7 win, Tigers play for Championship

JAMIE STEWART
Wasco Tribune

The Wasco Tigers punched their ticket to the Valley Title game with a 13-7 win over the Liberty Hawks of Madera Friday night.

The game was a bone-crunching contest that was won on the line of scrimmage. The Tigers' double-

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wing offense kept the Hawks' defense off balance and on the field for the majority of the game.

A star of the game was the Tiger defense, who kept Liberty's powerful running attack in check. The Tigers scored first with a touchdown run by Nomi Lopez. The Hawks

answered with a touchdown run late in the first half.

With the score tied, Wasco took the lead on another touchdown run by Lopez, who ended up with over 159 yards rushing for the game.

The Tigers will travel 3½ hours to Bishop to take on Bishop Union for the championship title in Division V. The Friday night game will kick off at 7 p.m.



Christopher Espinoza goes for a touchdown.

SHS season ends with an overtime thriller 43-42

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Generals saw their football season come to an end on Friday night with a heartbreaking 43-42 loss to the Torres Toros. This was a rematch of the semifinal game last year, in which Shafter traveled up to Madera and beat the Toros in overtime, 42-41.

The upsetting point in this game

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is that the game was given to the Toros on a blown call. The Toros tied the game with a little over a minute to go in the game. In overtime, Generals quarterback Ezekiel Osborn hit Alex Aguirre in the end zone for a touchdown. Torres got the ball and scored on a 12 yard run.

The Toros were initially going

to go for the two-point conversion, but a penalty backed them up, so they elected to kick the extra point. The Toros' quarterback had to stand up to receive the high snap, and it was apparent there wasn't enough time to line up the kick. Juan Soriano rolled out to the right side of the field and found Joseph Bass – the center – in the end zone for the two points and

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Pastor Pat Coyle, Radon and Judy Fortenberry, Garry Nelson and Colleen Diltz discuss the upcoming event.

Colour's Festival will be back in February

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Details continue to be ironed out for the upcoming Colours Festival, slated for Feb. 24-26. The event will mainly be held at the Tin Cup and Ford Theater, with a couple of exceptions. The festival is returning after a long hiatus, with the event being focused this year on local talent.

The opening event will be the Spaghetti Dinner held by the Community Chest on Friday, Feb. 24.

Other events slated for Friday are the opening of the Art Gallery, which will feature several local artists in a variety of mediums. Among those slated to show for the event are Deanna Nelson, Charlotte White and several other local artists.

The Colours Fun Run will be held near Shafter High School, beginning at the Shafter Recreation office. The runners will run or walk the course and be blasted with different colors along the way.

There will also be a corn hole tournament, which will

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Christmas Parade, Tree Lighting set for Dec. 2

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Santa Claus has made his travel plans to be in Wasco for the Christmas Parade, Tree Lighting and Vendor Faire on Saturday, December 2.

For the third year, the Wasco Rose Festival and Orange Heart Foundation will bring our community an evening of fun, fellowship and festivities on the first Saturday in December.

The Vendor Faire begins at 4 pm at Wasco High School at the cafeteria parking lot to allow shopping and eating before and after the parade and tree lighting. It will feature a variety of local artisans and crafters. Attendees can explore a diverse array of unique gifts just in time for the holidays for that special loved one, not to mention delicious treats to enjoy.

Some 2023 Christmas Faire vendors include Get it Twisted, Creations by Brigitte, Trendy Bitz, Gift Me, Bab-mokja Korean BBQ, Crafty Corner, Hilda's Aguas and Jacky's Creations.

The Wasco Christmas Parade begins at 6 pm and will

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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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wasco Christmas Parade – Join in fun festivities in downtown Wasco. Vendor Faire begins at 4 p.m. Parade starts at 6 p.m., followed by tree lighting at 7:15 p.m. Parade applications available at Parade. WascoRF@gmail.com or contact Christi Johnson at 661-772-4107. For vendors application, email VendorWascoRF@gmail.com or call Orquidea Ocampo at 661-717-5783.

Christmas Parade – The Shafter Lions Club will host their 2023 Christmas Parade Friday, Dec. 1. Mannel Park activities begin at 3:30 p.m. with food and music. Tree raffle pick at 6:30 p.m. Parade starts at 7:30 p.m. Pictures with Santa available.

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.

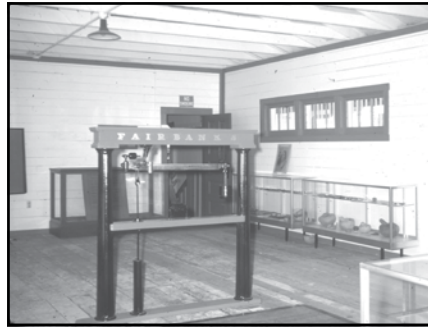
Mystery history

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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 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: The Shafter Depot Museum in 1983



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LAST WEEK: Miss Dorothy posing for a professional photo shoot in the 1940s.



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ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

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Dirk Barton Underwood, 53, of Shafter, was arrested at James Street and State Avenue on a felony bench warrant/failure to appear.

Daniel Justin Cadena, 36, of Shafter, was arrested on Beech Avenue for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

Andrew Lester Avalos, 25, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Lerdo Highway or vandalism (\$400 or more), and on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

NOV. 16

Daniel Martinez, 25, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block of West Los Angeles and Schnaidt Street for driving without a license and on a felony bench warrant/failure to appear on a felony

April Roselinda Sandoval, 39, of Shafter, was arrested at Schnaidt Street and Atlantic Avenue on a misdemeanor bench warrant/failure to appear.

Ascencion Lopez Jr., 31, of Shafter, was arrested on the East Lerdo Highway for possession of a controlled substance.

Jorge Guadalupe Me-

rino Uriostegui, 46, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of West Lerdo Highway for disorderly conduct: under the influence of a drug/narcotics

violations and possession of controlled substances.

NOV. 17

Misty Michelle Barrios, 42, of Shafter, was arrested in the 500 block of South

Shafter Avenue for possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

BUTTONWILLOW

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

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Steve Aguilera, 49, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1300 block of Highway 46 in Wasco on a misdemeanor or warrant.

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New art on display at library

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There is a new display of art pieces on display at the Shafter Library and Learning Center, thanks to artist Karen Shuett. Shuett was a longtime teacher who has retired and is now focusing on her own art. Shuett's exhibition is titled Studies in Form. Shuett, who has traveled the world and taught for two years in Japan, While there, Shuett was inspired by Japanese calligraphy (Shuji) in creating forms. She said that she has been a longtime

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admirer of the style, fascinated with the work of Franz Kline, Paul Klee and Jackson Pollack. "I love the simplicity of the monochromatic pallet and the contrasts that can be depicted in my creation of forms and patterns." For years, Schuett has been expressing herself through her work as a jewelry designer. Her jewelry, utilizing freshwater pearls and natural gemstones, is on display at the Bakersfield Art Association. She is now transitioning to paintings with expressions on canvas. Shuett retired

after years as an elementary school teacher. She said that one of her pleasures in teaching was ensuring that her students were able to work on a variety of art projects when the focus on art as a part of education was being diminished. The classroom was always filled with student artwork, which gave them great pride in their creations and allowed them to create a piece that did not have a right or wrong answer. Shuett is a self-taught artist and enjoys exploring design. Shuett said that she is excited to have her work on display here in Shafter.



Shuett's art draws inspiration from Japanese calligraphy.

Toys for Tigers brings joy to kids, families

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

It's that time of year when the Wasco Toys for Tigers share the spirit of giving. Since 2002, this dedicated group has been making a difference in the lives of children in need by spreading joy through their annual Christmas initiatives. At the core of their mission is the distribution of toys to over 1,000 children in Wasco who are facing economic hardship. "Our goal is to spread holiday cheer for as many kids as possible," said Board Treasurer Pat Ketcherside. "Every family deserves a special Christmas, and we try to make that happen." Children up to 12 receive a toy appropriate for their age, costing \$25 to \$30 each. Every family gets a book and a ball. It's a gesture that goes beyond material value but conveys a message of warmth, hope and celebration. The organization is a nonprofit and relies on generous donations from the community. They spend over \$20,000 yearly on toys. Many volunteers also play a significant role in ensuring the Christmas toy giveaway runs smoothly. "We get volunteers

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from local churches, students and community members," Ketcherside said. The toy distribution event will be held on Saturday, Dec. 9, from 1 to 4 p.m. at Grace Community Church. Another tradition for the Wasco Toys for Tigers is their Christmas Tree Extravaganza, which will take place this year on Monday, Dec. 4, at the Veteran's Hall at Barker Park from 6 to 8 p.m. A highlight will be a chance for the kids to meet and take pictures with Mr. and Mrs. Santa Claus. Children can write letters to Santa. There will be arts and crafts for hands-on activities that reflect the festive spirit. Cookies and hot cocoa will be served, and beautifully and colorfully decorated Christmas trees will be displayed. "It will be a fun evening to kick off the holiday season. Everyone is working hard. We have a large board, and each member is very enthusiastic." Wasco Bengals Football will sell deep pit barbecue dinners to raise money for their teams. Gonzalo Cruz, league representative, said, "This is our second year doing this



Over 1000 toys were distributed at the Toys for Tigers event last year.

with Toys for Tigers. We are beyond grateful for their invitation. We always love to partner with organizations that are all about the community like us."

Westside Food Giveaway breaks record

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

Just in time for the Thanksgiving holiday, the Westside Family Fellowship Church hosted its monthly Food Giveaway with a record-breaking attendance of 1,400 individuals and over 350 cars participating. "We distributed fresh fruit and vegetables, canned and dried goods, and meat products," Pastor Sukie Martinez said. The food banks occur every fourth Thursday of the month from 8 to 10 a.m. This month was special because they had the support of the Grocery Outlet. "We received a donation from the owner, Amor Regis. She gave us a variety of food staples and presented us with a generous monetary gift. We are very grateful, especially during this month of Thanksgiving." "Like us, she is here to serve the community. She wanted to connect with us because of what we do." Regis said, "We wanted to participate because it's a worthy cause, and we know the people need it. We also want to give back to the community that has been so good to us since we opened our doors ear-



Westside Family Fellowship Church Pastor Johnny Martinez and Pastor Sukie Martinez accept a check from Grocery Outlet owner Amor Regis.

lier this year." Martinez and her husband, Pastor Johnny Martinez, have organized these events for three years. "We recognized the necessity. In particular, after Covid, we wanted

and make it accessible to the community and readily available." Martinez said that people appreciate the extra help. "To bless them by nourishing them and bringing joy to their lives. They leave happy. We are feeding both their bodies and their spirit." She believes the food bank is positively affecting the Wasco community. "We aim to fill the gap when people struggle check to check." Many volunteers contributed, helping to make the event a success. "They work very hard. They come very early in the morning. Some cook for us, making breakfast and lunch. They stay until it's over and clean up, so we leave it like we found it." "They all participate, and it's physical. They give of their time. Some have to work a day before to prepare. Bags of food must be sorted and made up for distribution. We would not be able to conduct this service without the help of our volunteers." Martinez said the church will continue with their efforts to be a pillar of support for the community. "Our hope is that the community sees us as a resource and an organization they can turn to."

Wasco Christmas Parade slated for Dec. 2

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start at the intersection of Broadway St. and 7th St. A long-standing tradition, it brings the community together with festively decorated floats, music and enthusiastic participants as families gather along the parade route, cheering and applauding with joy. At approximately 7:15 pm, the Tree Lighting will take place in front of the Wasco High School historic auditorium, symbolizing the start of the holiday season. The Block Party, where there will

be no shortage of fun and laughter, will continue until 9 pm. You can expect a lively performance by the WHS marching band, a celebration of honored guests and opportunities for pictures with Santa. "Each year gets bigger and better. Year over year, we add more vendors, increase the number of parade entries, and more Wasconians join us for this special night," said Orange Heart Foundation Secretary/Wasco Rose Festival Board Member Orquidea Ocampo.

The parade entry fee will be a toy, sock or book donation to Wasco Toys for Tigers. If you would like a parade application, please email Parade.WascoRF@gmail.com or call Christi Johnson at 661-772-4107. Vendor applications are still available, and one can email Vendor.WascoRF@gmail.com or call Orquidea Ocampo at 661-717-5783. Volunteers are always welcome; more information can be found at Volunteers.WascoRF@gmail.com. Wasco Rose Festival Committee Mem-

ber Sharon Sharp said, "Please join the Wasco community for a Toy Story Christmas at the Wasco Christmas Parade, Tree Lighting, and Block Party on December 2 as Wasco sparkles with the magic of the season. Let the joy of the holidays bring warmth and unity to our wonderful community." Share your memories and photographs on social media with #WascoChristmas2023. Follow on Facebook: Wasco Rose Festival or on Instagram: @wascorosefest.



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A Christmas story with a twist at Ford

VERONICA JACUINDE
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The holiday spirit is set to come alive on Thursday and Friday, Dec. 16 and 17, at the Shafter Ford Theater as the Young Adults Theater of Shafter presents "A Christmas Chaos." It promises to be an evening of delightful enchantment and holiday cheer. Joshua Cooley is the director and one of the actors. He has been with the theater group for 13 years. What he enjoys most is the fun he gets to have, and the freedom he

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has to build his own characters. This holiday, the play he is directing is a labor of love. When a professional theater group fails to arrive for their show, a local rag-tag group of theater students steps up to the plate to perform their last-minute version of a "Christmas Carol." It is a show of whimsical dysfunction where anything that could go wrong



Actor/director Joshua Cooley

goes wrong." The play falls right in line with the Christmas theme, sticking true to the "Christmas Carol" play with a few unexpected turns. Costumes will be tailored to the occasion, paying tribute to the Charles Dickens story with a modern twist. Actors have a tight production schedule to work with, but many are seasoned performers, making it all a more memorable and excit-

ing experience for them. They hope to share that energy on stage and bring to life their characters with enthusiasm and originality. In addition to superb acting, there will also be desserts and hot beverages, ensuring that guests are entertained and treated with the flavors of the festive season. The shows start at 6:30 p.m. on Dec. 16 and 3 p.m. on Dec.17. General admission is \$20, and tickets can be purchased at shafterfordtheater.com or by calling 661-630-4059.

Foundation pursues better future for all

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

At the heart of community and social justice, the Dolores Huerta Foundation serves as a beacon of hope and inspiration. Established by the labor leader and activist Dolores Huerta, the organization embodies a commitment to equality and the pursuit of a better future for all. Dolores Huerta has worked for civil rights for over 50 years. In 1962, Dolores Huerta and Cesar Chavez founded the United Farm Workers union. She served as vice president and was critical in many of the union's accomplishments for four decades. In 1993, Huerta was the first Latina inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame. In 2002, she received the Puffin/Nation \$100,000 prize for Creative Citizenship, which she used to establish the DHF. Her legacy continues through her foundation as she advocates for marginalized and underserved communities. Community organizing is at the center of the DHF, and it believes that those most directly impacted by inequity have the knowledge to implement solutions when enabled with the right tools, training and resources. The Dolores Foundation focuses on grassroots organizing and leadership de-

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velopment. Founded in 2003, it strives to inspire and organize communities to establish volunteer organizations empowered to pursue social justice. It does so through various innovative programs. One is Vecinos Unidos (Neighbors United), with 12 chapters in Kern, Tulare, Fresno and Antelope Valley counties. DHF organizers use a grassroots house meetings model to form neighborhood organizations to equip members through hands-on leadership training to lead civic engagement and collective action efforts to hold elected officials accountable and secure positive outcomes to communicate the needs of their community. There are 450 Vecinos Unidos members who have been successful in advocating for more parks, paved roads, pools, sewer connections and much more. For the first time, a Vecinos Unidos representative, Veronica Perez, established a chapter in Wasco. The goal is to have a place where the community can have their needs and concerns addressed. "We invite the community of Wasco to contact me, DHF Wasco community organizer, at 661- 426-5439 to join our efforts," Perez said. Yesenia Ocampo, health program director, spearheads another local effort.



The community needs assessment survey canvasser team of Evelyn Ramirez, Kimberly Cardenas, Blanca Toledo, Clarissa De La Rosa and Alex De La Rosa. (Photo courtesy of Yesenia Ocampo)

She oversees a project launched in partnership with UC Merced Community and Labor Center to implement a community needs assessment to collect over 4,000 surveys in 16 targeted underrepresented communities, including Wasco. "The objective is to release the findings to the community of Wasco to ensure they inform investments and policy improve-

ments in the areas of education, employment, health and the environment," Ocampo said. "The team of canvasser surveyors may come knocking on your door in the next few weeks. Please help impact your community by taking a few minutes and making your voice heard by participating in this academic and community-driven project."

Why preventing diabetes should be priority

DR. ARCHANA DUBEY
Chief Medical Officer
UnitedHealthcare of California

More than 96 million Americans live with a potentially life-altering condition – yet many of them are unaware they even have it. That condition is prediabetes, which in up to 70% of cases develops into diabetes. Today, more than 37 million Americans already live with diabetes, which, if left untreated, can contribute to a host of health issues. In California, 9.9% of adults over age 18 have been diagnosed with diabetes. Diabetes alters the body's ability to create energy from the food you eat and can develop in several forms. Type 1 diabetes occurs when the body cannot produce insulin on its own, typically due to genetic factors, and accounts for approximately 5% of all diabetes cases. Type 2 diabetes accounts for up to 95% of all cases and develops when the body can't use the insulin it produces, typically due to inactivity and poor nutrition.

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Taking steps to avoid or more effectively manage this condition should be a priority for people of all ages. For November's American Diabetes Month, here is important information to consider. Diabetes in children: While type 1 diabetes was historically known as juvenile diabetes, that term is no longer truly applicable due to the surging prevalence of type 2 diabetes among children. Type 2 diabetes in children can lead to health issues in the short- and long-term, including depression, eating disorders, eye damage, heart disease and more. To help young people reduce the risk of developing type 2 diabetes, make activity a priority. Whenever possible, go for a 15-minute walk after meals, which can help the body move sugar from the blood into the muscle cells to help avoid blood sugar spikes. Diabetes in adults: The number of adults with diabetes has more than doubled during the last two decades. Living with prediabetes, being overweight, not



Dr. Archana Dubey

getting enough physical exercise and being over age 45 all put people at greater risk of developing type 2 diabetes. For working-age adults with this condition, it's critical to consistently track blood sugar levels, ideally with a continuous glucose monitor. In fact, a growing number of health plans are starting to cover this type of technology, which uses a sensor, often worn on the ab-

domen, to continuously read glucose levels and transmit the data to a smartphone. Diabetes in older adults: Nearly 30% of adults 65 and older live with diabetes, which increases the risk for certain cancers and cognitive impairment, such as Alzheimer's disease. Staying active and eating a balanced diet is crucial, including a focus on consuming healthy proteins (chicken, fish or turkey), non-starchy fibrous vegetables (broccoli, green beans or carrots) and a moderate amount of carbohydrates (brown rice, sweet potato and whole-grain breads or pasta). Interval eating may also be a strategy to consider, including waiting at least an hour after waking up to eat breakfast and avoiding food within three hours of sleep. For many people, type 2 diabetes is largely preventable with lifestyle modifications, such as a nutritious diet, consistent exercise and maintaining a healthy weight. Understanding your risk factors and staying on top of your health – starting during childhood and as you age – may help you prevent or better manage type 2 diabetes.

Return of Colours Festival slated for Feb.

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be held at the Church of Christ parking lot. There will be plenty of music, with the return of the Coffee House Music event showcasing local singers and musicians in the intimate Tin Cup. There will also be a car show at the Tin Cup parking lot, with everything from classic cars to souped up hot rods. The Childrens Art Workshop will be held on Saturday, with children invited to learn how to create their own work of art

that they can display and take home. Garry Nelson will be running the Wine Tasting event, with a variety of local vintages represented. There will also be a Meet the Artist event, which will coincide with the wine tasting. More details and events will be announced as they are firmed up. The planning committee includes Radon and Judy Fortenberry, Colleen Diltz, Cathy Prout, Randy Toews, Pastor Pat Coyle, Gary Nelson and Phillip Jimenez.



Randy Toews and Pastor Pat Coyle discuss advertising for the festival.



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Chris Mathys makes stop in Shafter

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

Chris Mathys, a congressional candidate for California's 21st District, made a visit to Shafter recently, spending the day talking to constituents about their concerns and needs as he attempts to unseat Congressman David Valadao in the next election. Mathys said that this district "needs a man" in office that will be a Republican that will support his colleagues and his party."

Mathys pointed out that Valadao was one of only two Republicans who had voted to impeach former President Donald Trump. "I believe that we have to come together as a party and stick together, supporting one another and our goals."

Mathys, a conservative Republican, said that it is important that we take our county

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and state back and realize our dream of a smaller government that will not dictate what we can and cannot do in so many facets of our lives.

Mathys said that he believes that our government has become so big that we are seeing our basic liberties in danger in a lot of cases. "We have seen our economy struggle, trying to support a nation instead of letting the nation help themselves," commented Mathys. One of the concerns that Mathys said he has heard as he had traveled around the district is the money that is being spent unnecessarily, on projects and programs that we have no business being involved in. "We have seen a threat to our Second Amendment rights, as well as our fundamental rights of worship. We actually have been fighting against this move-

ment ever since they took prayer out of our schools."

Another major issue that is on Mathys's platform is the subject of immigration. He said that he is in favor of keeping illegal immigrants out of our country, with a large number of people draining our welfare system, costing us millions of dollars. "I am all for people migrating to our country legally, with a proper process in place that can be completed. My family are immigrants from Switzerland, but they came to this country with their work clothes on."

Mathys said that he has enjoyed his travels around the district, meeting so many people who are wanting a change and a positive force on the Capitol.

Mathys brings over thirty-eight years of business experience to serve Californian's 21st Congressional District. He owns Mer-

cey Ranch in Firebaugh California, and operates Oro Financial of California Inc. in Fresno, California. Chris is a licensed Real Estate Broker in California, New Mexico, Colorado, and Wyoming.

Chris received his MBA from the University of the Southwest located in Hobbs, New Mexico, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science from Fresno State.

Public service has always been part of the Mathys family history beginning with his service in the United States Army with the Southern Command in Panama. Chris also served as a Republican City Councilman in Fresno, California. He is a proud member of the National Rifle Association. Chris also serves as the chairman of the Valley Taxpayer's Coalition Inc.

Mathys is a proud Conservative Republican and remains firm in his Love for God, family and country.

A pathway to career success

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

At a time when college and quality employment are out of reach for many people, America's Job Center of Kern County provides an alternative for those looking for a career in a high-demand industry and helps employers find the best of the best employees.

Aaron Ellis is the chief workforce development officer for the county and has been with the organization since 1992.

"I get to help our community find employment and gain skills offering free training in a myriad of industries, including trucking, nursing, dental, barber, auto, welding, bookkeeping, energy, solar, health care, agriculture, construction, oil, gas and many more."

"We will pay for the training, so it is free to the participant and work with individuals ages 18 and older."

The organization is based in Bakersfield with satellite resource centers in Shafter, Delano, Lake Isabella, Lamont, Taft, Mojave and Ridgecrest. One can use computers and receive job-seeking guidance and career counseling from advisors.

The Job Center provides support

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services such as case management and job placement. There is transportation and tools and equipment to get a job. "We also offer uniforms and anything employers need for that employee. We can cover those costs."

It provides workshops like resume building, typing and interview training. "So they can be ready for that job, be it their first-time job or transitioning job. We prepare them to get that dream job."

Ellis said of the Center's mission, "We want to be the best workforce development department in the United States, and we want to make sure we provide all community members the opportunity to find employment and to reach their employment and career goals."

The center partners with a variety of employers. "We work with smaller companies all the way up to larger ones like Amazon and only work with ones that pay a living wage. That is very important to us."

"We have control to direct them to the right employers that offer competitive wages, benefits and health care."

The organization's history is rich, and

for more than 40 years, it has also assisted seasonal and migrant farmworkers. "We find them other employment outside of farm working, or we can assist them with learning new skills, find work in a warehouse, or do job training so they can earn a higher wage."

Its reach is extensive and aims to serve a wide demographic. "We help folks that are justice-involved [have criminal backgrounds] and have grants to help them with paid work experience and job placement."

The center also provides services to local homeless veterans, with a grant to assist them with job training and employment.

There is a strong social media presence, and the center has a "Job Squad" that regularly posts available jobs and job leads on Facebook [America's Job Center of Kern]. One can visit the page to learn about the latest workshops and community events like job fairs, he said.

"Our services are one of the best-kept secrets in Kern County, and we encourage Kern County to reach out to us so that we can help them meet their employment goals."

Call 661-325 HIRE or americasjobcenterofkern.com for more information.

Bicyclist, 41, hit by car, dies

VERONICA JACUINDE
Wasco Tribune

On Nov.12, Gloria Soto, a 41-year-old bicyclist, was struck by a vehicle that fled the scene, leaving the woman to succumb to her injuries. An investigation by deputies from the North Area Substation led to the arrest of 21-year-old Wasco resident Gabriela Garza for hit and run, causing death and other vehicle code offenses.

The incident occurred at around 6 p.m. near the area of Poso Drive and Palm Avenue, when deputies located a downed bicyclist and attempted life-saving measures but were unsuccessful.

Anyone with additional information on this investigation is asked to call the Kern County Sheriff's Office at 661-861-3110 and reference case number 2023-00128124. Anyone wishing to remain anonymous can call the Kern Secret Witness hotline at 661-322-4040.

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PET OF THE WEEK

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Buster came into the Wasco Animal Shelter as a stray. He is approximately a 3-4 month-old male American Staffordshire mix. He is great with staff and other dogs. It is unknown if Buster is house/crate trained at the time. Dogs are not tested with children. His behavior toward children is unknown. Buster will be available Wednesday, Nov. 30.

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Buster is an American Staffordshire mix.

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WASCO TIGERS BEAT LIBERTY HAWKS 13-7



An effective running game helped the Tigers defeat Liberty in the CIF Central Section Semifinals. (David Hernandez | For the Wasco Tribune)



WASCO HIGH SCHOOL 2023 FOOTBALL



THIS FRIDAY: #2 Tigers (8-4, 4-2 SSL) host #1 Bishop Union (11-1, 5-0 High Desert)

Friday, August 18	7 p.m.	South (Bakersfield)	L, 32-8
Saturday, September 2	6:30 p.m.	at Monache (Porterville)	W, 23-21
Friday, September 8	7:30 p.m.	at Tehachapi	L, 25-6
Friday, September 15	7:30 p.m.	McFarland*	W, 49-8
Friday, September 22	7 p.m.	Golden Valley (B'field)	L, 28-16
Friday, September 29	7:30 p.m.	at Kennedy (Delano)*	L, 42-0
Thursday, October 5	7:30 p.m.	Chavez (Delano)*	W, 36-23
Friday, October 13	7 p.m.	at Delano*	W, 27-7
Friday, October 20	7:30 p.m.	Taft*	W, 26-21
Thursday, November 9	7 p.m.	Reedley	W, 28-21
Friday, November 16	7 p.m.	Liberty (Madera)**	W, 13-7
Friday, November 24	6 p.m.	Bishop Union**	

**South Sequoia League games*

***CIF Central Section playoffs*

FOLLOW THE TIGERS EACH WEEK IN THE WASCO TRIBUNE AND ONLINE AT WASCOTRIB.COM

GENERALS SEASON ENDS ON LOSS, 43-42



Cash Gutierrez goes for a first down.



SHAFTER HIGH SCHOOL 2023 FOOTBALL



A SUCCESSFUL SEASON: SSL Champion Generals finish 11-1, 6-0 SSL

Thursday, August 17	8:30 p.m.	West (Bakersfield)	W, 55-7
Friday, August 25	7:30 p.m.	at Arvin	W, 56-6
Friday, September 1	7:30 p.m.	at Bakersfield	W, 31-17
Friday, September 9	7 p.m.	Bakersfield Christian	W, 35-34
Friday, September 15	7:30 p.m.	at Chavez (Delano)*	W, 33-7
Friday, September 22	7:30 p.m.	at Taft*	W, 41-16
Thursday, September 28	7:30 p.m.	McFarland*	W, 49-0
Thursday, October 5	7:30 p.m.	Delano*	W, 55-14
Friday, October 20	7:30 p.m.	at Kennedy (Delano)*	W, 28-21
Thursday, November 8	7 p.m.	Golden Valley (B'fld)**	W, 45-7
Friday, November 17	7 p.m.	Torres (Madera)**	L, 43-42

**South Sequoia League games*

***Division IV playoffs*

SHS season ends in overtime thriller

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the win. Bass was the long snapper on the play and was not an eligible receiver, so the Toros should have flagged for it and the play would have been replayed, as the games' officials later attested. By the time the Shafter coaching staff was aware of the error, the officials were on their way off the field.
The Shafter offense fought to keep the Generals in the game, answering each time the Toros scored. The Generals' special teams also gave the team a boost with two kickoffs ran back for touchdowns, one by Jesus Vasquez and another by Maryon Sloan. It was the Generals' defense that struggled on Friday night, not able to get a stop after the offense or special teams had scored. Torres' balanced offensive attack kept the Shafter defense on the field for the majority of the game, wearing the defense down, and it showed at the end of



The Generals line up for the last alma mater of the season.

the game. Head Coach Jerald Pierucci, although disappointed, did not put the blame for the loss on the officials. "I have to give Tor-

res credit. They came out and threw everything on the wall. They made more plays than we did."
Pierucci also said that he was very proud of his players for what they have done this year. "There were plenty of times when the momentum was starting to swing in their direction, and we shut it back down again. It's just unfortunate that things ended this way."
It was a game of missed opportunities for the Generals, who had a great chance to score right before the half. They had the ball deep in Torro territory, but Osborn slipped before getting out of bounds, and the field goal unit didn't have enough time to get a play off before time expired.
The Generals finish the season with an 11-1 record and have several players on both sides of the ball who will be coming back next year, so many of the current players Shafter may get another shot at a title.



Evan Jimenez tries to get a takedown. RIGHT: A takedown for 2 points.



Church holds wrestling tournament

JAMIE STEWART
The Shafter Press

The Mennonite Brethren Church of Shafter held its annual Youth Wrestling tournament on Saturday, attracting almost 100 wrestlers from all over the valley. There were several wrestlers from the Shafter Spartans who participated, along with wrestlers from Wasco, Bakersfield, even Fresno. The event was run by Pastor Pat Coyle, who also leads a wrestling camp every summer. The tournament is for mostly novice and beginners to the sport, who use this tournament as a way to get exposed to a competition setting.

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This is the beginning of the wrestling season, and the tournament is a good starting point for eager, young wrestlers. A few of the wrestlers who participated from Shafter were Aden Ruelas, who won his first match of the day. Evan Jimenez also competed, wrestling a great first match, beating his opponent in the last seconds. Coyle said that a lot of the young wrestlers use these kinds of tournaments to get their feet wet, and learn how to compete in a tournament setting. “It is a lot of fun, and I think that the kids learn a lot as well.”



Aden Ruelas won his match.

A bad call takes Generals out of Valley

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the field without listening to any protests made by the Generals coaches, saying it was a “hostile crowd.” Others said afterward that although rooters in the stands were angry, they didn’t appear to be ready to rush the field. The next day, the crew chief of the officiating crew that called the game wrote a letter stating that the officials had made a mistake and that he would be willing to meet the parties to make a correction. No one from either side attempted to justify the call. Representatives from both schools met online with Central Section Commissioner Ryan Tos via Zoom, and two hours later, the Shafter appeal had fallen short. The call was upheld, giving the Torros the win, citing the CIF bylaws specifying that all appeals be made to officials on the field. In a statement, Tos said, “It is truly an unfortunate situation. There was an error but at the end of the day, we have to go by the bylaws that we adopted last year that all appeals must be taken care of on the field.” He went on to say, “This is a big, ugly, nasty situation all around. “We did what



Alex Aguirre gets a sack on Torres quarterback Soriano.

we felt was appropriate. There is no right and wrong answer in this. It is just an ugly situation.” Aside from the final play, the game had been a good one. The Torres offense kept the Shafter defense on the field for much of the game. On the other side, Ezekiel Osborn and company had a little trouble

moving the ball, hurting themselves with mental mistakes and penalties. Head Coach Jerald Pierucci was upset about the decision but was not surprised by it. “I really thought, at the moment, that this is what the CIF was built to do, or should be built to do.” Pierucci also said that when the CIF

“pawns the situation off on the refs, when they had an opportunity to make something that is obviously wrong, and you have the opportunity to make it right, that is what a governing body over kids should do.” Torres now travels to Dos Palos for the Valley Championship game on Friday night.

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Lessons in gratitude from lepers

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These days, we know little about leprosy, the disease that is both referenced more times than any other in the Bible and was the illness most frequently healed by Jesus. In Bible times, it was a terrifying diagnosis because it not only meant an incurable sickness, apart from a divine touch, but also a life sentence to solitude. Sufferers had to live away from the rest of society and could never again live in their own homes or experience the touch of a loved one.

So, it may be surprising that people who lived such a painful reality can be great teachers of gratitude for us. Here are just three examples.

First, heartfelt gratitude says, "Thank you!" Yet most forget to do so. In Luke 17:11-19, Jesus heals 10 lepers and sends them to the priests to confirm their healing; this was a necessary step because anyone once diagnosed with this dreaded disease had to have their recovery confirmed before they could rejoin society. Nine of them headed out immediately to enjoy the full life Jesus had restored. Only one returned to say thanks. But he did not just come back, he shouted and praised God all along the way and threw himself at Jesus' feet. By the way, true gratitude expresses itself not only in thanks, but in extravagant,

loud praise to the God who is behind every blessing.

Second, gratitude expresses itself in generosity and hospitality. There is an incident recorded in both Matthew 26:6-13 and Mark 14:3-9 where an unknown woman anoints Jesus with an expensive perfume. For our purposes, what is interesting is that this takes place in the home of a man known as Simon the leper. Scholars believe that Simon was a former leper, whom Jesus had healed. In gratitude to Jesus, Simon hosted Jesus and his disciples even as He was on His way to Jerusalem to give His life for all of us. God has been good to each of us; if we deign to recognize it, he has frequently healed us, provided for us and blessed both us and our families. So, consider in this time of giving thanks how you can pay it forward, showing generosity and hospitality to others. You may not get

the privilege of hosting Jesus, but the Bible says that those who are kind often entertain angels without realizing it.

Finally, gratitude should lead us to share both good news and resources with others. In 2 Kings 7:3-10, there is a great story of how four lepers helped save a whole nation. Samaria had been hit with the double whammy of a famine and the siege of the powerful army of Syria. Things were so bad that people were spending their life savings for the nastiest kinds of food (read 2 Kings 6 for yourself if your stomach can take it) and a few had even resorted to cannibalism. Remember them when tempted to complain about how food prices have risen.

But God's prophet announced that God was about to change things so drastically that within 24 hours, people would be able to buy fresh grain for just a couple of

coins. That very night, four lepers decided that they would rather risk being killed by the enemy than starve to death. When they ventured outside the city walls, they found that God had supernaturally scared off the Syrian army, and they had left behind all their food and all their possessions. As they ate their fill and grabbed some gold, they also realized that it would be a great sin to enjoy these blessings while others starved. They took the good news to the king, who though slow to believe them, finally verified their story and opened the gates so that everyone could be blessed.

This Thanksgiving, let us show sincere gratitude for all of God's blessings, declaring our thanks aloud and praising God, being generous and offering hospitality, and sharing good news, especially the good news of God's love and forgiveness, with everyone around us.

DEATH NOTICES

Gloria Soto, 41, of Wasco, passed away Nov. 12, in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

Donavon Diaz, 18, of Shafter, passed away Nov. 10, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Magdalena Fuentes Cortes, 84, of Wasco, passed

away Nov. 7, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Emma M. Vigil, 66, of Wasco, passed away Nov. 14, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Celica Penalzoa Tabares, 79, of Wasco, passed away Oct.

25, in Bakersfield. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

Alfonso Garibay Cortes, 38, of McFarland passed away Nov. 12, in Delano. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

Rosana Bowman, 65, of Bakersfield, passed away Oct. 20, in Bakersfield. Peters Fu-

neral Home, Shafter.

Billy McCaslin, 86, of Bakersfield, passed away Nov. 16, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

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7 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES



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For more information contact the coordinator at: brootsrpd@gmail.com

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CLERK - EXPANDED LEARNING PROGRAM. Full-time (school year only). Minimum Qualifications: High School diploma or equivalent, experience in office procedures.

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To review the essential job functions and apply, visit the Richland School District website at: www.rsdsafter.org

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7 EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT

BUS DRIVER/CUSTODIAN

The candidate must have or be able to obtain within first 6 months of employment: California State School Bus Driver's Certificate, California State Driver's license - Class B or higher, and complete a school bus driver's training program. A pre-employment physical will be required

SPECIAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTIONAL AIDE

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PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE
SUMMONS
(CITACION JUDICIAL)
CASE NUMBER (Número del Caso):
BCV-23-100720 NFT**

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT (AVISO AL DEMANDADO): ESTATE OF MARY FRANCES DAVIDSON also known as MARY F. DAVIDSON; THE TESTATE AND INTESTATE SUCCESSORS OF MARY FRANCES DAVIDSON also known as MARY F. DAVIDSON, DECEASED, AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING BY, THROUGH CLAIMING BY, THROUGH OR UNDER SUCH DECEDENT; JAMES G. DAVIDSON also known as GREG DAVIDSON, an individual; SHAWN L. DAVIDSON, an individual; AND DOES 1 THROUGH 20, INCLUSIVE

YOU ARE BEING SUED BY PLAINTIFF (LO ESTÁ DEMANDANDO EL DEMANDANTE): U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL ASSOCIATION

NOTICE! You have been sued. The court may decide against you without your being heard unless you respond within 30 days. Read the information below.

You have 30 CALENDAR DAYS after this summons and legal papers are served on you to file a written response at this court and have a copy served on the plaintiff. A letter or phone call will not protect you. Your written response must be in proper legal form if you want the court to hear your case. There may be a court form that you can use for your response. You can find these court forms and more information at the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/self-help), your county law library, or the courthouse nearest you. If you cannot pay the filing fee, ask the court clerk for a fee waiver form. If you do not file your response on time, you may lose the case by default, and your wages, money, and property may be taken without further warning from the court.

There are other legal requirements. You may want to call an attorney right away. If you do not know an attorney, you may want to call an attorney referral service. If you cannot afford an attorney, you may be eligible for free legal services from a nonprofit legal services program. You can locate these nonprofit groups at the California Legal Services Web site (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), the California Courts Online Self-Help Center (www.courtinfo.ca.gov/selfhelp), or by contacting your local court or county bar association. NOTE: The court has a statutory lien for waived fees and costs on any settlement or arbitration award of \$10,000 or more in a civil case. The court's lien must be paid before the court will dismiss the case.

¡AVISO! Lo han demandado. Si no responde dentro de 30 días, la corte puede decidir en su contra sin escuchar su versión. Lea la información a continuación.

Tiene 30 DÍAS DE CALENDARIO después de que le entreguen esta citación y papeles legales para presentar una respuesta por escrito en esta corte y hacer que se entregue una copia al demandante. Una carta o una llamada telefónica no lo protegen. Su respuesta por escrito tiene que estar en formato legal correcto si desea que procesen su caso en la corte. Es posible que haya un formulario que usted pueda usar para su respuesta. Puede encontrar estos formularios de la corte y más información en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California (www.sucorte.ca.gov), en la biblioteca de leyes de su condado o en la corte que le quede más cerca. Si no puede pagar la cuota de presentación, pida al secretario de la corte que le dé un formulario de exención de pago de cuotas. Si no presenta su respuesta a tiempo, puede perder el caso por incumplimiento y la corte le podrá quitar su sueldo, dinero y bienes sin más advertencia.

Hay otros requisitos legales. Es recomendable que llame a un abogado inmediatamente. Si no conoce a un abogado, puede llamar a un servicio de remisión a abogados. Si no puede pagar a un abogado, es posible que cumpla con los requisitos para obtener servicios legales gratuitos en un programa de servicios legales sin fines de lucro. Puede encontrar estos grupos sin fines de lucro en el sitio web de California Legal Services, (www.lawhelpcalifornia.org), en el Centro de Ayuda de las Cortes de California, (www.sucorte.ca.gov) o poniéndose en contacto con la corte o el colegio de abogados locales.

¡AVISO! Por ley, la corte tiene derecho a reclamar las cuotas y los costos exentados por imponer un gravamen sobre cualquier recuperación de \$10,000 o más de valor recibida mediante un acuerdo o una concesión de arbitraje en un caso de derecho civil. Tiene que pagar el gravamen de la corte antes de que la corte pueda desear el caso.

The name and address of the court is (El nombre y dirección de la corte es): Superior Court of California, County of Kern 1215 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301 Metropolitan Division Justice Building

The name, address, and telephone number of plaintiff's attorney, or plaintiff without an attorney, is (El nombre, la dirección y el número de teléfono del abogado del demandante, o del demandante que no tiene abogado, es): William G. Malcom, Esq./Nicolas Matayron, Esq. MALCOM CISNEROS, A Law Corporation, 2112 Business Center Drive, Second Floor, Irvine, CA 92612

DATE (Fecha): 8/7/2023

TATAMARAH HARBER-PICKENS, Clerk (Secretario), by Vanessa Castro, Deputy (Adjunto) (SEAL)

NOTICE TO THE PERSON SERVED: You are served

11/9, 11/16, 11/23, 11/30/23
CNS-3754822#
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

The Kern County Planning Commission will meet and will hear the following request on Thursday, December 14, 2023, at 7:00 p.m., in the Board of Supervisors Chambers, First Floor, Kern County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 1. Cancellation of a 1.28-acre (net) portion of a 160-acres parcel of a Land Use Contract; Northwest corner of Jackson Avenue and the Leonard Avenue alignment; Common Sense, Section 15061(b)(3); Whiteside Dairy, a California General Partnership (PP23109), applicant; Staff Planner Gilberto Camarena, Planner I, (661) 862-5012 or camarenag@kerncounty.com

The application(s), environmental document(s), and complete legal description(s) for the request(s) are on file in the office of the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department and are available for public review.

Anyone wishing to give testimony on this request will be heard. If you challenge the action taken on this request 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 Planning and Natural Resources Department at, or prior to, the public hearing. If you cannot be present and you have questions regarding this project, you may telephone the Planning and Natural Resources Department and speak to the Staff planner (listed above) assigned to this case. We encourage the submittal of written comments by November 28, 2023, so that those comments may be considered when Staff formulates its recommendation; however, written comments may be submitted anytime prior to, or at, the public hearing. Correspondence should be sent to the Planning and Natural Resources Department, 2700 "M" Street, Suite 100, Bakersfield, CA 93301

KERN COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

2700 "M" Street, Suite 100
Bakersfield, CA 93301
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name
Abandonment Statement
Antojitos El Papi**

700 South Shafter Ave Sp 63
Shafter, CA 93263
County: KERN

Mailing address of business:
700 South Shafter Ave Sp 63
Shafter, CA 93263
Roberto Carlos Reyes Perez
700 South Shafter Ave Sp 63
Shafter, CA 93263
Judhit Meza
700 South Shafter Ave Sp 63
Shafter, CA 93263

Business was conducted by: General Partnership
/s/Roberto Carlos Reyes Perez, Partner
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2021-B7057
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 10/25/2021
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 10/02/2023
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/P Del Villar
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
BROSII'S Handyman Services
2023-B7235**

165 Beth Eden Street
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern

165 Beth Eden Street
Shafter, CA 93263
Eduardo Garcia Buruel
165 Beth Eden Street
Shafter, CA 93263

The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Eduardo Garcia Buruel
Date Statement Filed: 11/15/2023
Date Statement Expires: 11/15/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: T Cabrera
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
JHL Farm Labor Contracting
2023-B7221**

421 Shaw Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern

421 Shaw Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
Nicholas Isaiah Lopez
421 Shaw Ave
Shafter, CA 93263

The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Nicholas Isaiah Lopez
Date Statement Filed: 11/14/2023
Date Statement Expires: 11/14/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: T Cabrera
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Elmo Pediatrics & Family Walk-In Clinic
2023-B6916**

221 Elmo Hwy, Suite 100
McFarland, CA 93250
County: Kern

P.O. Box 22694
Bakersfield, CA 93390-2694

Shafter Pediatrics
501 Munzer St, Suite C
Shafter, CA 93263-2042
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Corporation
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Ayodeji Ayeni MD, CEO
Date Statement Filed: 10/26/2023
Date Statement Expires: 10/26/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: Z Arellano
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Fictitious Business Name
Abandonment Statement
Antojitos El Papi**

700 South Shafter Ave Sp 63
Shafter, CA 93263
County: KERN

Mailing address of business:
700 South Shafter Ave Sp 63
Shafter, CA 93263
Roberto Carlos Reyes
700 South Shafter Ave Sp 63
Shafter, CA 93263
Roberto Carlos Reyes
700 South Shafter Ave Sp 63
Shafter, CA 93263
Jose Carlos Reyes
700 South Shafter Ave Sp 86
Shafter, CA 93263

Business was conducted by: Co-Partners
/s/Roberto Carlos Reyes, Partner
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2019-B6670
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 10/18/2019
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 10/02/2023
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/P Del Villar
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name
Abandonment Statement
McFarland Pediatrics**

221 Elmo Highway, Suite 100
McFarland, CA 93250
County: KERN

Mailing address of business:
P.O. Box 22694
Bakersfield, CA 93390
Shafter Pediatrics
501 Munzer St, Suite C
Shafter, CA 93263

Business was conducted by: Corporation
/s/Ayodeji Ayeni, CEO
Original FBN Statement File Number: 2021-B4367
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 06/30/2021
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 10/26/2023
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/Z Arellano
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Mountain Rise Care Services
2023-B6325**

4900 California Ave 210-B
Bakersfield, CA 93309
County: Kern

4900 California Ave 210-B
Bakersfield, CA 93309
Mountain Rise Respite Care Services LLC
4900 California Ave 210-B
Bakersfield, CA 93309
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
Date the business commenced: 05/16/2021
/s/Marcus Johnson, Managing Member
Date Statement Filed: 09/25/2023
Date Statement Expires: 09/25/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: P Del Villar
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Mad Classic Customz
2023-B6743**

3427 Shauna Marie St
Bakersfield, CA 93314
County: Kern

3427 Shauna Marie St
Bakersfield, CA 93314
Mad Class Customz LLC
3427 Shauna Marie St
Bakersfield, CA 93314
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Mark A. Doty, CEO
Date Statement Filed: 10/18/2023
Date Statement Expires: 10/18/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: T Cabrera
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Freedom Defense USA
2023-B6443**

2500 New Stine Rd. Suite 204
Bakersfield, CA 93309
County: Kern

2500 New Stine Rd. Suite 204
Bakersfield, CA 93309
Michael Lee West
1201 Stub Oak Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93307

The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 04/04/2023
/s/Michael Lee West
Date Statement Filed: 09/29/2023
Date Statement Expires: 09/29/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: M Hernandez
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name
Abandonment Statement
Freedom Defense USA
2023-B6883**

719 Rodeo St.
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern

719 Rodeo St.
Shafter, CA 93263
Guadalupe Castaneda
719 Rodeo St.
Shafter, CA 93263

The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 10/13/2023
/s/Guadalupe Castaneda
Date Statement Filed: 10/25/2023
Date Statement Expires: 10/25/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: M Hernandez
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Zoey Blends LLC
2023-B6924
Zoey Blends
2023-B6925**

9413 Steinbeck Ln
Bakersfield, CA 93311
County: Kern

9413 Steinbeck Ln
Bakersfield, CA 93311
Zoey Blends LLC
9413 Steinbeck Ln
Bakersfield, CA 93311

State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Nicholas Berger, Manager
Date Statement Filed: 10/27/2023
Date Statement Expires: 10/27/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: Z Arellano
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Tierra Dorada Ag
2023-B6915**

589 Mannel Ave
Shafter, CA 93263-1809
County: Kern

589 Mannel Ave
Shafter, CA 93263-1809
Tierra Dorada Ag LLC
589 Mannel Ave
Shafter, CA 93263-1809
State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
Date the business commenced: 10/02/2023
/s/Jackita C. Viss, Managing Member
Date Statement Filed: 10/26/2023
Date Statement Expires: 10/26/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: M Hernandez
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Junk Removal Generals
2023-B6853**

10320 Seneca Falls Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93312
County: Kern

10320 Seneca Falls Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93312
Andrew Jacob Navarro
10320 Seneca Falls Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93312

The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Andrew Jacob Navarro
Date Statement Filed: 10/24/2023
Date Statement Expires: 10/24/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: P Del Villar
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Apache Junk Removal & Hauling
2023-B6847
Apache Garage
2023-B6848**

430 West Marengo Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern

430 West Marengo Ave
Shafter, CA 93263
Jonathan Jair Garibay
430 West Marengo Ave
Shafter, CA 93263

The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Jonathan Jair Garibay
Date Statement Filed: 10/23/2023
Date Statement Expires: 10/23/2028
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County: Kern

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Bakersfield, CA 93309
Michael Lee West
1201 Stub Oak Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93307

The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 04/04/2023
/s/Michael Lee West
Date Statement Filed: 09/29/2023
Date Statement Expires: 09/29/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business Name
Abandonment Statement
Freedom Defense USA
2023-B6883**

1201 Stub Oak Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93307
County: KERN

Mailing address of business:
1201 Stub Oak Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93307
Michael Lee West
1201 Stub Oak Ave
Bakersfield, CA 93307

Business was conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: 2021-B6642
Original FBN Statement Filed on: 10/06/2021
This statement of Abandonment filed on: 09/29/2023
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: /s/M Hernandez
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16, 23, 2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
"Antojitos El Papi"
2023-B6479**

340 South Valley St
Shafter, CA 93263
County: Kern

340 South Valley St
Shafter, CA 93263
Roberto Carlos Reyes Perez
340 South Valley St
Shafter, CA 93263

The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Roberto Carlos Reyes Perez
Date Statement Filed: 10/02/2023
Date Statement Expires: 10/02/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: P Del Villar
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
SHAFTER CITY COUNCIL
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 5, 2023, at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, the Shafter City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the project described below:

Specific Plan Amendment No. 23-08: Franmar Inc. is requesting to amend the Marcona Preserve Specific Plan to change the 16.88-acre portion of land currently designated for a future school site and potentially change the 3.30-acre area designated as a drill island site to low-density residential, which will accommodate up to a combined 96 single-family additional residential lots. The change in residential lots for PA-1 (drill island) will be a total of 72 units (12-unit increase) and, for PA-3 (school site), a total of 185 homes (84-unit increase). The Norris School District has provided a letter to the City stating that the District no longer has an interest in utilizing the future school site and therefore, the land is released to pursue other uses. 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 at <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, December 5, 2023, 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 City Council and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the Council prior to acting on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the City Council meeting.

/s/Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
Sport Lab Academy LLC
2023-B7307**

11508 Talladega Ct
Bakersfield, CA 93312
County: Kern

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Sport Lab Academy LLC
11508 Talladega Ct
Bakersfield, CA 93312

State of incorp. or org.: CA
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company
Date the business commenced: 11/17/2023
/s/Daniel Dinsing
Date Statement Filed: 11/17/2023
Date Statement Expires: 11/17/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: P Del Villar
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**PUBLIC NOTICE
Fictitious Business
Name Statement
E&B RENTALS
2023-B7146**

22148 Strickland Ct.
Bakersfield, CA 93314
County: Kern

22148 Strickland Ct.
Bakersfield, CA 93314
Erin Alyse Larson
14964 Pams Way
Bakersfield, CA 93314

The business is conducted by: Individual
Date the business commenced: N/A
/s/Erin Alyse Larson
Date Statement Filed: 11/08/2023
Date Statement Expires: 11/08/2028
Aimee X. Espinoza
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk
By: Z Arellano
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