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# Richland breaks ground on new building

**JAMIE STEWART**  
 The Shafter Press

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The Richland School District broke ground recently on a new building that will house a portion of its Expanded Learning Opportunity Program, servicing local elementary school students.

The ELOP, explained Richland's Jaime Cherry, is an after-school program that

gives students an opportunity to learn, as well as have fun after school. "The program allows parents to have a sense of peace while they are at work, knowing that their children are being provided extra opportunities to learn and pursue their passions after school."

The ceremony was attended by Rich-

land board members, Mayor Pro-Tem Cathy Prout, as well as Councilmember Pete Espinoza and a number of community members.

The program, according to Cherry, has tutors for homework, but also has free-time period in which the students can learn a variety of things, such as life skills including sewing. They also can learn music, with the assistance of music teachers,

as well as computers, cheerleading, sports and robotics. "We try to have a variety of activities for the scholars so they can express themselves and learn something that they are passionate about." The program services over 500 students in the district.

According to Richland Financial Director Martin Rodriguez, they are hoping to have the building up by the end of spring.

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There were 16 participants in the DYW competition this year.

# Camryn Eubanks wins Shafter's new DYW title

**JAMIE STEWART**  
 The Shafter Press

Camryn Eubanks was named the Distinguished Young Woman of Shafter for the Class of 2025 on Friday night.

Camryn won \$2,300 in scholarships, in addition to a medal and the opportunity to represent the city at the State DYW program to be held in July in Bakersfield.

She was sponsored by Mashburn Transportation and is the daughter of Nick and Roya Eubanks.

Winning the First Alternate title was Celeste Perez, and the Second Alternate was Adriana Moreno Bravo.

The Shafter program is one of the oldest in California, having given scholarships to high school junior girls for over 40 years. The event was emceed by KGET's Shannon Pierce, assisted by the Class of 2024's DYW, Emily McGuire.



See **CAMRYN** Page 4 **Camryn Eubanks was named the new DYW.**

# City finances in good shape, council told

**JAMIE STEWART**  
 The Shafter Press

The Shafter City Council Tuesday afternoon discussed the status of the city's budget for the fiscal year 2023-24, and also talked about the future numbers dealing with the fiscal year 2024/2025. The city saw an increase in the net position financially, with an increase of \$8.1 million, giving the city a net position of \$235 million in assets.

This increase, according to Financial Director Roger Sanchez, is a result of an increase of sales tax and property tax revenue.

Sanchez said that the city is one of the most financially stable cities in the county, if not the state.

There were two departments that showed decreases in their budgets and operated at a loss for the year. One of

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# Grant to pay for solar at senior center

**JAMIE STEWART**  
 The Shafter Press

The Shafter Recreation Department will be installing a solar array with part of a federal grant for just over \$230,000 for improvements at the Walker Senior Center. The grant also will fund an upgrade to the parking lot.

According to District Manager Phillip Jimenez, the grant was a pleasant surprise. "We didn't know what to expect when we applied for the grant. We are pretty small compared to other organizations that got a similar grant from the same program. We are very thankful for it."

It takes quite a lot to provide the center with electricity, with the center being the hub of activity for Shafter's seniors.

The center hosts the Kern County Meals on Wheels of North Kern, as well as daily exercise classes for seniors. They also provide other activities such as Zumba classes

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# Remembering Richard Reding

## A life of service, faith and community impact

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
 Wasco Tribune

**WASCO**

Richard Keith Reding, Sr., born on September 10, 1935, in Montgomery County, Tenn., lived an exemplary life of service above all. He was a man of faith and family, going over and beyond to serve his beloved community of Wasco, where he lived for 59 years. He passed away on March 17 at age 88.

Reding taught physical education, health and typing at Thomas Jefferson Middle School for 35 years. The Richard K. Reding Gymnasium at Palm Ave Mid-

dle School was named after him. Reding also was on the Wasco Union Elementary School District Board for 12 years.

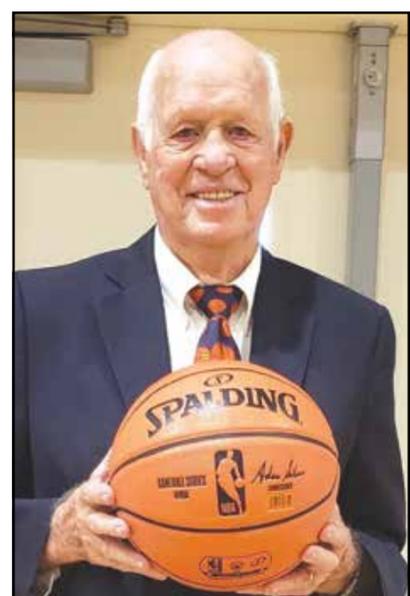
"When you go through life, you are fortunate to meet authentically good people. Richard Reding was a really good person, good for his family, good for the community and good for thousands of Wasco students," Former WUESD Superintendent Kelly Richers said,

David Bocker of Grace Community Church was his pastor for almost eight years and said Reding was upbeat, friend-

ly and very helpful. "He was an elder for a considerable amount of time, and he and his sidekick, Delroy Dennison, took care of a lot of things as far as the facility, and fixed a lot of things that were broken and did repairs and were active in that role."

He said Reding's core values revolved around family and that he was devoted to his wife, Sarah. "The way he treated his wife was an example, and it was encouraging to see that. Everybody in the church knew Richard and Sarah, respected them and admired their community involvement."

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**Richard Reding at the gymnasium naming event in his honor on July 30, 2019.**

# 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](mailto:esoriano@TheShafterPress.com). Deadline is 4 p.m. Thursday prior to publication. Updates will be on [TheShafterPress.com](http://TheShafterPress.com) and [WascoTrib.com](http://WascoTrib.com).

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Prisoner of war camp lecture** – The Shafter Library and Learning Center hosts Shafter Depot Museum curator Stan Wilson's presentation on the World War II German prisoner of war camp in Shafter. Thursday, March 28, at 6 p.m. 236 James St. Free.

**California agriculture in postcards** – The Shafter Library and Learning Center hosts Shafter Depot Museum curator Stan Wilson's presentation. Thursday, April 11, at 6 p.m. 236 James St. Free.

**Green Hotel fundraiser** – The Green Hotel Foundation is planning an event to replace blinds and window coverings at the hotel on Sunday, May 5. More information to come; limited capacity.

## 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.

**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](http://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

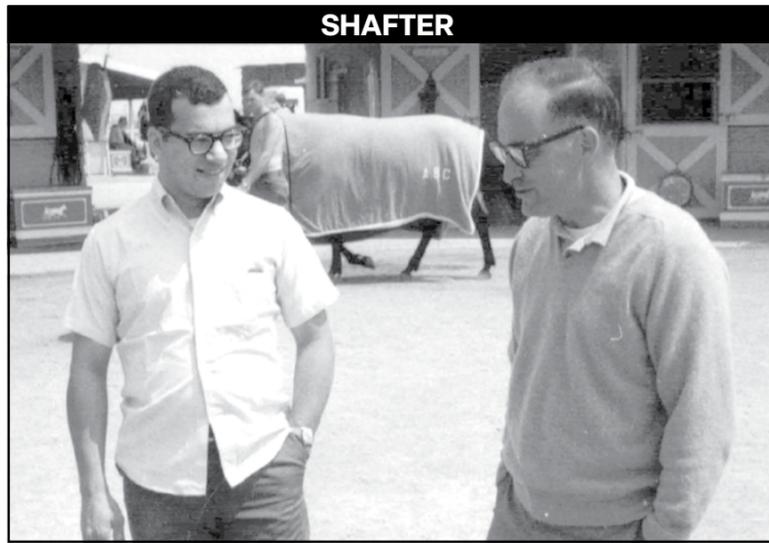
**Depot Museum** – Shafter Historical Society presents the city's history. Free admittance. 150 Central Valley Highway. Open Saturdays, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

**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](mailto:thegreenhotel@gmail.com) or phone 661-746-1913 and leave a message.

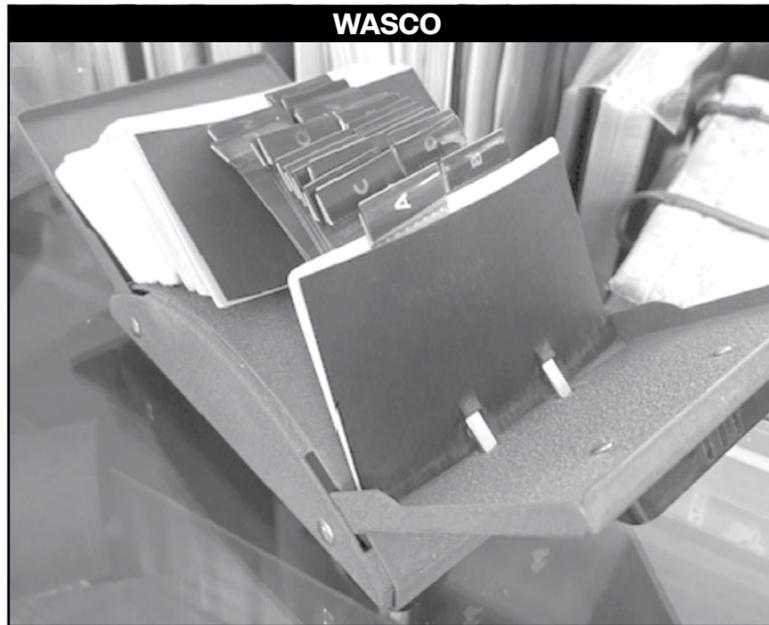
**Minter Field Air Museum** – Open Fridays and Saturdays 11 a.m.-2 p.m. at 401 Vultee, Shafter. Admission free, donations accepted.

**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



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:mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com), 455 Kern St., Suite E, Shafter, CA 93263, or e-mail it to [mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com](mailto:mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com). Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** The Shafter Fire Department in the 1950s. Today, these two firetrucks are located at the Minter Field Museum. (Congratulations to Carol Shafer on her correct answer.)



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## ARREST REPORT

### SHAFTER

As reported by the Shafter Police Department

#### MARCH 21

Sergio Acosta Prieto, 63, of Shafter, was arrested at South Shafter Avenue and Los Angeles Avenue on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Misty Michelle Barrios, 42, of Shafter, was arrested at Central Avenue and Walker Street on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

#### MARCH 23

Luis Saez, 18, of Shafter, was arrested in the 6400 Block of Zerker Road for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

#### MARCH 24

Joseph Alexander Rodriguez, 30, of Shafter, was arrested in the 500 block of Willow Street for DUI and making an unsafe turn.

Marlene Vargas, 38, of Shafter, was arrested at Hillman and Rodriguez on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a felony and an outside agency warrant.

#### BUTTONWILLOW

As reported by the Kern County Sheriff's Department,

Buttonwillow substation:

#### MARCH 18

Ciro Galindo Dealmon-te, 26, of Lost Hills, was arrested in the 14000 block of Lost Hills Road in Lost Hills for Domestic Violence, false Imprisonment and child cruelty. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### MARCH 22

Everardo Deltoro, 33, of Buttonwillow, was arrested at the intersection of Highway 58 and Judd Street in Bakersfield for violating a domestic violence restraining order. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### WASCO

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

#### MARCH 19

Mariano Evaro, 48, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1100 block of D Street for felony vandalism, misdemeanor cruelty to elderly dependent, and on misde-

meanor and felony bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

German Abel Gaxiola, 26, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Poso Avenue and F Street for misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Andy Magallanes, 26, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1300 block of F Street for felony prohibited from owning ammo and violation of parole. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### MARCH 20

Ricardo Lucas Martinez, 26, of Wasco, was arrested in the 500 block of Griffith Avenue on a felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### MARCH 21

Eduardo Lopez, 25, of

Wasco, was arrested in the 900 block of 4th Street for misdemeanor cruelty to child. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### MARCH 22

Angi Lizzeth Guerra, 20, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1400 block of Aspen Avenue for misdemeanor battery on spouse. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Rosendo Tellez, 28, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street for misdemeanor removal of human remains from the scene of an accident and on misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### MARCH 23

Reyes Lorenzo Arreola, 34, of Wasco, was arrested in the 400 block of Highway 46 for misdemeanor DUI. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Wilfred Santiago Gon-

zalez, 48, of Wasco, was arrested in the 400 block of Central Avenue for felony possession of a stolen vehicle, misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Vincenzo Rafael Osuna, 34, of Wasco, was arrested in the 400 block of Central Avenue for felony possession of a stolen vehicle, misdemeanor possession of a controlled substance and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### MARCH 24

Maria Ojeda Perez, 45, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2700 block of 3rd Street for felony cruelty to child and misdemeanor disorderly conduct: drunk in public. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

## CORRECTION

A front-page headline in last week's paper said the Distinguished Young Woman's event would be held on Saturday. It was on Friday. A picture of candidate Celeste Perez was misidentified as Kaitlyn Arismendez.

A sports picture of Navian Jimenez was miscaptioned as his brother, Jayden Jimenez. The Shafter Press regrets the errors.



Kaitlyn Arismendez

Celeste Perez

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# Timothy Sheldon named to state board

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

Gov. Gavin Newsom has appointed Shafter's Timothy Sheldon to the California Corrections Peace Officers Commission. This position is a part of a com-

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mission that optimizes the well-being and performance of correctional peace officers.

The commission's mission is to prioritize the correctional peace officers'

well-being, resilience, and performance by elevating training through standards development, apprenticeship improvement, and training evaluation.

Sheldon has worked in corrections for over 20 years, now at the Kern Valley State Prison. Sheldon began in 2000 as a correc-

tions officer at the Corcoran State Prison. He was there until 2006, when he transferred to Kern Valley.

Sheldon became a corrections sergeant in 2009, then corrections lieutenant in 2013.

He is a member of the California Correctional Peace Officers Association.

# From art to GaGa Ball at Richland schools

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

The students in the Richland School District have had a busy month of March, with several events and activities in each of the Shafter public elementary schools.

At Golden Oak Elementary, they held their annual Open House event. Students had a chance to show their parents examples of their work and art, as well as the classroom environment that they spend so much of their days in.

The parents also had a chance to meet with their children's teachers, getting to know them, as well as examining the progress of their students.

"This time is important to the parents and staff, giving them both a chance to connect and work on their children's progress together," explained Superintendent Rosa Romero.

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Over at Redwood Elementary School, there was a Family Book Fair Night. The event included the opportunity for students and their parents share their love for reading with each other.

Parents shared how important reading is for success, and the families came away from the event with several new books and school supplies.

"I loved reading as a kid, and it is so important for kids to learn how to read," said Michael Ladano, who was there with his daughter.

Another bright spot is a new attraction at Golden Oak Elementary School. On the playground, kids are having a blast playing a rare game in the United States. The game is called GaGa Ball.

The game is a variant on dodgeball, but without the pain of getting hit in the face



**Golden Oak had its annual Open House.**

and head with the ball.

GaGa Ball is played in a ring or pit, and students slap or hit the ball at each other below the knee. If you are hit with the ball, you are out. The last child left in the pit wins. This game also is inclusive because the child doesn't have to be a fast runner,

and also smaller kids may even have an advantage over taller players.

The game is just starting to catch on in the United States, with its origins in Israel. "This is a great game and can be enjoyed by all students, no matter their athleticism," Romero said.

# Man alleged to take body parts from mishap

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

A Wasco man was arrested for allegedly removing human remains from the scene of an accident.

The accident occurred on March 22 at approximately 8:05 a.m., when a train fatally struck an individual at the Amtrak

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station in the city, according to the BNSF Railway and the Kern County Sheriff's Office.

Rosendo Tellez, 28, of Wasco, was taken into custody for taking evidence from the scene and for multiple outstanding warrants. He was booked into the Kern

County Jail.

The county Coroner's Office had not released the name of the victim as of Tuesday afternoon, according to Sgt. Herbert Stout of the sheriff's substation in Wasco.

In a video circulating widely on social media, an individual identified by authorities as the one who removed the body

part from the scene. The footage captures him walking down a street in the vicinity, carrying the body part. At one point, he stoops down and appears to smell the lower leg and foot.

In a media request, BNSF Railway responded that the crew was not injured and that the incident is under investigation.

# Richland breaks ground on new building

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break. The CUUBE unit, not a modular or portable building, will be used as a multipurpose building. There will be two classrooms, as well as an activity room. It will also include a shade structure outside the building. The difference between the CUUBE building and modulars is that they use pre-approved building plans that utilize pre-sourced and pre-verified materials and components that are ready to be delivered in timed, sequential, synchronized segments. Then, the building is built on site with the materials.

KYA is designing and installing the building. According to Central Valley Operations Manager Candace Fox, KYA is excited about the opportunity to work with Richland. "We are proud to be a part of this special project, helping so many kids

and teachers, enriching so many lives."

The building is made possible by an ELOP grant from the state.

"ELOP funding supports after-school and summer school enrichment programs for transitional kindergarten through sixth grade," Fox said. "The Richland School District's CUUBE multipurpose room marks the district's pioneering ELOP building. Customized to meet the unique needs of the extended learning program users, the CUUBE design features custom cabinetry, exterior handwash stations, integrated roll-up doors merging indoor and outdoor learning spaces, and a shade structure for additional outdoor learning opportunities. Beyond serving as a cutting-edge educational facility, it will also host community events and activities."



**Ground is broken on the new building.**

# Grant to pay for solar at senior center

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and karaoke events, as well as chair aerobics.

The Walker Senior Center also serves as the cooling station in Shafter during the summer. "This grant will drastically drop

that electric bill, with the installation of the solar," said Jimenez.

The grant was part of a federal spending package passed by Congress, advocated for by Rep. David Valadao.

Jimenez was grateful that Valadao

worked on their behalf and said that this is a big relief to him and his staff, who are in the middle of a major renovation project of their own, building a sports complex that will rival any in the county.

"We heard the news about the grant; it

was a mix of emotions, happiness, excitement and now understanding that we have to get to work to make sure we get this project all taken care of," Jimenez said.

There is no set timeline for the completion of the project.

# City in good shape financially, official says

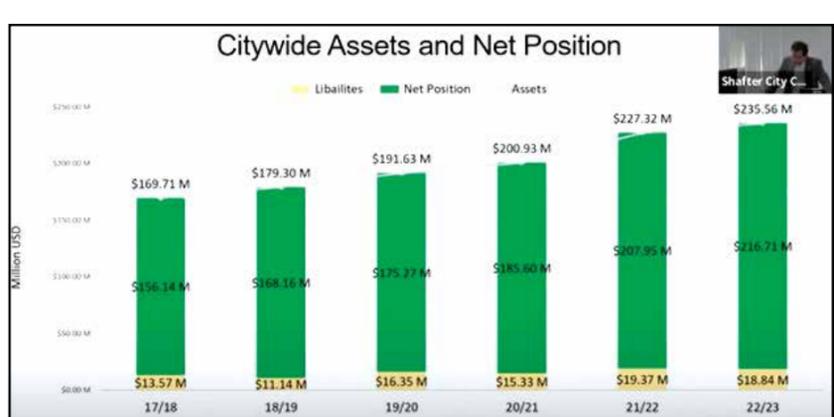
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these is the Water Fund. "This is a result of increasing electricity costs, inflation, and an increase the costs for maintaining the filters in the water system," said Sanchez.

He also said that at this trend, it would not take long for this fund to be depleted. To this problem, the city is going through a rate schedule study, resulting in a possible increase in water rates for residents. "The last increase in the rates was over seven years ago, and we are looking at a rate study for advice on how to go forward."

Another is the Waste Water Fund, which saw a significant decrease. City Manager Gabriel Gonzalez said that this also is a result of increased electricity rates, maintaining the sewer plant and the filtration systems. He advised the council that they would have a report on a rate schedule study in the near future.

As far as the General Fund, Sanchez said, there has been an increase in funds of \$4.1 million, to \$47.9 million. "This is even taking into account extra expenses with the hiring of four new police officers



**This graph shows the increase in the city's net assets for the fiscal year 2023-24.**

to man the new Shafter Police Substation, as well as two dispatchers." This also takes into account the cost of the completion of the restoration of the Shafter Aquatic Center. "The majority of the project is funded by grants, which decreased the city's costs

for the project significantly."

Sanchez said that according to reports, they are expecting another increase in the General Fund for the fiscal year 2024-25, with increased sales tax and property tax revenue.

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LEFT TO RIGHT: Excitement in full bloom as kids dash to hunt for colorful eggs. Jaxel and Jayden Corona with the Easter bunny. Gigi Rosales dressed in theme for the Easter holiday.

# Egg hunt unites families in fun, festivity

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

## WASCO

The annual Spring it On Easter Egg Hunt hosted by the Wasco Recreation and Parks District brought families together for a day filled with excitement, laughter and plenty of Easter eggs. At Barker Park, parent Cristal Landeros appreciated the activity. "I came to bring my little one. He's been wanting to do activities for Easter, and I love that the city put this together for the kids and families." Gayle Coleman brought her three grandchildren. "It's an excellent time for families to bond, and it's really nice to see

Wasco doing this. It's special for the kids, giving them something to do and getting them out." Others like Yannette Sanchez thought it would be a good way to celebrate the Easter holiday. She attended with her niece and her friend's nephew "so they could participate in the cute activities. They were so excited to meet the Easter bunny." Gustavo Castro said, "My sons got their face painted, did arts and crafts and played games. They also got to pet the bunnies at the petting zoo. It was more than just the egg hunt."

Miss Wasco Rose Queen Esmeralda Rodriguez took pictures with some of the more than 360 children that attended. She said, "Today is a beautiful day for Wasco. It's so nice to see everyone come out and enjoy the event." The Orange Heart Foundation sponsored the event and provided face painting for the children. Co-founder Orquidea Ocampo said, "This is our first time doing it. I enjoyed it, and it's a way to support the community and the WRPD. They support us, and we support them." The WHS FFA group brought their bunnies. The nonprofit group Transitional Youth Mobilizing for Change was on hand

to share information about their organization's mission. The California Highway Patrol shared traffic and car safety information and passed out stickers and coloring books for the kids. Other sponsors included Wasco Toys for Tigers, Wasco Elks Lodge and Wasco Elk Ladies. DJ S provided the entertainment with upbeat music for the crowd. WRPD Manager Chris Serna said, "To be able to offer an event free to kids and see them enjoy the Spring it On Easter Egg Hunt is priceless to see their faces when they see the Easter Bunny. The partnerships are important, and it is what helps make this a free event."



The Talent winner Amalie Rosales



The Red Group in the Fitness routine.

# Camryn Eubanks is Shafter's new DYW

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The evening was broken into different phases, with the opening of the program being the Fitness competition. That phase, won by Camryn, tested the young ladies' endurance, overall fitness and agility. In the Self-Expression category, each participant displayed their gracefulness, as well as composure in speaking in public. The Self-Expression award went to Celeste. In the Talent portion of the evening, each participant had three minutes to perform a talent for the attendees, usually one of the most nerve-wracking part of the evening for the parents and contestants. This portion was won by Amalie Rosales, who performed the song "La Vie En

Rose." The Scholastic portion was won by Katie Pantoja. Lauren Givens won \$800 in scholarships, winning the Spirit award, as well as one of three Excellence awards. These three awards were given to participants who best exemplified an overall performance in all of the categories. The other Excellence awards went to Erika Montoya and Allison Figueroa. With 16 participants vying for the title this year, the Fitness and Self-Expression was broken into two groups, with the overall winner being named out of all of the participants. After the judging portion of the evening was done, the judges went to deliberate and the crowd enjoyed the music of the David Bloemhof Quartet and also a dance number performed by Emily McGuire, the 2024 HasBeens, the current participants and their escorts. There was also the Rose Ceremony, a Shafter tradition. After Emily gave a touching speech, each girl then presented McGuire



Camryn Eubanks with First Alternate Celeste Perez and Second Alternate Adriana Moreno Bravo.

with a rose and a hug, allowing McGuire to say goodbye after an eventful year. Camryn will now start a whirlwind of activities in Shafter, including cutting ribbons at local ceremonies, lighting the Christmas Tree downtown, and being involved in several more events throughout the year. She will compete in the State program on July 21 at the Fox Theater in Bakersfield.



Katie Pantoja created a painting for her Talent display. RIGHT: Lauren Givens, the Spirit award and Excellence award winner, dancing with her escort, Aaron Neufeld.





Maria Martinez takes the seniors on several trips. RIGHT: Maria Martinez is an integral part of the health and fitness of Shafter's seniors at the Shafter Recreation Department.

# Maria Martinez keeps seniors moving

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

**SHAFTER**

At the Shafter Chamber of Commerce Banquet last week, the awards committee recognized Maria Martinez with the Health Award. Martinez has spent the last couple of decades dedicated to the health and happiness of Shafter's seniors.

Martinez is the senior adult coordinator for the Shafter Recreation Department, heading up a variety of programs and activities that are geared to keeping Shafter's seniors moving.

"I think that our seniors can be an active, productive members of the community.

Martinez leads the seniors in dances

during the Cinco de Mayo parade and Festival, showcasing the seniors' ability to have fun and keep healthy at the same time.

Another big attraction to the Walker Senior Center is the chair exercise classes that are run at the center. Seniors have routines to perform that help their agility, endurance and flexibility, which can deteriorate over time.

Maria Martinez leads the programs to help keep our seniors busy. "The people love the fitness classes, with some of them enjoying maybe their only exercise during their week."

She also conducts arts and crafts class

before the fitness class, which recently included creating butterflies out of plastic beads, which participants attach to pieces of construction paper. The results were a very colorful display.

Martinez said that the classes are just two examples of the many activities that are offered for anyone interested. "We have an outing once a month, where we will take them to the library in Bakersfield, or the Kern River, or sometimes the beach. Just a nice outing where they can relax, enjoy some travel and fellowship."

There is also lunch served at the Senior Center, which is also free. It meets all of the nutritional guidelines suggested by Kern Public Health. They do take dona-

tions, but no one is turned away because of an inability to pay.

Also working to keep the seniors of Shafter safe, they operate a cooling center on the site, depending on the temperature on that particular day. If the day is forecast for 105 degrees or higher, the center is open from 1 to 5 p.m. There are games, books and other activities that the seniors can participate in while keeping cool and safe.

"I just love the programs," said Juanita Hernandez, who participates in a number of the activities. "Maria is such a special person and she loves our community and the seniors in town. I don't think I would be as happy and healthy without the help and caring of Maria Martinez."

# Honoring creativity at the 2024 Fine Arts Awards

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

The Wasco Woman's Club held its 2024 Wasco High School Fine Arts Awards recently, giving Wasco High School young talent a platform to shine and exhibit their exemplary artistic skills. Under the guidance of art teacher Julie Pineo, eight students received accolades for their one-of-a-kind art pieces created in various mediums.

Mahalia Bradshaw won the Graduating Senior Art Award for her torn-paper mosaic, "Thoughts."

"With my self-portrait piece, I wanted it to really be a resemblance of me with things that I love and what I love about myself, for example, my natural hair and lashes that I incorporated and the character 'Hello Kitty,' which has been an artifact that I've enjoyed since childhood."

"What inspired me was the fact that I daydream a lot when I have nothing else to think about. I come out and let my mind think what it wants to think, and it's always happy thoughts."

With the recognition of her artwork, she said, "It would not have gotten the recognition it did without my art teacher, Mrs. Pineo, asking if it could go into the competition, which I'm glad that she did because now my art piece took 1st place, and it gets to be shared in the paper for Wasco and hopefully inspire other artists to put themselves out there even with a bit of doubt."

Betsaida Corona received the Special Art Award for her piece, "Giraffe," which was created in colored pencil.

"I wanted to draw a giraffe for my sister because that is her favorite animal. She is having a baby, and I wanted a picture of a giraffe for her to hang in the baby's nursery."

She said about the process of creating the artwork, "I drew the back-



Mahalia Bradshaw stands beside her self-portrait, a mirror of creativity and introspection.

ground in all black, then added the details in color, and worked from the picture I picked out."

The message she was trying to convey with her piece was that sometimes it's okay to be alone.

As a freshman, she feels she's on the right path to becoming an accomplished artist. "If I continue to study art, I can excel."

The Grades 9-12 First Place Winner went to sophomore Amy Fernandez for her work, "LU," a portrait of her family dog created in oil pastels and watercolors.

"I painted LU because I've had him since I was little; he really means a lot to me. Recently, he had got in an accident, and we got scared, and painting him was a way to make something special about him."

"I liked the way it came out. He looks great, and my mom likes it too."

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Of the techniques that she employed, she said, "I used different textures and shadowing to make it look as realistic as possible." She said the message she wanted to get across with the painting of her subject was that she wanted to demonstrate that he was really joyful. "I want to show in the picture that he was super happy."

She said it been great working with Pineo. "She really has good advice for her students. It's been a good experience with her."

"She taught me how to bring out the shadows, how some colors will make some other colors stand out, and how to bring out the whites to make them more white to give it more of a warm or cool tone. She's helped take my art skills to another level."

She said she didn't expect to win but was hoping she would place. "I was really happy about it, a little shocked and very excited when I found out."

Other awards were presented, including grades 9-12 second place winner Raylene Hernandez, grades 9-12 third place winner Nevaeh Sanchez, honorable mention Alanie De La Torre, honorable mention Sky Zendejas and honorable mention Bryan Carranza.

WHS art teacher and Department Chair for Fine Arts Julie Pineo said it was wonderful that the Woman's Club gives this opportunity every year. "It's nice the students can put this on their resumes."

Diane Waterhouse, a member and past president of the Woman's Club, said, "She is an incredible art teacher. Working with her is a pleasure; what she teaches them to do is absolutely surprising. It's amazing. You just have to look at the details and recognize what fantastic things she's teaching them."

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**PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Wasco City Council is recruiting one (1) individual to serve on the **Wasco Recreation and Parks Board** due to the resignation of the appointed member, Sharon Sharp, to fill the remainder of the term through November 30, 2025.

Members are nominated and appointed by the full City Council, must be residents of the City throughout their term, and must attend a monthly meeting.

Applications are available online on the City website:  
<https://www.cityofwasco.org/FormCenter/Applications-9/Commission-Committee-Board-Application-50>

Applications will be accepted for submission until the open position is filled.

For further information and assistance regarding this appointment, please contact the City Clerk's Office at (661) 758-7215 or by email at [cityclerk@cityofwasco.org](mailto:cityclerk@cityofwasco.org)

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Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
Monarch Memorial  
2024-B1922

2801 F St  
Bakersfield, CA 93301  
County: Kern  
844 E Lerdo Hwy,  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Monarch Partnership LLC  
844 E. Lerdo Hwy,  
Shafter, CA 93263  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by:  
Limited Liability Company\*  
Date the business commenced:  
N/A  
/s/Richard C. Woody, Member  
Date Statement Filed: 03/22/2024  
Date Statement Expires:  
03/22/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: P Del Villar  
Publish Shafter Press March 28,  
April 4, 11, 18, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business Name  
Abandonment Statement  
Monarch Memorial

2801 F Street  
Bakersfield, CA 93301  
County: KERN  
Mailing address of business:  
844 E. Lerdo Hwy,  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Clarmar Enterprises  
844 E. Lerdo Hwy,  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Business was conducted by:  
Corporation  
/s/Richard C. Woody, President  
Original FBN Statement File  
Number: 2023-B1150  
Original FBN Statement Filed on:  
02/21/2023  
This statement of Abandonment  
filed on: 03/22/2024  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/P Del Villar  
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April 4, 11, 18, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
VATTYCO.  
2024-B1744

22 Emerald Isle Way  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
County: Kern  
22 Emerald Isle Way  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
Lacey Elaine Mudge  
22 Emerald Isle Way  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
Daniel David Mudge  
22 Emerald Isle Way  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
The business is conducted by:  
Married Couple  
Date the business commenced:  
01/01/2024  
/s/Lacey Mudge  
Date Statement Filed: 03/14/2024  
Date Statement Expires:  
03/14/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: P Del Villar  
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PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
Toro Loco #8  
2024-B1801  
El Toro Loco Bakersfield  
2024-B1802

3001 Taft Hwy  
Bakersfield, CA 93313  
County: Kern  
825 Central Valley Hwy  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Grand Grocers Inc  
825 Central Valley Hwy  
Shafter, CA 93263  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by:  
Corporation\*  
Date the business commenced:  
03/01/2024  
/s/Yousif Hussein, Secretary  
Date Statement Filed: 03/18/2024  
Date Statement Expires:  
03/18/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: P Del Villar  
Publish Shafter Press March 28,  
April 4, 11, 18, 2024

## PUBLIC NOTICE

AN URGENCY ORDINANCE  
OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF  
THE CITY OF SHAFTER,  
CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AND  
ADOPTING EXECUTION OF A  
FIFTH AMENDMENT TO THE  
DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT  
BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
SHAFTER AND SUBURBAN LAND  
RESERVE, INC., 7th STANDARD  
RANCH INVESTORS, LLC, AND  
LENNAR HOMES OF CALIFORNIA,  
LLC  
WHEREAS, the City of Shafter  
and Suburban Land Reserve,  
Inc., entered into that certain  
Development Agreement ("DA")  
dated October 11, 2006 and  
recorded January 22, 2007 as  
Entry No. 0207015743 in the office  
of the Kern County Recorder; and  
WHEREAS, the current DA guides  
the development of the "MLSP"  
Lakes Specific Plan ("MLSP")  
area as described in Exhibit "A"  
("Property"), including rules for  
subdivision, phasing of public  
improvements, and collection of  
impacts fees; and  
WHEREAS, the portions of the  
Property subject to the DA,  
in addition to Suburban Land  
Reserve, Inc., is now owned by  
additional parties, namely 7th  
Standard Ranch Investors, LLC, a  
California limited liability company,  
and Lennar Homes of California,  
LLC, a California limited liability  
company ("Owners"); and  
WHEREAS, the City and Owners  
entered a first amendment to the  
DA dated December 21, 2021 and  
recorded January 6, 2022 as Entry  
No. 222002581 in the office of the  
Kern County Recorder; and  
WHEREAS, the City and Owners  
entered a second amendment to  
the DA dated June 21, 2022 and

recorded June 24, 2022 as Entry  
No. 222099036 in the office of the  
Kern County Recorder; and  
WHEREAS, the City and Owners  
entered a third amendment to the  
DA dated October 18, 2022 and  
recorded on October 21, 2022 as  
Entry No. 222158348 in the office  
of the Kern County Recorder; and  
WHEREAS, the City and Owners  
entered a fourth amendment to  
the DA dated September 26,  
2023 and recorded on October  
4, 2023 as Entry No. 223120768  
in the office of the Kern County  
Recorder; and  
WHEREAS, the fourth amendment  
to the DA is set to expire on April  
22, 2024; and  
WHEREAS, the Owners have  
requested that the term of the DA  
be extended; and  
WHEREAS, City and Owners are  
currently negotiating a long-term  
extension of the DA; and  
WHEREAS, the City desires to  
amend the DA to extend the  
term by six (6) months in order  
to allow sufficient time to conclude  
negotiations; and  
WHEREAS, in order to ensure the  
development of the Property takes  
place and the DA is implemented,  
this Urgency Ordinance is adopted  
to extend the DA immediately so  
that it does not expire and the City  
can continue to work with Owner  
in the implementation of the DA; and  
WHEREAS, the extension of the DA  
is for the immediate preservation  
of the public peace, health, and  
safety because the MLSP and DA  
are considered critical projects  
for the City and a lapse in the DA  
would have significant detrimental  
impacts which cannot be easily  
remedied by other methods; and  
WHEREAS, development of the  
Property in accordance with the  
DA will provide substantial benefits  
to City and will further important  
policies and goals of City; and  
WHEREAS, the DA eliminates  
uncertainty in planning and  
provides for the orderly  
development of the Property,  
ensures progressive installation of  
necessary improvements, provides  
for public services appropriate  
to the development of the  
Project, and generally serves the  
purposes for which development  
agreements under Sections  
65864, et seq. of the Government  
Code are intended; and  
WHEREAS, Owners have  
incurred and will in the future  
incur substantial costs to assure  
development of the Property in  
accordance with the DA; and  
WHEREAS, Owners have incurred  
and will in the future incur  
substantial costs more than the  
generally applicable requirements  
to assure vesting of legal rights  
to develop the Property in  
accordance with the DA; and  
WHEREAS, this Urgency Ordinance  
is adopted pursuant to California  
Government Code section  
36937(b) and shall take effect  
immediately upon adoption by a  
four-fifths vote of the City Council;  
and  
WHEREAS, the amendment to  
the DA is consistent with the  
General Plan of the City of Shafter  
("General Plan") and the MLSP  
and contains all necessary elements  
required by Government Code  
section 65864 et. seq. and Title  
15 of the City of Shafter Municipal  
Code as no substantive changes  
are proposed by the amendment;  
and  
WHEREAS, the City Council of  
the City of Shafter has reviewed  
and studied the amendment to  
the Development Agreement  
and found it to comply with the  
California Environmental Quality  
Act ("CEQA") as more fully  
described below.  
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY  
OF SHAFTER DOES HEREBY  
ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:  
SECTION 1. The City Council hereby  
adopts the recitals in this Urgency  
Ordinance as Urgency Findings  
for its adoption. Based on the entire  
record before the City Council  
of the City of Shafter ("Council")  
and all written and oral evidence  
presented to the Council, the  
Council finds the fifth amendment  
to the DA attached here to as  
Exhibit "A" ("Fifth Amendment")  
is consistent with the General  
Plan and the MLSP area and  
systematically implements the  
goals and objectives of the General  
Plan and MLSP.  
A. The Fifth Amendment  
is consistent with the objectives,  
policies, general land uses,  
and programs specified in the  
General Plan and the MLSP. The  
Fifth Amendment will not be  
detrimental to the health safety  
and general welfare of persons  
residing in the immediate area  
nor be detrimental or injurious to  
the general welfare of the residents  
of the City as a whole.  
B. The Fifth Amendment will  
not adversely affect the orderly  
development of property or the  
preservation of property values.  
C. The Fifth Amendment  
eliminates uncertainty in planning  
and provides for the orderly  
development of the Property,  
ensures progressive installation of  
necessary improvements, provides  
for public services appropriate  
to the development of the  
Project, and generally serve the  
purposes for which development  
agreements under Sections  
65864, et seq. of the Government  
Code are intended.  
D. The Fifth Amendment is  
consistent with the provisions of  
Government Code sections 65864  
through 65869.5 and Title 15 of  
the Shafter Municipal Code.  
SECTION 2. Based on the entire  
record before the Council and  
all written and oral evidence  
presented to the Council,  
the Council hereby finds and  
determines, that it can be seen  
with certainty that adoption  
of this Urgency Ordinance and  
approval of the Fifth Amendment

will not have a significant adverse  
effect on the environment. Thus,  
the adoption of this Urgency  
Ordinance and approval of the Fifth  
Amendment is exempt from the  
requirements of CEQA pursuant to  
Sections 15061(b)(3) of the CEQA  
Guidelines.

SECTION 3. The Council hereby  
approves the Fifth Amendment in  
substantially the form presented  
to the Council, together with  
such additions favoring the City  
and non-substantive revisions as  
may be approved by both the City  
Manager and the City Attorney  
during execution of the Fifth  
Amendment.

SECTION 4. The City Manager is  
hereby authorized to execute the  
Fifth Amendment on behalf of the  
City and City staff is authorized to  
take any action and execute any  
and all necessary documents to  
implement the Fifth Amendment.  
SECTION 5. The City Clerk is  
directed to record the Fifth  
Amendment with the Kern County  
Recorder, no later than 10 days  
after the Fifth Amendment is fully  
executed.

SECTION 6. This Ordinance shall be  
in full force immediately upon its  
passage.

SECTION 7. A summary of this  
Ordinance shall be published in the  
manner required by  
law.

Printed certified copies of  
Ordinance No. 753 are available  
for inspection by any person at the  
office of the Shafter City Clerk,  
City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue,  
Shafter, California. The ordinance  
was passed by the City Council on  
March 19, 2024, with the following  
vote:  
AYES: Alvarado, Espinoza, Olvera,  
and Prout  
NOES: None  
ABSENT: Givens  
ABSTAINING: None  
Dated: March 21, 2024  
Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk  
Publish Shafter Press March 28,  
2024

PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
715 Safety Training and  
Consulting  
2024-B1419

9102 Celeste Ct.  
Bakersfield, CA 93312-5025  
County: Kern  
9102 Celeste Ct.  
Bakersfield, CA 93312-5025  
Rene Richard Chow  
9102 Celeste Ct.  
Bakersfield, CA 93312-5025  
The business is conducted by:  
Individual  
Date the business commenced:  
N/A  
/s/Rene Richard Chow  
Date Statement Filed: 02/29/2024  
Date Statement Expires:  
02/28/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: T Cabrera  
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PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
PJ Rentals  
2024-B1266

11102 Canddlelight Court  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
County: Kern  
11102 Candlelight Court  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
Jacob Farias  
11102 Candlelight Court  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
Brittany Farias  
11102 Candlelight Court  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
The business is conducted by:  
Married Couple  
Date the business commenced:  
03/01/2023  
/s/Brittany Farias  
Date Statement Filed: 02/23/2024  
Date Statement Expires:  
02/23/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: M Cedeno  
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PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business Name  
Abandonment Statement  
PJ Rentals

11102 Candlelight Court  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
County: KERN  
Mailing address of business:  
11102 Candlelight Court  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
Jacob Simon Farias  
11102 Candlelight Court  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
Brittany Danielle Farias  
11102 Candlelight Court  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
Business was conducted by:  
Married Couple  
/s/Brittany Danielle Farias, Owner  
Original FBN Statement File  
Number: 2023-B7204  
Original FBN Statement Filed on:  
11/13/2023  
This statement of Abandonment  
filed on: 02/23/2024  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/M Cedeno  
Publish Shafter Press March 21,  
28, April 4, 11, 2024

PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
JDR Global LLC  
2024-B1621

2300 El Portal Drive Unit 58  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
County: Kern  
2300 El Portal Drive Unit 58  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
JDR Global LLC  
2300 El Portal Drive Unit 58  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by:  
Limited Liability Company\*  
Date the business commenced:  
03/04/2024  
/s/Diego Raza, Partner

Date Statement Filed: 03/08/2024  
Date Statement Expires:  
03/08/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: M Cedeno  
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PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
Blissful Moments Photo Booth  
2024-B1665

16019 La Strada Ct  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
County: Kern  
16019 La Strada Ct  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
Rolando Trevino Jr  
16019 La Strada Ct  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
The business is conducted by:  
Individual  
Date the business commenced:  
N/A  
/s/Rolando Trevino Jr  
Date Statement Filed: 03/11/2024  
Date Statement Expires:  
03/11/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: P Del Villar  
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Name Statement  
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2024-B1166

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County: Kern  
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Sport Lab Association  
11508 Talladega Court  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by:  
Corporation\*  
Date the business commenced:  
N/A  
/s/Daniel Dinsing, President  
Date Statement Filed: 02/21/2024  
Date Statement Expires:  
02/21/2029  
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County: Kern  
P.O. Box 1233  
Shafter, CA 93263  
M & S FLC, Inc.  
1130 Rose Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by:  
Corporation\*  
Date the business commenced:  
01/01/2024  
/s/Michael Sanchez, President  
Date Statement Filed: 03/04/2024  
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03/04/2029

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PUBLIC NOTICE  
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Name Statement  
Steff & Steves Treasures  
2024-B1161

2819 F Street  
Bakersfield, C 93301  
County: Kern  
3711 Valley Vista Ave  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
Stephenie Anne Guidera  
3711 Valley Vista Ave  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
Stephen Matthew Guidera  
3711 Valley Vista Ave  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
The business is conducted by:  
Married Couple  
Date the business commenced:  
02/14/2024  
/s/Stephenie Anne Guidera  
Date Statement Filed: 02/20/2024  
Date Statement Expires:  
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PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
El Dorado Services  
2024-B0650

260 Central Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
30772 Orange St  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Sayuri Marlene Mendoza  
30772 Orange St  
Shafter, CA 93263  
The business is conducted by:  
Individual  
Date the business commenced:  
01/18/2024  
/s/Sayuri Marlene Mendoza  
Date Statement Filed: 01/30/2024  
Date Statement Expires:  
01/30/2029  
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By: Z Arellano  
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PUBLIC NOTICE  
Fictitious Business  
Name Statement  
Mystic Crystal Oasis  
2024-B1513

402 Ellie Ct  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
402 Ellie Ct  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Mystic Crystal Oasis LLC  
402 Ellie Ct  
Shafter, CA 93263  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by:  
Limited Liability Company\*  
Date the business commenced:  
N/A  
/s/Maria Garcia, Manager  
Date Statement Filed: 03/04/2024  
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03/04/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza

PUBLIC NOTICE  
CAWELO WATER DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION NO. 719A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF  
CAWELO WATER DISTRICT DECLARING NECESSITY  
FOR LEVYING SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS AND CALLING  
AND NOTICING A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON

WHEREAS, this District has heretofore adopted its budget for the year 2024, set  
water charges for the year 2024, and directed timely filing of its Annual Estimate of  
Obligations with the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern prior to March 31, 2024;  
and,

WHEREAS, it is necessary to raise by special assessments on a per-acre basis the sum  
of approximately **\$4,149,093** in order to meet that portion of the estimated obligations  
of the District during the ensuing year which cannot be raised by water charges; and

WHEREAS, **Water Code Sections 35539 through 35539.4** establish a procedure  
whereby this District can levy special assessments on a per-acre basis rather than on an  
ad valorem basis in order to cause just and equitable sharing of the District's obligations  
among the landowners; and

WHEREAS, this Board finds and determines that it will be in the best interest of  
this District and just and equitable among its landowners to levy special assessments for  
the year 2024 as set forth herein, pursuant to **Water Code Sections 35539 through 35539.4**.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Board of Directors of  
**Cawelo Water District** hereby finds, determines, and declares:

- (1) A proposed special assessment of **\$105** upon each acre of developed land within  
the District and a proposed special assessment of **\$6** upon each acre  
of undeveloped land within the District shall be levied in order to meet the  
District's estimated obligations during the year 2024 as reflected in the  
District's Annual Estimate of Obligations being filed with the Clerk of the  
Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern and in order to cause just and  
equitable sharing among District's landowners of District's obligations and in  
said budget heretofore adopted.
- (2) A public hearing on said proposed special assessment shall be held at 9:15 A.M.  
on April 11, 2024 at the office of the District located at 17207 Industrial Farm  
Road, Bakersfield, CA 93308.
- (3) This resolution shall be timely published pursuant to Section 6066 of the  
Government Code of the State of California in The Shafter Press and a copy shall  
be mailed first- class, postage prepaid, to each holder of title to land within the  
District as shown by the District's current assessment roll.

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** by the Board of Directors of **Cawelo Water District**  
this 14th day of March, 2024 by the following roll call vote:

**AYES: 4 (Watkins, Smith, Gaugel, Blackwell)**  
**NOES: 0**  
**ABSENT: 1 (Birch)**

*Keith Watkins*

Keith Watkins, President  
Cawelo Water District Board of Directors

(SEAL)

ATTEST:

*John Gaugel*

John Gaugel, Secretary  
Cawelo Water District Board of Directors  
Publish Shafter Press March 28, April 4, 2024

# A night of steel drum magic at Wasco High

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

The historic Wasco High School auditorium was filled with the rhythmic beats of steel drum music of the WHS Groove Steelers at their Pan Rocks concert last week. Known for the band's infectious and soulful melodies, the performance featured a special guest appearance by Tracy Thornton, whose presence added an extra layer of excitement to the evening's festivities.

In an interview after the show, Eduardo Jimenez Corona said performing in front of a live crowd is stressful, "But seeing everyone enjoying the music is special to me. The highlight is always when you're done, seeing how people praise you and how all the hard work and effort you put into it paid off."

Another band member shared her enthusiasm, "I loved it. A highlight was enjoying the music, dancing and playing the drums. We practiced every morning for tonight to put on a great show. I was very proud of our performance. I think we did a good job."

For almost the last decade, renowned steel pannist, Tracy Thornton, who has been playing for 30 years, has lent his talent to the music students of Wasco High and once again this year joined the band to prepare them for the concert. "The communi-



The WHS Groove Steelers brought steel drum music to life on stage.

## WASCO

ty always welcomes me with open arms." He said of the students, "The kids are amazing, hardworking, passionate about their music and a blast to hang out with. I am very grateful that I get to come out to play music and that Mr. Sparks invites me to come every year to give me an opportunity to do what I love to do."

Many students said it was a privilege to play alongside Thornton. Sawyer Sparks said, "He is unique. His teaching skills

make it easier for us to learn because he goes into depth with each note and makes sure we're playing the right ones."

Spectators said they were captivated by the music. Jennifer Mendoza was one of them. "It was so thrilling. I got goosebumps. It was so good. It was more than I expected. I never heard music like that before."

Steel drums are a collection of musical instruments that represent all the voices of a symphony orchestra. They are made and tuned by hand in 55-gallon oil barrels, and they originated from the islands of Trini-

dad and Tobago. This tradition has been passed down from generation to generation and beyond.

Wasco High School's music department students have embraced the culture of the steel drums genre thanks to Music Director Greg Sparks. "I am very proud of the kids. There were some challenging pieces, but tonight was their best performance of those ever."

"I am lucky to work with such wonderful students and be in this incredible community."

# SHS softball opens league season with tie

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

The Shafter High softball team opened its SSL season with a 0-0 tie against Chavez High School. This game was a pitcher's duel, with both teams finding it hard to find some offense.

The Lady Generals then competed in the Fowler Softball Tournament, opening with a game against highly touted Orange Cove. The Lady Generals fought hard, but came up short in the contest, dropping the game by a score of 5-2.

The loss drops Shafter's season record to 9-4-1.

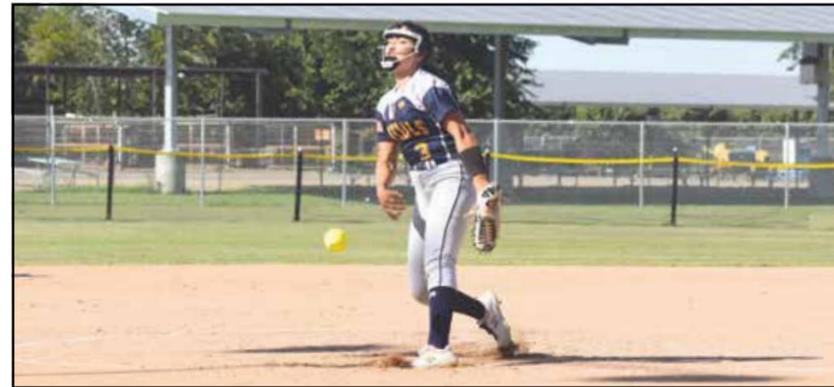
Coached by Sharaya Durant and Julia Garcia, the squad is looking to hit its stride with the SSL season heating up. The Lady

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Generals have been good on defense, with a stingy infield and some strong pitching by Maddison Ortiz and Stangia Angulo. This gives the Lady Generals good options, having a strong right handed pitcher in Ortiz and a lefty in Angulo. The offense has been led by Ortiz, Chris Torres and Marley Munoz, who have had multiple two and three hit games.

Shafter will be battling South Sequoia League foes Taft and Wasco for the South Sequoia League title. According to Durant, the team is gearing up at the right time and is looking for many ways to win.

"We are excited about the team that we have this season," she said. "The SSL continues to get stronger every year. We're



Tatiana Angulo throws a strike for Shafter

looking forward to getting better and competing each day."

The Lady Generals will be in action in

the SSL on Tuesday, April 2, when they face off against McFarland. They also play the Cougars again on Thursday, April 4.

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# Remembering Richard Reding

## From Page 1

"Sarah was a major part of the Wasco Woman's Club. They were part of the Rose Parade and all kinds of community and church activities. Anything at church, they were there. They were a fixture at our church.

"And not with a lot of fanfare. He didn't do things to be noticed, but he did things just for the sake of other people, just to be helpful. He served in a variety of capacities in that way, always looking to be involved."

For many years, Reding and Sarah played an important part in the annual Wasco Rose Festival, even serving as the Grand Marshals of the parade one year. Reding was known for riding up and down the parade in his scooter.

When asked how he thinks Reding would like to be remembered, Pastor Bockler said, "As somebody who was faithful to his wife, family, church and the Lord Jesus."

Keith Janzen was in 6th or 7th grade when Reding showed up at Thomas Jefferson. He had him for PE and said he was great. "He was a good teacher and a good coach."

They also went to the same church. "He was there for me since age 12 and on. We had contact both at school and church. He was always a figure bigger than most. He had a commanding voice, and he was tall—especially when you're a kid — he's twice as big. He was always a positive coach figure, and I learned a lot of basketball from him."

Janzen ended up teaching at TJ while Reding was there for two years. "We spent quite a lot of time together there while I was there with him. If I ever had a question about something or how to handle something with a student, he would usually be the person I would go to talk about it with."

He said Reding's impact on the community was profound. "The thing about him is you can say what I said and multiply it by who knows by so many people.



**Richard Reding on the scooter he enjoyed riding during the Rose Festival Parade.**

He was so involved in the community, and he helped so many people even after he retired."

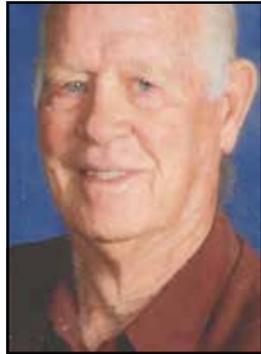
"What I will miss most about him is his approachability and wide smile."

Brent Paul is another former student, "Mr. Reding was my PE teacher in junior high (grades 6-8). He was a motivator, a jokester and a disciplinarian. What a package! His students trusted and loved him; they also didn't want to disappoint him. We knew where the line was, and we did not want to cross it. Teachers today don't have the ability to give tough love; he did. That is one of the things that made him so special."

## Richard Keith Reding, Sr. Sept. 10, 1935 – March 17, 2024

Richard Keith Reding, Sr. was born Sept. 10, 1935, in Montgomery County, Tennessee to Richard Carroll Reding and Leola Keith Reding. He was the first of their three children, followed by a brother, John, and their little sister, Sue Ann. Sometime later, the Reding children's dad became the Sheriff of Cheatam County, Tennessee. He enlisted in WW2 because he possessed the skills needed, so his wife, Leola, finished his term as sheriff!

In Mayfield, Kentucky,



his family lived "catty-corner" backyard to the family which included Sarah Lou Workman. He was smitten! They married on Oct. 8, 1955. Into this union were born Richard Keith Reding, Jr. in 1958 in Kentucky, and Sue Kim Reding

in 1962 in Bakersfield.

In between the births of their children, Richard and Sarah moved to Wasco and built a life of community involvement and contribution. Richard taught physical education, health and typing at Thomas Jefferson Junior High/Middle School for 35 years! A gymnasium has been built and named in his honor at the recently remodeled and renamed Palm Avenue Middle School, merely a half-block from their home!

Richard and Sarah were involved in the annual Wasco Rose Festival for many years and once served as the Grand Marshals of its parade. They were faithful

## PETS OF THE WEEK

### Meet Paco

Paco came into the Wasco animal Shelter as a stray. He is approximately a 1-2 year old male chihuahua. He is great with staff and other dogs his size. It is unknown if Paco is house/crate trained at the time. Dogs are not tested with children, and his behavior toward children is unknown. Paco will be available for adoption on Tuesday, April 2.

Everyone is welcome to adopt from our facility, and we like to give everyone the same opportunity to adopt. Adopters can be from out of town and/or local. We do not place holds for adoptions. Adopters are responsible for transportation.

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–Wasco Animal Shelter

## HEADLINES IN HISTORY

From the archives of The Shafter Press

**30 years ago:** April 27, 1994

A few of the candidates in the Shafter Junior Miss competition were Stacy Becker, Raquel Herrera, Cindy Mayhew and Krystal Crook.

**50 years ago:** April 11, 1973

Some of the candidates in the running for Miss Shafter were Jenee Tadevich, Susan Franklin, Becky Witcher, Ellen Sill, Kim Handel, Jacque Janzen and Susan Franklin.

–Compiled by Erica Soriano



The front page, April 11, 1973.

## OBITUARIES

members of Grace Community Church in Wasco.

Richard is preceded in death by his parents, RC and Leola Reding; his father-in-law, Carvil Workman; and brothers-in-law, Jim and Donald Workman. He is survived by his wife, Sarah; his brother, John, and John's wife, Mary; sister, Sue Ann; son, Richard

Keith Reding, Jr.; daughter, Sue Kim Reding Edwards, and her husband, Doug Edwards. Also surviving Richard is his daughter-in-honor, Sandy Reding.

"Papa" will forever be loved by grandchildren, Kristen Edwards Denton and husband Ryan, Patrick Reding, Leslie Edwards, Christopher Reding, Jor-

dan Reding and his fiancée, Maritza Anaya, and great-grandchildren Parker and Morgan Denton.

Dad's viewing will occur on Friday, March 29, from 5 to 7 p.m. at Peters Funeral Home, Wasco. His funeral will be held on Saturday, March 30, at 10 a.m. at Grace Community Church, Wasco.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Richard Keith Reding Sr.**, 88, of Wasco passed away March 17, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

**June Knight**, 86, of Bakersfield passed away March 21, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

**Carmen Abundis De Contreras**, 80, of Wasco passed away March 20, in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

**Dolly K. Kirschenmann**, 88, of Shafter passed away March 19, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Integrity And Quality Systems And Fabrication LLC 2024-B1935 IQ Systems and Fab 2024-B1936

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And Fabrication LLC  
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Sacramento, CA 95811  
State of Incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by:  
Limited Liability Company  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/ Joe Martinez, Sole Member  
Date Statement Filed: 03/22/2024  
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### PUBLIC NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATE OF April 8, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the City of Wasco Planning Commission on April 8, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. or as soon as possible thereafter in the Council Chambers located at 746 8th Street, Wasco, California to consider the following:  
Conditional Use Permit 24-01  
Project: A proposal of a 1,450 SF building with a drive-through, due to lot zoning, a CUP is required for a drive-through at this location  
Location: 915 Poso Drive Wasco, CA 93280  
APN: 030-450-10  
Applicant: Obaid Markets Inc. – Attias Obaid  
Environmental Review: Find that this project is exempt under the

California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15332 In-Fill Development Projects  
The project and supporting documents may be reviewed during normal business hours at the Planning Department located at 764 E Street, Wasco, CA 93280. Any person wishing to testify on the above project may appear before the Planning Commission at their meeting on April 8, 2024, or may submit written comments on or before April 8, 2024.

If you challenge this proposal, or any aspect of it in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the City of Wasco Planning Department, 764 E Street, Wasco, CA 93280, at, or prior to the public hearing.

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If you have any questions, you may contact the Community Development Department at (661) 758-7200.  
/s/ Yolanda Tinajero, Deputy City Clerk  
Date 03/21/2024  
Publish Wasco Tribune March 28, 2024

### PUBLIC NOTICE LEGAL NOTICE NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING PLANNING COMMISSION MEETING DATE OF April 8, 2024

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held before the City of Wasco Planning Commission

on April 8, 2024 at 6:00 P.M. or as soon as possible thereafter in the Council Chambers located at 746 8th Street, Wasco, California to consider the following:  
Conditional Use Permit 487-87 Amendment

Project: An amendment application to allow for outdoor gypsum and bark storage piles, add a stockpile stacker from the existing sample tower to the proposed outdoor storage pile, allow outdoor truck loading of the gypsum and anhydrite, and update the allowable materials to include bark.  
Location: 1040 H Street Wasco, CA 93280  
APN: 030-030-06  
Applicant: Superior Soil Supplements, LLC – Coult Dennis  
Environmental Review: Find that this project is exempt under the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970 (CEQA) and State CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 Existing Facilities

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Date 03/21/2024  
Publish Wasco Tribune March 28, 2024

### PUBLIC NOTICE ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE-CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: DCV-24-00002

TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
1. Petitioner: Luis al Berto Pulido filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present Name  
Luis al Berto Pulido  
Proposed Name  
Luis Alberto Pulido  
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all persons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
NOTICE OF HEARING  
a. Date: 5/8/2024 Time: 10:00 A.M.  
Dept: B  
b. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN, 1122 Jefferson St, Delano, CA 93215  
Superior Court of California County of Kern, North Division  
3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks before the date

set for hearing on the petition in a newspaper of general circulation:

(for resident of this county) printed in this county: Wasco Tribune  
Date: 03/13/2024  
/s/Wendy Avila  
Judge of the Superior Court  
Publish Wasco Tribune March 21, 28, April 4, 11, 2024

### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement FJP Trucking 2024-B1605

2233 Hermosa Ave  
Delano, CA 93215  
County: Kern  
2233 Hermosa Ave  
Delano, CA 93215  
Francisco Javier Ponce Ceja  
2233 Hermosa Ave  
Delano, CA 93215  
The business is conducted by:  
Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Francisco Javier Ponce Ceja  
Date Statement Filed: 03/07/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 03/07/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: M Cedenro  
Publish Wasco Tribune March 14, 21, 28, April 4, 2024

### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement DY Bouquets 2024-B1358

2609 Krista St.  
Wasco, CA 93280  
County: Kern  
2609 Krista St.  
Wasco, CA 93280  
Yadira Molina  
2609 Krista St.  
Wasco, CA 93280  
The business is conducted by:  
Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Yadira Molina  
Date Statement Filed: 02/27/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 02/27/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: P Del Villar  
Publish Wasco Tribune March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2024

### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Carnitas El Jesse 2024-B1486

834 5th St  
Wasco, CA 93280  
County: Kern  
834 5th St  
Wasco, CA 93280  
Jesus Flores Cruz  
1821 Cherrytree Way  
Wasco, CA 93280  
The business is conducted by:  
Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Jesus Flores Cruz  
Statement Filed: 03/01/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 03/01/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: T Cabrera  
Publish Wasco Tribune March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2024

### PUBLIC NOTICE Fictitious Business Name Statement Stream of Serenity Therapy 2024-B1863

2783 Bettis Ave  
Wasco, CA 93280  
County: Kern  
2783 Bettis Ave  
Wasco, CA 93280  
Andrea Carolina Fernandez Sanchez  
2783 Bettis Ave  
Wasco, CA 93280  
The business is conducted by:  
Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Andrea Carolina Fernandez Sanchez  
Statement Filed: 03/20/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 03/20/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: Z Arellano  
Publish Wasco Tribune March 28, April 4, 11, 18, 2024