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The Fun Run had a great turnout.

# Colours Festival returns

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

After a four-year absence, the Colours Festival made its return to Shafter last weekend, with a host of activities.

The traditional Spaghetti Dinner was put on by the Shafter Community Chest, with a drive-thru event this year. On Friday, the Art Gallery opened at the Ford Theater, with the works of 13 local artists on display. There were sculptures, paintings, sketches and photographs, as well as floral arrangements created by the Shafter FFA.

There was also a visit from author Jennifer Gardiner, who read her new book, "Counting Bears."

Attendees were able to meet the artists who created the pieces at the Meet the Artists and Wine Tasting event. Wineries that have ties to Shafter gave out glasses of their best vintages as attendees asked the

The worship service, featuring David Bloemhof and his quartet, closed out the festival.

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artists about their inspiration, processes and techniques.

A first for the Colours Festival was the cornhole tournament put

on in the parking lot of the Church of Christ of Shafter. There were two divisions in the tournament. The winners of the Social Division were Favio and Sandra.

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## SCENES FROM THE WEEKEND – PAGE 7

# Lady Generals season ends in semifinals

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

The Shafter High girls basketball team saw their season and Head Coach Shawn Pennell's tenure end with a loss to the top-seeded Eagles of Bakersfield Christian on Wednesday night, 70-47, in the semifinals of the Central Section Division III playoffs.

The Lady Generals, seeded number four in the tourney, came out firing in the first quarter, using a smothering defense to force a few Eagle turnovers and turning them into easy points. After leading after the first quarter, the teams traded baskets, hitting each other like a heavyweight title bout.

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Aliyah Esaclera shoots for two.

# Artist shares her life with community

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

When you think of art in Shafter, Charlotte White, Deanna Nelson and Lorena Castillo would naturally come to mind. These artists have given the community many pieces to admire, from White's depictions of local landmarks to Nelson's touching portraits of people and landscapes. There is an artist in town who presented some of her creations at the Colours Festival that you may not have heard of. Martha Maynard, whose daughter, Stephanie Benito, is Stan Wislon's right-hand person at the Shafter Depot Museum, has been painting for decades. She was a teacher during her working career, but always tried to make art a part of her teaching.

"Painting has always been therapeutic for me. It has got me through a lot of challenges in my life," Maynard explained.

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# SHS wrestler falls short of medal round at State

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

Julianna Gonzalez, who came into the State Wrestling tournament last weekend at Mechanics Bank Arena as the number three seed, fell short of making it to the medal rounds, falling in the quarterfinals, suffering her first pin of the season.

Gonzalez won her first two matches by pins. Her first match she pinned her opponent just 45 seconds into the match. She had no more trouble in her second match, securing the pin to make it to day 2 of the

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season-ending event. After the loss, Gonzalez was relegated to the consolation rounds, allowing her a chance to wrestle her way back into the medal rounds. Gonzalez fell just short of the medal round, making it impossible for her to place this year. Gonzalez made history last year as a freshman, capturing seventh place at the State tourney, becoming the first Shafter female wrestler to make it to the State competition and also the first

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Julianna Gonzalez takes her opponent down on her way to a first-period pin.

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# 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

Wasco Bulky Waste Collection Event—Sponsored by the Kern County Public Works on Sat. March 9 Barker Park 1218 Poplar Ave 8am-12pm. Bulky items such as appliances, mattresses and furniture.

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 14, 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.

Self-serve sandbag station – Sand to combat flooding is available for Shafter residents and businesses. The station is located at 1251 E. Ash Ave., next to the recycling drop-off).

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.

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

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

Input on charging stations – The Kern Council of Governments is looking for driver input on where to put electric car charging stations. Go to [tinyurl.com/KernEVCS](http://tinyurl.com/KernEVCS) to participate.

## 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 Tues-

day 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? Llama a American Refuse 661-758-5316 o use su aplicación para programar una recojida de estas articulos. Este servicio es gratis para todos los residents 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

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## WASCO



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## ARREST REPORT

### SHAFTER

As reported by the Shafter Police Department

#### FEB. 11

Sara Leon Campos, 45, of Shafter, was arrested at Allen Road and Rosedale Highway for DUI, driving with a suspended license and making an unsafe turn.

#### FEB. 15

Monica Vargas, 39, of Shafter, was arrested on West Los Angeles Avenue and Poplar Avenue for DUI and driving without a license.

Yamilett Regaldo, 39, of Shafter, was arrested at West Los Angeles and Poplar on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Fernando Garcia Jr., 37, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block Central Valley Highway on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

#### FEB. 16

Fernando Quevedo, 26,

of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Nickel Street for possession of a controlled substance and on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Axel Mercado, 23, of Shafter, was arrested in the 700 block of Golds Avenue for possession of a narcotic/controlled substance and disorderly conduct: alcohol.

#### FEB. 17

Mike Alexis Rios, 32, of Shafter, was arrested in the 600 block of Martha Avenue for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

#### FEB. 18

Marc Anthony Ayala, 30, of Shafter, was arrested on Escalante Avenue and Freedman Street for carrying a concealed dirk or dagger, possession of unlawful paraphernalia and not having a light required after dark.

Juan Jose Flores, 48, of Shafter, was arrested in the 600 block of James Street on

an outside warrant and on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a charge.

Jonathan Alexander Cruz, 27, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of South Shafter Avenue for obstruction and disorderly conduct: under the influence of a drug.

#### FEB. 19

Lesley Gabriela Flores, 35, of Shafter, was arrested on the 1800 block of Bay Meadows

Drive for petty theft: shoplifting and on an outside agency warrant.

#### FEB. 20

Vernon Ray Phillips, 52 of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of East Lerdo Highway on an outside agency warrant and on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

Desiree Marie Diaz, 32, of Shafter, was arrested in

the 100 block of West Lerdo Highway on an outside agency warrant.

#### FEB. 22

Fernando Quevedo, 26, of Shafter, was arrested on the 500 block of East Lerdo Highway for possession of a controlled substance and disorderly conduct: under influence of a drug.

#### FEB. 23

Yasmin Herrera, 25, of

Shafter, was arrested on the South Shafter and Winters Avenue on an outside agency warrant, driving without a license and not maintaining lighting equipment.

#### FEB. 24

Daniel Eugene Dale Holder, 43, of Shafter, was arrested on West Los Angeles Avenue and Lawrence Street on an outside warrant.

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# Solorio-Ruiz looking to make changes

Second in a series profiling candidates for 4th District county supervisor, representing the Shafter and Wasco areas. Other stories can be found at [TheShafterPress.com](#) or [WascoTrib.com](#)

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

Salvador Solorio-Ruiz has thrown his hat into the ring for the District 4 Supervisor race, looking to change the path of the county from status quo to a more involved community.

“The way things are now, there seems to be a disconnect between the community and its leadership. We need to change that, and I would be the perfect candidate to bring about that change.”

Solorio-Ruiz is Delano’s vice mayor, after becoming one of the youngest city council members in the county at the age

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of 24 when elected. Salvador grew up in Delano and received a BA in business administration.

Politics was not on the radar for Salvador when he was growing up. “I never thought about going into politics. I came back after college and started working for a nonprofit here in Kern County. I started getting involved in the community and I loved it, getting a passion for helping people.”

Solorio-Ruiz said that he believes that he is the right fit for the Supervisor position because he can get things done. “I don’t just talk the talk. I walk the walk. I would put my record up against anyone else in the race,” said Solorio-Ruiz.

Salvador said that he is out in the community all of the time in Delano, giving his constituents one thing that they want the most, which is inclusion. “People want to



Salvador Solorio-Ruiz is running for 4th District supervisor.

know that their leaders care about them, that they are really being heard. I don’t think that this is happening right now in the 4th District.”

A big issue in the spotlight currently

is public safety, and Salvador said that he would fight for district residents to have the best law enforcement teams around. “I know from being involved in the community that public safety is a priority. I agree and would make sure that the 4th District is one of the safest in the county.”

Solorio-Ruiz said that he has a heart for the people he serves, which stems from the love that he has for family, and his struggles on his way to his current stage in life. “Our family has had its losses, but they have made us stronger, and I believe that I am who I am today because of those struggles.”

Salvador said that his parents immigrated here from Mexico around 40 years ago, giving them a chance at the American Dream. “My father was a field worker all of his life, and worked very hard for us. I intend to take his work ethic and apply it to this position, working for the residents in my district, fighting for every one of them and their needs.”

# Kino leaves a legacy, one letter at a time

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

Shafter lost a great friend recently, with the passing of Longino (Kino) Gonzalez, at the age of 92.

Gonzalez is best known around town for his cheerful disposition and caring attitude, working for the U.S. Post Office for over 36 years. Gonzalez hadn’t even thought about the Post Office for the first half of his life, toiling in the fields and making a living for him and his family, until one day someone asked him if he had ever thought about trying for a job there. Gonzalez had found his calling, and he was everyone’s favorite mail carrier for the next three decades.

He had a steel trap for addresses, not forgetting your address, no matter how long it had been. When Michael Schroeder, the publisher of The Shafter Press, paid a visit to the office last year, he met



Five generations in one picture.

Gonzalez and asked him if he remembered growing up in town 50 years ago. Gonzalez didn’t hesitate, saying, “Sure, Pine Street, 230 Pine Street to be exact.”

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Gonzalez will be remembered by so many people that he made a lasting impression on that it would take a book to tell all of the memories that residents could share about this special man. But, the people that can tell it the best are his children, who had the fortune of having this man in their lives every day. Oldest daughter Christina Smart said that she will always cherish her time with her father and his impact that he had on her life and the lives of her children. “But, what I will remember most are the quiet times at home, with him sitting on the floor, all of us gathered around the television, watching as a family. “She said that there were only three channels at the time, but the shows were good. Smart said that Mutual of Omaha’s Wild Kingdom, Lawrence Welk, Ed Sullivan and Candid Camera were their favorites.

Daughter Andrea Hernandez added,

“My dad was a great and faithful man who loved the Lord and his family. He was so quick-witted and to this day people still talk about his sense of humor and his delicious sarcasm.” Hernandez said that her dad had to go through some hard times, but he always kept his faith and his strength from God. This was especially true when Kino lost his oldest son, who passed away last year. “My dad would say that he thanked God that he had his oldest son for 63 years. He would say that a lot of people don’t even have that long with their children, and he felt blessed.”

Kino Gonzalez Jr. said before his passing last year, “My dad has always been my role model and he taught me to have faith in God and to be proud of our country. He has been there for me and my family whenever we need help in any way, without hesitation.”

Many people in town would echo those sentiments.

# Nurturing minds, hearts and spirits

VERONICA JACUINDE  
Wasco Tribune

North Kern Christian School, founded in 1978 by the Wasco Mennonite Brethren Church, is dedicated to delivering high-quality education within a Christian setting, employing a curriculum rooted in Christian principles.

Sandy Armstrong has been the advisor for the Home Study Program since 1990. She started as a junior high teacher in 1980. “People here are like-minded and focused on providing the best Christian education,” she explained. “It’s a pleasure to go to work every day.”

“It’s a safe, nurturing environment. I also like that the students matter to the teachers. My three grandchildren attend here now.”

Each subject is approached with the awareness that Jesus Christ should be central to living and learning. The NKCS program is designed to address students’ intel-

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lectual, spiritual and social requirements.

Teacher-to-student ratios are small, with class sizes averaging about 10 students.

NKCS is a nondenominational private school that started as a K-8 school. They later added a preschool for ages 2 through 5 and a home study program for K-12.

“We have a rigorous academic program which prepares students for high school and college. Since we have a small teacher-to-student ratio, we can help children with learning difficulties as well as the general student population.”

There is also after-school daycare to help working parents. Daycare providers assist with homework, facilitate enrichment activities and provide snacks for the children until their parents get off work.

NKCS students are afforded hands-on learning opportunities such as music, technology and robotics classes, exciting

educational field trips, an extensive library, competitions with other Christian schools and weekly chapels.

“Our teaching philosophy is a traditional classical education, which has proven very effective as most of our 8th-grade graduates go on to honors classes in high school. Our test scores affirm the effectiveness of this teaching. We’ve had alumni that have gone on to very successful careers and who come back to thank the school for the great foundation it provided them.”

Armstrong said the school doesn’t seem to have the discipline problems found at larger schools. “The students seem to really care about each other. Maybe it’s because they’re following what the Bible teaches. When I’m on the campus, it’s incredible that even the older kids are friendly and supportive of the younger ones.”

She said the school is unique because there is close-knit support for the families. “We have a parent-teacher fellowship that

plans activities so that the parents have opportunities to bond.”

“That is a special thing. I feel blessed that my grandkids can go here. They’re turning out to be amazing people, and I think the school has much to do with it. It’s worth the price.”

The school does not receive government funding, and relies on tuition and donations to pay the bills. Many of the students are on scholarships. “A lot of our families are low-income. But we are here to help parents who desire a Christian education for their children. We don’t want to turn anyone away if we can help it.”

Armstrong said if you are looking for a good quality education for your child, you should consider NKCS. “Your child’s eternity is worth the investment.”

For more information or to schedule an appointment to tour the campus and talk to an administrator, call 661 758-5997 or visit [NorthKernChristian.org](#)

## ARREST REPORT

### BUTTONWILLOW

As reported by the Kern County Sheriff’s Office, Buttonwillow substation:

#### FEB. 19

Jared Downing, 45, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Sierra Avenue in Shafter on a misdemeanor warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

Jose Sanchez, 37, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 200 block of East 1st Street on a felony warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Marlene Vargas, 38, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of Rodriguez Avenue in Shafter for two felony warrants. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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Louis Pacheco Castel-

lon, 35, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 300 block of Milo Avenue for vandalism and petty theft. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### FEB. 25

Maurilio Nunez, 44, of Lost Hills, was arrested at the intersection of Martin Avenue and Badger Street in Lost Hills for driving without a license, expired registration, failing to stop at a posted stop sign, possession of a controlled substance, and on a misdemeanor warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

John Christopher Leibrock, 43, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 20600 block of Tracy Avenue for carrying a concealed weapon in a vehicle, carrying a concealed

weapon in a public place and carrying a loaded handgun. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Milder Cheme Vazquez, 24, of Shafter, was arrested at the intersection of Lerdo Highway and Magnolia Avenue in Shafter for driving under the influence of alcohol, driving under the influence of alcohol over 0.08%, driving without a license, and speeding, failure to pass safely to left.

### WASCO

As reported by the Kern County Sheriff’s Office, Wasco substation:

#### FEB. 19

Azeem Millan, 28, of Wasco, was arrested in the 600 block of F Street on a felony bench warrant. He was

booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### FEB. 20

Carlos Badillo, 28, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2400 block of 7th Street for felony false imprisonment, misdemeanor battery on spouse and willful cruelty to child. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Jose Carranza, 33, of Wasco, was arrested in the 700 block of F Street on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was cited and released at the scene.

Mario Cervantes, 39, of Wasco, was arrested in the 600 block of Maple Avenue for felony burglary and misdemeanor violation of a court order to prevent domestic violence. He was booked into

the Kern County Jail.

Javier Pizano, 53, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of Highway 46 on felony and misdemeanor bench warrants and possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### FEB. 21

Jayme Rios, 39, of Wasco, was arrested in the 500 block of Beckes Street for misdemeanor hit and run. He was cited and released at the scene.

#### FEB. 23

Victor Adame, 20, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1400 block of 6th Street on a felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Espiridon Flores Beltran, 45, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1800 block of Fern Tree

Close for felony cruelty to an elderly dependent. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Frank Matthew Gonzalez, 37, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2600 block of Highway 46 on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### FEB. 24

Antonio Campos, 45, of Wasco, was arrested in the 900 block of Birch Avenue for felony manufacturing of metal knuckle and misdemeanor trespassing. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Luis Quezada, 20, of Wasco, was arrested in the 500 block of Maple Street for misdemeanor disorderly conduct: drunk in public. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.



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# Orange Heart: Cultivating a spirit of optimism

VERONICA JACUINDE  
Wasco Tribune

The Orange Heart Foundation is a non-profit organization with a mission to enhance the community of Wasco. The organization aims to instill optimism through educational and recreational initiatives, uniting through events, and focusing on the betterment of the local area. The goal is to elevate the quality of life in the community by establishing constructive and inspiring customs that represent the entirety of residents.

The OHF was founded in 2015 following the organization of the Centennial Music Festival by a group of WHS alumni, Traci Mills-Clendenen, Ruvi Ocampo and Orquidea Ocampo, representing the '90s decade.

"After generating funds from the event, which were not designated for a particular class, we chose to donate the funds to Toy for Tigers and SAL[the Sheriff's Activities League]. Experiencing the warmth of giving back to our community was truly heartwarming. This pivotal moment inspired our group to establish our non-profit. The name "Orange Heart" was derived from our high school's color, while the "heart" symbolizes our deep affection for our community," Orquidea said.

OHF contributes to the community by organizing events that unite residents, promoting pride and optimism.

"Initially, our intention was solely to

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organize an annual Music Festival. However, after participating in the community breakfast, Vicky Height approached us to assist in raising funds for the community fireworks at Barker Park. The previous year without fireworks had left a somber impact, so we committed to raising \$10,000 for the fireworks show that was right around the corner," Traci said.

"With the generous donations of local business owners and all those who bought 50-cent lemonade from our inaugural lemonade stand, we successfully fundraised the amount and celebrated a fantastic 4th of July fireworks show. Subsequently, this endeavor evolved into an annual fundraiser for our organization."

In addition, the OHF also organized its first annual Father-Daughter Dance, now hosted each spring. This summer, OHF collaborated with Wasco Families Wrestling to host a cornhole tournament, which raised funds for local youth wrestlers to participate in a tournament in San Diego.

OHF collaborates with other organizations and partners with them to achieve its goals.

"Most of our events are made possible through collaboration with other organizations. For instance, we partnered with the Woman's Club when we hosted etiquette classes. Additionally, we have formed partnerships with Wasco Union High School District and Wasco Union Elementary



Orange Heart Foundation founders Traci Mills-Clendenen, Orquidea Ocampo and Ruvi Ocampo are committed to cultivating unity and positivity in the community.

School District. Currently, we are in collaboration with the Wasco Rose Festival Committee. Through that collaboration, we have developed a respectful working relationship with the City of Wasco Public Works Department, where we work together to safely and successfully host the Rose Festival Parade and Christmas Parade," Ruvi said.

The nonprofit has evolved since its inception, and over time, it has expanded its reach and impact by forming strategic partnerships with the City of Wasco, Woman's Club, Wasco Union High School District and the Wasco Rose Festival Committee. These collaborations have allowed the OHF to broaden its scope of activities and services and engage with the community.

Traci said that some of their proudest

moments have been seeing residents or past residents get involved with the community. "And seeing them radiate with pride and optimism in the future of our community. We strive to emphasize the importance of being involved and working to create the environment that we want to raise our kids and grandkids in."

She added that she believes their long-term goals evolve with the needs of our community. "We never thought we would be advocating for the old labor camp to be demolished, but there was a need, so we joined others to make our issue known, and we are now beginning to see that project come to fruition. We aspire to cultivate the spirit of giving back and respect in our community."

To learn more about the organization and how to get involved, email [rangeheartfdn@gmail.com](mailto:rangeheartfdn@gmail.com).

# Shafter Police find guns, ammo in car

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

Shafter Police officers made an arrest on Thursday morning, at approximately 4 a.m., when they found weapons, ammo and drugs in a vehicle in the 100 block of West Orange Avenue in Shafter.

According to the SPD's Joshua Stephens, officers were patrolling in the area and began talking with three individuals inside a car parked on the street.

Stephens said that one of the indi-

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viduals, later identified as 35-year-old Victor Ordaz, of Wasco, was found to have an outstanding misdemeanor warrant for his arrest. During the conversation, officers found a "billy club" type weapon in the vehicle, and an open container of alcohol. While taking Ordaz into custody, a loaded 9mm gun with a high-capacity magazine was found in his jacket. The arresting officers said that another search of Ordaz's vehicle revealed a small amount of cocaine.

Ordaz was arrested for possession of a loaded gun in a vehicle, carrying a loaded gun when not the registered owner, possession of a high-capacity magazine, and being in possession of a loaded gun while in possession of a controlled substance.

Stephens said that a passenger in the vehicle, 24-year-old Christopher Rojas, was arrested for an outstanding warrant from Tulare County.

Both men were booked into the Justice Receiving Facility, with Ordaz's bail being set at \$52,500.



A gun, ammo and a "billy club" were some of the items retrieved from the vehicle. (Photo courtesy of the Shafter Police Department).

# One dead in multi-vehicle accident

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

One person was dead and four others injured after a four-car accident off of Zerker Road in Shafter. The accident occurred on Tuesday morning, at approximately 6:40 a.m., according to the Shafter Police Department's Joshua Stephens. One of the drivers, 74 year old Eric Hoffman, of Bakersfield, was fatally injured in the accident a mile north of Seventh Standard Road in Shafter.

Two other people suffered minor to moderate injuries and were taken to a local hospital for treatment.

Shafter Police said that alcohol does not appear to have been a factor in the crash. The incident is currently being investigated by the department. The intersection of Zerker Road at Seventh Standard and the Garlic Company was closed for several hours while the scene was being investigated and cleaned up.

Anyone who witnessed the accident and has not been interviewed by the police or has information regarding the investigation is asked to contact the Shafter Police Detective Kinkade at 661-746-8500.



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## Team Galaxy

The competitive dance group Team Galaxy 2024. (photos courtesy of Jacob Hernandez)

# Planet Dance celebrates two decades of art

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

Planet Dance Studio opened its doors in 2002, providing the art of dance to thousands of students in tap, jazz, ballet and hip-hop. Regionally and nationally, it has garnered multiple championships and accolades and received scholarships at the highest level of competition.

Jacob Hernandez is the director and founded the school with his mother, Corine Matera. "Our studio has been within Wasco and Shafter for the last two decades, and we absolutely love being in these communities. There was nothing like this when we first started in the area, and since then, we have flourished."

The school, he said, contributes to the community. "By competing at the topmost tier representing our city. We also have two productions throughout the year that involve the community. We sponsor candidates for the Rose Queen pageant and have choreographed talent routines for the contestants who have either won or been crowned queen or first runner-up. Many of our dancers participate in Wasco Bengals cheer, and we believe all of that helps hand in hand."

There are specific values that guide the studio's approach to teaching dance. "They are hard work, determination, consistency, responsibility, accountability, discipline, passion, and above all else, the willingness to learn."

Youth ages 4 and up until seniors in high school can join, and the school caters to students with varying levels of experience.

"Our studio is a place



The Planet Dance Studio team of Isabella Garcia, Vickie Limos, Jacob Hernandez and Veronica Garcia.

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where no experience is needed, and we offer different levels of beginning, intermediate and advanced. We work very diligently to ensure any first-year member is guided appropriately with the fundamentals they will need to succeed in each class."

His team of skilled, trained teachers contributes to a positive student learning experience. "Between our four instructors, we are very much a close-knit team in constant communication about our students, classes, show themes, music choices and choreography. We have a well-oiled system that can run the ship."

The studio fosters a sense of community among its students. "By upholding our rules and regulations,

which are designed to be a safe zone and a place where our students can freely express themselves in the most respected way without any ridicule. We have zero tolerance for bullying or gossip and are committed to keeping our space positive for ourselves and our dancers."

Hernandez said he enjoys seeing his students thrive when they leave the studio. "It's watching those dancers that have gone through our program and have gone on to do other things, whether in college or professionally, as instructors or choreographers. It's teaching our students that this is a life skill they could make a living from. It's a great skill should they ever want to pursue [a career in dance]."

The studio has had mul-

multiple dancers perform with celebrities and work with celebrity choreographers. "We have received awards from congressmen over the years and recently received the key to the city."

For the future, Hernandez said, "I hope to continue to make an impact on the cultural fabric of our community doing what we love best and to keep teaching for the next two decades to come."

For registration information and class schedules, visit [planetdancelive.com](http://planetdancelive.com).

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Generals of the Month were named for their performance in and out of the classroom.

# SHS names Generals of the Month

Shafter High Principal Russell Shipley recently announced the Generals of the Month, those students who have exemplified the characteristics of a General in and out of the classroom.

The students were chosen by teachers and staff. They are selected based on their classroom performance, as well as their character traits away from the classroom.

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Shipley presented the students with a certificate, as well as a special lunch in their honor.

“It is great to recognize those students who not only wear their General blue and gold spirit in class, but they embody it all throughout the day,” commented Shipley.

Students chosen for this honor were: Gilberto Abarca-Soltero, Emily Aguirre, Anyela Anduaga Soto, Valeria Aragon Torres, Martin Barraza, Anthony Berrelleza Villegas, Adrian Burgoa, Christopher Castaneda, Alexis Castro-Ruiz, Heaven Cortez, Alyssa Crown, Laurel Franz, Gerardo Garcia-Cervantes, Frida Giron-Reyes, Kamila Godoy, Gabriella Gonzalez, Reyshell

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## Super Students at Clemens

Karl F. Clemens Elementary School announced its weekly Super Students. Criteria for selection were based on significant math improvement, showing kindness to all friends, respect and hard work, following class procedures, helping other students understand new concepts and improving learning English. From left are school mascot Whiskers, Ethan Rodriguez (1st grade), Victor Prado (2nd grade), Guillermo Miranda (3rd grade), Andres Nava (kindergarten), Leticia Cruz (4th grade), Norma Martinez (5th grade) and Principal Anabel Garrison.

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–Wasco Animal Shelter

HEADLINES IN HISTORY

20 years ago: March 13, 2004 Shafter Fire Station Captain Joseph “Bill” Pineda retired after 14 years serving the Shafter community. Captain “Bill” worked a total of 30 years for the Kern County Fire Department.

–Compiled by Erica Soriano

The front page, March 14, 2004





Analey Navarro enjoying the Children's Art Workshop. RIGHT: The Coffeehouse Music night featured David Bloemhof and his quartet.



# A weekend of Colours all over town

**From Page 1**  
Taking the title in the Advanced Division were Eddie G. and Ruben. Eddie G. was also one of the winners of the

Airmail Contest. This took place further back than the regular throwing distance. The competitors had to toss from 30 feet away and try to get the bag through the hole without it touching the board. He shared the top spot in this contest with Zack, who also got second place in the Advanced Division with his partner Branden.

There was plenty of music over the weekend, with two Coffeehouse events, one on Thursday featuring a string quartet made up of the Toews family and Distinguished Young Woman contestant Amelie Rosales playing a set on the guitar.

All of the museums in town were open all week-end for those wishing to view some history.

On Friday night, David Bloemhof and his



These kids cruised through the Colours Fun Run in style.

jazz quartet entertained the crowd with a variety of standards. The weekend was closed out with a worship service at the Tin Cup. People from all denominations gathered to listen to music and worship the Lord.

Colours Chairman Pat Coyle said that he was very happy with the turnout and also said that it was a learning experience and that they would take the things that they did this year and try to make it bigger and better next year.



Tommy Rodriguez with his 1953 classic.



LEFT TO RIGHT: Author Jennifer Gardiner read her newest book, "Counting Bears." Danny Payne, who organized the Car Show for the event, presents a plaque to Chris Starrh. The cornhole tournament made its Colours debut this year.



# Artist shares her life with community

**From Page 1**  
Although she showed several of her works at the festival, none of them were for sale. "I thought about maybe selling them, but when I mentioned it, my family laid claim to the paintings, each one having their favorite piece." When suggesting selling her painting of a seascape, Benito spoke up and said, "You can't do that. This is mine." She got similar responses when suggesting other pieces that she would be showing. Realizing that the pieces were such a part of their family, she decided that she couldn't part with any of them.

Maynard said that each one of her paintings has a special memory with it, or a unique inspiration. She had a few with barns in the painting, a favorite of hers.

"I just love barns. Everywhere we went in our travels, I would take a picture of a barn and the landscape around it and then put it down on canvas."

When showing me the painting of a large barn, an icy road, a farmer's gate and a beautiful sunrise, Maynard said that she had a picture of this scene and had it hanging in her house for years. "Then, it got damaged, and I decided to recreate the picture, but a lot bigger. I also put some of my personal touches in it, like the icy road, the gate, and her signature birds. You see, each one of Maynard's pieces has three birds soaring in the sky. "The three birds represent the Father, the Son and The Holy Spirit. That is sort of my signature in my pieces," Maynard said.



Martha Maynard showed some of her pieces at the festival.

# Lady Generals season ends in semifinals

**From Page 1**  
But, with just over three minutes to go in the first half, the Eagles went on a 10-2 run to close out the half, including a three-pointer at the buzzer, going into the locker room with an eight point lead, 33-25.

Being known as a third quarter team, the Eagles didn't disappoint their fans, out-scoring Shafter 19-4 in the quarter, putting the Lady Generals in a deep hole that they couldn't climb out of.

The only points Shafter scored in the third quarter were four free throws by Alexia Ramirez. The Generals could not hit a shot in that third stanza, letting the Eagles build a big lead going into the fourth quarter.



Sydnee Macias puts the ball up for two.



AnneMarie Piuser goes up for a shot.

there on Wednesday night, forcing Shafter to try to find scoring from elsewhere.

The loss ends the tenure of Shawn Penel, who coached the Lady Generals for 20 years and built the program into one of the premier teams in school history and one of

the tops in the county.

Shafter's memorable season saw them ranked the highest ever among Kern County schools, as well as going into that semifinal game riding a 17-game winning streak.

And likely it isn't the end of the team's success. With only a few seniors on the team and the majority still underclassmen, with a junior varsity and freshmen team that went through the SSL undefeated, the future for the Lady Generals is bright indeed.



# OBITUARIES

**Frank Rodriguez Jr.**  
**April 16, 1956-**  
**Feb. 26, 2024**  
Francisco Rodriguez Jr. was born into this world on April 16, 1956, to Francisco Rodriguez Sr. and Estefana Rodriguez. He was born in Lubbock, Texas and lived there for some years.



His father would take the family to California to work at a young age. This would be the foundation to the hard worker he would become in life. They would eventually move to Shafter, where he would continue to help and work with his family to build a better life together. The family would only get bigger. His family would consist of three brothers, Mario, Johnny

and Jesse, along with three sisters, Alice, Olga and Rosemary. His father would continue to push them to work and help support the family. Entering high school, his life would change, as he would meet the love of his life and would start a life full of adventures together. Maria Llanas would

captivate his attention with her beauty and her radiant smile that would light up the world, as well as her feistiness and laugh. Their conversations would captivate his heart, and his persistence would make him irresistible. They would marry on April 16, 1977, at Saint Therese's Church in Shafter. They enjoyed their honeymoon at a place that would later become a historic destination for our family, Disneyland.

His first born, Francisco Rodriguez III, who would carry his name and legacy, was born Dec. 6, 1980, His second born, Albert Rodriguez, who would be the craziest, would be born Sept. 8, 1984. His third born, Roberto Rodriguez,

the most like him, would be born Feb. 10, 1986. In 1991, God threw him a curveball and blessed him with twin boys, Martin and Victor Rodriguez. These two brought him a new view in life. The foundation his parents laid down gave him the tool to incorporate his 33 years of hard work, loyalty and dedication to Halliburton. He worked in multiple departments and worked in different states. He finished his career as an accomplished welder and a respected man.

Although he was busy with work, he found the time to coach football for his sons and for the community of Shafter. He shared his passion of the sport and his val-

ues that they would apply to their own lives. Frank was a devoted Catholic, and God would consistently put him through trials. In January 2021, his wife and love of his life would pass away. He would find peace, comfort and meaning with his grandchildren. His purpose in life would be to be there for his family and dedicate himself to his grandchildren until his last days. Frank will be remembered forever by all his loving family and friends; his five sons, Frankie, Albert, Robert, Martin and Victor, who will miss and love him unconditionally; his two brothers, Mario and Jesse; two sister, Alice and Rosemary, his loving daughter

in laws and his 16 grandchildren that he adored and loved unconditionally. He will finally be reunited with his loving wife Maria, his dad Francisco, mom Estefana, brother Johnny, sister Olga, family and friends in Heaven where he is resting and watching over all of us until we reunite again. Visitation will be held at Peter's Funeral Home in Shafter on Thursday, March 7, from 3 to 8 p.m. Rosary will begin at 6 p.m. Services will be held on Friday, March 8, at St. Therese's Catholic Church at 10 a.m., with graveside service to follow at Shafter Memorial Park at 11 a.m. A reception will be held on Friday, March 8, at 12:30 p.m. at the Ford Theater in Shafter.

**Leona Merle**  
**Wasson Grant**  
**Oct. 20, 1926 –**  
**Feb. 22, 2024**  
Leona Merle Grant was born in Sallisaw, Okla., on Oct. 20, 1926, the daughter of Maxie and Besse Wasson. The family moved to Wasco in 1932, where she attended Wasco schools and graduated from Wasco High School in 1944. She became a Life Member of the California Scholarship Association. Merle married Loran S. Grant, whose parents were among the early pioneers of Wasco, on March 10, 1944. They had four children: Jill, Janet, Loran D. and Ray. Her career was wife and mother to her family. Merle's interest in com-



munity service began in 1955, when she reactivated the 4-H Home Economics Club. She served on the Kern County Council of 4-H for seven years. She was a Cub Scout den mother in the 1950s. She was the "angel" in the local music group, "The Four Saints and an Angel." That group played at various social and civic gatherings for 25 years.

Merle was a faithful member of the First Methodist Church, then the First Baptist Church, which combined with the First Congregational Church to become Grace Community Church. She was active as a Sunday School teacher, an Awana leader, held many offices in the Women's Fellowship, was a teaching leader of Bible Study Fellowship for two years and led Bible studies for young women for 13 years. She was very involved with National Day of Prayer for the City of Wasco. Merle served with her husband, Loran, in evangelistic crusades in much of the United States and 20 countries, including Russia and Tonga. While on one of the trips, a strong friendship was forged in Sri Lanka with the parents of a young seminary student. Their son, Ajith Fernando, became a frequent guest of the Grants during school holidays. Dr. Fernando's book on Deuteronomy was dedicated to Loran and Merle, along with two other couples. She was on the Wasco High School Board for eight years and truly enjoyed visiting the classrooms. Merle was a member of Freedom's Foundation at Valley Forge, was a member and held several offices in the Wasco Woman's Club, and was in the Alpha and Omega Parliamentary Law Club.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Maxie and Besse Wasson; sister Marjorie Fachel; husband Loran; and daughter-in-law Jan Grant. She is survived by brother Jim Wasson; daughter Jill Grant (Shellie and Phil Ogino, Kimberly Franks); daughter Janet Stephenson (Michael and Regina Beveridge, Michael and Jodi Stephenson, Leslie and Cory Banta, Denise and Chad Dessert, and Matthew Stephenson); son Loran Grant (Wesley and Charlotte Grant, Michelle and Oscar Sandoval, Beth and Dave Buck), son Ray Grant (Thomas and Natalia Grant, Kathleen Grant, Kishna Grant); 23 great grandchildren; two great-great grandchildren; plus

many nieces and nephews and very special friends. A special thanks to the staff at Hoffman Hospice Hospital. Merle chose to stay there until her end, because of their loving care. Donations may be made to Grace Community Church for a memorial fund that will be distributed to Youth for Christ, Sri Lanka and Hoffman Hospice. Visitation will be held Friday, March 1, from 3 until 7 p.m. at Peters Funeral Home, Wasco. A graveside funeral service will be held Saturday, March 2, at 10 a.m. at Wasco Memorial Park. A memorial service will follow at 11 a.m. at Grace Community Church, 1544 7th St., Wasco.

# PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION ON**  
**March 11, 2024 to**  
**March 13, 2024 OF TAX**  
**DEFAULTED PROPERTY FOR**  
**DELINQUENT TAXES**  
On November 08, 2023, Kern County Treasurer-Tax Collector, Jordan Kaufman, was directed by Kern County Board of Supervisors' Resolution #2023-285 to conduct a public auction sale in accordance with the provisions of Division 1, Part 6, Chapter 7 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code. The tax-defaulted properties listed below are subject to the Treasurer-Tax Collector's power of sale.  
This is a public notice that I will sell the properties beginning at 8:00 A.M. P.S.T. on March 11, 2024, at [www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us](http://www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us).  
The sale will be conducted as a public auction to the highest bidder for cash in lawful money of the United States or negotiable paper, for not less than the minimum bid as shown in this notice. Bidders must submit a refundable deposit of \$5,000.00 electronically to [www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us](http://www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us) no later than 5:00 P.M. P.S.T. on Friday March 01, 2024. The deposit will be applied to the successful bidder's purchase price. Any parcel remaining unsold at the conclusion of the auction may be resold within a 90-day period. If necessary, the subsequent sale will begin at 8:00 A.M. P.S.T. on May 20, 2024, at [www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us](http://www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us).  
Properties that are redeemed (paid) in full by 5:00 P.M. P.S.T., Friday March 08, 2024, will not be sold. The right of redemption will cease at that time. Properties not redeemed will be sold.  
If the properties are sold, parties of interest (as defined in California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 4675) have a right to file a claim with the county for any excess proceeds from the sale. Excess proceeds are the amount of the highest bid in excess of the liens and costs of the sale that are paid from the sale price. Notice will be given to parties of interest, pursuant to law, if excess proceeds result from the sale.  
The following is a partial list; a complete list may be obtained by calling our internet advertiser, GovEase at 1-769-208-5050 or by viewing the list at [www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us](http://www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us). You may access public computers at all Kern County Libraries.  
The Assessor's parcel number, when used to describe the property in this list, refers to the Assessor's map book, the map page, the block on the map (if applicable) and the individual parcel on the map page or in the block. The Assessor's maps and further explanation of the parcel numbering system are available in the Assessor's office.  
I declare under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.  
Jordan Kaufman  
Kern County Treasurer-Tax Collector  
Executed at Bakersfield, Kern County on January 19, 2024.  
The properties that are the subject of this notice are situated in Kern County, California and are described as follows:  
488-132-01-00-1 \$49,700.00  
PAYNE FAMILY TRUST 2500  
SUNSET ST WASCO  
488-132-02-00-4 \$7,400.00  
PAYNE FAMILY TRUST 2518  
SUNSET ST WASCO  
069-076-21-00-5 \$1,900.00  
ALMAZAN FEDERICO  
WOODWARD AV LOST HILLS  
069-076-22-00-8 \$1,900.00  
ALMAZAN FEDERICO  
WOODWARD AV LOST HILLS  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Bee Creationz**  
**2024-B1291**  
2744 Bordeaux Dr.  
Wasco, CA 93280  
County: Kern  
2744 Bordeaux Dr.  
Wasco, CA 93280  
Christopher Peter Millan  
2744 Bordeaux Dr.  
Wasco, CA 93280  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: 01/01/2023  
/s/Christopher Peter Millan  
Date Statement Filed: 02/23/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 02/23/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: Z Arellano  
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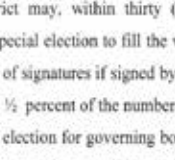
**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF SALE OF REAL**  
**PROPERTY AT PRIVATE SALE**  
**Case No. BPB-22-003211**  
**Estate of Gertrude Mullins,**  
**Decedent**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, subject to the confirmation by this court, on March 7, 2024, or thereafter within the time allowed by law, Angela Mullins, as administrator of the estate of the above-named decedent, will sell at private sale to the highest and best net bidder, on the terms and conditions stated below,

all right, title, and interest of the decedent at the time of death and all right, title, and interest that the estate has acquired in addition to that of the decedent at the time of death, in the real property located in Kern County, California.  
This property is commonly referred to as 1600 Lilac Ct., Wasco, CA 93280, assessor's parcel number 489-202-06-00-3, and is more fully described as follows:  
Lot 12 of Tract 5972, Phase 2, in the City of Wasco, County of Kern, State of California, as per Map recorded June 22, 2001, in Book 47, Pages 33 of Maps, in the Office of the County Recorder of said County.  
Excepting therefrom an undivided 1/2 interest of all oil, gas, and minerals lying in and under said land by Irene R. Longanecker, Trustee UTD September 15, 1994, of the Irene R. Longanecker Trust in deed recorded September 22, 1994 as Document No. 139164 of Official Records.  
Also excepting therefrom 1/4 of all oil, gas, petroleum, minerals, and other hydrocarbon substances lying below a depth of 500 feet from the surface of said land, but without the right of entry above a depth of 500 feet from the surface of said land for the purpose of exploring for, extracting, mining, boring, removing or marketing said substances, as reserved by Jean Ralph Anderson and Betty L. Anderson, in Deed record April 15, 1985 in Book 5751, Page 730 of Official Records.  
Reserving unto the Grantor herein all remaining oil, gas and other minerals within or underlying said land, or that may be produced and saved therefrom providing that the Grantor, his successors and assigns shall not conduct drilling or other operations upon the surface of said land, but nothing herein contained shall be deemed to prevent the Grantor, his successors and assigns from extracting or capturing said minerals by drilling on adjacent or neighboring lands and/or from conducting subsurface drilling operations under said lands at a depth of 500 feet below the surface of said land, so as not to disturb the surface thereof or any improvements thereon.  
Subject to Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions as set forth in the Declaration of Restrictions recorded July 18, 2001, as Document No. 0201099983 of Official Records, all of which are incorporated therein by reference to said declaration with the same effect as through fully set forth herein.  
The property will be sold subject to current taxes, covenants, conditions, restrictions, reservations, rights, rights of way, and easements of record.  
The property is to be sold on an "as is" basis except for title.  
Bids or offers are invited for this property. They must be in writing and can be mailed to the Law Office of Philip M. Flanigan, P.C., attorney for the Administrator at 4082 N. Cedar Ave., Suite 104, Fresno, CA 93726 or delivered to the Law Offices of Philip M. Flanigan personally, at any time after first publication of this notice and before any sale is made.  
Taxes, rents, operating and maintenance expenses, and premiums on insurance acceptable to the purchaser shall be prorated as of the date of confirmation of sale. Examination of title, recording of conveyance, transfer taxes, and any title insurance policy shall be at the expense of the purchaser or purchasers.  
The personal representative of the estate reserves the right to reject any and all bids.  
For further information contact the Law Office of Philip M. Flanigan, P.C. at 4082 N. Cedar Ave., Suite 104, Fresno, CA 93726.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF PETITION**  
**TO ADMINISTER ESTATE**  
**OF TONY LOUIE ROMERO**  
**Case No. BPB-24-002156**  
To all heirs, beneficiaries, creditors, contingent creditors, and persons who may otherwise be interested in the will or estate, or both, of TONY LOUIE ROMERO  
A PETITION FOR PROBATE has been filed by Cody Romero in the Superior Court of California, County of KERN.  
THE PETITION FOR PROBATE requests that Cody Romero be appointed as personal representative to administer the estate of the decedent.  
THE PETITION requests authority to administer the estate under the Independent Administration of Estates Act. (This authority will allow the personal representative to take many actions without obtaining court approval. Before taking certain

very important actions, however, the personal representative will be required to give notice to interested persons unless they have waived notice or consented to the proposed action.) The independent administration authority will be granted unless an interested person files an objection to the petition and shows good cause why the court should not grant the authority.  
A HEARING on the petition will be held on March 21, 2024 at 8:30 AM in Dept. No. J-1 located at 2100 College Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93305.  
IF YOU OBJECT to the granting of the petition, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections or file written objections with the court before the hearing. Your appearance may be in person or by your attorney.  
IF YOU ARE A CREDITOR or a contingent creditor of the decedent, you must file your claim with the court and mail a copy to the personal representative appointed by the court within the later of either (1) four months from the date of first issuance of letters to a general personal representative, as defined in section 58(b) of the California Probate Code, or (2) 60 days from the date of mailing or personal delivery to you of a notice under section 9052 of the California Probate Code.  
Other California statutes and legal authority may affect your rights as a creditor. You may want to consult with an attorney knowledgeable in California law.  
YOU MAY EXAMINE the file kept by the court. If you are a person interested in the estate, you may file with the court a Request for Special Notice (form DE-154) of the filing of an inventory and appraisal of estate assets or of any petition or account as provided in Probate Code section 1250. A Request for Special Notice form is available from the court clerk.  
Attorney for petitioner:  
GRACE LIM-AYRES ESQ  
SN3121004  
THE WERNER LAW FIRM  
27433 TOURNEY RD  
STE 200  
SANTA CLARITA CA 91355  
CN102869 ROMERO Feb 29, Mar 7, 14, 2024  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING OF**  
**THE WASCO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**APPROVING TO UPDATE**  
**STATUTORY SCHOOL FACILITY FEES**  
**IMPOSED ON NEW RESIDENTIAL**  
**AND COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL**  
**CONSTRUCTION PURSUANT TO**  
**EDUCATION CODE SECTION 17620**  
**AND GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION**  
**65995**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Trustees ("Board") of the Wasco Union School District ("School District") will hold a Public Hearing at its Regular Meeting to be held on March 12, 2024 to allow for public comment prior to consideration of its report titled "Residential and Commercial/Industrial Development Study for Wasco Union School District" ("Fee Study"), and considering adopting a resolution of the Board of the School District to update Statutory School Facility Fees Imposed on New Residential and Commercial/Industrial Construction Pursuant to Education Code Section 17620 and Government Code Section 65995.  
The Fee Study justifying such updates, which are incorporated herein by this reference, is on file at the School District's offices, located at 1102 5th Street, Wasco, CA 93280, and are available for public review from March 1, 2024 through March 12, 2024.  
The Public Hearing of the School District, to be held March 12, 2024 will begin at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as practicable, at the District Service Center, located at 440 Griffith Avenue, Wasco, CA 93280. These matters will be considered at such time as this agenda item is considered by the Board of the School District.  
Any questions regarding the Fee Studies or the public hearing should be directed to Brenda Cortez, at (661) 758-7100.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF VACANCY AND PROVISIONAL APPOINTMENT**  
**TO THE GOVERNING BOARD OF THE**  
**WASCO UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the a vacancy has occurred on the Governing Board of the Wasco Union School District and that pursuant to Education Code section 5091, the Governing Board, at a board meeting on February 22, 2024, announced the provisional appointment of **Daniel M. Espitia** to serve on the Governing Board, replacing Cherylee Weyman, who died on December 25, 2023. This appointee may begin serving immediately upon appointment or as soon as a resignation with a deferred effective date take effect, whichever is later. Unless an election is ordered as explained below, the appointment will run until the next regularly scheduled district governing board election, whereupon an election shall be held to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.  
The registered voters of the District may, within thirty (30) days after the appointment, petition for the conduct of a special election to fill the vacancy. A petition shall be deemed to bear a sufficient number of signatures if signed by at least the number of registered voters of the District equal to 1 1/2 percent of the number of registered voters of the District at the time of the last regular election for governing board members, or 25 registered voters, whichever is greater. Such a petition shall be submitted to the County Superintendent of Schools Office, no later than 5:00 p.m. on the 30th day after the date of the appointment. For details concerning a petition, consult Education Code section 5091.  
If such a petition is not submitted, **Daniel M. Espitia** will serve as a board member until the next regular governing board election.  
If a petition is submitted and certified, the provisional appointment will be terminated and a special election will be held, within 120 days of the certification, to select a board member for the remainder of the unexpired term.  
  
Superintendent and Secretary of the Board  
For posting at three public places within the District and publication as required by law.  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Taqueira Arandas**  
**2024-B0450**  
100 W Kern Ave  
McFarland, CA 93250  
County: Kern  
2110 17th Pl  
Delano, CA 93215  
Maria Medina Hernandez  
2110 17th Pl  
Delano, CA 93215  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: 05/05/2012  
/s/Maria Medina Hernandez  
Date Statement Filed: 01/19/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 01/19/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: T Cabrera  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF VOTE BY**  
**MAIL BALLOT PROCESSING**  
**MARCH 5, 2024**  
**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:**  
The processing of vote by mail ballots shall be open to the public, both prior to and after the election. (Pursuant to California Elections Code, Section 15104)  
The processing of ballots will take place at:  
Kern County Elections Office  
1115 Truxtun Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA. 93301  
And will commence on:  
Monday, February 5, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.  
The counting of ballots will take place at:  
Kern County Elections Office  
1115 Truxtun Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA. 93301  
And will commence on:  
Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.  
By: Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
County of Kern  
(Una copia de este aviso está disponible en español.)  
Publish Wasco Tribune February 1 and 29, 2024

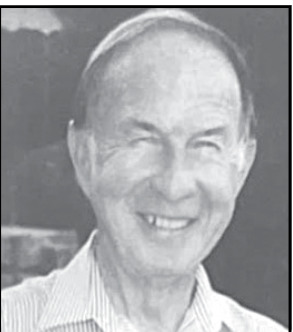


OBITUARIES

Charles F. Rice  
Oct. 31, 1934 –  
Feb. 10, 2024

Charles F. Rice was born in Bakersfield to Clemie and Oscar Rice on Oct. 31, 1934. He was the sixth child in a family of 10 children. Charles passed away after a short illness on Feb. 10, 2024.

Charles farmed cotton and alfalfa in Bakersfield from 1952 until 1959. He



enjoyed this time being in the ag industry. He worked

for Pure Gro as a dispatcher and later as a manager in Tulare County. Later he worked as a purchasing agent for Souza Enterprises in Hanford, retiring after 24 years.

Charles married Joyce Allen on Jan. 23, 1953, at the Shafter Southern Baptist Church. They celebrated 71 years of marriage in January of 2024. A Rice family reunion is

held annually at the Shafter Southern Baptist Church, and Charles attended every year until he was unable.

Charles was a quiet man who loved the family he grew up in. His favorite singer was Frank Sinatra. Favorite song was "I Did It My Way," as he felt it expressed his own life.

Charles dearly loved his children and grandchildren. He is survived by his

wife, Joyce; daughter Diana Perry (Norman); sons Kerry and John (Selena); grandson Alec; granddaughters Rabekah and Joanna Rice, Stefani, Christies Perry, Nicole (Perry) and McDonald (Brad); and great-grandchildren Mason Perry Thomas, Addison and Bexlee McDonald.

Charles also is survived by sisters Loraine Mouser

and Carrie Etta Thomas; brothers James, Ray and Harry; and many nieces and nephews.

Predeceasing him were brothers Lum, Louie and Henry Rice; sister Mary (Rice) Daniels; son Mark Rice; and newborn granddaughter Kacey Lee Perry.

Services were held Feb. 21 at The Ark Community Church in Visalia.

Rafaela Lara Arroyo  
Feb. 13, 2024 –  
May 1948

Rafaela Lara Arroyo, 75, passed away at her home on Feb. 13, 2024, surrounded by her loving family. She was born in May of 1948 in Sinaloa, Mexico.

Fondly known as "Fala" and "la Güera," her greatest joy was spending time with her family and friends. Upon immigrating from Mexico, she settled in



Shafter, where she began her career as a "mayordoma." She then transitioned

to become a very skilled forklift driver for The Garlic Company, where she not only excelled in her role but also served as a voice for her fellow coworkers, advocating for their needs and concerns.

Rafaela would ultimately go on to be an entrepreneur, running a flower shop with passion and dedication. Her creativity and love for flowers brought joy to countless customers.

The relationships she built will have an everlasting impact. Rafaela will be dearly missed by all who knew her.

Rafaela is survived by her children: Romulo, Araceli (spouse Michael), Javier Jr. (spouse Esther), Alfredo, Emmanuel, and Estevan (significant other Esmeralda); grandchildren Hollye (spouse David), Juan Andres, Mary Luna, Michael Jr., Juan de Dios, Hernán Rafael, Jesus, Alon-

dra, Javier III, Alfredo Jr., Sebastian Alfredo, Estrella Krystal, Diego Alfredo, Emmanuel Jr., and Nicolas; great-grandchildren: Avery, Elliott, Alfredo III, Daniel, Ema Rose, and Luna Mia; several siblings, numerous nieces and nephews; and very special friends.

Rafaela was preceded in death by her son Juan de Dios.

A small service and wake will be held in her

honor on Tuesday, March 5, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Basham & Lara Funeral Care. Final services will be held Wednesday, March 6, at noon.

A graveside funeral service burial ceremony at Shafter Cemetery will follow at 2 p.m.

The family would like to express their gratitude for the outpouring of love and support during this difficult time.

Fortino Diaz Valdivia Sr.  
Aug. 12, 1948 –  
Feb. 14, 2024

Fortino Diaz Valdivia Sr. passed away on Feb. 14, 2024, in Shafter, at the age of 75. He was born on Aug. 12, 1948, to Taurino Arcos Valdivia and Vicenta Diaz Valdivia in Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico. He was raised in a family of four sisters and six brothers.

At a young age, Fortino worked early mornings before heading to school each day to help support the family. In his late teens, he traveled to California for work and settled



in Shafter, where he met the love of his life, Olga

Nieto. They married on Aug. 7, 1970, in Shafter, which became their forever home. They raised three children and were married for 53 years.

While living in Shafter, Fortino worked several jobs, including new construction homes and Armstrong Nursery, and retiring from Wilson Ag. Fortino also completed many home improvement projects and took pride in his work.

He enjoyed taking the family to Pismo Beach for camping trips and outdoor adventures. Many memo-

ries were made at amusement parks and traveling back to his hometown in Guadalajara to visit family. He was the life of the party when it came to family events, where he took over the dance floor.

He is survived by his wife, Olga Valdivia, and three children, Elizabeth Yeasley married to Greg, Fortino Valdivia Jr. married to Maggie and Anna Williams married to Leonard. He is survived by eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Fortino will always be

remembered as a devoted husband, brother, father and grandfather. Family was everything to him. For many others he will be remembered for his strong

work ethic, honesty and being a loyal friend.

He will be missed by many but never forgotten.

Rest in peace.

CORRECTION



Helen Gaede's memorial service will begin at 11 a.m. on Friday, March 1, at the Menno-nite Brethren Church in Shafter.

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Julianna Gonzalez declared the winner by fall, just 45 seconds into the match.

# SHS wrestler falls short of medal round at State

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to earn a State medal.

Last week, Gonzalez continued her history-making career, becoming the first girl competitor from Shafter to win a Central Section Masters tournament, qualifying her for

the State tournament.

Only a sophomore, Gonzalez still has a bright future in the sport, with two more years of competing ahead of her. Gonzalez was not alone at the competition, either. Makayla Weller, only in her second

year of wrestling, qualified for the State tourney with a fourth place finish at the Masters tournament. Weller ran into some very tough competition and dropped her first two matches, eliminating her from the tournament.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Douglass Sisson,** 89, of Wasco, passed away Feb. 18, in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

**Martin Osuna Manchorro,** 95, of Wasco, passed away Feb. 24, in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION ON**  
**March 11, 2024 to**  
**March 13, 2024 OF TAX**  
**DEFAULTED PROPERTY FOR**  
**DELINQUENT TAXES**  
On November 08, 2023, Kern County Treasurer-Tax Collector, Jordan Kaufman, was directed by Kern County Board of Supervisors' Resolution #2023-285 to conduct a public auction sale in accordance with the provisions of Division 1, Part 6, Chapter 7 of the California Revenue and Taxation Code. The tax-defaulted properties listed below are subject to the Treasurer-Tax Collector's power of sale.

This is a public notice that I will sell the properties beginning at 8:00 A.M. P.S.T. on March 11, 2024 at [www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us](http://www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us).  
The sale will be conducted as a public auction to the highest bidder for cash in lawful money of the United States or negotiable paper, for not less than the minimum bid as shown in this notice. Bidders must submit a refundable deposit of \$5,000.00 electronically to [www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us](http://www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us) no later than 5:00 P.M. P.S.T. on Friday March 01, 2024. The deposit will be applied to the successful bidder's purchase price. Any parcel remaining unsold at the conclusion of the auction may be resold within a 90-day period. If necessary, the subsequent sale will begin at 8:00 A.M. P.S.T. on May 20, 2024 at [www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us](http://www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us).  
Properties that are redeemed (paid) in full by 5:00 P.M. P.S.T., Friday March 08, 2024, will not be sold. The right of redemption will cease at that time. Properties not redeemed will be sold.

If the properties are sold, parties of interest (as defined in California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 4675) have a right to file a claim with the county for any excess proceeds from the sale. Excess proceeds are the amount of the highest bid in excess of the liens and costs of the sale that are paid from the sale price. Notice will be given to parties of interest, pursuant to law, if excess proceeds result from the sale.  
The following is a partial list; a complete list may be obtained by calling our internet advertiser, GovEase at 1-769-208-5050 or by viewing the list at [www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us](http://www.kcttc.co.kern.ca.us). You may access public computers at all Kern County Libraries.  
The Assessor's parcel number, when used to describe the property in this list, refers to the Assessor's map book, the map page, the block on the map (if applicable) and the individual parcel on the map page or in the block. The Assessor's maps and further explanation of the parcel numbering system are available in the Assessor's office.  
I declare under penalty of perjury, that the foregoing is true and correct.  
Jordan Kaufman  
Kern County Treasurer-Tax Collector  
Executed at Bakersfield, Kern County on January 19, 2024.

The properties that are the subject of this notice are situated in Kern County, California and are described as follows:  
086-280-20-00-6 \$1,100.00  
ARMSTRONG AMELIA ANN ET AL  
099-072-05-00-0 \$1,100.00  
CHURCHILL PAUL K  
099-040-20-00-0 \$1,100.00  
REED WALTER E & CASEY  
AGNES  
099-082-15-00-2 \$1,100.00  
REED WALTER E & CASEY  
AGNES  
099-072-04-00-7 \$1,100.00  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Veg Tech**  
**2024-B1150**  
**Jet Pre Cooler**  
**2024-B1151**  
**TMVM**  
**2024-B1152**  
**Marc Nail**  
**2024-B1153**  
2808 La Cresta Dr.  
Bakersfield, CA 93305  
County: Kern  
2808 La Cresta Dr.  
Bakersfield, CA 93305  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company\*  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Marc Nail, Manager  
Date Statement Filed: 02/20/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 02/20/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: M Hernandez  
Publish Shafter Press February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 2024

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Highland View Apartments**  
**2024-B1163**  
2700 North Chester Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA 93308  
County: Kern  
631 S Olive St., Ste 860  
Los Angeles, CA 90014  
Chester Apts LLC  
631 S Olive St., Ste 860  
Los Angeles, CA 90014  
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company\*  
Date the business commenced:

8/12/2022  
/s/Pratik Jogani, Manager  
Date Statement Filed: 02/20/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 02/20/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: T Cabrera  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Creations By Tia's Glam**  
**2024-B1285**  
15702 Donostia St  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
County: Kern  
15702 Donostia St  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
Tia Alissa Correa  
15702 Donostia St  
Bakersfield, CA 93314  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: 11/01/2019  
/s/Tia Alissa Correa  
Date Statement Filed: 02/23/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 02/23/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: Z Arellano  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Central Valley Trash Bin**  
**Sanitation**  
**2024-B1052**  
708 Rodeo St  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
708 Rodeo St  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Enrique Ibarra  
708 Rodeo St  
Shafter, CA 93263  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Enrique Ibarra  
Date Statement Filed: 02/15/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 02/15/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: P Del Villar  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**ETL Marketing**  
**2024-B1111**  
825 Central Valley Hwy  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
825 Central Valley Hwy  
Shafter, CA 93263  
El Toro Loco Market, LLC  
825 Central Valley Hwy  
Shafter, CA 93263  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company\*  
Date the business commenced: 02/15/2024  
/s/Yousif K. Hussein, President  
Date Statement Filed: 02/16/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 02/16/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: Z Arellano  
Publish Shafter Press February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 2024

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Mosley Farms**  
**2024-B1175**  
29747 San Diego Street  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
29747 San Diego Street  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Randy Alan Mosley  
29747 San Diego Street  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Jerry Wayne Mosley  
29747 San Diego Street  
Shafter, CA 93263  
The business is conducted by: General Partnership  
Date the business commenced: 01/01/1994  
/s/Randy A Mosley  
Date Statement Filed: 02/21/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 02/21/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: M Hernandez  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**The Phillip Campas Foundation**  
**2024-B0600**  
10323 Paradiso Way  
Bakersfield, CA 93306  
County: Kern  
10323 Paradiso Way  
Bakersfield, CA 93306  
The Phillip Campas Legacy Foundation  
10323 Paradiso Way  
Bakersfield, CA 93306  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by: Corporation\*  
Date the business commenced: 08/22/2023  
/s/Cornelio C Rodriguez, President

Date Statement Filed: 01/26/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 01/26/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: P Del Villar  
Publish Shafter Press February 29, March 7, 14, 21, 2024

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**CITY OF SHAFTER PLANNING**  
**COMMISSION**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, the Shafter Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider the following: Conditional Use Permit 24-141: A request to allow a campus expansion of GROW Academy located on Accessor's Parcel Number (APN) 026-220-42 and 026-220-43. The campus expansion would consist of a new outdoor athletic play field, two portable classroom buildings, and one modular building. This use is conditionally allowed within the Low Density Residential (R-1) zone and therefore, a conditional use permit (CUP) is required.  
Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Copies of the above documents are on file in the office of the Planning Department at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, and are available for public review. Any person wishing to be heard or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of said 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 Alan Cazares, Associate Planner, at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263. Comments can also be provided by calling 661-746-5002 Extension 5020 or by e-mail at [acazares@shafter.com](mailto:acazares@shafter.com). 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 Planning Commission meeting live via YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofShafter/>. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item or public comment, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, January 09, 2024, to the City Clerk at [CityClerk@shafter.com](mailto: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](mailto:CityClerk@shafter.com) before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. All public comments are provided to the Planning Commission and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the Commission prior to taking action on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the Planning Commission meeting.  
Dated: February 20, 2024  
Yázmína Pallares, City Clerk  
Publish Shafter Press February 29, 2024

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**SHAFTER PLANNING**  
**COMMISSION**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 12, 2024 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, the Shafter Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider the following: Tentative Tract No. 7447: A proposal to merge and re-subdivide lots 1 through 71, lot A, lots 72 through 85, and lot E of Tract No. 7388 Phase 1 recorded on July 11, 2023 into 145 single-family residential lots, 1 public park, and 1 landscape lot/nature trail. The re-subdivision arises from the desire to bring more residential lots to the city. Where this northern section of Tract 7388 Phase 1 currently proposes approximately 85 residential lots, Tentative Tract Map 7447 would propose 145 residential lots in this area instead, an increase of 60 single-family residential lots. The residential lot sizes are consistent with the land use designations within the adopted Gossamer Grove Specific Plan. The project is zoned and designated SP (Specific Plan) within the Gossamer Grove Specific Plan and is located on the north side of Seventh Standard Road between Gossamer Grove Boulevard and the Friant-Kern Canal. The tentative tract map is proposing residential development consistent with the Gossamer Grove Specific Plan and, therefore, is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, i.e., exempt from the requirements of Division 13 (commencing with

Section 21000) of the Public Resources Code, pursuant to California Government Code §65457. The project is within the scope of the Program Environmental Impact Report (EIR) that was certified for the 2005 City of Shafter General Plan Update and related actions (SCH No. 2004101029) for the adopted Gossamer Grove Specific Plan. The certified Program EIR adequately describes the residential development proposed in Tentative Tract No. 7447. Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Copies of the above documents are on file in the office of the Planning Department at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, and are available for public review. Any person wishing to be heard or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of said 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 Alan Cazares, Senior Planner in Training, at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263. Comments can also be provided by calling 661-746-5002 Extension 5020 or by e-mail at [acazares@shafter.com](mailto:acazares@shafter.com). 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 Planning Commission meeting live via YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofShafter/>. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item or public comment, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, to the City Clerk at [CityClerk@shafter.com](mailto: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](mailto:CityClerk@shafter.com) before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. All public comments are provided to the Planning Commission and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the Commission prior to taking action on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the Planning Commission meeting.  
Yázmína Pallares  
City Clerk  
Dated: January 23, 2024  
Publish Shafter Press February 29, 2024

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**SHAFTER PLANNING**  
**COMMISSION**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on March 12, 2024, at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, the Shafter Planning Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider the following: Development Agreement No. 23-21 for Revised Tentative Tract No. 7244: Development Agreement No. 23-21 is being proposed for the completion of Revised Tentative Tract No. 7244 located on the north side of 7th Standard Road between the Friant-Kern Canal and the Calloway Canal. The revised tentative tract map subdivides approximately 126 gross acres into 395 residential lots ranging in size from 5,508 to 22,223 square feet. Condition No. 25 of the conditions of approval for the revised tentative tract requires the developer to enter into a development agreement with the City of Shafter prior to recordation of the final map. The purpose of the development agreement is to address fees and other requirements established by the City of Shafter. Said meeting is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Any person wishing to be heard or wishing to present evidence either for or against the approval of the project, is hereby notified and directed to either appear at the time and place aforesaid or send written comments at or prior to the meeting to the City Clerk at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, CA 93263. Should anyone challenge any proposed action which is the subject of the meeting listed on this notice, that person may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the meeting, or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at or prior to the meeting. You are encouraged to observe the City Council meeting live via YouTube <https://www.youtube.com/user/CityofShafter/>. If you wish to make a comment on a specific agenda item or public comment, please submit your comment via email by 5:00 P.M. on Tuesday, March 12, 2024, to the City Clerk at [CityClerk@shafter.com](mailto: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](mailto:CityClerk@shafter.com) before the meeting begins to receive instructions and the call-in number and code. All public comments are provided to the Planning Commission and applicable staff, for review and consideration by the Commission prior to acting on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the Planning Commission meeting.  
Dated: February 20, 2024  
Yazmina Pallares, City Clerk  
Publish Shafter Press February 29, 2024

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF VOTE BY MAIL**  
**BALLOT PROCESSING**  
**MARCH 5, 2024**  
**PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION**  
**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT:**  
The processing of vote by mail ballots shall be open to the public, both prior to and after the election. (Pursuant to California Elections Code, Section 15104)  
The processing of ballots will take place at:  
Kern County Elections Office  
1115 Truxtun Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA. 93301  
And will commence on:  
Monday, February 5, 2024 at 8:00 a.m.  
The counting of ballots will take place at:  
Kern County Elections Office  
1115 Truxtun Avenue  
Bakersfield, CA. 93301  
And will commence on:  
Tuesday, March 5, 2024 at 8:00 p.m.  
By: Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
County of Kern  
(Una copia de este aviso está disponible en español.)  
Publish Shafter Press February 1 and 29, 2024

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**3701 Sillect Investors, GP**  
**2024-B0890**  
1930 Truxtun Ave.  
Bakersfield, CA 93301  
County: Kern  
PO Box 2346  
Bakersfield, CA 93303  
Lantz Family L.P.  
4825 Calloway Dr. Ste 102  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
Wible Investors II, LLC  
4825 Calloway Dr. Ste. 102  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
Assurance II, LLC  
1930 Truxtun Ave.  
Bakersfield, CA 93301  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by: General Partnership  
Date the business commenced: 03/08/2009  
/s/Annette L. Davis  
Date Statement Filed: 02/07/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 02/07/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: T Cabrera  
Publish Shafter Press February 22, 29, March 7, 14, 2024

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**What Kim Graves**  
**2024-B0262**  
230 Mannel Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
230 Mannel Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Kimberly Beth Van Sloten  
230 Mannel Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: 01/01/2024  
/s/Kimberly Beth Van Sloten  
Date Statement Filed: 01/10/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 01/10/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: Z Arellano  
Publish Shafter Press February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 2024

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Kern County Motors**  
**2024-B0888**  
1015 E Truxtun Ave  
Bakersfield, CA 93305  
County: Kern  
520 Voorhies Lane  
Bakersfield, CA 93306  
Dos Palmas Auto Sales LLC  
1015 Truxtun Ave  
Bakersfield, CA 93305  
State of incorp. or org. CA  
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company\*  
Date the business commenced: 06/27/2020  
/s/Fernando Vargas, CEO  
Date Statement Filed: 02/07/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 02/07/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Top Auto Performance**  
**2024-B0562**  
676 E Lerdo Hwy  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
676 E Lerdo Hwy  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Top Auto Performance LLC  
676 E Lerdo Hwy  
Shafter, CA 93263  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company\*  
Date the business commenced: 02/13/2023  
/s/Jaime Garcia, Manager  
Date Statement Filed: 01/24/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 01/24/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: P Del Villar  
Publish Shafter Press February 8, 15, 22, 29, 2024

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: T Cabrera  
Publish Shafter Press February 15, 22, 29, March 7, 2024

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Benton Ranch**  
**2024-B0788**  
5060 California Ave #900  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
County: Kern  
5060 California Ave #900  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
Wegis & Young Property Management, LLC  
5060 California Ave #900  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
State of incorp. or org. CA  
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company\*  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Michael C. Young, President  
Date Statement Filed: 02/05/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 02/05/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: T Cabrera  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business Name**  
**Abandonment Statement**  
**Trubauty Studio**  
728 21st St Suite 5  
Bakersfield, CA 93301  
County: KERN  
Mailing address of business:  
728 21st St Suite 5  
Bakersfield, CA 93301  
Julie Scarleny Altamirano Alfaro  
7000 Auburn St Apt C8  
Bakersfield, CA 93306  
Business was conducted by: Individual  
/s/Julie Scarleny Altamirano Alfaro,  
Owner  
Original FBN Statement File Number:  
2021-B2328  
Original FBN Statement Filed on:  
04/27/2021  
This statement of Abandonment filed on:  
01/19/2024  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: /s/Z Arellano  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Brows By Julie**  
**2024-B0477**  
728 21st St Suite 5  
Bakersfield, CA 93301  
County: Kern  
12107 Hill Country Dr  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
Julie Scarleny Altamirano Alfaro  
12107 Hill Country Dr.  
Bakersfield, CA 93312  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: 06/20/2021  
/s/Julie Scarleny Altamirano Alfaro  
Date Statement Filed: 01/19/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 01/19/2029  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**LEDm Production**  
**2024-B0750**  
**Legaleye Digital Media**  
**2024-B0751**  
316 Ashe Rd., Ste 316  
Bakersfield, CA 93313  
County: Kern  
316 Ashe Rd., Ste 316  
Bakersfield, CA 93313  
Steven Lee Rodriguez  
316 Ashe Rd., Ste 316  
Bakersfield, CA 93313  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Steven Lee Rodriguez  
Date Statement Filed: 02/01/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 02/01/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: P Del Villar  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Top Auto Performance**  
**2024-B0562**  
676 E Lerdo Hwy  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
676 E Lerdo Hwy  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Top Auto Performance LLC  
676 E Lerdo Hwy  
Shafter, CA 93263  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company\*  
Date the business commenced: 02/13/2023  
/s/Jaime Garcia, Manager  
Date Statement Filed: 01/24/2024  
Date Statement Expires: 01/24/2029  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: P Del Villar  
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