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# State of the City: Big growth for Shafter

10,000 more housing units  
in 10-15 years, mayor says

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

Mayor Chad Givens gave the annual State of the City Address at last Thursday's Chamber of Commerce Awards

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Banquet, with a promising look at the future. Givens said that the city is one of the most stable cities financially in Kern County, if not the state, pointing to its vi-

sion of being a desirable destination for economic development.

"Shafter is an ambitious city that is not only prospering economically, but is becoming a player in the global economy." Givens also stated that the city is on its way to growing to four times its size in the next decade. "With the housing developments at Gossamer Grove, a 170-residence development at Tulare Avenue, and the other planned developments in the city, Shafter will have an additional 10,000 units in the

next 10 to 15 years."

He said that the city embraces business, be it local, small businesses or large national retail operations. One example is the thriving Wonderful Industrial Park, which has attracted such companies as Ross Stores, Walmart, Amazon, Smuckers and Target.

Givens also commented that another major element of the success of the city is the emphasis on public safety. "The

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Vincent and Julie Wilson were named Citizens of the Year.



Nick Riddick was named the Community Champion award winner.

# Shafter chamber salutes outstanding citizens

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Chamber of Commerce held their annual Chamber

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Awards Banquet last Thursday night, recognizing some of Shafter's best and brightest.

Chamber's Debbie Haley welcomed the packed house and invited them to participate in the silent auction and enjoy a dinner served by Hodel's Country Dining. The Shafter Police Department Honor Guard presented the colors and Pastor Steve Seymour did the invocation. After the completion of the dinner portion of the evening, Mayor Chad Givens presented the



The Humanitarian Award went to former mayor Gilbert Alvarado.

State of the City Address, focusing on the bright future he sees ahead. (See separate story.)

Seven awards were presented, beginning with the Young

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# Boxing Club will lead Cinco de Mayo Festival

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

Miguel Ayon and the Shafter Boxing Club have joined an elite group of individuals and groups that have been honored with the title of Grand Marshal of the

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Shafter Cinco de Mayo Festival. Ayon was surprised at the announcement, saying that he was very honored and thankful for the nomination.

Ayon got involved in the Shafter Police Department's PAL program in 2009, helping out with the kids as they trained. Ayon left the program a short time later, deciding to start his own program, training kids at his house in his front yard. "I wanted to give the kids somewhere to go to keep fit and keep them off of the streets," he explained.

Ayon said that he didn't have such a program growing up, and he ended up taking a path that he doesn't recommend for Shafter's youth. "I didn't take an easy path, and it was rough growing up. I didn't want the kids to have to struggle like I did, wanted to give them somewhere to go."

Ayon said that growing up, kids want a place to feel comfortable. "If they don't have somewhere and something to belong to, they might get into life on the streets, or into gangs."

Ayon would train the kids five days a week, training them on boxing techniques, getting them up to a competitive level. Once this happened, the reputation of the Shafter Boxing Club grew.

"When we first started, no one in the boxing world knew where Shafter was on a map. They sure know now," said Ayon.

In the club's latest competition, the group was named the top boxing club in the nation, getting the overall Champion Belt, with five individual champions at the Silver Gloves Junior National tournament in Independence, Mo. "It was crazy - there were clubs a lot bigger than ours, from Chicago, Milwaukee, Phoenix, a lot of places. We came out on top of all of them," Ayon said.

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Shafter was on a map.  
They sure know now,"*

- Coach Miguel Ayon

# New shelter a win-win

VERONICA JACUINDE  
Wasco Tribune

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A new \$3 million Wasco Animal Shelter is expected to be up and running within two years, according to city officials.

Public Works Director Luis Villa said the design will take place this year. The cost is being covered by Measure X tax funds.

Villa said that about three years ago, it was proposed to relocate the shelter to the old farm labor complex. "That didn't pan out too well. With the land the city purchased, we are hoping to build it there."

The land purchased is located at Cen-

tral Avenue and Filburn Street.

Villa added that the current building is aging, and they could house more animals with a new shelter.

The current capacity is 35, but with a new facility, Villa said the minimum capacity would be 50 animals with climate control. He is hoping to hire at least two more officers.

At present, the yearly operating budget for the shelter is \$381,508.

"It's an aging infrastructure, but we are

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The Wasco Animal Shelter has a dedicated staff with animal control officers Rigo Figueroa and Fidel Lara Jr.



# Community Calendar

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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Craft fair – Wasco Woman's Club Spring Pop Up and Craft Fair on Saturday, March 25, 9 a.m.-2 p.m. at the clubhouse, 1601 7th St., Wasco.

Career fair – Wasco High School's Community College & Career Fair and Pop Up for the whole community Thursday, March 23, 5-8 p.m. Enjoy a fun-filled day with family, friends and neighbors at the high school gym.

Author reading – Barry Bongberg will read from his book, "Dear Mom and Dad, Letters Home from Vietnam 1967-1969," at the Shafter Depot Museum, 150 Central Valley Hwy., on Saturday, March 25, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Bring your copy from home or purchase the book on that day for signing.

## ONGOING

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

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

Allotments ending – CalFresh emergency allotments end this month.

Probation Department needs peace officers – Shift work, safety retirement, supervise and mentor at-risk youth, growth and advancement opportunities with the county. Required: 60 semester units or 90 quarter units of college coursework, background check and drug screen. Contact Frank Herrera at 661-868-7493.

Sandbags available – Self-serve sandbag station for Shafter residents and businesses only. Station is located at 1251 E. Ash Ave., next to the recycling drop-off.

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

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

Free covid tests – All residential households can order four free at-home covid-19 tests. Visit [covidtests.gov](https://covidtests.gov)

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

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

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

Senior lunch program – 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.

## 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 are on the third Thursday of the month at 6 p.m. at the Hall at Barker Park.

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

## FRIDAY

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

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

## SATURDAY

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

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

Minter Field Air Museum – Open Fridays and Saturdays 10-2 p.m. at 401 Vultee, Shafter. Admission free, Donations accepted.

# Mystery history

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Here's this week's challenge, courtesy of the Shafter Historical Society. If you know the location, circumstances, exact or rough date and/or people in the photo, send your educated (or semieducated) guess to *The Press*, 455 Kern St., Suite E, Shafter, CA 93263, or e-mail it to [mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com](mailto:mysteryphoto@TheShafterPress.com). Winners will be revealed here next week. **LAST WEEK:** The Shafter Eagles of 1950. Some of the players were Nieves Carrasco, Joe and John Rodriguez, and batboy Dickie Nieto.



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## ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

#### MARCH 8

Scott Anthony Schafer, 29, was arrested on Hickory Park Way for possession for unlawful paraphernalia, possession of a controlled substance, giving false ID to a public officer and disorderly conduct: under the influence of a drug.

### MARCH 9

Robert E. Smith, 47, of Shafter, was arrested on Central Avenue and Kern Street for DUI and possession of unlawful paraphernalia.

Arturo Rendon, 30, of Shafter, was arrested at East Ash and South Shafter Avenue for possession of a controlled substance, possession of unlawful para-

phernalia and on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

#### MARCH 10

Richard Garcia, 57, of Shafter, was arrested in the 700 block of Grant Avenue for battery: spouse.

#### MARCH 11

Genaro Sanchez, 23, was arrested on the Old Oak Way and Red Pine Drive for DUI: alcohol.

Teofilo Gil Bravo, 42, of Shafter, was arrested on the Poso and North Valley for driving without a license.

#### MARCH 12

Francine Yasmeen Sanchez, 28, of Shafter, was arrested in the 100 block of Potter Street for child abuse.

Fernando Garcia Jr., 36, of Shafter, was arrested at Vera Cruz and Sinatra for possession of unlawful para-

phernalia, obstruction, destroying concealed evidence and disorderly conduct: under the influence of drug and disorderly conduct.

Javier Fernandez, 30, of Shafter, was arrested at 7th Standard and West Beltway for driving without a license and for driving an unregistered vehicle.

Reynaldo Isaac Maldonado, 21, of Shafter, was

arrested on West Lerdo Highway for obstruction, vandalism and disorderly conduct: alcohol.

#### MARCH 13

Gilbert Santos Martinez, 38, of Shafter, was arrested in the 200 block of Colvard for sexual battery, child abuse, possession of a controlled substance and on an outside agency warrant.

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## CORRECTION

In the March 6 paper, two stories – the memorial service for Rob Cobb and the Wasco strategic planning workshop – were swapped under the wrong headlines. The correct Page 1 and continuations are available at [TheShafterPress.com](http://TheShafterPress.com) and [WascoTrib.com](http://WascoTrib.com).

Another error was made between the Shafter and Wasco Mystery History pictures. These pictures were swapped, and appear correctly in the edition on the web site.

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# Council nominates Reyna for air board

## Approves plans for 97 more homes at Gossamer Grove

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

The Shafter City Council voted Tuesday night to nominate Wasco councilmember and former mayor and Gilberto Reyna to serve on the San Joaquin Valley Air District Board.

Reyna was selected to be the small city representative on the board. The person must be from either Arvin, Delano, Taft, Shafter, Maricopa or Wasco to be eligible for the position. The only other applicant was Cory Morse of Maricopa.

The council also held a public hearing

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to approve Tract #7402, which is located in the Gossamer Grove area. It is 80 acres in the northeast side of the Gossamer Grove development. The acreage is to be subdivided into 97 individual lots, with sizes ranging from 4,000 to 8,000 feet. The tract was approved and Lennar Homes will go forward with their plans to subdivide the property.

During the presentation portion of the meeting, the council honored the Shafter High School girls basketball team. The Lady Generals won the South Sequoia League championship this past season,



The Shafter High School Lady Generals basketball team was honored for their SSL championship.

qualifying for the playoffs. The team made it to the quarterfinals in the post-season tournament.

The team was coached by Shawn Penel, Mike Watts and Juan Zavala. Members of the team received certificates for their achievement. They were Guadalupe Lara,

Crystal Villegran, Kaylee Moreno, Ariana Vega, AnneMarie Piuser, Isela Lugo, Addison Watts, Ariana Escalera, Kyla Schooley, Alexia Ramirez and Ilene Cardenas. Vega also was recognized for her selection of South Sequoia League Most Valuable Player of the Year.

# City moves forward with grant request

VERONICA JACUINDE  
Wasco Tribune

At their regular meeting on Tuesday, the Wasco City Council voted to apply for the state funding for a \$44 million water system improvement project.

The funding, from the State Water Resources Control Board, would be used for the planning, design and construction of the project.

Since September 2020, the city has worked on identifying the best method to treat 1,2,3-TCP found in the five active groundwater wells used for the city's water supply.

After a study and an analysis by Dee Jasper & Associates, the city voted to replace four of the five existing wells due to the wells approaching the end of their useful life in the next five to 10 years.

The four existing well sites will be abandoned.

During the budget workshop for the fiscal year 2020-2021, the council also recommended prioritizing water storage and installing an advanced metering infrastructure to improve customer service and

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efficiency of water meter reads.

The city is considered an expanded small water system serving a severely disadvantaged community and is therefore eligible for up to 100% of the grant, city officials said.

With the funding application, the city seeks financial assistance to make improvements and install necessary treatment to the existing water system. In doing so, the city is seeking to continue to provide clean drinking water to residents of Wasco, according to city officials.

Additionally, the city does not currently have water storage capacity and is seeking to install water storage.

The city does not currently have the finances necessary to complete improvement and treatment necessary for the existing water system and with the grant, if approved, the city could realize this need.

Also, at the meeting, the council approved the purchase of radio equipment as part of the Wasco Police Department start-up.

The purchase order would include a ra-



Assistant City Manager Maria Lara is spearheading the grant application for the water project.

dio repeater, 14 vehicle mobile radios, 14 handheld radios and two dispatch base radios for about \$86,000, which is covered by the department start-up appropriation.

The start-up of the Police Department was approved last year, and is expected to begin operations late next year.

The department will need radio equipment to allow communication between dispatch and vehicles used in the field be-

tween officers via portable units.

Due to the 30-week lag time to manufacture the equipment, the city found an opportunity to provide equipment on an interim basis to help start the operation until the new equipment is received.

City Manager Scott Hurlbert said, "This is one of the next steps in the formation of the police department."

Chief of Police Charlie Fivecoat said, "It is absolutely critical to our operation that we have to have the communication in order."

Sergeant Charles Shinn announced that Friday, March 24, would be his last day working for the Wasco substation. He will be transferred to the Kern County Sheriff's Office as the sergeant of the background investigation unit.

Shinn has been a sergeant in Wasco since October 2021.

He said of the experience, "It has been an opportunity to grow, and it has been a challenge but an honor to hold the position."

Councilmember Gilberto Reyna said, "You are a great sheriff, and I admire your bravery. We appreciate everything you have done for the community."

# Young Adults to present 'Singin' in the Rain'

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

The Shafter Young Adults Theater will be performing their production of the Broadway hit "Singin' in the Rain" at the Shafter Ford Theater Friday and Saturday, March 31-April 1. The group has been rehearsing for several weeks, learning a variety of dances and singing numbers, bringing the Broadway hit to life.

Led by Mayor Chad Givens, the theater troupe has been performing for the past three years, a welcome addition to the Shafter Children's Summer Theater, which has been in operation for over 20 years.

This season's production is a challenging one, with numbers that require a good amount of technique in tap dancing and jazz, as well as singing.

Givens said that there are a few of his performers that have experience, but the majority of the company are learning these skills as they progress through the production. "We are working on some things to fine tune the play, but it is going very well and we are having a great time," he said.

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Taking place in 1927, Don Lockwood and Lina Lamont, played by Luke Kratt and Jayna Pierucci, are prominent Hollywood actors who are seen in silent films all across America! As we see them taking center stage at the Hollywood premier Lina continues to try and woo Don, but he has no desire to be with her at all. They continue to the studio party, but as the times are changing so are the ways that shows are produced and filmed as Warner Bros. is coming out with the first talking film.

Now Monumental Studios, R.F. Simpson, played by Josh Cooley and Rod are working on making their own talking film to keep up, the first of their studio. But they have a problem: Their star beauty in silent film, Lina Lamont, can't sing or dance, and frankly her talking voice is not desired by others either.

They find themselves in a precarious situation, but Kathy Selden, a "real" actress and on stage performer, portrayed by Megan Bloemhof, is able to help them along as she becomes a voiceover for Lina, who



Luke Katt and company will be performing the last weekend in March.

cannot do talking films to save her life. Don and his good friend Cosmo, played by Layna Figueroa, realize the talent Kathy has and begin working on a musical instead of a talking film.

They follow their Hollywood stars as they begin working on the new film, working through the script and music, and deal with bad contracts, all while dancing, singing and laughing their way to a brand new film, The Dancing Cavalier.

In addition to the leads, the company is made up of a number of performers who have experience in previous productions,

including Lauren Givens, who has performed in several SYAT productions, and Matthew Cordova and Laura Neufeld.

The group was founded when Cris Starrh decided to give the young adults of Shafter, who were aging out of the Children's Summer Theater, an outlet to continue their theatrical passion and highlight their talents.

Tickets are still available and will be sold at the door as well. Go to shafterford-theater.com and click on the "buy tickets" prompt, or call the theater office at 661-630-4059.

## ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

#### MARCH 14

Reginaldo Trujillo, 41, of Shafter, was arrested at Trevino and Thompson for possession of a controlled substance, possession of unlawful paraphernalia and on a bench warrant/failure to appear on a misdemeanor charge.

#### MARCH 15

Noemi Villanueva, 25, of Shafter, was arrested for driving without a license and driving an unregistered vehicle.

Shyanna Matthews, 24, of Shafter, was arrested in the 400 block of North Wall Street for obstruction, battery, vandalism: damaged

property and child abuse.

#### MARCH 19

Adrian Jesus Gutierrez, 31, of Shafter, was arrested on the 700 block of California Avenue for possession of a controlled substance and child abuse.

#### BUTTONWILLOW

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

#### MARCH 15

Samantha Saenz, 33, of Shafter, was arrested in the 30300 block of Richland Avenue in Shafter for domestic violence. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### MARCH 16

Jeffrey Cockrell, 57, of Buttonwillow, was arrested in the 300 block of Baggiani Court in Buttonwillow for domestic violence. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Marco Antonio Sauce-da, 36, of Shafter, was arrested in the 18000 block

of Beech Avenue in Shafter for attempted kidnapping and battery on spouse/ex-spouse. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### MARCH 18

Nicole Lynn Bertrand, 46, of Bakersfield, was arrested in the 4700 block of Gatson Street in Bakersfield for a misdemeanor warrant. She was cited and released at the scene.

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

#### MARCH 13

Angel Villa Guzman, 24, of Bakersfield, was arrested near the intersection of F Street and 8th Street for misdemeanor driving without a license. He was cited and released at the scene.

Jose Leon Ortega Olmos, 36, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2100 block of Highway 46 for his misdemeanor bench warrant. He

was cited and released at the scene.

#### MARCH 15

Jorge Torres, 44, of Wasco, was arrested in the 2100 block of Highway 46 for misdemeanor driving without a license and possession of a controlled substance. He was cited and released at the scene.

Christopher Martinez, 28, of Wasco, was arrested in the 800 block of 16th Street for felony violation of a domestic violence protective order and stalking. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Diego Matias, 41, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1200 block of F Street for misdemeanor disorderly conduct: drunk in public. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Alexia Villanueva, 18, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1700 block of Heather Court for felony threaten-

ing with intent to terrorize and misdemeanor battery on person. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### MARCH 16

Daniel Cruz, 28, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1700 block of 3rd Street for misdemeanor driving without a license. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Mario Macias, 55, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of D Street and 5th Street on misdemeanor bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Michael Smith, 32, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Poso Drive and D Street for felony possession of body armor, misdemeanor possession of marijuana for sale, possession of controlled substance paraphernalia, and on a felony bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.



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# Girls get ready for cheer tryouts

VERONICA JACUINDE  
Wasco Tribune

Wasco High School held three cheer clinics earlier this week. Over 80 athletes showed up to learn the dances and routines they will need to perform at the tryouts on Saturday, March 25. Hailey Coyle is the head cheer advisor. She said the clinics helped the girls prepare for the judges. Almost 50 athletes will be selected for the junior and varsity cheer squads.

Anyone was welcome to attend the clinics regardless of experience. However, an athlete must have attended at least one day of the clinics to try out.

She said that at the clinics, the students did really well.

“They picked up on the dance routines, which are not easy. The coaches make them difficult so that they have to learn the material and work hard.”

Freshman Stephani Ruiz said there were many things she liked about the clinics.

“One thing that I liked the most is that I made friends and they were so positive and confident about the dance. I also like that the coaches are there for us when we need them.”

She said she gave it her all.

“I was being positive and trying my best. I also pushed myself to get the routine down. And I will give it my all at try-out day and hope I make the team.”

On the day of tryouts, the judges will look for overall spirit, technique, enthusi-



The Wasco High School 2022-2023 junior and varsity cheer team. (Photo courtesy of Hailey Coyle)

asm and students who are coachable and willing to learn more about the sport.

The judges for the tryouts will be composed of WHS alum cheer team members and from surrounding areas.

It will be competitive.

“From the clinics, we have some talented athletes. We wish we could keep them all because they are capable of being on the team,” Coyle said.

She said that after the first clinic, you could tell the girls practiced because they came back strong on the second day.

“It was exciting to see their skills improve in just one day. They knew the dance more and looked more confident in themselves.”

Those selected will be announced after the tryouts later in the evening.

Varsity coach will be Sydney Bocker, a

teacher at WHS and cheer alumni. The junior varsity coach will be Victoria Bernal, who works at Palm Avenue Middle School and is also an alumnus.

The girls are athletes.

“They work hard to achieve their goals just like any other athlete. They work out. Cheer is a physical and demanding sport,” Coyle said.

They are also student-athletes and in order to participate, must have at least a 2.0 GPA.

“We have study halls for them. We want them to succeed in their futures, which is what we are training them for.”

Coyle said through the sport, the girls are learning responsibility, dedication and teamwork.

“We hold them accountable to our rules because we want them to be well-

respected young adults when they come out of our program. Whether it is for a job interview or college, we want them to be confident for whatever they do after high school.”

The girls build close relationships.

“They spend a lot of time together. After they make the team, they start practicing in June all summer and through fall. It’s a year-long sport, and they get to know each other very well, creating memories that in turn cause them to build friendships that will last a lifetime.”

The teams will cheer at football, volleyball, basketball, soccer and wrestling games.

“We are also out there in the community participating in parades, elementary school events and different things like that.”

# WHS youth making a difference in health

VERONICA JACUINDE  
Wasco Tribune

The California Health Collaborative’s “Unidos Por Salud” (United for Health) focuses on empowering Wasco High School youth to be advocates in the community, raising awareness about the dangers of tobacco use.

CHC is a nonprofit organization committed to enhancing the quality of life and health of the people of California, particularly the underserved and underrepresented.

Celeste Ramos has been a project coordinator for the program since 2019.

“With our youth program, we work primarily with the Latino community to reduce tobacco-related health disparities and improve the population’s health and equity.”

In California, there is a high population of Latinos, and many are only Spanish speakers who may not get the resources in their language on the health effects of tobacco use. Some also live in rural areas where the near-

est health centers are miles away.

Lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer deaths among the Hispanic population.

The students working with the program must be interested in tobacco control prevention and want to make a positive change in their community.

They work on various activities and projects. CHC staff provides them with the skills and the training they need to be community champions.

The students participate in tabling events on their campus. They do the outreach themselves, talking to their peers at career fairs and lunchtime.

“Not only do they participate in collecting data as a coalition, but they have also conducted store observations in Wasco.”

During this, they went into tobacco retailers to see what they sell, their marketing and accessibility to these products.

They have also collected petitions at



Merlyna Andres, Vanessa Dominguez and Enevy Lopez collecting data.

community events.

“Students have an opportunity to present to other peers and share their accom-

plishment with the other three coalitions in Hanford, Reedley and Dos Palos.”

In March 2020, they attended a Wasco City Council meeting providing education on youth and tobacco use. They also presented local data they collected and offered policy options to protect Wasco youth from flavored tobacco use.

Soon they will travel to the state capitol for a one-day event to educate state legislators on the work they have done in their community toward tobacco use prevention.

The work the youth are carrying out is directly related to SB 793, a California law prohibiting the sale of most flavored tobacco products, including electronic cigarettes, menthol cigarettes and flavored tobacco enhancers.

There are fines to retailers or employees if they are found to be in violation.

Ramos said of the youth in the program, “We look forward to seeing them flourish. Many of them are seniors, and we will always be here for them after graduation.”

# Course helps kids in financial literacy

VERONICA JACUINDE  
Wasco Tribune

Violeta Okolonwamu is a Wasco Independence High School teacher who spearheads a personal finance course to ensure students start on the right path.

Financial literacy is vital in helping young people manage money effectively to become financially stable, build assets and achieve personal goals.

To this end, the class is offered to all seniors and is a year-long program.

Okolonwamu teaches her students all aspects of financial literacy.

“Everything from the basics of employment, renting an apartment, buying a house or car, filing taxes and anything you need for personal finance.”

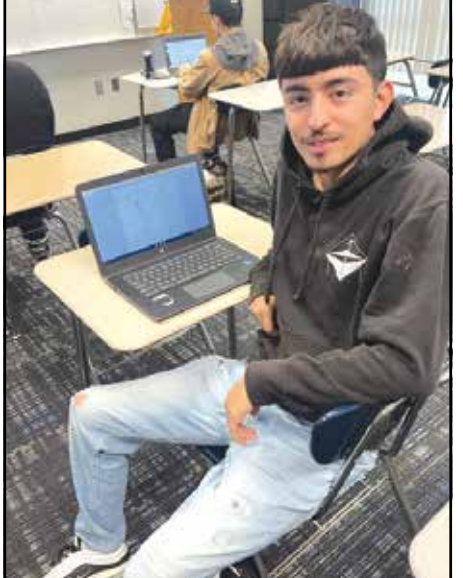
Students set financial goals, make budgets and learn about saving, investing and managing debt. They are also introduced to how credit reports and scores work.

She does a lot of hands-on learning, teaching the concepts and giving her students real-life experiences from experts.

One of these experts is Shontay Smith-Sweeney, community manager vice presi-

dent for Chase Bank. She hosts financial literacy workshops at the high school.

“I love teaching financial health be-



Brayan Mendoza said Violeta Okolonwamu keeps the students engaged and makes it fun.

cause I grew up in an underserved and underbanked community in Bakersfield, and my mom didn’t have the tools to teach me how to be financially stable.”

“She didn’t have a bank account or credit, so my two sisters and I made many bad financial decisions.”

She said she can now educate people like herself and allow them to make better financial decisions for themselves and their families.

Smith-Sweeney said the information the students gain they take home.

“I’ve encountered that many of them bring it to their parents and teach them what they’ve learned and help them understand why it’s important to have a checking and savings account and build credit to give them purchasing power.”

She said the knowledge students take away will help them post-high school graduation, in college and into adulthood.

“It’s good to have this education because early mistakes can have lasting financial repercussions.”

“They can start building financial stability young in their adult years to be better prepared to purchase their first home, become a successful business owner or

investor in the community.”

Brayan Mendoza said, “It teaches me money management and how money works. The best part is that I am learning about budgeting and credit cards. I plan on opening a bank account to start saving for college and buying a car.”

As part of the personal finance course, students learn how to write cover letters and resumes. There are also mock interview workshops that get them ready for their first job interviews. Local business community members conduct the sessions and offer tips and advice.

Yulitza Vazquez participated in the mock interviews. She said she liked how it gave her an inside look into the job application process.

About Okolonwamu, she said, “She is a perfect teacher because she is really good at explaining things and has helped me with my goals for the future. She gave me a mindset that I have to work hard.”

Okolonwamu said, “I want them to have a real-world connection. This class gives them the financial tools they can use once they graduate and sets them up for success.”

# New shelter a win-win for city, animals

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maintaining. Our animal control officers do a great job.”

He said the most exciting thing about the new shelter is that it will provide the necessary capacity for animals. “And provide a great working environment for our staff with an updated facility. I can’t wait to see this project start to finish.”

Fidel Lara, Jr. has been an animal control officer in Wasco for six years. He said that since his time with the shelter, only two animals had been euthanized because of their high adoption rate and rescue

pulls.

Currently, they work with about 15 active rescue pulls, which are nonprofits that adopt the animals to attempt to rehome them themselves.

In the past few months, every kennel is usually full.

“We keep them here as long as we have capacity. If not, they are at risk of euthanasia.”

He stated that the shelter is unique because when this happens, they send out a list of at-risk dogs to a wide audience, and they almost always end up adopted.

“We get attention from all over the place. We have lots of people calling from all over the country, including New York.”

It is easy and affordable to adopt. For \$88, you get a one-year Wasco city license, rabies and DAPP vaccines, and spay/neuter.

Rescue pulls don’t pay a fee. Instead, they take on full responsibility, including all veterinarian needs.

Lara would tell some to encourage them to adopt that they are saving lives and helping them to create more space in the shelter to allow them to go out and

pick up more strays from the streets and rehome them.

“Adopting helps us a lot in keeping the shelter running efficiently.”

Lara said his job is rewarding.

“Getting them to their forever home is the best thing I can ask for.”

Rigo Figueroa is also an animal control officer.

“The best part about the shelter is that we provide a great service to the community of Wasco. It allows us to find a dog a new home and for the community to gain a new member of the family.”



# An Easter service to remember

VERONICA JACUINDE  
Wasco Tribune

Canyon Hills Church of Wasco will hold a special Easter service at the historic Wasco High School Auditorium on Sunday, April 9, at 10 a.m. It will be a morning of celebration and worship.

Fern Segura is the pastor who will be leading the service. He has been a pastor of the church for eight years. He said what he loves most about being a pastor is his relationships with the community.

The philosophy of the church is to inspire and equip people to become fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

"We do that through intimacy with God and community with other believers and an influence in our world. We believe

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in being able to help people be more like Jesus and the way that they live their lives."

Segura said Canyon Hills is a church that preaches the bible based on sound doctrine.

"Our teachings are accurate and precise, not based on ideology but the real biblical message."

Of the Easter service, he said, "Every year on Easter Sunday, we have a gathering at our church. This year we set out to have church in the auditorium to make more space for a larger crowd."

He is expecting 300 people to attend. It will be the first time their Easter service has been in the auditorium.

"It's been a long time since a service was held at the auditorium."

There will be spiritual worship, music, preaching and an inspirational celebration of the resurrection of Christ.

"It will be a beautiful time in community with other believers. The best part will definitely be that the people will give their life to Jesus that day and respond to salvation."

For the children, there will be a program with games and crafts followed by an Easter egg hunt. They will also hear the message of the resurrection.

"We do this for the kids to walk away with some candy and have fun. We wanted to give them the opportunity to do this at church."

The church was founded in 2015 and is located in a building built in 1923. The address is 600 Broadway St. Sunday service takes place at 9 a.m. and 11 a.m.



Pastor Fern Segura preaching at Sunday service. (Photo courtesy of Fern Segura)

# Bongberg's Vietnam letters at Depot book signing

SUSAN GRISHAM  
For the Shafter Press

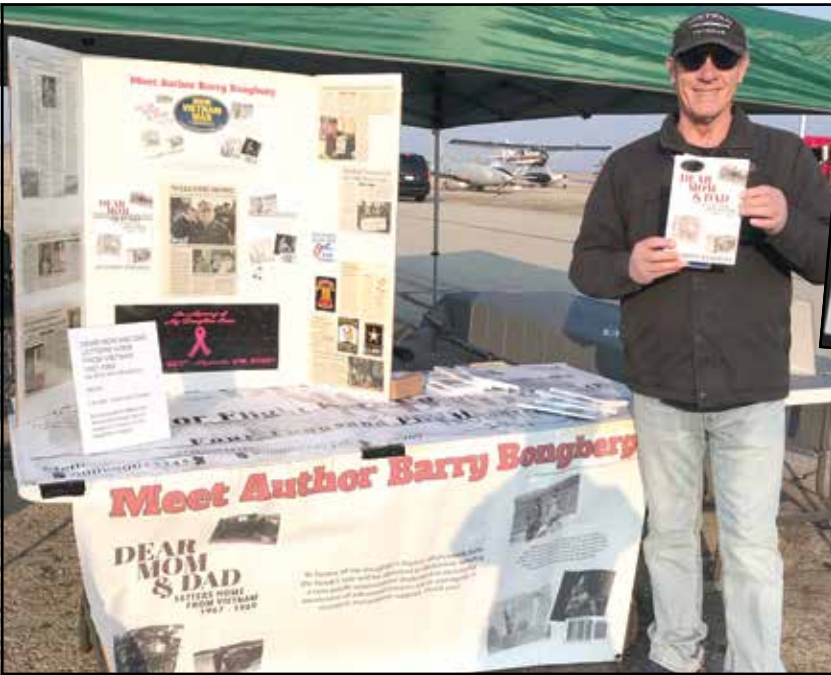
Shafter resident and veteran Barry Bongberg has written a book of memories from his time spent in Vietnam.

He will be signing his book, "Dear Mom and Dad, Letters Home from Vietnam 1967-1969," at the Shafter Depot Museum, 150 Central Valley Hwy., on Saturday, March 25, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The book follows Bongberg's experiences in Vietnam through his 268 letters written home during his 23 months of duty there. His mother saved each letter and stored them in a box in the basement of the family home in Shafter. The letters stayed stored for 50 years. Bongberg is a Shafter native and graduated from Shafter High School in 1966.

Bongberg's only daughter, Erica, went through the letters and decided they be put together in a book. He transcribed them into manuscript form for Erica before her death from breast cancer in 2020. She displayed the manuscript on her coffee table at home. Her friend, Sara Olsher, a children's book author, noticed the manuscript one day after Erica's chemotherapy session. Olsher, author of self help books for children experiencing

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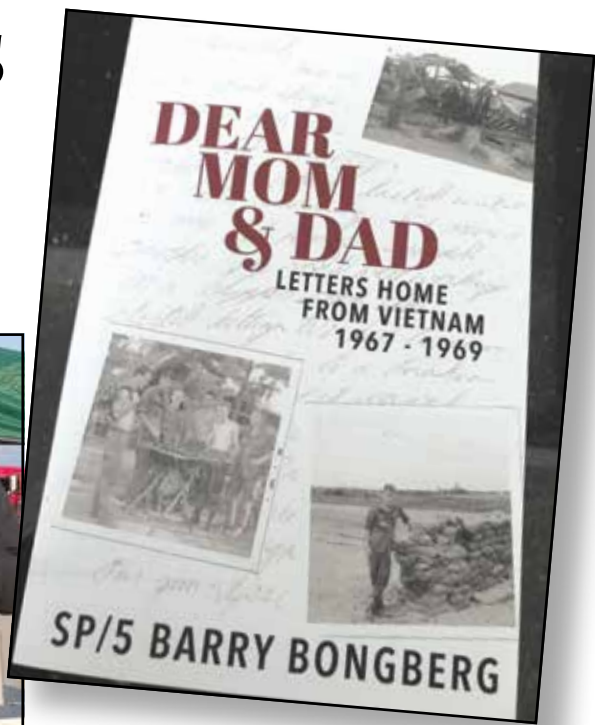
Barry Bongberg displays his book recently.

cancer, recognized the quality of the book and insisted it be published. She worked with Bongberg through the process of publishing and the book was finally published in 2020. A true labor of love.

Bongberg has dedicated all proceeds from the book to charity. His first donation was to Kern County Honor Flight. Bongberg and his

daughter were able to travel on the Honor Flight before Erica's death in 2020. Bongberg's next donation will go to Kern County Links for Life to honor Erica's legacy.

The book is available to purchase on Amazon in paperback and e-book format. Readers are invited to bring a copy from home or purchase the book at the Depot reading.



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## LETTER TO THE EDITOR

# Wasco veterans group is losing the battle

To the editor:

The Wasco VFW Post 6742 has been around for over 75 years. My uncle, James Greer, was a member when I was a small kid. He would wear his green garrison cap with lots of little pins and medals to his once-a-month evening meetings. He had lots of friends who were there at the meetings.

They would tell old stories, compare experiences at the same overseas locations and give each other much respect around town. He would point out to me someone we would run across downtown and comment, "That guy over there sitting at Hoyt's was wounded in France. He took two bullets."

On another trip, he would point out that another man at the gas station where we were filling up had flown F4F Hellcats in the navy during the war. He showed me how proud he was to be associated with those same guys in the VFW Post.

My uncle has since long passed away, but after he died, my aunt gave me his military records, medals and VFW cap. My uncle spent nine months in a hos-

pital after the war recovering from his wounds fighting in France.

I had another uncle, the younger brother to the one above, Jesse Dabbs, who landed at Normandy beach on "D Day." He was the only one of 28 in his boat to survive. I was very proud to have him come to my middle school at Thomas Jefferson to talk to the honors history class of Mr. Vaughan.

You see, my family's tradition was to serve our country. Another uncle, Charles Greer, served in Korea and me in Vietnam. My granddaughter Kekoa is now serving in the US Air Force in Alaska.

I have been a proud member of the VFW Post 6742 for many, many years. But sadly, our post is dying. We have supported many Rose Queen pageants, softball and baseball teams and provided many awards to students through programs like the Patriot Pen contest each year.

We have helped many veterans passing through town who didn't have the money to go any farther. We have sent gift baskets to soldiers in the Middle East and supported their wives here while they were away on missions.

We visited many hospitals and brought them cookies. We honor our dead on Memorial Day celebrations, but we are dying. We write letters for those who are seeking additional support from the VA. The list goes on and on. But we are dying.

We have had our post broken into multiple times. Thieves have stolen our lawnmowers, our chairs, our sound system, our BBQ grill, food, our refrigerators and yes, even our stove. We are dying.

We need more members to carry on. We cannot continue on the path we are on. We need past members to step up and new members to join us. You can help. If you know someone who has served, please tell them about us. We meet on the first Thursday of every month at 6 p.m. at 603 E St.

James Medrano is our

current commander; he can be contacted at 661-619-7497. I am the chaplain, Steve Davis, at 661-486-2797. You may leave us a message, and we will get back to you. Thanks for trying to keep us alive.

**Steve Davis**  
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*'We honor our dead on Memorial Day celebrations, but we are dying.'*

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Barbara Gladden was the recipient of the Community Service award.



The Young Person of the Year award went to Charlotte Franz.

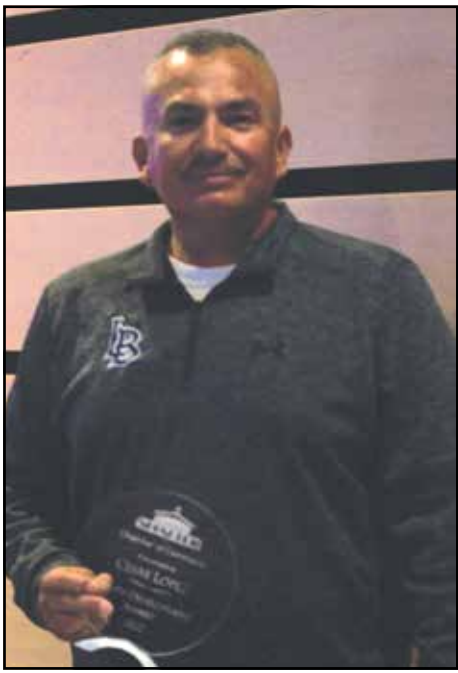
# Chamber salutes outstanding citizens

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Person of the Year. This honor went to Charlotte Franz. Franz is an outstanding student who shines not only in the classroom, but throughout the community as well. She is active in the Shafter Young Adults Theater, as well as the Shafter Learning Center, and several other organizations. Franz currently is holding a perfect 4.5 GPA at Shafter High School, while taking a full load of Advanced Placement classes. Franz is a good example of hard work and what can be accomplished with determination and a good support system. Franz thanked her family for all of their support and guidance.

The Citizens of the Year award went to Vincent and Julie Wilson. The couple have been helping run a food distribution program at Jesus Saves Church for for more than a dozen years. They began packing food on their own and driving around and giving it to those families in need. They received support from Pastors Steve and Lori Seymour, and they even built a building next to the church to house the food and hold the program. Vincent thanked their pastors, as well as everyone involved in helping out with the program. “We started this because I felt a calling to do it, we knew it was the right thing for us,” said Wilson. Julie Wilson also thanked everyone involved and also commented that they were just as blessed by the program as the people that they bless, week in and week out. “We are so blessed, and we are so thankful for the chance to be a part of this wonderful project.”

Cesar Lopez was honored with the



Cesar Lopez received the Youth Development award.

Youth Development award. Lopez has been a long-time coach of girls softball, including a traveling team currently competing. Lopez said that he started coaching while his girls were playing, wanting to spend more time with them and be involved in their experience.

“I don’t have any kids left in the program, but really, they are all my kids,” said Lopez. “I am so proud to be a part of this and to be a positive part of their lives. I am most proud of seeing these girls grow up to be productive young ladies in the community.”

Gilbert Alvarado received the Humanitarian Award for his commitment to the city. Alvarado has served on the Shafter City Council for two decades, as well as a member of several clubs and organizations in town, including the Shafter Lions Club. Alvarado was instrumental in the return of the Shafter Christmas Parade, which has become a Shafter staple once again. Alvarado said that he has had a great time serving the people of Shafter and is thankful for the opportunity. He also had some heartfelt words for the late Jon Johnston, who, Alvarado said, was a giving leader. “I thought of him as a mentor, and I owe him a lot,” said Alvarado. “I really didn’t get a chance to tell him thank you, so I want to say it now.”

Barbara Gladden received the Community Service Award. Gladden was instrumental in bringing the AYSO soccer leagues to Shafter, enabling the community to have a chance to play soccer without having to travel. Gladden also helped with the leagues, as well as with the Shafter High Soccer programs. She has been a champion for the Safe Surrender cause here, even organizing a baby shower at the Shafter Fire Station for a Safe Surrender Week celebration, collecting a large amount of baby supplies for the cause.

“I love Shafter, and I haven’t been afraid to tell everyone I know it. I used to talk about Shafter so much when I was working in Bakersfield that a few of the people actually made a trip to Shafter to find out what all of the fuss is about,” she said.

Gladden has served in several clubs and organizations, including the Shafter Wom-

an’s Club, the Shafter High Boosters Club and many others. Gladden also helped lead a Domestic Violence Awareness program at Shafter High School, having a booth at lunchtime giving out information and talking to the kids about the importance of being aware of the domestic violence issue. “I have loved working for these causes, and being involved in the greatest city you can live in,” said Gladden.

Nick Riddick received the Community Champion Award. Riddick has been the animal control officer for the city for over 10 years. Riddick has led the department into partnerships with rescue organizations, as well as Petco, using their store as an adoption event site, giving the shelter’s animals a better chance of finding that forever home. He has also been a champion for educating the community on the importance of treating their pets as members of the family. He has held informational workshops, as well as being active on their social media pages to help educate people and give them help in supporting their four-legged family members.

Riddick has led free pet food giveaways for those pet owners who may need some help, as well as bringing the SNIP Bus to Shafter, giving the community an affordable option for getting their pets spayed and neutered.

“I have loved serving the city of Shafter and look forward to continuing to educate and help the community love their pets as one of the family.”

Riddick said that he wants to thank his hard-working staff as well as the community for making his job a great one.

# State of the City: Big growth for Shafter

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Shafter Police Department has made Shafter one of the safest cities in the state, using advanced technology and an important part of the department’s strategy. Chief Kevin Zimmermann has implemented a proactive stance on crime, deterring the crime element from taking a stronghold in the community.”

Givens said that the planned addition of a substation will even increase the effectiveness of the department’s performance. “The Police Department will have an increased presence in the Gossamer Grove area, improving on its already effective re-

sponse times on emergency calls.”

Addressing the concerns some residents have had about the condition of the downtown area, Givens pointed out that the council has recently formed a Downtown Development Committee, giving direction to improving the area. “We are planning several events downtown, including the Community Resource Fair and Pop-Up event scheduled for May 5. We also are giving special attention to the small businesses downtown, helping them maintain and improve their operations through tax incentives and programs.”

Givens also said that the develop-

ment of Shafter’s new parks will give the families of Shafter more opportunities to keep active and keep their focus inside the city of Shafter. “We have a 40-acre sports complex going up off of Lerdo Highway by the Shafter Recreation Department, as well as a new park in Northern Shafter off of Fresno Avenue. These will increase the options for Shafter’s youth, with new basketball courts, ball fields and an activity center.”

The youth of Shafter have a unique opportunity here, according to Givens. “We are the only city in the area that has its own city-run library, complete with a Learning Center, classrooms and educational programs to stimulate their minds and bodies.”

Givens gave the audience a look at Shafter’s future and vision, saying that the city and its residents “are expanding its dreams, and realizing its possibilities.”

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# A pool guy you can count on at Big Joe's

VERONICA JACUINDE  
Wasco Tribune

Big Joe's Pool Service launched earlier this year and is off to a great start. Joseph Munoz and his wife, Allisyn are the owners.

Before opening his own business, Munoz worked servicing pools for another company, where he learned the ropes and accumulated expertise that would eventually serve him well in his new role.

Munoz is a long-time resident who grew up in Shafter, and said he enjoys working there and in Wasco.

So far, business is good.

"It's exciting to see it start to pick up even more."

Some of his services include balancing chemicals, brushing the perimeter of the pool, equipment maintenance, netting out everything in the pool and emptying out the skimmer and pump basket.

"That would be weekly service, but I also do one-time services to get pools ready for the summer season. I do chlorine

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washes if needed, and filter cleans."

He does pool service throughout the year, even in the winter.

"I keep the pool blue because you don't want to leave your pool drained during the rough weather."

Munoz emphasizes dependability in his business. "You can always count on me to show up on the day of the week that is scheduled," he says.

He offers free quotes, and his prices are competitive.

"We provide a service that is top of the line. You can call and get a quote from a bigger company from a place like Bakersfield, and you'll find that their prices are higher."

He credits his early success to the support of the community.

"The nice thing about growing up in a small community is that you grow up with everybody; many people want to see you do well and put in a good word for you."

Munoz is also a youth pastor for Valley



Joseph Munoz with his wife, Allisyn, and their baby, Ezra.

Bible Church in Shafter. He said the values and morals he learned from this benefitted him in his new business.

"I love the ministry. God has put me in front of people that have been able to help

me out, so it's been a real blessing."

One of the church members, Justin Medlock, introduced him to the profession.

"He hired me to service some of his pools. I still work with him. He gave me the opportunity to learn the trade and get my business off the ground."

Munoz graduated from Fresno State in 2018 and always knew he would return home.

"It is because I grew up locally and had a heart for the community, which is why I came back after college to start my family and raise my family in this area."

He has big hopes for the future.

"I pray that God will allow me to continue to work hard, to give glory up to him as I can work with my hands and serve other people in the community."

Joe's Pool Service, a mobile service, is open Monday through Friday from 6 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. To schedule a free estimate or for more information, call 661-314-2697. You can also follow them on Instagram @bigjoespool-service

## This weeks Super Students



Karl F. Clemens Elementary School announced its Super Students for the week of March 20. 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.

Front row, from left: Claudio Canseco (2nd grade) and Evelyn Mendez (kindergarten).

Middle row, from left: Dylan Q. Barboza (4th), Laura H. Chavez (5th), Jose Gonzalez (2nd) Not Pictured and (not pictured) Roberto Vargas (3rd).

Back row: Vice Principal Anabel Garrison.



The Students of the Month at Shafter High.

## SHS students of month

Shafter High School named its Students of the Month for the month of March, with each student receiving a certificate to commemorate the event.

The students displayed exemplary work in the classroom, earning them a place on the list.

The honored students are: Mariana Morales Rosales, Cassandra Gutierrez, Rubi Perez Navarro, Hector Lopez Montano, Jacqueline Rodriguez Nunez, Joselyn Valdovinos Moreno, Christian Vega, Alan Fierro Gomez, Alessandra Valle, Aubree Brown, Leah Romo, Samuel Zavala, Luis Salgado Reyes, Aracely Liera Lopez, Gerardo Valenzuela, Nato Barajas, Jorge Torres Rincon, Marley Munoz, Dario Garcia, Jade Porter, Veronica Rodriguez, Jose

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Negrete Tapia, Alexis Castro Ruiz, Isabel Jimenez, Ashley Espinoza Miranda, Marcus Rodriguez, Cadence Cruz, Rubi Perez Navarro, Alexander Ortiz Araiza, Alexia Ramirez, Marco Hernandez Chavez and Landon Monreal.

Shafter High School honors those students who have shown outstanding progress and performance in the classroom. They exhibit the traits of Generals and the pride and spirit that goes with the blue and gold of Shafter High. Principal Russell Shipley said that he is proud of these students and pleased to recognize them for their accomplishments.

# Kiwanis Club honors community members

JAMIE STEWART  
The Shafter Press

The California-Nevada-Hawaii Kiwanis District 33 held a meeting and awards luncheon at Hodel's Country Dining recently, covering over 400 clubs in the western region of the United States.

The district's governor, Valarie Brown-Klingelhoef, was in attendance and presented two awards to Shafter community members for their years of service to their community.

Lt. Governor Ricardo "Chief" Ibarra also helped honor the pair of recipients. They gave a Community Service Award to Ronald Pierce, board chairman of the Minter Field Air Museum. Pierce has been serving the community of Shafter for over three decades, giving of his time and resources for the community of Shafter.

Pierce has led the museum in its effort

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Helen Gaeda receives a Distinguished Service Award.

to give Shafter a glimpse into the history of the United States military, and the important role that Minter Field played in it throughout the years.

He also has donated his time to different efforts that benefit the youth of Shafter, including special events during the holi-



Pierce with Lt. Governor Ibarra and Governor Brown-Klingelhoef.

days, such as visits from Santa Claus and giving the kids a chance to get an up-close look at real military vehicles and aircraft.

Another Distinguished Service Award went to Helen Gaeda. Gaeda recently retired director of the Shafter Kiddie Kollege. She spent over 30 years serving the

youth of Shafter, as a teacher, mentor and director. Gaeda also has given her time and expertise in several other projects in the community, from special events, such as carnivals, fairs, and resource fairs, to events such as dinners, luncheons and service projects for the community.

## PASTOR'S CORNER

# Strong disagreements

RUBEN ZARTMAN  
Ebenezer Reformed Church, Shafter

God's word often exposes the sins of God's people. In that way, the Bible is a tremendously honest and forthright book. Even in the case of heroes and giants in the faith, the reality of failure or unfortunate behavior is recorded.

I'm thinking specifically here of Paul and Barnabas. They were old friends – Barnabas brought Paul into the church in Jerusalem (Acts 9:27). They worked together in the church in Antioch (Acts 11:25–26). They had been companions in missionary labor, with its attendant hardships (Acts 13–14). They fought together against doctrinal error (Acts 15:2). And yet these two had such a strong disagreement that they had to go their separate ways.

When Paul proposed visiting the

churches they had started before, Barnabas wanted to take his nephew, John Mark, with them (Acts 15:36–37). Paul was opposed to that, because John Mark had flaked out on their first missionary journey (Acts 13:13). Neither one would give in, things apparently got heated ("The contention became so sharp that they parted from one another," Acts 15:39), and they each set out in a different direction.

That's a sad, though very common and realistic story, as far as that goes. It teaches us to be humble and not to think that arguments and disagreements can never come to ruin our relationships, even with those who are close to us and with whom we



have a long history.

This is a tough conflict because both parties also had a point. Paul was going out to the front lines of missionary endeavor. He and Silas would wind up in prison, before all was said and done. He needed team members he could count on. But Barnabas wasn't just blinded by family ties. John Mark was a person worth investing in for the future.

In this unexpected story, there are at least three blessings:

At the time, Paul took Silas and went west; Barnabas took John Mark and went south (Acts 15:39-41). The conflict between laborers meant there was more la-

bor done, in more directions. Blessings resulted from both.

For us now, the lessons about conflict and disagreement are still important. There is a time to strike out in different directions; but there is room in the kingdom of God for different kinds of work. Not everyone is suited to the "front lines." But that doesn't make them useless.

Years later, Paul would write that Mark was profitable to him (2 Timothy 4:11). Barnabas's investment in his nephew paid off. The guy who chickened out became really useful, even to Paul. History tells us that he labored with Peter, and ultimately wrote the Gospel of Mark.

What an encouragement, that God's grace doesn't leave us where we were!

Rev. Ruben Zartman has been the pastor at Ebenezer Reformed Church in Shafter since 2017.



## OBITUARIES

### Robert Edward Clancy Sept. 16, 1937 – Feb. 22, 2023

Robert E. Clancy, 85, of Bakersfield, entered into the arms of God in Heaven on Feb. 22, 2023. He was born in Burlingame, to Robert and Mary Clancy on Sept. 16, 1937. His childhood was spent in Northern California, as well as in Bahrain, while his father worked for Standard Oil. His childhood was spent alongside his sister and brother, Susan and Charlie.

Bob was an excellent golfer as a teenager at San Mateo High School, which



gave him an opportunity upon graduation to play the sport and continue his education at the College of San Mateo. After a year, he chose to pause his education and serve his country by enlisting in the U.S.

Navy from 1956 to 1962. During this time, Bobby was also a member of the Navy's golf team, and he traveled extensively to participate in invitational tournaments. He received an honorable discharge as a petty officer second class.

Bob then returned to his education, attending UC Santa Barbara, where he played golf for the Gauchos and eventually earned a place in their sports Hall of Fame for his career on the links. He graduated with his bachelor of arts in sociology and met his future wife, Carolyn Camp-

bell. The two were married in Bakersfield on July 24, 1965.

After jobs at Sears and Signal Oil Refinery in Bakersfield, Robert began his legendary teaching career at Maple School in Shafter in 1968. He dedicated the next 35 years of his teaching career to the students at Maple School as their lone 8th grade teacher until he retired in 2002, having endeared himself to hundreds of junior high school students and their families where he is still remembered to this day. His time spent teaching, mentoring and coaching junior high

students was a source of inspiration to those who knew and loved him.

He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Clancy, daughter Dana (Clancy) Hamilton and husband Kevin Hamilton, daughter Teresa (Clancy) Tudor and husband Dan Tudor, son Scott Clancy and wife Irene (Pena) Clancy, daughter Erin (Clancy) Vradenburg and husband Mike Vradenburg, as well as nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Family and friends are welcome to attend his service, which will pay tribute to Bobby's service to his country with full military honors at the Bakersfield National Cemetery at 10:45 a.m. on Wednesday, March 22, 2023, followed by a luncheon at Luigi's Italian Restaurant in Bakersfield.

Bobby will forever be remembered and cherished by his family and friends, who will continue to live out the life lessons he taught us all, as he rejoices with the Lord for eternity in this next chapter of his life in Heaven.

### Mary Louise Payne Dec. 1, 1928 – March 17, 2023

Mary Louise Payne, 94, of Shafter, went to be with the Lord on the morning of Friday, March 17th.

Louise was born on Dec. 1, 1928, in Leachville, Ark., to L.B. and Myrtle Johnson. She spent her childhood in Southeast Missouri, the eldest of six children.

Growing up on a farm in a rural community, her parents instilled in her a strong work ethic that she made sure to pass on to her children. At a young age she realized the value of a good education and knew teaching would be her vocation.

Post WWII was a time when teachers were in desperate need, so at 19 years of age she began a teaching



career that would last for 43 years. She taught in both Missouri and California, all while raising four children and attending evening and summer courses to complete her degree. She truly was a child of the "Greatest Generation."

Our mom met the love of her life in Missouri at 5 years old. We have all been regaled with the story of Mom and Dad meeting

on the railroad track while walking to school. Dad loved to tell that story! They celebrated 68 happy years together in 2017.

For 30 years, Mom and Dad attended Calvary Bible Church, where she lent her beautiful voice to the choir. They traveled with the Shafter Trailer Club on monthly and cross-country trips. Along the way they made many lifelong friends. A life well lived.

Louise was preceded in death by her parents and four siblings; her first husband, Arvil Trowbridge, who was killed in an accident, and in 2017 her beloved husband Lyndon Payne.

She is survived by three sons; Danny (Barb) Payne, Stevie (Mary) Payne and Greg (Karen) Payne; a daughter, Regina (Jim)

Hart, and a sister, Joan Brewer, of Texas. Her legacy continues through her grandchildren, great grandchildren and great-great grandchildren.

The family would like to express their gratitude to the Magnolia Place assisted living/memory care facility for their love and care of Mom. They treated Mom as if she were family, and we felt they were family as well.

Also, thank you to Hoffman Hospice for their compassionate care during her final days.

There will be a private viewing with a service to be held on Friday, March 31, at 10 a.m. in the chapel at Peters Funeral Home in Shafter. A graveside service will follow at Shafter Memorial Park.

### Jerry D. Bozarth 1933 – 2023

Jerry D. Bozarth, "Bo," 89, passed away at home on Friday, March 17, 2023.

An interment ceremony at Wasco Memorial Park will be Saturday, March 25, at 10 a.m.

Services will be held at Christ Community Church on Saturday, March 25, at 11 a.m., with a luncheon to follow at the church.

There will be a viewing



at Peters Funeral Home, 1401 7th St., Wasco, on Friday, March 24, from 4 to 8 p.m.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
**Marcela's Investments**  
**2023-B1155**  
922 7th St  
Wasco, CA 93280  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
422 James St Suite #11  
Shafter, CA 93263  
La Imperial Taqueria  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by: Corporation  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Marcela A Garcia, C.E.O.  
Date Statement Filed: 02/21/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 02/21/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: P Del Villar  
Publish Wasco Tribune March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
**Alexander's Auto Repair**  
**2023-B1283**  
530 Main Street  
Delano, CA 93215  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
530 Main Street  
Delano, CA 93215  
Bryan Steven Alexander  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Bryan S. Alexander, Owner  
Date Statement Filed: 02/27/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 02/27/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: J Lozano  
Publish Wasco Tribune March 2, 9, 16, 23, 2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
**CrossPointe Baptist Church of McFarland, California**  
**2023-B1190**  
103 W. Sherwood Avenue  
McFarland, CA 93250  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
P.O. Box 760  
McFarland, CA 93250  
Sonrise Baptist Church  
of Clovis, California  
93619  
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA  
The business is conducted by: Corporation  
Date the business commenced: September 17, 2017  
/s/Mark D. Johnson  
Board Chairman/Agent for Service of Process  
Date Statement Filed: 02/22/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 02/22/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: A. Goodwin  
Publish Wasco Tribune March 9, 16, 23, 30, 2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
**Kay Equipment Company**  
**2023-B1422**  
**Delano Rental Plaza**  
103 W. Sherwood Avenue  
McFarland, CA 93250  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
P.O. Box 760  
McFarland, CA 93250  
Sonrise Baptist Church  
of Clovis, California  
93619  
State of Incorporation or Organization: CA  
The business is conducted by: Corporation  
Date the business commenced: September 17, 2017  
/s/Mark D. Johnson  
Board Chairman/Agent for Service of Process  
Date Statement Filed: 02/22/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 02/22/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: A. Goodwin  
Publish Wasco Tribune March 9, 16, 23, 30, 2023

**2023-B1423**  
1005 Trenton St  
Delano, CA 93215  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
1005 Trenton St  
Delano, CA 93215  
Raymond Haig Kay  
Thelma Anne Kay  
The business is conducted by: Married Couple  
Date the business commenced: 04/01/1979  
/s/Thelma Kay  
Date Statement Filed: 03/03/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 03/03/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: J Lozano  
Publish Wasco Tribune March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
**Kern ITS**  
**2023-B1584**  
800 E. St Unit 235  
Wasco, CA 93280  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
800 E. St Unit 235  
Wasco, CA 93280  
West Coast DT Solutions LLC  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company  
Date the business commenced: 01/10/2023  
/s/Benjamin Villalobos, Manager  
Date Statement Filed: 03/09/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 03/09/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: P Del Villar  
Publish Wasco Tribune March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
**Rafa Farms**  
**2023-B1733**  
761 Hayden Ave  
McFarland, CA 93250  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
761 Hayden Ave  
McFarland, CA 93250  
Ana H Cervantes  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Ana H Cervantes  
Date Statement Filed: 03/16/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 03/16/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: P Del Villar  
Publish Wasco Tribune March 23, 30, April 6, 13, 2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE FOR CHANGE OF NAME CASE NUMBER: BPP-18-003255**  
TO ALL INTERESTED PERSONS:  
1. Petitioner: Joshua Mungle and Jennie Mungle filed a petition with this court for a decree changing names as follows:  
Present Name  
Bryan Jeremiah Chocoteco  
Proposed Name  
Jeremiah Vincent Mungle  
2. THE COURT ORDERS that all per-

sons interested in this matter appear before this court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least two court days before the matter is scheduled to be heard and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted. If no written objection is timely filed, the court may grant the petition without a hearing.  
**NOTICE OF HEARING**  
a. Date: 4/17/2023 Time: 8:30 a.m. Dept: J-1  
b. The address of the court is: SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KERN, Juvenile Justice Center, 2100 College Ave., Bakersfield, CA 93305  
3. a. A copy of this Order to Show Cause shall be published at least once each week for four successive weeks prior to the date set for hearing on the petition in the following newspaper of general circulation, printed in this county: Wasco Tribune  
b. Other (specify): Biological parents of minor to be served as required by CCP sec. 1277  
Date: December 6, 2022  
/s/Andrew B. Kendall  
Judicial Officer  
Publish Wasco Tribune March 16, 23, 30, April 6, 2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
Trustee Sale No. F2211001 Loan No. RODCELIS Title Order No. FWKNT022001972 APN 487-122-14-00 YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST DATED 02/28/2021. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDINGS AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER. On 04/12/2023 at 10:00AM, CHICAGO TITLE COMPANY, a California corporation as the duly appointed Trustee under and pursuant to Deed of Trust March 10, 2021 as Document No. 221045240 of official records in the Office of the Recorder of Kern County, California, executed by: Torak Celis Rodriguez and Maria Elena Celis, as Trustor, in favor of Gregg Manston, Debra Coppie and Ross Manston, as Beneficiary, WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH (payable at time of sale in lawful money of the United States, by cash, a cashier's check drawn by a state or national bank, a check drawn by a state or federal credit union, or a check drawn by a state or federal savings and loan association, savings association, or savings bank specified in section 5102 of the Financial Code and authorized to do business in this state). At: The front entrance to the City Hall, 1501 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, CA 93301 all right, title and interest conveyed to and now held by it under said Deed of Trust in the property situated in said County, California describing the land therein: SEE EXHIBIT "A" ATTACHED HERETO AND MADE A PART HEREOF BY REFERENCE EXHIBIT "A" Legal Description For APN/Parcel ID(s): 487-122-14-00 THE LAND REFERRED TO HEREIN BELOW IS SITUATED IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA IN COUNTY OF KERN, STATE OF CALIFORNIA AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS: LOTS 155, 156 AND 157 OF LEWISTON TRACT NO. 2 ACCORDING TO THE MAP THEREOF RECORDED OCTOBER 15, 1937 IN BOOK 4, PAGES 93, 94, 95 AND 96 OF MAPS, KERN COUNTY RECORDS, BEING A PORTION OF THE SOUTH HALF OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SAID SECTION 7 AS CONDEMNED TO AND IN FAVOR OF THE COUNTY OF KERN. AS SHOWN IN VARIOUS FINAL JUDGMENTS OF RECORD. EXCEPTING UNTO GRANTORS HEREIN ALL OIL, GAS, MINERALS AND OTHER HYDROCARBON SUBSTANCES, INCLUDING GEOTHERMAL RIGHTS BELOW A DEPTH OF 500 FEET, WITHOUT THE RIGHTS OF SURFACE ACCESS, BY DEED RECORDED APRIL 22, 2008, DOC. NO. 0208061796 OF OFFICIAL RECORDS. Beneficiary: (909) 869-0088 Beneficiary: Gregg Manston, Debra Coppie and Ross Manston, PO Box 343, Claremont, CA 91711 The property heretofore described is being sold "as is". The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. NONE GIVEN AS TO APN 487-122-14-00: DIRECTIONS MAY BE OBTAINED BY WRITTEN REQUEST SUBMITTED TO THE BENEFICIARY, GREGG MANSTON, DEBRA COPPLE AND ROSS MANSTON, PO BOX 343, CLAREMONT, CA 91711; WITHIN 10 DAYS FROM THE FIRST PUBLICATION OF THIS NOTICE. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at a trustee auction. You will be bidding on a lien, not on the property itself. Placing the highest bid at a trustee auction does not automatically entitle you to free and clear ownership of the property. You should also be aware that the lien being auctioned off may be a junior lien. If you are the highest bidder at the auction, you are or may be responsible for paying off all liens senior to the lien being auctioned off, before you can receive clear title to the property. You are encouraged to investigate the existence, priority, and size of outstanding liens that may exist on this property by contacting the county recorder's office or a title insurance company, either of which may charge you a fee for this information. If you consult either of these resources, you should be aware that the same lender may hold more than one mortgage or deed of trust on the property. WITH REGARD TO RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY ONLY (1-4 DWELLINGS): NOTICE TO TENANT: You may have a right to purchase this property after the trustee auction pursuant to Section 2924m of the California Civil Code. If you are

an "eligible tenant buyer," you can purchase the property if you match the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. If you are an "eligible bidder," you may be able to purchase the property if you exceed the last and highest bid placed at the trustee auction. There are three steps to exercising this right of purchase. First, 48 hours after the date of the trustee sale, you can call (714) 730-2727, or visit this Internet Web site www.servicelinkasap.com, using the file number assigned to this case F2211001 to find the date on which the trustee's sale was held, the amount of the last and highest bid, and the address of the trustee. Second, you must send a written notice of intent to place a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 15 days after the trustee's sale. Third, you must submit a bid so that the trustee receives it no more than 45 days after the trustee's sale. If you think you may qualify as an "eligible tenant buyer" or "eligible bidder," you should consider contacting an attorney or appropriate real estate professional immediately for advice regarding this potential right to purchase. NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: The sale date shown on this notice of sale may be postponed one or more times by the mortgagee, beneficiary, trustee, or a court, pursuant to Section 2924g. The law requires that information about trustee sale postponements be made available to you and to the public, as a courtesy to those not present at the sale. If you wish to learn whether your sale date has been postponed, and, if applicable, the rescheduled time and date for the sale of this property, you may call (714) 730-2727 or visit this Internet Web site www.servicelinkasap.com, using the file number assigned to this case F2211001. Information about postponements that are very short in duration or that occur close in time to the scheduled sale may not immediately be reflected in the telephone information or on the Internet Web site. The best way to verify postponement information is to attend the scheduled sale. Said sale will be made, but without covenant or warranty, expressed or implied, regarding title, possession, or encumbrances, to pay the remaining principal sum of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust, with interest thereon, as provided in said note(s), advances, if any, under the terms of the Deed of Trust, estimated fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to-wit: \$13,879.54 (Estimated) Accrued interest and additional advances, if any, will increase this figure prior to sale. The Beneficiary may elect to bid less than their full credit bid. The beneficiary under said Deed of Trust heretofore executed and delivered to the undersigned a written Declaration of Default and Demand for Sale, and a written Notice of Default and Election to Sell. The undersigned caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located and more than three months have elapsed since such recordation. SALE LINE PHONE NUMBER: (714) 730-2727 I Web site address: www.servicelinkasap.com DATE: 3/13/23 CHICAGO TITLE COMPANY FORE-

CLOSURE DEPARTMENT 7330 N. Palm Avenue Suite 101 Fresno, CA 93711 (559) 451-3700 A-4777639 03/23/2023, 03/30/2023, 04/06/2023 Wasco Tribune

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING BEFORE THE KERN COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**  
A public hearing will be held before the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern on April 25, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., at the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, First Floor, Kern County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, to consider the following request(s):  
Kern County Public Works; Streets and Highways - Nonsummary Vacation - Map No. 56; A Nonsummary Vacation of a portion of Prospect Avenue, beginning approximately 125 feet east of Wasco Avenue and terminating approximately 140 feet east from the point of beginning to facilitate the California High-Speed Rail development; property located at Prospect Avenue between Wasco Avenue and Poplar Avenue in the Wasco area (A complete legal description is on file with the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department.) (Environmental Review: Common Sense Exemption, Section 15061(b)(3)) Nicole Huiskens, Planner II (661) 862-8738 or HuiskensN@kerncounty.com  
The Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department has determined that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and that, therefore, under the provisions of Section 15061(b)(3), State CEQA Guidelines, such activity is not covered by the requirements set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act.  
Persons seeking additional information on this matter should contact the Staff planner (listed above) assigned to this case at the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department. We encourage the submittal of written comments by April 5, 2023, so that those comments may be considered when Staff formulates its recommendation; however, written comments may be submitted any time prior to, or at, the public hearing. Written comments may be sent to the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department, 2700 "M" Street, Suite 100, Bakersfield, CA 93301.  
Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard in said matter may appear at said hearing or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken on this request in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing.  
By order of the Board of Supervisors. DATED March 17, 2023 /s/KATHLEEN KRAUSE Clerk of the Board of Supervisors County of Kern Publish Wasco Tribune March 23, 30, 2023



OBITUARIES

**David Howard Cornn Sr.**  
**Oct. 6, 1939 -**  
**March 13, 2023**  
David Howard Cornn Sr., 83, of Stroud, Okla., passed away March 13, 2023, at St. Francis Hospital in Tulsa, Okla. David was born Oct. 6, 1939, in Towns County, Ga., the son of the late Jesse Andrew Cornn and Geneva Black Cornn.



He was preceded in death by his parents; brothers John Estes Cornn, Jack Ray Cornn, James "Jimmy" Harold Cornn and George Millard Lunsford Junior; and his sisters Lougene Cornn Ritchie, Bessie Cornn White, Joyce Cornn Arrendale and Flonell Cornn.

David graduated from Rabun County High School in 1957 and went on to complete his education with a bachelor of accounting and master of education in special education from the University of Houston, with administration, reading and math certificates. He entered the United States Marine Corps in 1959 and retired as a master sergeant after 22½ years of service, including two tours of Vietnam and two tours in Japan.

He went on teach ROTC, mathematics, and special education for 30 years in Texas and California, until he retired in 2012. David loved the outdoors, working on cars, trading cars (or just about anything he could trade), making his signature biscuits and gravy, and any excuse for a road trip. He never met a stranger and loved to travel and find a local hole-in-the-wall restaurant for a good meal.

He loved to work with his hands and was a great carpenter in his spare time, an excellent storyteller and even better cook, treating those he loved the most to his signature chocolate cake and homemade fudge with pecans. He treasured his family both immediate and extended; he made multiple cross-country trips over the years to attend family reunions, class reunions, graduations, weddings and any sporting event he could manage to get to for his grandchildren. Aging rarely slowed him down, and he never hesitated to wrestle his older grandchildren or get on the floor to play and chase the youngest grandchildren.

David was survived by his wife of 42 years, Margaret Ann (LaRue) Cornn, of Stroud, and his children David Howard Cornn Jr. of Ellijay, Ga., Candice (Joseph) Cornn Carden-Chambers of Canton, Ga., Amelia (Scott) Cornn Robertson of Canton, Jonathan (Genevieve) Cornn of Riverside, Calif., and Jessica (David) Cornn Brackeen of Stroud, and his brother Sandy (Evelyn) Lunsford of Tiger, Ga.

**Monica (Perales) Lamirand**  
**Jan. 10, 1957 -**  
**March 7, 2023**  
Monica (Perales) Lamirand, 66, of Shafter, passed away on March 7, 2023, from cancer, surrounded by her family.



Monica was born on Jan. 10, 1957; she grew up in Shafter. During her childhood, she could be found helping her siblings with their homework - "She has always been so smart." She played tennis during high school. And she could be found cruising around town.



Carl Lamirand met the love of his life working down at a potato shed. He remembers the day perfectly on July 5, 1979. As their love grew, so did their family. Soon came Carl Ray, followed by his sister, Christine. Bowling was a game they liked to play together. Humorous stories have been told about her

intense bowling style. They enjoyed going to Stateline the most (Whiskey Pete's served them well). Everyone in the family owned one of her handmade crocheted blankets. They surround us like warm hugs. Monica enjoyed going to the casino, playing the lottery (she even won the Fantasy 5 twice!), crafting (self-taught crocheting, later even teaching her own mother and niece this wonderful skill), needlepoint, canvas work, macrame, sewing), working on puzzles, playing games such as cards (rummy), dominos, Jewel Quest, darts and listening to country music.

Food also was an amazing trade she possessed. She learned how to cook from her Nana, making Sunday menudo, potato/macaroni salad for barbecues, a Spanish rice that was to die for and an extra sweet treat for her son's birthday, dirt cake. She always included the whole family in holidays and birthdays. She would have done anything for us. Kind, selfless and generous are words that are often used to describe this wonderful woman. We would like to thank God for the time he shared her with us. We will carry her memories with us forever and continue to live by the values she instilled in us.

Monica is survived by Carl Lamirand (husband), Carl Ray (son), Christine (daughter), Steven and Becky (stepson) and eight grandchildren; Irene Perales (mother), David and Karen, Danny and Pat, Dana Perales (brother and sister), and many nieces and nephews.

DEATH NOTICES

**Loretta Dirksen**, 90, of Bakersfield, passed away March 7, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.  
**Jesus Gutierrez**, 60, of Wasco, passed away March 9, in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

**Abelardo "Lalo" Trevino**, 45, of Wasco, passed away March 16, in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.  
**Monica Lamirand**, 66, of Shafter, passed away March 7, in Shafter. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.

**Rudolph M. Chacon**, 80, of Shafter, passed away Feb. 25, in Shafter. Basham & Lara Funeral Care, Shafter.  
**Maria Elena Yanez**, 87, of Bakersfield, passed away March 18, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

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# Boxing Club will lead Cinco de Mayo Festival

From Page 1

Ayon and the group will ride in the Cinco de Mayo Festival Parade and will also be a part of the festivities at Mannel Park after the parade, holding an exhibition at the park, showing off some of the members' skills.

Ayon, who is not comfortable talking about the accolades bestowed upon him and his team, said that he has never been in it for the fame or recognition, but he is still honored and pleased by the confirmation that he is doing something good and right.

One community member that Ayon

wanted to single out was City Councilmember Gilbert Alvarado. Alvarado has been a major support for the group since its inception. "Gilbert has been in our corner all of the way and has been a major motivator for me, encouraging me and the team to keep reaching for our dreams," said Ayon. He also wanted to thank his wife and kids who have been so supportive. Ayon also thanked the Shafter Boxing Club's team parents, who have made this success possible. "All of the parents and the kids are part of my family."



Founder Miguel Ayon and members of the Shafter Boxing Club are the Grand Marshals this year for the Shafter Cinco de Mayo Festival.

## PUBLIC NOTICES

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Palm Inn**  
**2023-B1689**

2128 Hwy 58 Business Route East  
Mojave, CA 93501  
County: Kern  
2128 Hwy 58 Business Route East  
Mojave, CA 93501  
Ma Amba Inc  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by: Corporation\*  
Date the business commenced:  
03/08/2023  
/s/Kamlesh Prajapati, Secretary  
Date Statement Filed: 03/14/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 03/14/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: M Hernandez  
Publish Shafter Press March 23, 30,  
April 6, 13, 2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Iamfluff Productions**  
**2023-B1686**

1213 N. Chester Ave.  
Bakersfield, CA 93308  
County: Kern  
6077 Coffee Road Ste 4-421  
Bakersfield, CA 93308  
James Thompson Harley  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/James Thompson Harley  
Date Statement Filed: 03/14/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 03/14/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: P Del Villar  
Publish Shafter Press March 23, 30,  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Monarch Memorial**  
**2023-B1150**

2801 F Street  
Bakersfield, CA 93301  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
844 E. Lerdo Hwy.  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Clarmar Enterprises  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by: Corporation\*

Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Richard C. Woody, CEO  
Date Statement Filed: 02/21/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 02/21/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: J Lozano  
Publish Shafter Press March 2, 9, 16,  
23, 2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Marcela's Investments**  
**2023-B1154**

189 E. Lerdo Hwy  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
Mailing address of business:  
422 James St Suite #11  
Shafter, CA 93263  
La Imperial Taqueria  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by: Corporation\*  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Marcela A Garcia, C.E.O.  
Date Statement Filed: 02/21/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 02/21/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: P Del Villar  
Publish Shafter Press March 2, 9, 16,  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Big Joes Pool Service**  
**2023-B1292**

414 Atlantic Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
414 Atlantic Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Joseph Alexander Munoz  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Joseph Alexander Munoz  
Date Statement Filed: 02/27/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 02/27/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: P Del Villar  
Publish Shafter Press March 2, 9, 16,  
23, 2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Starrh Farms**  
**2023-B1386**

29985 Fresno Ave  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
P.O. Box 1537  
Shafter, CA 93263  
ASTarrh, Inc.  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
BStarrh, Inc.  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
CStarrh, Inc.  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
DStarrh, Inc.  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
FStarrh, Inc.  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
JStarrh, Inc.  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by: General Partnership  
Date the business commenced:  
01/01/2023  
/s/DeeAnn Edick, President, DS-tarrh, Inc.  
Date Statement Filed: 03/02/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 03/02/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: A Goodwin  
Publish Shafter Press March 9, 16,  
23, 30, 2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**JV Auto Repair**  
**2023-B1269**

140 Walker Street  
Shafter, CA 93263  
County: Kern  
140 Walker Street  
Shafter, CA 93263  
Jose Alfredo Sosa  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced:  
06/01/2001  
/s/Jose Alfredo Sosa  
Date Statement Filed: 02/27/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 02/27/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: P Del Villar  
Publish Shafter Press March 9, 16,  
23, 30, 2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Precision Mechanix**  
**2023-B1054**

349 Western Dr  
Bakersfield, CA 93309

County: Kern  
349 Western Dr  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
Heroel Cervantes Santana  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Heroel Cervantes Santana  
Date Statement Filed: 02/15/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 02/15/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: P Del Villar  
Publish Shafter Press March 9, 16,  
23, 30, 2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**Zen Fade Spa**  
**2023-B1417**

6416 Vancouver Drive  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
County: Kern  
6416 Vancouver Drive  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
Priscilla Beltran  
The business is conducted by: Individual  
Date the business commenced: N/A  
/s/Priscilla Beltran  
Date Statement Filed: 03/03/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 03/03/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza  
Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: P Del Villar  
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23, 30, 2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business**  
**Name Statement**  
**David Road TIC**  
**2023-B1364**

5100 California Ave, Suite 234  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
County: Kern  
5100 California Ave, Suite 234  
Bakersfield, CA 93309  
Blue Mine LLC, A California  
Limited Liability Company  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
P & R Almond Orchards, Inc.  
State of incorp. or org.: CA  
The business is conducted by: Joint Venture  
Date the business commenced:  
2/1/2023  
/s/Arnold Cattani, Jr., Manager  
Date Statement Filed: 03/01/2023  
Date Statement Expires: 03/01/2028  
Aimee X. Espinoza

Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
By: A Goodwin  
Publish Shafter Press March 16, 23,  
30, April 6, 2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**SHAFTER CITY COUNCIL**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on April 4, 2023 at 6:00 p.m., in the Council Chambers of Shafter City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California, the Shafter City Council will conduct a public hearing to consider the following:  
Revised Tentative Tract Map No. 7244 Extension of Time: A request for a two-year extension of time (EOT) for this subject map to subdivide 126.03 acres into 395 single-family residential lots ranging in size from 5,508 square feet to 22,223 square feet, one city lot, one landscape lot, one private street lot, one common lot, one school site, two park sites, one sump lot, and one drill site. The project site is located on the north side of Seventh Standard Road between the Calloway Canal and the Friant Kern Canal. If approved, this current EOT would extend the map to February 15, 2025. On August 15, 2017, the City of Shafter adopted Resolution No. 2543 for Revised Tentative Tract Map (RTTM) No. 7244 to expire August 15, 2017. On September 3, 2019, the City adopted Resolution No. 2673 approving a two-year extension of time for RTTM No. 7244 to expire August 15, 2021. Per Assembly Bill No. 1561, RTTM No. 7244 was granted an automatic 18-month extension of time to expire February 15, 2023. The applicant has timely filed this most current EOT request. Said hearing is open to the public and all persons interested are invited to attend and be heard. Copies of the project 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 to the City Clerk at City Hall, 336 Pacific Avenue, Shafter, California 93263 or by e-mail at [sesselman@shafter.com](mailto:sesselman@shafter.com). Anyone challenging any proposed development

entitlement listed in this notice in court may be limited to raising those issues addressed at the public hearing described in this notice or in written correspondence delivered to the City Clerk at, or prior to, the public hearing.

In compliance with AB 361 and the Resolution Declaring the Existence of a Local Emergency Relating to the COVID-19 Pandemic, adopted by the City of Shafter City Council, public meetings are currently Teleconference/Video Conference Meetings aligned with local and federal guidelines and social distancing recommendations for the containment of the Coronavirus. You are strongly 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, April 4, 2023 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 City Council and applicable Staff, for review and consideration by the Council prior to acting on any matters listed on the agenda and are incorporated into the official record of the City Council meeting.  
Dated: March 13, 2023  
Yázmina Pallares, City Clerk  
Publish Shafter Press March 23, 2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**BEFORE THE**  
**KERN COUNTY BOARD OF**  
**SUPERVISORS**

A public hearing will be held before the Board of Supervisors of the County of Kern on April 25, 2023, at 2:00 p.m., at the Chambers of the Board of Supervisors, First Floor, Kern County Administrative Center, 1115 Truxtun Avenue, Bakersfield, California, to consider the following request(s):  
Kern County Public Works; Streets and Highways - Nonsummary Vacation - Map No. 79; A Nonsummary Vacation of a portion of Merced Avenue between Highway 43 and Poplar Avenue in the Shafter area to facilitate the California High-Speed Rail development; property located at Merced Avenue between Highway 43 and Poplar Avenue in the Shafter area (A complete legal description is on file with the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department.) (Environmental Review: Common Sense Exemption, Section 15061(b)(3)) Nicole Huiskens, Planner II (661) 862-8738 or [HuiskensN@kerncounty.com](mailto:HuiskensN@kerncounty.com)  
The Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department has determined that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment and that, therefore, under the provisions of Section 15061(b)(3), State CEQA Guidelines, such activity is not covered by the requirements set forth in the California Environmental Quality Act.  
Persons seeking additional information on this matter should contact the Staff planner (listed above) assigned to this case at the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department. We encourage the submittal of written comments by April 5, 2023, so that those comments may be considered when Staff formulates its recommendation; however, written comments may be submitted any time prior to, or at, the public hearing. Written comments may be sent to the Kern County Planning and Natural Resources Department, 2700 "M" Street, Suite 100, Bakersfield, CA 93301.  
Anyone wishing to present evidence or be heard in said matter may appear at said hearing or any continuation thereof. If you challenge the action taken on this request in court, you may be limited to raising only those issues you or someone else raised at the public hearing described in this notice, or in written correspondence delivered to the Board of Supervisors at, or prior to, the public hearing. By order of the Board of Supervisors.  
DATED March 17, 2023  
/s/KATHLEEN KRAUSE  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisor  
County of Kern  
Publish Shafter Press March 23, 30, 2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
**FOR PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY OF KERN'S**  
**FY 2020-21 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN**  
**EMERGENCY SOLUTIONS GRANTS PROGRAM**

On April 25, 2023, the Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing to provide the opportunity for public comment regarding a proposed amendment to the County of Kern's FY 2020-21 Annual Action Plan for Community Development Programs. Housing and Urban Development (HUD) extended the expenditure deadline through September 30, 2023 under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG) Program. Expenses incurred from January 21, 2020 through September 30, 2023 to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus are eligible for reimbursement. ESG provides funds to meet the following objectives: rapidly rehouse homeless individuals and families; improve the number and quality of emergency shelters for homeless individuals and families; help operate emergency shelters; provide essential services to shelter residents; engage homeless individuals and families living on the street; and prevent families and individuals from becoming homeless. ESG funds can be used within the County entitlement jurisdiction which includes unincorporated Kern County plus the City of California City, Ridgecrest, Shafter, and Tehachapi. The amendment is needed to allocate funding among allowable ESG activities and subrecipient providers as detailed below. Following the Public Hearing, the Board will be asked to approve the following amendment to the Action Plan:

\$100,000 Emergency Shelter	The Mission at Kern County
\$280,000 Emergency Shelter	The Open Door Network
\$225,000 Emergency Shelter	Women's Center High Desert

Immediately after the public hearing, the Board will consider the following actions:

- Approval of amendment to the County FY 2020-21 Annual Action Plan as provided herein;
- Authorization for the County Planning and Natural Resources Department to submit all documentation related to the amendment to HUD.

The public hearing is scheduled for:

Location: Board of Supervisors Chambers  
County Administrative Office  
1115 Truxtun Avenue, First Floor  
Bakersfield, California 93301  
April 25, 2023  
2:00 P. M. or thereafter

Comments and/or questions prior to the public hearing concerning the proposed substantial amendment can be directed to Catherine Vasquez, Housing Programs Manager at:

Planning and Natural Resources Department  
Community Development Division  
2700 M Street, Suite 250  
Bakersfield, California 93301  
Phone: (661) 862-5062  
Facsimile: (661) 862-5052  
TTY Relay: (800) 735-2929

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Publish Shafter Press March 23, 2023

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

**PROPOSED SUBSTANTIAL AMENDMENT TO THE COUNTY FISCAL YEARS (FY) 2019-2020 ANNUAL ACTION PLAN FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS**

On April 25, 2023, the County of Kern Board of Supervisors will conduct a public hearing to provide the opportunity for public comment regarding the following proposed amendment to the County's FY 2019-2020 Annual Action Plan (AAP) for Community Development (CD) Programs. The Board of Supervisors will consider the following proposed substantial amendment pursuant to Title I of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, and the County's Citizen Participation Plan. Subsequent to the public hearing, the Board of Supervisors may authorize the Department to amend the existing Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funded activity as follows:

**Cancel – CD Project No. 18.19.1 – City of Shafter – Mannel and Veterans Park Improvements**

On January 17, 2023, the City of Shafter passed Resolution No. 2902, which indicates its intent to Cancel CD Project No. 18.19.1. as CDBG program funding has been programmed to a newly created project for Rodriguez Park as Federal Funds under the Federal American Rescue Act of 2021 have been identified for related improvements planned for CD Project No. 18.19.1. As originally proposed, the project activities include design, construction and installation of a covered picnic area, replacement and upgrades to ornamental lighting, recreational equipment and related improvements. The service area of the project consists of the Shafter CCD (County Subdivision) area, of which contains 19,890 persons, 54.27% of which are low to moderate income (2018 HUD 2011-15 ACS LMISD). Section 570.208(a)(1)(i); 03F Parks, Recreational Facilities, Section 570.201(c) Public Facilities and Improvements

Immediately after the public hearing, the Board will consider the following actions as described above:

- Approve the proposed amendments to the County's FY 2019-2020 AAP for Community Development Programs; and,
- Authorize the County Planning and Natural Resources Department Director to submit all required documentation to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The public hearing is currently scheduled for:

Location: Board of Supervisors Chamber  
County Administrative Center  
1115 Truxtun Avenue, First Floor  
Bakersfield, California 93301

Date: **April 25, 2023**

Time: 2:00 PM or thereafter

Comments and/or questions, prior to the public hearing concerning the proposed amendments can be directed to James Golden:

Planning and Natural Resources Department - Community Development Division  
2700 "M" Street, Suite 250, Bakersfield, California 93301  
Department Phone: (661) 862-5020  
Facsimile: (661) 862-5052  
TTY Relay: (800) 735-2929

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