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## A new pine tree on Santa Fe? Not so fast

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

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The Shafter Planning Commission approved a request by APC Towers to install an 80-foot telecommunications tower that would be located at 3751 Santa Fe Way, allowing more telecommunication service in the area.

Jeremy Siegel of APC Towers was in the Tuesday night meeting, and said that the tower would be a "monopine tower" that would give the community a lot more coverage in the area. That type of tower has

several T-Mobile antennas, with the antennas and structure made to look like a pine tree. This kind of tower is proposed to make the structure be more pleasant aesthetically, as well as functionally. A brick retaining wall would surround the tower to protect it and the public. The project would increase the coverage in the area by over 35%.

The commission asked Siegel the height of the proposed tower, because the height requirement of towers and structures had been

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This is an example of a monopine tower, disguised as a pine tree.



Councilmembers Eddie Saldana, Valentin Medina, Miss Wasco Rose Queen Esmeralda Rodriguez, Mayor Alex Garcia and Councilmember Gilberto Reyna at the groundbreaking ceremony.

## Construction of downtown rehab project kicks off

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

**WASCO**

The Wasco Downtown Rehabilitation Project is underway.

On Monday, there was a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the start of the project to revitalize the downtown area and enhance local culture through green spaces and public art installations. The project will include low water use landscaping, ADA-compliant pedestrian facilities, shade trees, street furniture, seating areas, waste bins, improved lighting, murals, upgrades to parking lots and rehabilitating the 7th Street Park to include a new dog park area.

The city received \$5 million from the \$400 million set aside for local grants within the Clean Cali-

fornia Initiative as part of an overall \$1.1 billion multiyear clean-up and beautification initiative led by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans).

Assistant City Manager Maria Lara said the grant is significant. "It's a \$5 million investment into the downtown that we hope will attract new customers, jobs and businesses."

"We are very thankful to Caltrans for selecting us. It was very competitive, and due to the local community support, our project was ranked among the winners, and we were able to demonstrate our need and paint a clear long-term vision of how we want to see our downtown."

John Liu, deputy district direc-

tor with Caltrans District 6, said, "We're just so excited to be a partner for this beautification project. The governor's goal was to invest in communities and increase pride, and we are so thankful to be able to contribute to improving the downtown area."

About the groundbreaking ceremony, he said, "It's so great to have all facets of the community to come together. It demonstrates the city's pride, and I look forward to seeing this project's completion."

The groundbreaking ceremony began construction, with work on the parking lots and alleys underway.

City Manager Scott Hurlbert looks for completion of the project early in June. "That is the target.

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## Meet Wasco's new mayor, Alex Garcia

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

**WASCO**

Born and raised in Wasco, Alex Garcia is taking on the role of mayor for the third time. It is his continued love of public service that has kept him in local politics for almost a decade.

Garcia is a small business owner of a real estate company and director of the Kern Economic Development Corporation as a representative for Wasco.

He said that Wasco is a growing community with small-town values and is a great place to raise a family, start a business, buy a home and thrive.

As his third time as mayor (serving in 2019 and 2021), there are some things he plans to do the same, such as bringing back "Mondays with the Mayor."

"It was a monthly office hours open door session for  
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Mayor Alex Garcia believes his years on the Wasco City Council uniquely positions him to be an effective leader.

## New officers at Shafter Police Department

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

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The Shafter Police Department is continuing its mission of fielding the best team of officers in the county to serve and protect the city of Shafter. They

have had several new officers join the ranks, offsetting the departures of a few officers that have left to be a part of the new police department in Wasco, under former Shafter Police Chief Charlie Fivecoat.

Those leaving included a long-time veteran of the SPD, Lionel Lopez, who had been promoted to sergeant in the Shafter force. There were also a couple more officers and members of the dispatch staff who have moved to the  
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## Christmas at the Depot tree winners

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

**SHAFTER**

Christmas at the Depot is always a special time of year. Decorations are out, beautiful trees are on display, and the atmosphere is festive.

This year is no different. The Shafter Depot Museum held its annual Christmas event that included Christmas trees decorated by organizations, clubs and families, along the theme of The 1940s.

Residents perused the museum for several weekends, voting for their favorite tree. They also had an opportunity to greet Santa in their new caboose at the museum on one Saturday, along with entertainment by the Shafter Brass Band.

The theme highlighted the new caboose on display at the museum. Twelve trees were on display, with the winners here.

First place went to the Shafter Woman's Club, who had "Irving Berlin's White Christmas" as its theme. The ladies put on an elegant display with a white-flocked tree covered in ornaments of silver musical notes, snowflakes, crystals, a silver bead garland and homemade Christmas cards with 1940s-style pictures on the fronts of them. Each card was signed by one of the members of the Shafter Woman's Club.

Second place went to the City of Shafter for their "It's a Wonderful Life" theme.

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First place went to the Shafter Woman's Club. RIGHT: The City of Shafter got second place.

# 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

**Clean Air Rooms** – Free air purifiers available for Shafter residents. Supplies are limited. Friday, Jan. 12, 9-11 a.m., corner of Atlantic and North Valley streets.

**Colours coming** – Colours, a Celebration of the Arts, in Shafter Feb. 22-25.

## ONGOING

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

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

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

## MONDAY

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

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

## TUESDAY

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

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

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

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

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

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

## WEDNESDAY

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

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

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

## THURSDAY

**Wasco High School board** – Meetings the second Thursday of the month at 1900 7th St. in Room 202, or alternatively in Library Room 1101. Visit [wascouhsd.org](http://wascouhsd.org) for agenda information.

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

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

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

## FRIDAY

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

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

## SATURDAY

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

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

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

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

# Mystery history

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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:** Cawelo in 1942 at East of Lerdo Highway and Highway 99.



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## ARREST REPORT

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As reported by the Shafter Police Department

#### JAN. 4

Daniel Trejo, 22, of Shafter, was arrested for vandalism for \$400 or more.

#### JAN. 7

Carolina Victoria Rose Rios, 23, of Shafter, was arrested in the 600 block of Minter Avenue for disorderly conduct: alcohol.

Alejandra Yasenia Astorga, 29, of Shafter, was arrested at South Rieker and Rodriguez avenues for disorderly conduct: under the influence of drugs.

### BUTTONWILLOW

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

#### DEC. 20

Armando Lopez-Diaz, 25, of Lost Hills, was arrested in the 14000 block of Lost Hills Road in Lost Hills for assault with a firearm on person. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### DIXON BLANCO, 27, OF

Lost Hills, was arrested in the 14000 block of Warren Street in Lost Hills for trespassing at a public business and obstruction, resisting and delaying a peace officer. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### JAN. 2

Abel Araujo, 33, of Wasco, was arrested in the 300 block of Central Valley Highway in Shafter on a felony warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### JAN. 5

Victor Aldaco, 48, of Lost Hills, was arrested in the 21100 block of Fresno Street in Lost Hills on three felony warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Gabriela Garza, 21, of Wasco, was arrested in the 300 block of Central Valley Highway in Shafter on a felony warrant remand. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

### WASCO

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

Yazmin Valdez, 31, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1700 block of Bay Meadow Drive for misdemeanor disorderly conduct: under the influence of drugs, refusing to leave property and obstructing an officer: resisting arrest. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### JAN. 3

Blanca Castillo, 49, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1700 block of Capistrano Avenue for felony infliction of corporal injury on a spouse. She was booked into

the Kern County Jail.

#### JAN. 4

Antonio Juarez Campos, 44, of Wasco, was arrested in the 900 block of Birch Avenue for felony vehicle theft and possession of a stolen vehicle. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Hidiberto Florentino, 39, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of E Street and 5th Street for misdemeanor possession of controlled substance, possession of controlled substance paraphernalia, and on felony bench war-

rants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Andrew Martinez, 20, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1000 block of Beckes Street for misdemeanor driving with a suspended license, possession of an open container in vehicle and on misdemeanor bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Joaquin Carranza Sanchez, 37, of Wasco, was arrested in the 600 block of Maple Avenue for misdemeanor possession of con-

trolled substance, possession of controlled substance paraphernalia, obstructing an officer: resisting arrest, and on misdemeanor bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

#### JAN. 5

Leo Arreola, 29, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Redwood Avenue and 7th Street for misdemeanor possession of controlled substance paraphernalia, and his misdemeanor bench warrants. He was cited and released at the scene.

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# Richland students perfect on state tests



The honored students with their families and staff.

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

A group of Richland School District students received perfect scores on their CAASPP Assessment tests recently. These tests are a measuring stick of how students are progressing in their educational journeys.

The California Assessment of Student Performance and Progress tests replaced the STAR state standardized tests in California in 2013.

The tests cover English, mathematics and social science. According to Richland Superintendent Rosa Romero, the results for last year's tests were made available recently and four Richland students received perfect scores.

The students were Zeyla Espinoza, now a fifth grader at Golden Oak Elementary; Carlie Acosta, an eighth grade student at

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Richland Junior High; Jesus Sainz, a sixth grade student at Golden Oak Elementary; and Miguel Chavez, now attending Shafter High School.

These students' dedication to academic excellence is truly impressive and make them great role models for their peers as they work to excel.

"These students have showcased their exceptional abilities and proven themselves as top achievers," said Romero. She commented that the students have been working hard to ensure their success, especially after recovering from covid challenges.

"The Richland School District congratulates them and their families for their remarkable accomplishments and wishes them continued success in their academic journeys," Romero said.

# Public Works has plans for Shafter in 2024

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

**SHAFTER**

If you drove by Stringham Park on Monday, you might have seen the city taking down a few trees on the site, but not to worry – they will be replaced.

Public Works Director Michael James said that the move is part of the Stringham Park Improvement Project. "The project does require the removal of a few trees at certain areas of the park, but there will still be the same amount of trees at the park when the project is completed," James said.

Stringham Park will be the new home for the Regional Transit Bus route and station. The area along Lerdo Highway, as well as part of the James Street side of the park will hold the bus stop, which includes a shaded bench area and parking spots. James said that one of the trees that was removed has already been relocated to Veterans Park. There also will be several mature trees that will be planted in a different area of the park.

The project is expected to be done in the first quarter of 2024. The cost of the project was funded by a Clean California grant and is expected to cost around \$1

million.

There are other projects that have the Public Works Department working hard to making the city beautiful, as well as functional.

Almost near completion is the James Street Streetlight Enhancement Project, which has the addition of new street lights along James Street, getting the area well-lit and more attractive.

A project that will be started construction on in the first quarter of 2024 is the long-awaited Shafter Aquatic Center improvement project. The project will cost about \$3 million and is being funded by a federal grant. Construction will begin in early 2024, with this phase of the project focusing on making the pool functional and possible to be reopened. It is expected to be completed by the summer of 2024.

Also beginning construction next month is the Skatepark Equipment Replacement Project. Located East Euclid Avenue, at the site of the Shafter Youth Center, this project will include new skate park equipment, resurfacing of the con-



A rendering is of the new proposed skatepark in Shafter.

crete and some landscaping and lighting. The project has a budget of around \$800,000.

Projects just in the beginning design phases are appraisals of right-of-way needed for the Roundabout Project at Highway

43 and Los Angeles Avenue. There also are design services being contracted for the Sidewalk and Bicycle Lane Improvements at Highway 43 in North Shafter. The design services have been budgeted at \$100,000.

# Rev. Preciado bids farewell to St. John's

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

After three years of serving as pastor for St. John the Evangelist Parish, Rev. Guillermo Preciado is stepping down.

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"I want to take a moment to thank God for a year filled with blessings and for allowing me to be with you in this wonderful St. John the Evangelist Parish for three Christmas seasons," Preciado said in a note to his congregation. "With sadness and regret, I announce that effective Wednesday, January 3, I will leave the parish to focus on my health and spiritual growth"

He explained what happened. "Recently, I asked our Reverend Bishop Joseph Brennan to allow me a six-month sabbatical, which he has approved. I have truly enjoyed my time in this Wasco community and with you. I pray he continues to bless and guide you now and throughout your life."

"As I say goodbye to you, I take many beautiful memories and all of you in my heart. I hope our paths will cross again.



Reverend Guillermo Preciado with the St. John's Women's Society members after Mass.

May the Lord bless you abundantly always. May it all be for the love of God."

A member of the parish, who was not

authorized to speak for the church, said there are priests from the area who are helping with scheduled Masses and other

events, such as weddings and quinceaneras. The bishop has not appointed a replacement priest to serve the church.

## ARREST REPORT

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**WASCO**

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

Stephanie Villegas, age 34, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of D and 6th streets for misdemeanor possession of controlled substance paraphernalia. She was cited and released at the scene.

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Jose Manuel Sanchez Navarro, 28, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Griffith Avenue and 5th Street for misdemeanor DUI and reckless driving. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Michael James Smith, 33, of Wasco, was arrested near the intersection of Poso Drive and Birch Avenue for

felony carrying a dirk/dagger, possession of a controlled substance, showing false ID to an officer, and on felony and misdemeanor bench warrants. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

**JAN. 7**

Jose Alberto Carrillo, 47, of Wasco, was arrested in the 600 block of F Street for misdemeanor disorderly conduct: drunk in public. He was booked

into the Kern County Jail.

Humberto Medina Garcia, 53, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1200 block of 9th Street for felony CCW in vehicle, and misdemeanor disorderly conduct: drunk in public. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Alejandra Medina, 35, of Wasco, was arrested in the 900 block of Iris Street for misdemeanor willful cruelty

to child. She was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Alex Humberto Medina, 23, of Wasco, was arrested in the 900 block of Iris Street for felony CCW in a vehicle, carrying a loaded firearm, misdemeanor willful cruelty to child, disorderly conduct: drunk in public, and destroying and concealing evidence. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Edgar Jovany Medina, 21, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1200 block of 9th Street for misdemeanor disorderly conduct: drunk in public and obstructing an officer: resisting arrest. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

Juan Perez, 3, of Wasco, was arrested in the 1200 block of 9th Street on a misdemeanor bench warrant. He was booked into the Kern County Jail.

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# Condors hockey game to benefit Tigers

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The Bakersfield Condors will host a charity hockey game on Saturday, Jan. 13, at 7 p.m. at the Mechanics Bank Arena to benefit the Wasco High School football team.

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benefit the Wasco High

Chad Martinez is the varsity head coach. "This season, we competed for a State Championship, and although we fell short, we were still State Regional Champions for the first time in Wasco High history. We will commemorate our Regional Championship with rings, which a portion of the proceeds from the event will help buy."

Martinez said the win was significant for the boys, whower deserving of the rings. "Many of them dreamed about this since they were five years old, and they put in the work and made their dreams come true."

He added that the community should come out and support this effort. "Because the rings will help create a lifetime memory not only for the boys but also for their families and the high school."



The Bakersfield Condors hockey team will go head to head against the San Jose Barracuda to benefit the Wasco High School football team.

He predicted a fun event. "Many students have never been to a hockey game, so this will be another first-time experience they are excited about."

Martinez extends a warm invitation. "Please join us for this event as the Condors will celebrate us and let us walk down on the ice for the halftime

show." Tickets are \$25 and can be purchased online by visiting Facebook at Wasco High Football.

# A new pine tree on Santa Fe Way?

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raised last year to 120 feet. "The proposed tower is at a height of 80 feet," said Siegler. The resolution was approved by a unanimous vote.

In other action, JBI Oil has a fleet station located next to the Tin Cup, operating a gasoline station and service station.

They were applying for a conditional use permit to remove underground storage tanks located at the site and replace those tanks with above-ground tanks. They also will be replacing the fuel dispensers with new dispensers. This is being done because underground tanks tend to leak, as well as

the difficulty in detecting leaks.

The motion was approved, allowing the removal of the underground tanks and replacing them with new above ground tanks. The project is estimated to take about six months to complete.

Commissioner David Piuser asked if

the tanks would be horizontal or vertical, and it was indicated that the storage tanks would be vertical and the fuel tanks would be horizontal. There is also a lube station on the site, but JBI Oil said that this project would not affect the operations of the service part of the station.

# Construction of downtown rehab kicks off

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We've had to overcome some hurdles, including having to rebid certain portions of the project," he said.

"We've also had supply chain challenges. To overcome this, the city has pre-purchased

some of the materials so that delays won't impact contractors. Covid slowed us down in the beginning, but now we're on track and excited to see the finished streetscape."

He added that the \$5 million grant will be enough to cover the cost of the project

based on the current budget.

Councilmember Gilberto Reyna said, "The Downtown Rehabilitation and Beautification project is all set to create an extraordinary experience for everyone, with a new plaza and pavilion, dazzling lighting,

comfortable seating areas, colorful art, decorated alleyways, park enhancements, outstanding landscaping and improved parking. The downtown area will soon be the epicenter of excitement, bursting with new features and amenities for all to enjoy."

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# An inspiring commitment to community

**VERONICA JACUINDE**  
Wasco Tribune

**WASCO**

For many, few hobbies are as rewarding as volunteering. For Stephanie Mixco, it isn't just a pastime — it's an essential part of her life's fabric.

"Volunteering keeps me up and going. It's where I meet new people, extend a helping hand and find comfort in being part of a family."

Stephanie started volunteering in her teens and first became involved with the Wasco Community Volunteer Coalition with leader Camilo Vasquez.

She said of the experience, "It was incredible. I loved organizing the events and seeing people enjoy them throughout the year. Especially the kids when we would do coloring or face painting. Watching the kids run

around and get their toys was the best."

Also, as a teenager, she volunteered for the former Wasco Downtown Association.

"That organization was run by my aunt, Tania Cordova. She taught me a lot about how to contact the vendors, network with other organizations, be a leader, be a public speaker, be respectful, work as a team and more importantly, how to multitask."

"It was a great experience again putting on events for the people of Wasco. We hosted the Dia de los Muertos and the Christmas Parade."

She leveraged those skills that she developed and brought that knowledge to her next volunteer position, which was with the Orange Heart Foundation, where she worked closely with one of the founders, Orquidea Ocampo, taking on the role as her right-hand assistant, carrying out a myriad of tasks.

"Everything from organizing baseball and basketball games to making and selling food."

"Some of my favorite OHF projects were helping with the father-daughter dances, the music festival and the Wine and Roses event."

While part of the OHF, she also lent a hand with the basketball organization, 2nd to None, with Eddie Velasquez. "I was a scorekeeper for the basketball games, keeping track of the points and helping them clean up."

Then covid hit, and she took a break, but in 2022-23, she returned and joined the Wasco Rose Festival committee.

"I became the vendor coordinator and a member of the board. In this capacity, I took a higher role on the committee, spear-



Stephanie Mixco with her aunt, Tania Cordova, at the Orange Heart Foundation music festival in 2018.



Stephanie Mixco with Wasco Rose Festival committee member Sharon Sharp at the Orange Heart Foundation father-daughter dance in 2023.

heading the recruitment of vendors and taking on a bigger leadership role."

For her contribution, she received a key to the city pin presented by then-Mayor Gilberto Reyna, recognizing her for her volunteerism and for playing a crucial part in organizing the event as part of the committee.

"I felt honored and happy to receive a pin that symbolizes the effort I have put in to better my community and help make Wasco the special place it is."

Orquidea Ocampo said, "Stephanie Mixco has made a big difference in the Wasco community through her hard work and

dedication to the Orange Heart Foundation and Wasco Rose Festival. Her commitment has given hope and support to those in need, and she's a great example of how volunteering can make a real impact in our small town of Wasco."

Another Wasco Rose Festival team member who has worked closely with Stephanie, Sharon Sharp, said, "Stephanie is the epitome of selfless volunteerism. She doesn't do it for glory or praise, but truly loves serving this community. Seeing her grow from a student volunteer to a true leader has been inspiring. She does it all with a servant's heart and positive attitude."

**YOUR VIEW**

## Mindful beginnings

With the New Year here, many are considering what will be on their list of resolutions, and mental health should be top of mind.

A recent study shows that in 2023, one of the highest reported New Year's resolutions was to improve mental health (36%), reflecting a growing recognition of mental well-being as pivotal to our overall quality of life and highlighting a collective commitment to prioritize self-care and emotional resilience in the coming year.

The state of mental health in America continues to decline, with a mere 31% of Americans describing their mental health as "excellent" — a record low. While the collective recognition of prioritizing mental health is a step in the right direction, many people setting resolutions may not stick to them, with the majority losing their resolve as early as February.

So, as we plan our resolutions for the year ahead, here are some easy ways to implement and execute your mental health resolutions in 2024:

**Find and establish a solid support system.** A robust support system is a cornerstone of mental well-being, providing a crucial safety net during inevitable challenges. When surrounded by understanding friends, family, or mentors, individuals are better equipped to navigate stressors, share burdens, and find solace in times of need. The interconnectedness of a strong support system not only validates emotions but fosters a sense of belonging and resilience, ultimately contributing to main-



Rhonda L. Randall, D.O.

taining positive mental health.

**Reset your mind and body.** Adequate sleep is a cornerstone of mental health, pivotal in cognitive function, emotional regulation, and stress resilience. According to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, a third of us sleep less than seven hours a night. Insufficient sleep has been shown to negatively impact mental health, leading to impaired cognitive function, emotional regulation, and an increased vulnerability to mental health challenges. It is recommended for adults to sleep seven or more hours a night to keep the mind healthy.

**Don't be afraid to talk to a professional.** Engaging with your primary care physician or a mental health professional offers a unique and confidential space to express thoughts and emotions without judgment, fostering self-aware-

ness and understanding. A primary care physician or trained therapist both provide valuable insights, coping strategies, and evidence-based interventions tailored to individual needs, helping to navigate challenges and promote emotional well-being. Seeking professional help is a proactive step towards mental health, offering a guided journey of self-discovery and equipping individuals with the tools necessary to manage and overcome various mental health issues.

**Check your health insurance coverage.** You may be surprised to learn that your health insurance plan offers mental health benefits, which may include digital self-help tools, in-person and virtual visits, coaching and employee assistance programs, allowing you to access support in a variety of ways. People with mild behavioral health needs may find digital self-help tools and virtual coaching as good places to start. If you have any questions, call the number on your insurance card for more information.

Embracing a commitment to self-care and emotional resilience represents both a personal vow and a

societal pledge toward fostering a healthier and more compassionate world. As we venture into the new year, this shared commitment can help us to build a future where mental health is regarded with the importance it deserves.

For more information about mental health resources, visit [uhc.com](http://uhc.com).

Rhonda L. Randall, D.O., is chief medical officer of United HealthCare.



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The Lady Generals are ranked #4 in Kern County. RIGHT: Aliyah Escalera is only a freshman but has been a major contributor to the team.

# Lady Generals dominant in early SSL play

**JAMIE STEWART**  
The Shafter Press

## SHAFTER

The Shafter High Lady Generals basketball team has enjoyed some success the past few years, with this year's campaign no different, as they head into SSL play with an 11-5 record, 2-0 in the SSL.

The squad, coached by Shawn Pennell and his staff, have been one of the best teams in the SSL for the past few seasons, with a co-championship last year, sharing the title with McFarland.

One of the "benefits" of having such success, though, is the system that the CIF has in place that places teams in different divisions when it comes playoff time.

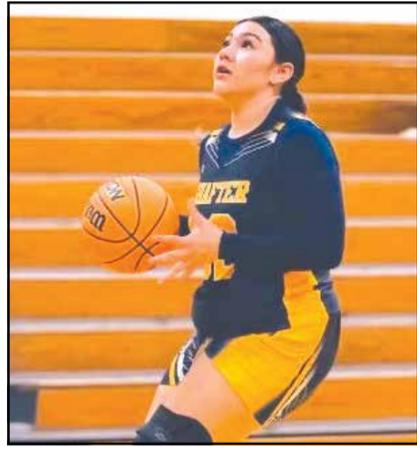
The CIF has "rewarded" them with placing them with teams two and three times their size. The past couple of years the Lady Generals have been up against powerhouses such as Bakersfield and

Frontier high schools. But Shafter is getting better for the experience and have been improving their record each year. They have come to be viewed at the same level as those teams that they used to look up at in the rankings.

The Lady Generals are currently ranked #17 out of 127 teams in the Central Section, and ranked #4 in Kern County, including all of the divisions. Shafter is 11-5 overall, with three of their losses to teams that are State-ranked. They are 2-0 in the early SSL season, outscoring Chavez and Taft by a combined score of 128-41.

The team won their own basketball tournament and also finished in third place in the Arvin Holiday Showcase, with a win over Centennial, who is currently ranked in the top ten in the entire section.

Pennell said, "This is also with a fairly



Alexia Ramirez is a starter for the Generals. RIGHT: Senior point guard Addyson Hanner.



young team, so this group could be looking at really big things before they are done."

The squad includes only four seniors, with six sophomores, a junior and a fresh-

man. The starting lineup is three sophomores, a freshman and a junior.

"These girls have been a joy to coach and I can't wait for them to reach their potential."

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Business was conducted by: Limited Partnership  
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# Meet Wasco's new mayor, Alex Garcia

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 residents, business owners and community groups to visit with me about matters affecting our community. It was also an opportunity for residents to get to know me on a personal, in-depth level. I met many amazing people and doers in the community last time we held this series. I look forward to another successful year with these office hours.”

There are things he will do differently. “I’m eager to work closer with our business community. Both large and small businesses have an intrinsic stake in the direction our community is heading in. As Wasco continues to grow, every voice must be included at the table. As a small business owner, I would like to see the Wasco Chamber of Commerce return so that we

can continue providing vital resources and support to business owners in Wasco.”

Garcia said he was inspired to pursue the role of mayor because of his passion for local government. “But let’s be clear about the roles and responsibilities of the title. As small-town politics would have it, Wasco traditionally rotates the position of mayor amongst your sitting council members. Nevertheless, it does require the appointment and approval of my council colleagues, which I unanimously received.”

He hopes to focus on key initiatives and priorities during his tenure as mayor. “First and foremost is the successful implementation of the Wasco Police Department. That is paramount. Making sure we get this right the first time is our responsibility to our residents.”

Continuing to foster a thriving business community is also very important to him. “It has given us so much growth in recent years. For example, we’ve seen big box brands like Ross, Grocery Outlet and Dutch Bros join our city. Still, we’ve also seen the growth and expansion of local businesses, from California Home Pros establishing a new and bigger location in addition to La Imperial Taqueria taking over the old Teresa’s Mexican Restaurant. We’ve also seen an explosion of entrepreneurship locally since the pandemic. All this means Wasco is growing in a positive direction. And I’m so proud to be leading during this time.”

“Finally, seeing through the completion of the demolition of the former farm labor housing complex, which is currently underway and estimated to be about half-

way to completion. It’s been a long time coming since the last time I was mayor. It’s thanks to the city staff for stewarding this fight every step of the way.”

He sees one of the most pressing challenges facing Wasco is a housing shortage on two fronts.

“Besides the persistent need for affordable housing in our community, Wasco also lacks move-up housing. You might ask what that means. In my opinion, that is the larger and bigger homes that people need when they outgrow their starter home. And when Wasco families are ready to do that, unfortunately, we lose them to other communities.”

His first office hours will be Monday, Jan. 29, from 4 to 6 p.m. at La Imperial Taqueria at 441 F St.

## OBITUARIES

**Wyona Louise Snyder "Nonie"**  
 Nov. 15, 1935 –  
 Dec. 28, 2023



Nonie went to be with her Lord. She passed away in her sleep at home.

Wyona Louise Snyder was a loving soul who graduated from Shafter High School in 1953. A Shafter native, she is preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, brother James Everett and parents Minnie and Leon Templeton.

She leaves behind her daughter and caregiver,

Rhonda, and husband, Richard Strange; her three grandchildren, Johnny Wayne VanWinkle Jr.,

Heather Louise Allred with husband Jeremy, and Shanna Michele Bayaca with husband Alfredo; five great grandchildren, Bryce, Brendan, McKenzie, Makenzie and Kaydence; and her many longtime friends and neighbors.

A service is being held Saturday, Jan. 13, at 11 a.m. at First Southern Baptist Church, 250 Kern St., Shafter.

If you would like to send flowers, please send to 333 S. Dennison Rd. #35, Tehachapi 93561.

## DEATH NOTICES

**Arturo Rodriguez**, 64, of Wasco, passed away Jan. 3, in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

**Alta Fern Mitchell**, 87, of Bakersfield, passed away Dec. 30, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

**Alberto Flores Ranjel**, 106, of Wasco, passed away Jan. 2, in Wasco. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

**Patrick Dewayne Newman**, 70, of

Bakersfield, passed away Dec. 31, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Shafter.

**James Alan Garrison**, 76, passed away Jan. 1, in Auburn, Mich.

**Sue E. Stinnett**, 88, of Wasco, passed away Jan. 7, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

**Kenneth Settlemire**, 84, of Wasco passed away Jan. 7, in Bakersfield. Peters Funeral Home, Wasco.

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# New officers at Shafter Police Department

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 department in Wasco. The Shafter Police Department continues to strengthen its force with new trainees who have completed their field training, now serving as patrol officers. These include Officer Samantha Callagy and Officer Nathan Castillo.

Sergeant Randy Milligan, who is in the position of Acting Chief in the absence of Chief Kevin Zimmermann, congratulated the new officers and the entire department is working hard in keeping Shafter one of the safest cities in Kern County.



**Officer Samantha Callagy completed her field training and is now a solo patrol officer. RIGHT: Officer Nathan Castillo joins the ranks at the Shafter Police Department after completing his field training.**

Another standout in the department is Officer Jennifer Garcia, who represented the Shafter Police Department at the annual Lift-a-thon, hosted by the Bakersfield Police Department last month. The event attracted departments from all over Kern

County and the surrounding areas. For the second year in a row, Garcia won the award for the Top Female Lifter at the

event. Also on the horizon is the new substation located at Gossamer Grove, which is

scheduled to be completed in 2024. A \$6 million state grant is making the substation possible.

# Christmas at Depot's tree competition

**From Page 1**  
 Twinkling lights highlighted black and white photos of Shafter life. Featured local images meant to stir up feelings of Shafter pride.



**Maynard family won the Curator's Award.**

The tree was covered with golden stars, glittering colorful ornaments, crocheted snowflakes and vintage inspired ornaments. Topping the tree was a velvet and red ribbon trimmed in gold holding a crown of cotton branches.

Added to the décor for the tree was the Shafter afghan from the Shafter Centennial celebration in 2013.

The Camacho family, making their debut in the contest, was awarded third place.

They entered their tree with the theme of "Disney's Dumbo, 1941."

The tree captured the hearts and imaginations of the visitors with its many elements. The tree had a stuffed Dumbo at the top, and many different garlands cascading below of real strung popcorn, admit-one tickets in red and blue, and the red and white striped ribbons. There was a wooden toy circus train full of animals that had puffs coming from the smokestack.

There also were wooden ornaments with characters from the 1941 Disney classic.

The bottom of the tree sat in a sparkling red Christmas tree color that made the viewer think of the stand a circus master used to stand on.

While all of the trees were special, there

was one tree that was pointed out by the Curator's Award, which is the tree that best embodies the spirit of the theme of 1940s.

The Maynard family's tree was titled "Vintage Christmas Memories." The tree was decorated with ornaments from Grandma Maynard's collection, along with glass balls covered in velvet ribbons and lace, glass birds, snowmen, angels, bells, and much more.

The display also included vintage red and silver spire topped the tree while underneath was filled with many Christmas goodies.

## PETS OF THE WEEK

### Come and meet Gus

Gus is ready to meet his new family. Could it be you? Gus is a 1-year-old husky mix. He is great with other dogs and is adored by the staff. Gus's adoption fee will include neutering him as well as his first shots. You can visit this guy at the Wasco Animal Shelter at 5409 7th Street in Wasco. Please call first for an appointment, 661-758-7240.

-Wasco Animal Shelter



## Introducing Bear

Bear came into the Wasco Animal Shelter as a stray. He is approximately 10 to 12 months old, and is a male shepherd/corgi mix. He is great with staff and other dogs. It is unknown if Bear is house/crate trained at the time. Dogs are

not tested with children. His behavior toward children is unknown. Bear will be available for adoption on Friday, Jan. 12.

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

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

More information is available by emailing [rifigueroa@cityofwasco.org](mailto:rifigueroa@cityofwasco.org) or [masilva@cityofwasco.org](mailto:masilva@cityofwasco.org).

-Wasco Animal Shelter



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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
**Dollar Mart**  
**2023-B7493**  
 2226 Central Ave, Unit B Shafter, CA 93263  
 County: Kern  
 2226 Central Ave, Unit B Shafter, CA 93263  
 Firendley LLC  
 2226 Central Ave, Unit B Shafter, CA 93263  
 State or incorp. or org.: CA  
 The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company  
 Date the business commenced: 11/27/2023  
 /s/Saleh Alhassan, Manager  
 Date Statement Filed: 11/29/2023  
 Date Statement Expires: 11/29/2028  
 Aimee X. Espinoza  
 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
 By: P Del Villar  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
**Freeline Design Group LLC**  
**2023-B7725**  
 814 18th Street Bakersfield, CA 93301  
 County: Kern  
 814 18th Street Bakersfield, CA 93301  
 Freeline Design Group LLC  
 814 18th Street Bakersfield, CA 93301  
 State or incorp. or org.: CA  
 The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company  
 Date the business commenced: 12/11/2023  
 /s/Jeremy Stevens, CEO  
 Date Statement Filed: 12/12/2023  
 Date Statement Expires: 12/12/2028  
 Aimee X. Espinoza  
 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
 By: Z Arellano  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
 T.S. No. 104685-CA APN: 028-241-11-00-1 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE  
 IMPORTANT NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNER: YOU ARE IN DEFAULT UNDER A DEED OF TRUST, DATED 11/1/2007. UNLESS YOU TAKE ACTION TO PROTECT YOUR PROPERTY, IT MAY BE SOLD AT A PUBLIC SALE. IF YOU NEED AN EXPLANATION OF THE NATURE OF THE PROCEEDING AGAINST YOU, YOU SHOULD CONTACT A LAWYER On 2/28/2024 at 10:00 AM, CLEAR RECON CORP, as duly appointed trustee under deed pursuant to Deed of Trust recorded 11/9/2007 as Instrument No.

0207226297 of Official Records in the office of the County Recorder of Kern County, State of CALIFORNIA executed by: ROQUE BARRERAZ AND ARMIDA BARRERAZ, HUSBAND AND WIFE, AS JOINT TENANTS WILL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION TO HIGHEST BIDDER FOR CASH, CASHIER'S CHECK DRAWN ON 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 and State described as: MORE FULLY DESCRIBED ON SAID DEED OF TRUST The street address and other common designation, if any, of the real property described above is purported to be: 380 EAST ORANGE AVENUE, SHAFTER, CA 93263 The undersigned Trustee disclaims any liability for any incorrectness of the street address and other common designation, if any, shown herein. Said sale will be held, but without covenant or warranty, express or implied, regarding title, possession, condition, or encumbrances, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said Deed of Trust, to pay the remaining principal sums of the note(s) secured by said Deed of Trust. The total amount of the unpaid balance of the obligation secured by the property to be sold and reasonable estimated costs, expenses and advances at the time of the initial publication of the Notice of Sale is: \$194,141.02 If the Trustee is unable to convey title for any reason, the successful bidder's sole and exclusive remedy shall be the return of monies paid to the Trustee, and the successful bidder shall have no further recourse. 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 or its predecessor caused said Notice of Default and Election to Sell to be recorded in the county where the real property is located. NOTICE TO POTENTIAL BIDDERS: If you are considering bidding on this property lien, you should understand that there are risks involved in bidding at

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**Cleaning Lady Duo**  
**2024-B0074**  
 3909 Raider Dr Bakersfield, CA 93304  
 County: Kern  
 3909 Raider Dr Bakersfield, CA 93304  
 Anaiz Garcia  
 3909 Raider Dr Bakersfield, CA 93304  
 Cruz Noelia Mendoza  
 9009 Duncanson Dr Bakersfield, CA 93311  
 The business is conducted by: General Partnership  
 Date the business commenced: N/A  
 /s/Cruz Mendoza  
 Date Statement Filed: 01/03/2024  
 Date Statement Expires: 01/03/2029  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
**JKV Notary Services**  
**2023-B7802**  
 5060 California Ave Ste 150 Bakersfield, CA 93309  
 County: Kern  
 2630 Park Way Bakersfield, CA 93304  
 Drakob LLC  
 2630 Park Way Bakersfield, CA 93304  
 State of incorp. or org.: CA  
 The business is conducted by: Limited Liability Company  
 Date the business commenced: 08/27/2023

/s/Jacob Carlos Arevalo, Managing Member  
 Date Statement Filed: 12/18/2023  
 Date Statement Expires: 12/18/2028  
 Aimee X. Espinoza  
 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
 By: M Hernandez  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
**Smart Shipping and Services II**  
**2023-B7280**  
 3122 Niles St Ste B Bakersfield, CA 93306  
 County: Kern  
 2509 Kramer Dr Bakersfield, CA 93309  
 Nora Imelda Romo  
 2509 Kramer Dr Bakersfield, CA 93309  
 The business is conducted by: Individual  
 Date the business commenced: 02/14/2019  
 /s/Nora Imelda Romo  
 Date Statement Filed: 11/16/2023  
 Date Statement Expires: 11/16/2028  
 Aimee X. Espinoza  
 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
 By: T Cabrera  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
**Design Mark**  
**2023-B7893**  
**Design Mark & Associates**  
**2023-B7894**  
 5401 Business Park South, Suite 217 Bakersfield, CA 93309  
 County: Kern  
 5401 Business Park South, Suite 217 Bakersfield, CA 93309  
 Mark Kenneth Ramsey  
 7702 Morningstar Ave. Bakersfield, CA 93306  
 The business is conducted by: Individual  
 Date the business commenced: 01/01/1990  
 /s/Mark Kenneth Ramsey  
 Date Statement Filed: 12/21/2023  
 Date Statement Expires: 12/21/2028  
 Aimee X. Espinoza  
 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
 By: T Cabrera  
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**Fictitious Business Name Abandonment Statement**  
**Flores Bees**  
 467 Ryan Dr Shafter, CA 93263  
 County: KERN

Mailing address of business:  
 467 Ryan Dr Shafter, CA 93263  
 Nelson Barrientos Flores  
 467 Ryan Dr Shafter, CA 93263  
 Business was conducted by: Individual  
 /s/Nelson Barrientos Flores, Owner  
 Original FBN Statement File Number: 2023-B2545  
 Original FBN Statement Filed on: 04/14/2023  
 This statement of Abandonment filed on: 12/11/2023  
 Aimee X. Espinoza  
 Auditor-Controller-County Clerk  
 By: /s/M Hernandez  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
**Island Hoppers Pool Service**  
**2023-B7838**  
 624 Acacia Ave Shafter, CA 93263  
 County: Kern  
 624 Acacia Ave Shafter, CA 93263  
 Mark Peter Uraine  
 624 Acacia Ave Shafter, CA 93263  
 The business is conducted by: Individual  
 Date the business commenced: 04/15/2001  
 /s/Mark Peter Uraine  
 Date Statement Filed: 12/19/2023  
 Date Statement Expires: 12/19/2028  
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**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**Fictitious Business Name Statement**  
**GS Diesel Road Service**  
**2023-B7787**  
 4753 Judd St Bakersfield, CA 93314  
 County: Kern  
 4753 Judd St Bakersfield, CA 93314  
 Gerardo Salas Rodriguez  
 4753 Judd St Bakersfield, CA 93314  
 The business is conducted by: Individual  
 Date the business commenced: N/A  
 /s/Gerardo Salas Rodriguez  
 Date Statement Filed: 12/15/2023  
 Date Statement Expires: 12/15/2028  
 Aimee X. Espinoza  
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